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1979

LECTIONARY

1979-80



INTRODUCTION

This Lectionary is the first on a new pattern. With minor amendments it follows the Lectionary of the Uniting Church of Australia, which in turn is based on the Lectionary of the Roman Catholic Church; 1979-80 is Year C in that three-year cycle. The Roman Catholic Lectionary is used not only by that Church around the world, but also by many Churches in the Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist, Reformed and other traditions in e.g. North America, Europe and Australia.

In using this Lectionary we extend our witness to the faith that we hold in common with all Christians to the heart of the church's life - its worship.

Readings have been provided for every Sunday of the Church Year, with additional and alternative readings for special occasions. Where a special occasion falls on a Sunday, the readings for that occasion may be substituted for the readings set for that Sunday, unless that Sunday is one of the major feastdays of the Church, e.g. Christmas, Easter or Pentecost.

The basic pattern of the main Lectionary - and for part of the additional section - is as follows:

The Gospel reading "controls" i.e. sets the theme for the day. The First reading provides a "commentary" - usually from the Old Testament - on the Gospel reading, while the Psalm gives a "meditation" on the First reading. The Second reading - usually from the Epistles - is related to the Gospel reading in a more indirect way.

The remainder of the additional section provides suggestions for readings to suit particular occasions.

Where appropriate it is intended to provide a set of four readings similar to the main Lectionary in the future.

As the first Lectionary on the new pattern it is very much "one on trial"; comments, questions and suggestions for improvement from users would be much appreciated by the Faith & Order Committee of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

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LECTIONARY 1979-80

(For the optional use of preachers)

Abbreviations and versification according to the R.S.V.

1979 DECEMBER		First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
2 Advent	1	Jer. 33/ 14-16	Ps. 25/ 11-22	1 Thess. 3/ 1-4/8	Lk. 21/ 25-36
9	2	Mal. 3/ 1-5	Ps. 126	Phil. 1/ 3-11	Lk. 3/ 1-6
16	3	Zeph. 3/ 14-18a	Is. 12/ 2-6	Phil. 4/ 4-9	Lk. 3/ 7-18
23	4	Mic. 5/ 2-4	Ps. 45/ 10-17	Heb. 10/ 5-10	Lk. 1/ 39-56
25 Christmas		Is. 52/ 7-10	Ps. 98	Heb. 1/ 1-9	Jn. 1/ 1-18
30 Sunday after Christmas		Jer. 31/ 10-14	Ps. 84	Heb. 2/ 10-18	Lk. 2/ 25-35
1980					
JANUARY					
6 Epiphany		Is. 60/ 1-7	Ps. 72/ 1-11	Eph. 3/ 1-6	Mt. 2/ 1-12
13 (Baptism of Jesus)	1	Josh. 3/ 1-6, 14-17	Ps. 46	Gal. 3/ 23-29	Lk. 3/ 15-22
20	2	Is. 62/ 1-5	Ps. 96/ 7-13	1 Cor. 12/ 4-11	Jn. 2/ 1-12
27	3	Neh. 8/ 1-12	Ps. 19/ 1-6	1 Cor. 12/ 12-31a	Lk. 1/1-4, 4/14-21
FEBRUARY					
3	4	Jer. 1/ 4-10, 17-19	Ps. 71/ 1-16	1 Cor. 12/ 31-13/13	Lk. 4/ 22-30
10 (Covenant Sunday)	5	Is. 6/ 1-8	Ps. 108/ 1-6	1 Cor. 15/ 1-11	Lk. 5/ 1-11
17 (Transfiguration)	6	Deut. 34/ 1-12	Ps. 99	2 Cor. 3/ 2-4/6	Lk. 9/ 28-36
24 Lent	1	Deut. 26/ 1-11	Ps. 91	Rom 10/ 5-13	Lk. 4/ 1-13

		First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
MARCH					
2 Lent	2	Gen. 15/ 1-18	Ps. 27/ 7-14	Phil. 3/ 17-4/1	Lk. 13/ 31-35
9	3	Ex. 3/ 1-15	Ps. 103/ 6-18	1 Cor. 10/ 1-13	Lk. 13/ 1-9
16	4	Josh. 5/ 2-12	Ps. 119/ 153-160	2 Cor. 5/ 11-21	Lk. 15/ 11-32
23	5	Is. 43/ 14-21	Ps. 28	Phil. 3/ 2-16	Jn. 8/ 1-11
30 (Palm)	6	Is. 59/ 14-20	Ps. 106/ 40-48	Phil. 2/ 1-11	Lk. 19/ 28-40
APRIL					
4 Good Friday		Num. 21/ 4-9	Ps. 22/ 1-5, 16-24	Heb. 9/ 15-22	Lk. 23/ 1-56
6 Easter		Ex. 15/ 1-11	Ps. 104/ 10-23	1 Pet. 1/ 3-9	Lk. 24/ 1-11
13	1	Acts 5/ 12-16	Ps. 149	Rev. 1/ 9-19	Jn. 21/ 1-14
20	2	Acts 5/ 27-42	Ps. 139 1-12	Rev. 5/ 11-14	Jn. 21/ 15-19
27	3	Acts 13/ 13-14, 43/52	Ps. 100	Rev. 7/ 9-17	Jn. 10/ 22-30
MAY					
4 (Bible Sunday)	4	Acts 14/ 19-28	Ps. 119/ 121-128	Rev. 21/ 1-7	Jn. 13/ 31-35
11 (Home & Family)	5	Acts 15/ 1-6, 22-29	Ps. 67	Rev. 21/ 9-26	Jn. 14/ 23-29
18 (Wesley Day)	6	Acts 7/ 51-60	Ps. 47	Rev. 22/ 12-20	Jn. 17/ 20-26
25 Pentecost		Gen. 11/ 1-9	Ps. 107/ 1-16	Acts 2/ 1-21	Jn. 14/ 10-21
JUNE					
1 (Trinity)	1	Prov. 8/ 22-31	Ps. 8	Rom. 5/ 1-5	Jn. 3/ 1-16
8	2	1 Kings 17/ 17-24	Ps. 88 1-12	Gal. 1/ 11-24	Lk. 7/ 11-17
15	3	2 Sam. 12/ 1-15	Ps. 139/ 1-2, 13-24	Gal. 2/ 15-21	Lk. 7/ 36-8/3

JUNE		First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
22 Pentecost	4	Zech. 12/ 7-11	Ps. 63	Gal. 3/ 1-9	Lk. 9/ 18-24
29	5	1 Kings 19/ 15-21	Ps. 105/ 23-27, 37-45	Gal. 4/31- 5/1, 13-18	Lk. 9/ 51-62
JULY					
6	6	Is. 66/ 7-14	Ps. 132/ 11-18	Gal. 6/ 11-18	Lk. 10/ 1-20
13	7	Deut. 30/ 9-14	Ps. 69/ 30-36	Col. 1/ 3-14	Lk. 10/ 25-37
20 (Youth Day)	8	Gen. 18/ 1-15	Ps. 73/ 1-17	Col. 1/ 21-29	Lk. 10/ 38-42
27	9	Gen. 18/ 20-33	Ps. 138	Col. 2/ 6-15	Lk. 11/ 1-13
AUGUST					
3	10	Eccles. 1/1 -2, 2/18-26	Ps. 49/ 1-12	Col. 3/ 1-11	Lk. 12/ 13-21
10 (Lay Preachers)	11	Is. 63/ 7-9	Ps. 12	Heb. 11/ 1-19	Lk. 12/ 32-48
17	12	Jer. 38/ 1-13	Ps. 40/ 1-8	Heb. 12/ 1-6	Lk. 12/ 49-56
24	13	Is. 66/ 18-23	Ps. 133	Heb. 12/ 5-14	Lk. 13/ 22-30
31	14	Prov. 2/ 1-15	Ps. 68/ 1-10	Heb. 12/ 18-24	Lk. 14/ 1, 7-14
SEPTEMBER					
7	15	Prov. 9/ 7-12	Ps. 90/ 1-12	Philem. 4-20	Lk. 14/ 25-33
14	16	Ex. 32/ 1-14	Ps. 51/ 10-19	1 Tim. 1/ 12-17	Lk. 15/ 1-10
21	17	Amos 8/ 4-8	Ps. 113	1 Tim. 2/ 1-8	Lk. 16/ 1-13
28 (Citizenship)	18	Amos 6/ 1-7	Ps. 62/ 5-12	1 Tim. 6/ 11-16	Lk. 16/ 19-31
OCTOBER					
5 (World Communion)	19	Hab. 1/1-4 2/1-4	Ps. 37/ 27-33	2 Tim. 1/ 3-14	Lk. 17/ 5-10

OCTOBER		First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
12 Pentecost	20	2 Kings 5/ 9-19a	Ps. 109/ 21-31	2 Tim. 2/ 8-13	Lk. 17/ 11-19
19	21	Ex. 17/ 8-13	Ps. 121	2 Tim. 3/ 14-4/5	Lk. 18/ 1-8
26 (Industrial)	22	Ex. 12/ 12-22	Ps. 56	2 Tim. 4/ 6-8, 16-18	Lk. 18/ 9-14

NOVEMBER

2	23	Hos. 14/ 1-7	Ps. 86/ 11-17	2 Thess.1/ 11-2/2	Lk. 19/ 1-10
9 (Remembrance)	24	1 Chron.29/ 10-20	Ps. 17/ 6-12	2 Thess.2/ 15-3/5	Lk. 20/ 27-40
16	25	Mal. 3/ 16-4/3	Ps. 143	2 Thess.3/ 6-13	Lk. 21/ 5-19
23 (Christ the King)	26	2 Sam. 5/ 1-3	Ps. 45/ 1-9, 17	Col. 1/ 15-20	Lk. 23/ 35-43

ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL PASSAGES FOR SPECIAL DAYS.

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DECEMBER

25 Christmas	Is. 9/ 2-7	Ps. 96/ 7-13	Tit. 2/ 11-15	Lk. 2/ 1-14
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20 FEBRUARY Ash Wednesday	Zech. 7/ 4-10	Ps. 51/ 1-2,6-12	1 Cor. 9/ 19-27	Lk. 5/ 29-35
Holy Week				
31 MARCH Monday	Jer. 17/ 9-18	Ps. 27/ 1-7	1 Pet. 2/ 20-25	Lk. 22/ 47-62
1 APRIL Tuesday	Ezek. 3/ 4-11	Ps. 71/ 1-8	Col. 2/ 6-15	Lk. 22/ 63-23/12
2 APRIL Wednesday	Gen. 22/ 1-14	Ps. 69/ 17-22	Rom. 5/ 6-11	Lk. 23/ 13-25
3 APRIL Maundy Thursday	Num. 9/ 1-3, 11-12	Ps. 44/ 11-26	Heb. 10/ 16-30	Lk. 22/ 7-20
5 APRIL Easter Eve	Job 19/ 21-27	Ps. 38/ 9-16	Phil. 2/ 19-30	Lk. 23/ 50-56
6 APRIL Easter	Ezek. 36/ 16-28	Ps. 104 10-23	Rom. 6/ 3-11	Mt. 28/ 1-10

15 MAY	Acts 1/	Ps. 21	Eph. 1/	Mt. 28/
Ascension Thurs.	1-11		15-23	16-20
31 OCTOBER	Gen. 15/	Sir. 44/	2 Cor. 5/	Jn. 8/
Reformers of the Church	1-6	1-15	16-21	31-38

1 NOVEMBER	Rev. 7/	Ps. 24/	1 Jn. 3/	Mt. 5/
All Saints' Day	1-4, 9-14	1-6	1-3	1-12

Watchnight or End of Year Service: Ex. 12/31-36; Ps. 90;
Eccles. 3/1-15; Mt. 24/32-51; Lk. 12/13-21.

New Year's Service: Ps. 91; Ps. 103; Mt. 6/19-34; 1 Thess. 5;
Eph. 5/1-21.

Covenant Sunday - usually (1st or) 2nd Sunday in February:
Jer. 31/31-33; Heb. 12/22-25a; Jn. 15/1-8.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Ascension to Pentecost):
2 Chron. 30/1-9; Ps. 122; Is. 55/6-13; Ezek. 37/15-28;
Mt. 16/13-19; Mt. 18/10-21; Jn. 17/20-26; 1 Cor. 3;
Eph. 1/3-23; 1 Pet. 2/1-10.

Wesley Day - Sunday preceding/on 24 May (unless on Pentecost):
Is. 12/1-6; Ps. 130; 2 Pet. 1/1-11; Lk. 10/1-12, 17-20.

Youth Day - 3rd Sunday in July: Deut. 8/7-18; 1 Sam. 3/1-10;
1 Sam. 16/1-13; Prov. 3/1-7, 11-17; Mt. 19/13-30;
Mk. 9/33-50; Mk. 10/35-45; Lk. 2/41-52.

Lay Preachers' Sunday - 2nd Sunday in August: Ex. 20/1-17;
Ps. 111; Is. 55; Lk. 10/1-20; Jn. 1/35-51; Rom. 10/1-15.

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday nearest 11 November: 2 Sam. 23/13-17;
Is. 52/7-12; Sir. 44/1-15; Wis. 3/1-9; Rom. 8/18-39;
Rev. 7/9-17; Rev. 14/13-15/4; Rev. 19/6-16.

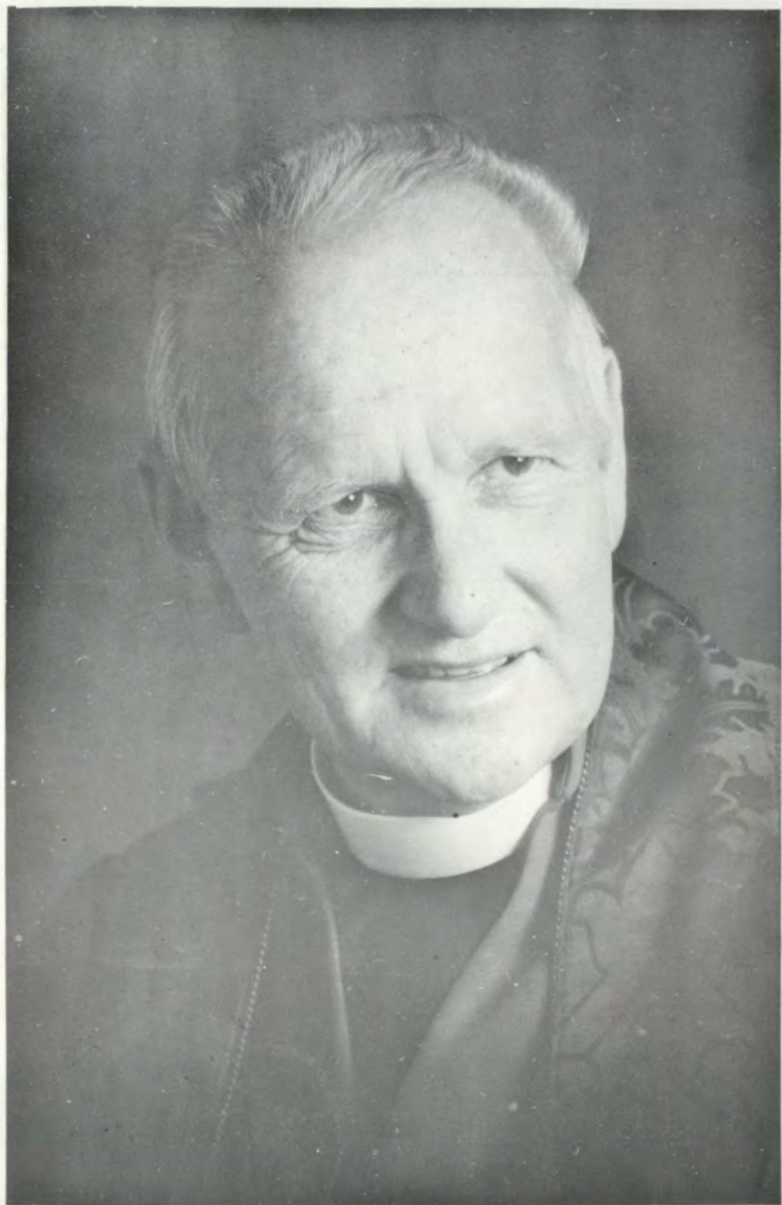
Harvest Thanksgiving: Gen. 8/15-22; Deut. 26/1-10, 16-19;
Ruth 2/1-17; Mt. 13/24-33; Mk. 4/1-20; Lk. 12/13-34;
Jn. 4/31-38; Gal. 6/6-10.

Spring or Flower Service: Gen. 1; Ps. 65; Ps. 126;
Mt. 13/1-9; Mt. 13/24-30.

Home and Overseas Missions: Is. 42/1-9; Is. 55/1-13;
Jer. 10/1-16; Hos. 14; Jonah 3; Mt. 16/13-28, Jn. 3/1-21;
Rom. 9/30-10/15; Eph. 3/1-11.

Dedication Service: Num. 7/1-11; 1 Chron. 28; Mt. 10/1-23;
Rom. 12.

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



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THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand was held in 1903.

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THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
for the Connexional Year 1980

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- Years: Indicates the Year(s) of current appointment (including the 1980 Connexional Year)
OR denotes the year of retirement, OR when not known - Ret.
- SS: Denotes a Self-Supporting Ministry and is followed by the years of the current appointment. See Q.12.
- UFS: Denotes unavailability for Stationing by the Conference. See Q. 17.
- Deacon: Deacons are indicated by the use of this designation after their name.
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1968	2	Allan, Robert A., 126 East Belt, Lincoln.	8160
1944	6	Allen, Robert H., 252 Lyttelton St, Christchurch.	8020
1969	UFS	Alley, David R., c/- Stout, Hewat, Binnie & Howorth, P.O. Box 11, Invercargill.	9000
1957	7	Amituana'i, Siauala T., B.D., 53 Fife St, Westmere, Auckland 2.	2010

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1956	6	Andrews, Robert S., 22 Mersey St, Island Bay, Wellington.	6030
1943	1977	Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 84B Kolmar Rd, Papatoetoe, Auckland.	2210
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1963	1979	Armstrong, David, 18 Lancelot Rd, Orewa, Auckland.	2280
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1924	1956	Bailey, John H., 6 Lyford Cres., Takapuna, Auckland 10.	2140
1949	1979	Baker, Edward, 7 Park Ave., Tuakau	2250
1953	2	Baker, Frederick J.K., 61 Wainoni Rd, Christchurch 6.	8030
1963	6	Ball, Niven G., 314 Ormond Rd, Gisborne	5050
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1978	3	Bouchier, Johanna M., The Manse, Raglan.	3090
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1925	1977	Brown, F. Gardner, 31 Surf Rd, Stanmore Bay, Whangaparaoa.	2280
1941	1980	Brown, Harold K., 17 Whaka Tce, Huntsbury, Christchurch 2.	8090
1976	1	Bruce, Dougal H.C., L.Th., 608 Rolleston St, Thames.	3010
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1951	UFS	Burrough, Amos W., 10 Linton St, Palmerston North	5100
1949	6	Burt, Douglas H., 30 Church St, Te Aroha.	3050
1974	7	Burton, Restal A., 52 Queens Drive, St. Kilda, Dunedin.	9020
1979	2	Bush, David J., B.Sc., 5 Lenihan St, Northcote, Auckland 9.	2180
1944	2	Bycroft, Leslie F., 16 Wheretia St, Taupo.	3180
1955	3	Cable, Wilfred J., 37 Bank St, Te Awamutu.	3250
1947	SOC10	Campbell, Jackson M., 68 Kiwi Cres., Tawa, Wellington.	
1931	1971	Carr, W.E. Allon, Flat 3, 16B Penny Ave, Mt Roskill, Auckland 4.	2030
1951	1	Carter, George G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 302 West Coast Rd, Glen Eden, Auckland.	2100
1972		Cassidy, Tohu, Waima, Hokianga. (HHM)	1510
1944	1	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 15 Brookfield Tce, Tauranga.	3190
1969	1	Chapman, Wallace C., 320 Hardy St, Nelson.	7010
1965	8	Chessum, William A., Mus.B., Wesley College, P.O. Box 58, Pukekohe.	2240
1960	1979	Christian, Owen L., 28 Colenso St, Sumner, Christchurch 8.	8050
1950	2	Clark, Colin D., M.A., 120 Kahu Rd, Paremata.	6100
1965	2	Clarke, Edwin B., M.A., B.D. (Hons.), 4 Myers Rd, Manurewa, Auckland.	2220
1963	5	Clarke, Ian L., A.C.A., 8A Fovant St, Christchurch 4.	8120
1948	1978	Clement, Grace M., Deacon, 1/141 Galloway St, Hamilton East.	3510
1942	SOC3	Clement, R. Frederick, M.A., 95 Beechdale Cres., Pakuranga, Auckland 6.	2040
1947	3	Clements, Leslie C., 1 Tennyson Ave, Takapuna, Auckland 9.	2140
1958	1974	Climo, Frederick J., 60 Seabury Ave, Foxton Beach	5150
1951	3	Clucas, Ivan J., P.O. Box 2129, Rotorua.	3170
1939	1975	Cochrane, Herbert A., 26 Diamond Ave, Christchurch 2.	8100

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1965	3	Collingwood, Ronald C., P.O. Box 82-056, Highland Park, Auckland 6.	2040
1948	34	Collins, Rona W., Deacon, Methodist Children's Home, 93 Harewood Rd, Christchurch 5.	8010
1960	7	Conway, James H., 42 Ngatai St, Manaia.	4060
1928	Ret.	Coombridge, Roy, No. 3 R.D., Otorohanga. (HM)	3260
1980	1	Cooper, K. Desmond, 214 High St, Dannevirke.	5070
1969	SS9	Corlett, Ashley I., L.Th., 28 Turaki St, Taumaranui.	3280
1949	1977	Cornwell, Gordon A.R., 14 Range View Rd, Owairaka, Mt Albert, Auckland 3.	2080
1968	12	Couch, Moke A.G., B.A., 5 Mission St, New Plymouth.	4510
1953	UFS	Craig, Hughan M., 41 Ridge Street, Tauranga.	3190
1943	1977	Cramond, George W., 5 Newall Ave, Christchurch 5.	8130
	ASC	Crawford, Samuel J., "Ballyvester", 77 Beach Rd, Katikati.	3090
1957	7	Cropp, James F., 89 Eton St, Ashburton.	8380
1980	1	Cumberpatch, Lindsey E., B.A., 31 Beatty St, Melville, Hamilton.	3080
1962	UFS	Currie, John B., B.A., Tollemache Rd West, Hastings.	5020
1973	UFS	Currie, Laurence H., c/- Dallas Theological Seminary, 3909 Swiss Ave, Dallas, Texas 75204, U.S.A.	7070
1968	3	Curtis, Darrell R., B.A., 92 Freyberg Rd, Ruawai, Northland.	1100
1941	1980	Darvill, Harold A., 2 Rock Isle Rd, Torbay, Auckland 10.	2150
1940	1979	Dawson, John B., B.A., Hugh Ave, Hamurana R.D.2, Ngongotaha, Rotorua.	
1943	1	Dawson, W. Selwyn, B.A., 44 Kupe St, Orakei, Auckland 5.	2070
1932	1968	Day, Reginald, 121 Ferguson Drive, Thames.	3010
1954	4	Dickie, Arthur W., C.Eng., M.Inst.F., M.N.Z.I.E., Tauranga Rd, Waihi.	3040 3030
1959	10	Dine, Mervyn L., 19 Hillside Cres., Mt Eden, Auckland 3.	2020
1940	1979	Dixon, Haddon C., O.B.E., M.A., B.D., 47 Kebble Rd, Lower Hutt.	6050
1935	1974	Duder, Clifford L., "Tinopai", 34 Port Albert Rd, Wellsford, Northland.	1120
1969	4	Eagle, Brian R.J., 28 Marion Ave, Mt Roskill, Auckland 4.	2030
1954	UFS	Eastwood, Eric R., 9 Markham Pl., Bucklands Beach, Auckland.	2050
1980	1	Egli, Bruno, 28 Oxford St, Richmond, Nelson.	7030
1948	1980	Eisner, Wilf.G., B.A.	3080
1943	30	Falkingham, Wilfred E., M.B.E., P.O. Box 1449, Christchurch.	8010

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1964	3	Felderhof, Ludwig, 34 Edmonton Rd, Henderson, Auckland 8.	2110
1979	2	Ferguson, Robert A., B.A., 61 King Edward St, Eltham.	4040
1966	UFS	Ferguson, Ronald W., 4 Pa Rd, Onerahi, Whangarei.	1080
1949	6	Ford, Wilfred F., C.M.G., B.A., 8 Ingestre Rd, Wanganui.	4090
1916	1957	Fordyce, Robert E., S.B.St.J., 27A Lorna St, New Plymouth.	4010
1957	5	Fowler, Irwin J., 406 Thames St, Morrinsville.	3060
1937	1974	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D. (Lond.), 982 Whangaparaoa Rd, Whangaparaoa.	2280
1968	1973	George, Atawhai, Deacon, c/- P.O. Box, Waihaiha, Bay of Islands.	
1952	5	George, R. Leslie, 2 Oswald Cres., Newlands, Wellington.	6080
1964	3	Gerritsen, Hendrik, B.A., B.D., 1 Seabrook Ave, New Lynn, Auckland 7.	2300
1952	5	Gibson, Loyal J., 50 Meadowvale Ave, Forrest Hill, Auckland 10.	2800
1959	6	Gibson, Roger M., P.O.Box 61-171, Otara.	2210
1951	7	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., 83 Brougham St, New Plymouth.	4010
1958	3	Gilbert, Wilfred S., 30 Kelso St, Tokoroa.	3160
1940	1980	Gilmore, Leslie R.M., 8 Tampin Rd, Manurewa.	2220
1958	UFS	Glen, Frank G., Dip.Theol. (Syd.), Golden Hills Rd, R.D. 1, Richmond, Nelson.	7010
1976	5	Glensor, Peter E., B.A., 27 Worksop Rd, Masterton.	6190
1934	1969	Goodman, George H., 282 Kauwhata St, Himitangi Beach, Himitangi.	5150
1950	9	Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A., P.O. Box 5104, Auckland.	2020
1955	2	Goreham, Norman J., B.A. (B'ham), B.D. (Lond.), 104 McAllister St, Whakatane (P.O.Box 164)	3220
1959	1976	Goudge, Stanley R., 46 Mulcan St, Avondale, Auckland 7.	2080
1970	UFS	Graham, Duncan R., 286 Rosetta Rd, Raumati Beach.	6000
1956	3	Grant, Ian D., 2 Hohaia Cres., Matamata.	3140
1980	1	Grant, Paul H., B.Man Studies, 21 Horoeke St, Stokes Valley.	6120
1973	2	Grant, Stuart C., B.A., LL.B., L.Th. (Hons.), 4 Jellicoe St, Greytown.	6160 6170
1975	4	Graves, Norma M., 203 Chelmsford St, Invercargill.	9110
1972		Gray, Henare Te H., Te Kowhai Rd, Horotiu (HHM)	3510
1945	SS3	Green, Warren, P.O. Box 54, Palmerston, Otago.	9020
1940	1975	Greenslade, Lawrence, 2D Golf Rd, Epsom, Auckland 4.	2080
1931	1971	Greenslade, William W.H., M.B.E., 5 Everest St, Khandallah, Wellington.	6010

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1979	2	Greenwood, I. Marie, B.Theol., 153 Kohimarama Rd, Auckland 5.	2060
1972	UFS	Greenwood, Russell J., L.Th.,M.A., 153 Kohimarama Rd, Auckland 5.	2060
1976	2	Greer, Michael W., L.Th., 85 Redwood Ave, Tawa, Wellington.	6110
1939	1968	Grice, Reginald, Unit 1, Kelly Rd, Cambridge.	3070
1959	4	Griffith, Keith C., 235 Karori Rd, Wellington 5.	6020
1969	4	Griffiths, William D., 4 Lincoln Rd, Henderson, Auckland 8.	2100
1928	1969	Grocott, John D., B.A., 3 Chislehurst Pl., Christchurch 5.	8130
1943	2	Grounds, Edmund D., 5 Paice Ave, Mt Eden, Auckland 3.	2030
1960	3	Grundy, Albert A., M.A., 18 Chapel St, Christchurch 5.	8140
1960	5	Gust, Warwick, B.A.,B.D.(Melb.), 151 Kennedy Rd, Napier.	5010
1957	SOC5	Guthardt, Phyllis M., M.A., Ph.D., 29 Winchester St, Christchurch 1.	
1928	1968	Hailwood, Charlie O., Flat 1, 144 Galloway St, Hamilton.	3080
1947	UFS	Hall, Allen H., M.A.,Dip.Tchg.,Ph.D.(Q'd.), 16 Sir Fred Schonell Drive, St Lucia, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia 4067.	2010
1952	6	Hall, John R., 31 King St, Waiuku.	2260
1923	1963	Hames, Eric W., M.A.,(Fellow of Trinity College), 25 Lucerne Rd, Remuera, Auckland 5.	2060
1958	5	Hamlin, R. John, 43 Cowper St, Greymouth.	7110
1954	1	Hammond, George M., 21 Fox St, Alexandra.	9170
		Hammond, Graewyn H., Deacon, "Kilmarnock", 1 Severn St, Island Bay, Wellington.	
1952	1977	Handyside, Allan J., 29 Seddon St, Te Puke.	3190
1960	3	Hanson, E. Francis I., B.A.,B.D., 44 Garden Rd, Lower Hutt. (P.O. Box 6133, Wellington)	6800
1969	3	Harkness, Barry G., B.A.,B.D., 29 McGregors Rd, Christchurch 6.	8060
1938	1978	Harkness, Howard E., M.A.,B.D., 19A Robinson Cres., Tamatea, Napier.	5010
1926	1966	Harris, G. Raymond, 41 Humariri St, Pt Chevalier, Auckland 2.	2010
1972	1	Hauraki, Hana P., c/- P.O. Box 6133, Wellington.	6510
1962	5	Hawkey, Graham E., 79 Arthur St, Timaru.	8310
1968	7	Hay, J. Cedric, 19 Rothesay Bay Rd, Rothesay Bay, Auckland 10.	2140
1966	3	Hendry, Richard J., 92 Cambridge St, Levin.	6220
1954	6	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 12 Hockey St, Christchurch 5. (Chaplain)	8130
1965	5	Herbert, C. Brice, Te Reinga St, Kaitaia.	1010

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1969		Heremaia, Hoani J., Pariroa Pa, Kakaramaea, Patea. (HHM)	4510
1979		Heremaia, Tahuahu, 34 Greenmeadows St, Manurewa. (HHM)	2510
1968	3	Hey, Roger J.E., 4 Tahuri St, Epsom, Auckland 3.	2040
1962	UFS	Hight, Arnold C., 12 Dallington Tce, Christchurch 6.	8030
1948	3	Hilder, Basil J., 53 Seddon Cres., Gisborne (Chaplain)	5040
1929	1964	Hobbs, Airini, Deacon, 3 Laings Rd, Bucklands Beach, Auckland.	
1935	1971	Holland, Madeline, Deacon, Flat 6, 58 Allendale Rd, Auckland 3.	
1948	1980	Hopkins, George C., 202 Cambridge Ave, Ashhurst.	5110
1936	1970	Hopper, H.Ian K., B.A., 17 Balmoral Lane, Redcliffs, Christchurch 8.	8010
1962	8	Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B., "Arohanui Family Village", 81 Middle Rd, Havelock North.	5020
1960	10	Hornblow, Maxwell A., 4 Lichfield St, Stoke, Nelson.	7010
1960	6	Horrrill, C. Seton, 178A Lyttelton St, Christchurch 2. (Chaplain)	8100
1929	1968	Horwood, Leonard C., 34B La Veta Ave, Mt Albert, Auckland 3.	2080
1959	8	Hosking, John S., M.A., Dip.Mus., 106 Rata St, Lower Hutt. (P.O. Box 6133, Wellington)	6800
1974		Hunapo, Raka, 82 Vine St, Mangere East. (HHM)	2510
1938	Ret.	Ihaka, Wiremu P., 15 Ropata Ave, Tamaki, Auckland 6. (HHM)	2510
1942	1966	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Comm., 3 Brookfield Tce, Tauranga.	3190
1975	6	Jacobson, Patricia M., B.A., L.Th., 49 Bryndwr Rd, Christchurch 5.	8130
1961	6	James, Russell E., 10A Grange St, Christchurch 2.	8080
1967	7	Jamieson, Colin G., Dip.R.E.(Melb.), 43 Ayr St, Mosgiel, Dunedin.	9020
1919	1954	Jefferson, Alfred E., Garlic Annexe, Everil Orr Homes, Allendale Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland 3.	2020
1962	UFS	Jenkin, Edna, Deacon.	
1932	1969	Jenkin, William C., 75 Grey St, Woodville.	5080
1952	Ret.	Johnson, Frank L., Waitoki R.D., Kaukapakapa (HM)	2270
1934	1970	Johnston, Andrew J., 20 Byron St, Mornington, Dunedin.	9020
1940	1975	Jones, Alan O., 8 Eden Pl., Wanganui.	4090
1962	8	Jones, Barry E., B.A., 11 Kakariki Ave, Mt Eden, Auckland 3. (P.O.Box 68-148, Auckland)	2600
1978	ASC3	Jones, Victor G.C., 40 Somerset Cres., Christchurch 2.	8100
1977		Kahu, Ngaonepu Sidney, 22 Elizabeth St, Patea, South Taranaki. (HHM)	4510

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1980	1	Kane, Graham A., 5A William St, Gore.	9100
1942	Ret.	Kawiti, Tawai Te Riri., Waiomio, Private Bag, Kawakawa, Bay of Islands. (HHM)	1510
1949	4	Keightley, Clifford J., 204 King St, Rangiora	8190
1929	1969	Kent, Arthur T., 13 Esk St, Tauranga.	3190
1957	2	Kitchingman, Henry W., P.O. Box 196, Dargaville.	1090
1956	UFS	Kitchingman, Owen A., B.A., 26 Charles Upham Ave., Hillmorton, Christchurch 2.	8110
1978	2	Kopelani, Falea'ana, 6 Lynton Rd, Mt Wellington, Auckland 6.	2030
1946		Kukutai, Waaka., Te Kohanga, via Tuakau, South Auckland. (HHM)	2510
1961	1	Langley, John E., 20 Yaldhurst Rd, Christchurch	48120
1927	1966	Larsen, Norman P., Flat 2, 308 Market St, Hastings.	5020
1927	1968	Laurenson, George I., C.B.E., 15 Ashton Rd, Mt Eden, Auckland 3.	2040
1963	7	Laws, Derek G., F.C.A., 120 Colombo St, Christchurch 2.	8090
1938	1977	Laws, William R., M.A., B.D. (Melb.), 36 Niagara St., Christchurch 6.	8030
1968	3	Leadley, Alan J., M.A., B.D., 12 Lancewood Ave, Hamilton.	3000
1930	1970	Leadley, E. Clarence, Flat 3, 29 Pupuke Rd, Takapuna, Auckland 9.	2140
1977	4	Leary, Gordon A., M.A., Dip.Ed., J.P., 50 Wakefield St, Westport.	7100
1953	6	Le Couteur, E. Raymond, 67A Gloucester St, Taradale, Napier.	5010
1958	9	Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A., 31 Whitby St, Mornington, Dunedin.	9020
1942	28	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D. (Melb.), Ph.D. (Lond.), 2/3 Pupuke Rd, Takapuna, Auckland 9.	2820
1978	SS3	Little, Edith J., Deacon, 3 Pollen St, Johnsonville.	6070
1964		Livingstone, Para P., Pokere, R.D. 12, Moerewa, Northland. (HHM)	1510
1968	SOC2	Loader, William R.G., B.A., B.D., Dr Theol. (MAINZ) 27 Bedelia Way, Hamersley, W.A. 6022, Aust.	
1939	1977	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 15 Tawari St, Matamata	3140
1962	1978	Maaka, Herehere Maihi, 296 Massey Rd, Mangere East, Auckland. (HM)	1510
1957	1	Mabon, John C.F., c/- P.O. Box 30-570, Lower Hutt	6120
	ASC	McCreary, William A., 92 Cambridge St, Levin (Exchange Minister with Rev.R.J. Hendry)	6220
1946	1975	McDonald, D.I. Alister, 2 Karaka St, Beachlands, Auckland.	2040

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1930	1970	McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D. (Mt. Union U.S.A.), 4 Huia St, Waikanae.	6240
1968	3	McIver, Graeme M., B.A., 11 Redwood St, Upper Hutt.	6140
1953	5	McKay, Archibald W., 179 Regan St, Stratford.	4030
1960	SOC3	McKenzie, Ian H., M.Sc., B.D., c/- Levaula College, P.O. Box 1146, Apia, Western Samoa.	1146
1965	UFS	Mackie, Bruce E., Pauline Pl., Paparangi, Wellington.	6010
1972	6	MacLeod, D. Ian, 3 Totara Tce, Inglewood.	4110
	ASC	Magley, Frederick A., 100 Jed St, Invercargill. (Exchange Minister with Rev. K.H. Russell)	9110
1978		Mahara, Alan., 15 Kent St, Ngaruawahia. (HHM)	3510
1968	UFS	Malcouronne, Brian J., B.A., c/- 81 Golf Rd, New Lynn, Auckland 7.	2000
1966	4	Manihera, John I., 205 Lagos Circle, Woodlands, Singapore. (Chaplain)	4090
1932		Manihera, Tuteao., 1 Butler Pl., Fairfield, Hamilton. (HHM)	3510
1961	UFS	Marshall, C. Russell., M.P., 283 St Hill St, Wanganui.	4090
1948	1971	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip.Ed., 88 Ardern Ave, Whangaparaoa.	2280
1974		Martin, Huia., 74 Franklyne Rd, Otara. (HHM)	2510
1934	1974	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 57 Wycliffe St, Onekawa, Napier.	5010
1968	UFS	Meredith, John D., c/- Social Welfare Dept., Greymouth.	7110
1963	3	Miller, Barbara I., 2 Lynden Ave, Northcote, Auckland 9.	2510
1945	1967	Miller, Jean A., Deacon, Everil Orr Village, Private Bag, Auckland 3.	
1978	3	Milner, Colin A., 47 Pennington St, Leeston.	8170
1947	SOC	Money, Lucy H., Deacon, United Church, Choiseul, Solomon Islands.	
1977	ASC	Moala, Taniela T., L.Th., Dip.R.E., 118 Grange Rd, Mt Eden, Auckland 4.	2030
1946	1971	Moore, Harry., Flat 1, 3 Esmonde Rd, Takapuna, Auckland 9.	2140
1942	12	Morrison, William J., M.A., 249 Cambridge Rd, Hillcrest, Hamilton.	3330
1972		Morunga, Mack., Whirinaki, Rawene, Hokianga, Northland. (HHM)	1510
1972		Morunga, Winiata., 4 Griffin St, Kamo, Northland. (HHM)	1510
1960	9	Mullan, David S., M.A., Dip.Ed., P.O. Box 5076, Dunedin.	9020
1980	1	Murray, John S., The Manse, Nightcaps.	9140
1964	3	Neal, Barry W., C.F., N.A., Dip.Ed., 37 Murdoch Cres., Whangarei.	1080

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1953	3	Newman, Alan., 22 Goodwyn Cres., Palmerston North.	5100
1954	UFS	Newton, Alan H.V., c/- Church of the Redeemer, 4411 Dallas, Houston T.X. 770-23, U.S.A.	3080
1959	UFS	Noble, Dorothea M., M.A., 113 Oroua St, Eastbourne, Wellington.	6120
1968	3	Norwell, Ian C., The Terrace Centre, Dr Taylor Tce., Johnsonville, Wellington 4.	6070
1937	1974	Norwell, Leslie T., 36 Raleigh St, Cambridge.	3070
1949	UFS	Nuttall, A. Roger G., B.A., 103A Ohaupo Rd, Hamilton.	3080
1939	1977	Oldfield, Charles B., 35 Dale Rd, Raumati South.	6240
1946	3	Olds, Norman W., 17 Pukehana Ave, Auckland 3.	2040
1951	1977	Olds, O. McLennan., 19 Omokoroa Road, Tauranga, R.D. 2.	3190
1964	UFS	Olsen, Brian L., B.Ed., Dip.S.L.T.(Massey), 466 Upper Queen St, Pukekohe, Auckland.	2240
1953	7	Osborne, John H., M.A., 994 New North Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland 3.	2080
1947	1979	Parker, Francis H., 34B Racecourse Rd, Te Awamutu.	3250
1931	1972	Parker, Gordon., M.A., Ph.D.(Lond.)	
1930	1971	Parker, J. Wesley., E.D., M.A., B.D., 8 Ranui Rd, Remuera, Auckland 5.	2020
1929	1965	Parker, Walter., 261 Manukau Rd, Auckland 3.	2010
1933	1965	Patchett, Ralph E., 118 Knowles St, Christchurch	8010
1969	2	Pate, Henry H., 12 John St, Tokoroa. (HM)	3510
1931	1967	Payne, Herbert W., 995 Beach Rd, Torbay, Auckland 10.	2140
1955	1974	Peart, Cuthbert F., 79 Clarkin Rd, Clarkin, Hamilton.	3100
1952	1	Penman, John A., B.A., 130 Grafton Rd, Auckland 3.	2010
1927	1966	Penn, Athol R., Flat 3, 774 Mt Eden Rd, Mt Eden, Auckland 4.	2040
1938	1978	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 13A Havenwood Pl., Birkenhead, Auckland 10.	2150
1960	1974	Peterson, Frederick D., 270 Whangaparaoa Rd, Silverdale, Auckland.	2280
1925	1968	Peterson, Gordon R.H., 1 Randwick Rd, Northland, Wellington 5.	6020
1968	12	Phillipps, Donald J., B.A., B.D., 5 Albany St, Dunedin. (Chaplain)	9020
1972		Pickering, Alan Skinner., Portland, Whangarei, Northland. (HHM)	1510
1939	1973	Pointon, Dorothy., Deacon, 102 Sandspit Rd, Howick, Auckland.	
1962	3	Pomeroy, Harold C., B.A., B.D., A.C.A., C.M.A., A.C.I.S., 2166 Great North Rd, Auckland 7.	2090
1967	4	Pratt, David C., 67 Shearman St, Waimate.	8350

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1975	UFS	Pratt, G. Douglas., M.A., B.D., L.Th., A.S.B., 15 Leonard Gardens, St. Andrews, Fife KY16-8RB, Scotland.	2140
1966	7	Prince, Donald F., Rolleston Prison, P.O.Box 45, Rolleston. (Chaplain)	8150
1954	19	Rakena, Ruawai D., B.A., 28 Mt Albert Rd, Auckland 3. (P.O. Box 68-148, Auckland.)	2500
1949	4	Ramage, Ian C.E., M.A., 82 Murray Pl., Christchurch 1.	8130
1950	UFS	Ramsay, Phillip D., 20 Solar St., Coorparoo Heights, Brisbane 4151, Q., Australia.	8350
1951		Rangitutia, Pukerau., Aotearoa, R.D. 7, Te Awamutu. (HHM)	3510
1957	1972	Reid, Andrew G., 11 Alexander Rd, Algies Bay, R.D. 2, Warkworth.	2290
1969	7	Rigby, Russell G., B.A.(Hons.), 216 Earn St, Invercargill.	9110
1955	7	Rigg, Frank S., P.O. Box 120, Silverdale.	2280
1974	2	Roberts, John H., B.A., L.Th., Dip.Crim.(Hons.), 54 Chester St, Christchurch 1.	8010
1963	10	Rowe, B. Keith., B.A., B.D., S.T.M.(Union N.Y.), St. John's College, 202 St. John's Rd, Auckland 5.	2820
1911	1949	Rowe, William., Flat 3, 2 Litchfield St, Stoke, Nelson.	7010
1951	1966	Ruck, Idris J., 48 Nixon St, Hamilton.	3100
1954	7	Rushton, Percy P., B.A., B.D., 9 Rhodes St, Timaru.	8320
1957	8	Russell, Kenneth H., 100 Jed St, Invercargill.	9110
1962	6	Rutherford, Maynard G., 16 View Rd, Hikurangi, Northland.	1070
1964	1972	Sage, Constance., Deacon, 1 Willis St, Auckland 3.	
1916	1955	Sage, Ernest E., 1 Willis St, Auckland 3.	2080
1971	4	Salmon, John B., M.A.(Hons.), Ph.D., L.Th., S.Th. (Hons.), A.C.A., A.C.I.S., 1 Chivalry Rd, Glenfield, Auckland 10.	2160
1959	UFS	Salter, Lawrence E., 11 Fletcher St, Taupo.	3180
1980	SS1	Sa'o, Tanielu, c/- 81 Middle Rd, Havelock North.	5020
	ASC	Sarchet, E., 17 Tawa Rd, Te Atatu, Auckland.	2120
1956	2	Scammell, Bruce., 463 Gladstone Rd, Gisborne.	5040
1950	3	Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., B.D.(Melb.), 37 The Avenue, Lynfield, Auckland 4.	2030
1976		Searancke, Paddy., 56 Bader St, Hamilton.	3510
1945	1977	Shapcott, Leonard., 42 Bowen St, Cambridge.	3070
1975	2	Sharp, Gavin B., B.Sc., 193 Victoria Rd, Devonport, Auckland 9.	2130
1952	1	Shaw, Harry I., 22 Alpha St, Cambridge.	3070
1946	3	Shepherd, Trevor., The Manse, St John's St, Opotiki.	3240

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1944	1970	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 54 Rangatira Rd, Birkdale, Auckland 10.	2150
1979	2	Short, Robert D., 4 Oroua St, Te Puke.	3190
1961	3	Sides, Brian W., P.O. Box 2019, Tauranga South.	3190
1938	1978	Silvester, John., M.A., Flat 1, 28 King St, Papatoetoe, Auckland.	2210
1971	2	Simpson, Ronald W., 5 Caldwell St, Brockville, Dunedin.	9050
1975	1	Sinclair, Paul F., 70 Duncan Tce, Kilbirnie, Wellington 3.	6040 6250, 6050
1964	2	Slinn, Stuart G., 37 Haerehuka St, Otorohanga.	3260 3270 3280 3300
1979	1	Small, Brian N., 118 Fitzherbert St, Hokitika.	7120
1970	1	Smith, G. Clive., L.Th., The Union Church Manse, Winchester St, Lyttelton.	8070
1928	1966	Snowden, Rita., O.B.E., F.I.A.L., Deacon, Flat 1, 16 Bracken Ave, Takapuna, Auckland 9.	
1952	1976	Spindler, Sydney J., 16 Hood St, Castlecliff, Wanganui.	4090
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1979		Tawhai, Piriniha S., 41 Meyers Rd, Manurewa. (HHM)	2510
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1957	4	Taylor, Beverley., 80 Fairburn Rd, Otahuhu, Auckland 6.	2200
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1968	3	Te Whare, Morehu., 3 Gladstone Rd, Te Kuiti.	3510
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1941	1978	Thomas, Gordon V., 3 Pa Rd, Pukerua Bay.	6100
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1952	1971	Thompson, J. Herbert., 15 De Bloge Pl., Christchurch 6.	8030
1955	1	Thornicroft, Neville., 5 Hexham St, Warkworth.	2290
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1979	2	Trethowen, Alan L., The Parsonage, Hook Rd, Paparoa. (Supply)	1100
1963	6	Tucker, W. Geoffrey., B.D., P.O. Box 68-148, Newton, Auckland.	2700
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1941	3	Underwood, Kenneth., B.D. (Lon.), Dip.Ed., 20 Kensington Ave, Petone.	6120
1964	14	Unge-muth, Shirley V., Flat 7, 171 Bayview Rd, St Clair, Dunedin.	9020
1978	3	Upson, Alan R., 97 Birkenhead Ave, Birkenhead, Auckland 10.	2150
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1962	5	Waine, Frederick E., B.A., 8 Tabak Pl., Palmerston North.	5100
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1961	8	Wallace, William L., B.A., 12 Gilberthorpes Rd, Christchurch 4.	8150
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1963	UFS	Wiki, Shirley., Deacon, Derrick Rd, Kawakawa, Bay of Islands.	1510
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- 1943 ANDREWS, STANLEY, G. (SUP.)
 " BROWN, CLIFFORD G. (SUP.)
 " CRAMOND, GEORGE W. (SUP.)
 " DAWSON, W. SELWYN
 " FALKINGHAM, WILFRED E., M.B.E.
 " GROUNDS, EDMUND D.
 " MILLER, JEAN A. (Deacon ret.)
 " WILLIAMS, J.C. ALDWYN (SUP.)
 " WILSON, ANNE (Deacon ret.)
- 1944 ALLEN, ROBERT H.
 " BELL, R. GRAHAM (SUP.)
 " BYCROFT, LESLIE F.
 " CHAMBERS, WESLEY A.
 " SHERSON, DONALD G. (SUP.)
- 1945 GREEN, WARREN
 " SHAPCOTT, LEONARD (SUP.)
- 1946 McDONALD, D.I. ALISTER (SUP.)
 " MOORE, HARRY (SUP.)
 " OLDS, NORMAN W.
 " SHEPHERD, TREVOR
 " THOMPSON, GEORGE R. (SUP.)
- 1947 ATTWOOD, A. FRANCIS (SUP.)
 " CAMPBELL, M. JACKSON
 " CLEMENTS, LESLIE C.
 " HALL, ALLEN H.
 " MONEY, LUCY H. (Deacon)
 " PARKER, FRANCIS H. (SUP.)
- 1948 CLEMENT, GRACE M. (Deacon ret.)
 " COLLINS, RONA W. (Deacon)
 " EISNER, WILF. G. (SUP.)
 " HILDER, BASIL J.
 " HOPKINS, GEORGE C. (SUP.)
 " MARSHALL, EDWARD M. (SUP.)
- 1949 BAKER, EDWARD (SUP.)
 " BENNY, T. RALPH (SUP.)
 " BURT, DOUGLAS H.
 " CORNWELL, GORDON A.R. (SUP.)
 " FORD, WILFRED, F., C.M.G.
 " KEIGHTLEY, CLIFFORD J.
 " NUTTALL, A. ROGER G.
 " RAMAGE, IAN C.E.
 " YEARBURY, BETTY (Deacon ret.)
- 1950 CLARK, COLIN D.
 " GORDON, D. BRUCE
 " RAMSAY, PHILLIP D.
 " SCHROEDER, LEONARD P.
 " WOODFIELD, FRANK H.
 " WOODFIELD, OWEN T.
- 1951 BESANT, H. DAVID
 " BURROUGH, AMOS W.
 " CARTER, GEORGE G.
 " CLUCAS, IVAN J.
 " GILBERT, GEOFFREY T.
 " OLDS, O. McLENNAN (SUP.)
 " RUCK, IDRIS J. (SUP.)
 " STEAD, PETER A.
- 1952 GEORGE, R. LESLIE
 " GIBSON, LOYAL J.
 " HALL, JOHN R.
 " HANDYSIDES, ALLAN J. (SUP.)
- 1952 PENMAN, JOHN A.
 " SHAW, HARRY I.
 " SPINDLER, SYDNEY J. (SUP.)
 " THOMPSON, JOHN H. (SUP.)
- 1953 BAKER, FREDERICK J.K.
 " CRAIG, HUGHAN M.
 " LeCOUTEUR, E. RAYMOND
 " McKAY, ARCHIBALD W.
 " NEWMAN, ALAN
 " OSBORNE, JOHN H.
 " STUBBS, DAVID G.
- 1954 BILLINGHURST, NOEL D.
 " DICKIE, ARTHUR W.
 " EASTWOOD, ERIC R.
 " HAMMOND, GEORGE M.
 " HEPPELTHWAITE, ERNEST
 " NEWTON, ALAN H.V.
 " RAKENA, RUAWAI D.
 " RUSHTON, PERCY P.
 " TAHERE, TE AWHI W.
 " TREBILCO, DAVID L.
 " WATSON, ALEXANDER C.
- 1955 ABBOTT, WILLIAM K.
 " BENNETT, TREVOR L.
 " BOYD, EDWARD P.
 " CABLE, WILFRED J.
 " GOREHAM, NORMAN J.
 " PEART, CUTHBERT F. (SUP.)
 " RIGG, FRANK S.
 " TAURORA, LANE M.
 " THORNICROFT, NEVILLE
- 1956 ANDREWS, ROBERT S.
 " BENNETT, GEORGE L.
 " GRANT, IAN D.
 " KITCHINGMAN, OWEN A.
 " SCAMMELL, BRUCE
- 1957 AMITUANA'I, SIAUALA T.
 " BELL, G. BASIL W.
 " CROPP, JAMES F.
 " FOWLER, IRWIN J.
 " GUTHARDT, PHYLLIS M.
 " KITCHINGMAN, HENRY W.
 " MABON, JOHN C.F.
 " REID, ANDREW G. (SUP.)
 " RUSSELL, KENNETH H.
 " TAYLOR, BEVERLEY
 " TAYLOR, PHILLIP F.
- 1958 CLIMO, FREDERICK J. (SUP.)
 " GILBERT, WILFRED S.
 " GLENN, FRANK G.
 " HAMLIN, R. JOHN
 " LEWIS, EVAN R.
- 1959 BOWEN, LEWIS A.
 " DINE, MERVYN L.
 " GIBSON, ROGER M.
 " GOUDGE, STANLEY R. (SUP.)
 " GRIFFITH, KEITH C.
 " HOSKING, JOHN S.
 " NOBLE, DOROTHEA M.
 " SALTER, LAWRENCE E.
 " WIDDUP, ROBERT W.

- 1960 BRAZENDALE, GRAHAM
 " CHRISTIAN, OWEN L. (SUP.)
 " CONWAY, JAMES H.
 " GRUNDY, ALBERT A.
 " GUST, WARWICK
 " HANSON, E. FRANCIS I.
 " HORNBLow, MAXWELL A.
 " HORRILL, C. SETON
 " McKENZIE, IAN H.
 " MULLAN, DAVID S.
 " PETERSON, FREDERICK D. (SUP.)
 " WEDDING, P. JOAN
- 1961 JAMES, RUSSELL E.
 " LANGLEY, JOHN E.
 " MARSHALL, C. RUSSELL
 " SIDES, BRIAN W.
 " TAYLOR, A. KERRY
 " WALLACE, WILLIAM L.
- 1962 CURRIE, JOHN B.
 " HAWKEY, GRAHAM E.
 " HIGHT, ARNOLD C.
 " HORNBLow, EDGAR R.
 " JENKIN, EDNA (Deacon)
 " JONES, BARRY E.
 " POMEROY, HAROLD C.
 " RUTHERFORD, MAYNARD G.
 " WAINE, FREDERICK E.
 " WAKELING, W.J. DOUGLAS
 " WOODLEY, ALAN K.
- 1963 ANSELL, DAVID H.
 " ARMSTRONG, DAVID (SUP.)
 " BALL, NIVEN G.
 " CLARKE, IAN L.
 " LAWS, DEREK G.
 " MILLER, BARBARA I.
 " ROWE, B. KEITH
 " TUCKER, W. GEOFFREY
 " WIKI, SHIRLEY (Deacon)
- 1964 BRUCE, MAXWELL L.
 " FELDERHOF, LUDWIG
 " GERRITSEN, HENDRIK
 " NEAL, BARRY W.
 " OLSEN, BRIAN L.
 " SAGE, CONSTANCE (Deacon ret.)
 " SLINN, STUART G.
 " UNGEMUTH, SHIRLEY V.
- 1965 BARNES, STANLEY J.
 " CHESSUM, WILLIAM A.
 " CLARKE, EDWIN B.
 " COLLINGWOOD, RONALD C.
 " HERBERT, C. BRICE
 " MACKIE, BRUCE E.
 " TE WHARE, ROBERT
 " WAKA, TE NAPI T.
 " WEST, NORMAN J.
- 1966 ALEXANDER, ROY M.
 " FERGUSON, RONALD W.
 " HENDRY, RICHARD J.
 " MANIHERA, JOHN I.
 " PRINCE, DONALD F.
 " TAYLOR, KEITH J.
 " WEST, STANLEY J.
- 1967 BENNETT, ENID J.
 " JAMIESON, COLIN G.
 " PRATT, DAVID C.
 " TOIA, SAMSON N.
- 1968 ALLAN, ROBERT A.
 " COUCH, MOKE A.G.
 " CURTIS, DARRELL R.
 " GEORGE, ATAWAHAI (Deacon ret.)
 " HAY, J. CEDRIC
 " HEY, ROGER, J.E.
 " LEADLEY, ALAN J.
 " LOADER, WILLIAM R.G.
 " McIVER, GRAEME M.
 " MALCOURONNE, BRIAN J.
 " MEREDITH, JOHN D.
 " NORWELL, IAN C.
 " PHILLIPPS, DONALD J.
 " TE WHARE, MOREHU
- 1969 ALLEY, DAVID R.
 " BROOKES, NORMAN E.
 " CHAPMAN, WALLACE C.
 " CORLETT, ASHLEY I.
 " EAGLE, BRIAN R.J.
 " GRIFFITHS, WILLIAM D.
 " HARKNESS, BARRY G.
 " RIGBY, RUSSELL G.
 " STRINGER, ROBERT G.
 " TURNER, BRIAN H.
- 1970 GRAHAM, DUNCAN R.
 " SMITH, G. CLIVE
- 1971 BLUNDELL, WARREN H.
 " BOWEN, LESLEY H. (Deacon)
 " SALMON, JOHN B.
 " SIMPSON, RONALD N.
 " WRIGHT, JACK
- 1972 GREENWOOD, RUSSELL J.
 " HAURAKI, HANA P.
 " MacLEOD, D. IAN
- 1973 ANDERSON, IAN E.M.
 " CURRIE, LAURENCE H.
 " GRANT, STUART C.
 " STRINGER, JOHN A.
- 1974 BURTON, RESTEL A.
 " ROBERTS, JOHN H.
- 1975 BELL, ANTHONY N.
 " GRAVES, NORMA M.
 " JACOBSON, PATRICIA M.
 " PRATT, G. DOUGLAS
 " SHARP, GAVIN B.
 " SINCLAIR, PAUL F.
 " TANA, DIANA A.
- 1976 BRUCE, DOUGAL H.C.
 " GLENSOR, PETER E.
 " GREER, MICHAEL W.
 " WHITE, GRAEME R.
- 1977 LEARY, GORDON A.
 " WEBSTER, ALAN C.

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REV. ALAN K. WOODLEY, B.A.

THE BUSINESS FROM DAY TO DAY

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
THURSDAY, 1st NOV.			
1.00 p.m.	C, Committee on Ministry	Committee on	Parlour
3.00 p.m.	Afternoon Tea	Ministry	
3.30 p.m.	Committee on Ministry	Deaconess Bd	
5.30 p.m.	Dinner (own arrangements)		
7.30 p.m./	Committee on Ministry		
9.30 p.m.			
FRIDAY, 2nd NOV.			
8.45 a.m.	Committee on Ministry		
10.00 a.m.	Morning Tea		
10.30 a.m.	A, General Purposes Committee		Parlour
12.30 p.m.	Lunch (own arrangements)		
1.30 p.m.	General Purposes Committee		
3.00 p.m.	Afternoon Tea		
3.30 p.m./	General Purposes Committee		
5.30 p.m.	Dinner (own arrangements)		
7.30 p.m./	D, Stationing Committee		St. Johns, Ponsonby.
9.30 p.m.			
SATURDAY, 3rd NOV.			
8.45 a.m.	Stationing Committee		St. Johns, Ponsonby.
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea		
11.00 a.m.	Stationing Committee		
12.30 p.m.	Lunch (catered)		
1.30 p.m.	Stationing Committee		
3.45 p.m.	Afternoon Tea		
4.00 p.m.	Wesley Historical Society (N.Z.) Annual Meeting & Tea (5.30 p.m.) Rev. E.W. Hames will conduct a "Tour of the College and its Treasures." All interested are welcome.		St. Johns College, Meadowbank
7.00 p.m.	OPENING SESSION The Organist and Combined Choirs will lead an informal session of music and hymn singing.		
7.30 p.m.	A welcome to the Conference by the Mayor of Auckland.		Pitt St. Church.
7.45 p.m.	Induction of Rev. Ian Ramage as President, and Mr. Stewart Collis as Vice-President. Supper		Halls

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
SUNDAY, 4th NOV.			
Morning	Conference members share in Worship in Local Congregations.		
2.40 p.m.	Session 2	Qns. 1 - 3	Pitt St., Church.
3.00 p.m.	Conference Ordination Service. Holy Communion. Preacher: The Ex-President Rev. D. Bruce Gordon		
5.30 p.m.	Tea & Coffee available at Pitt St.		
7.00 p.m.	Session 3 Conference & District Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Ron M.O'Grady, Associate Secretary of the Christian Conference of Asia. Theme: "Justice & Peace"		Y.M.C.A. Stadium, Pitt St.
MONDAY, 5th NOV.			
8.00 a.m.	Conveners of Committees of Detail meet with General Secretary.		Secretary's Office.
8.45 a.m.	Session	Conference Devotions. General Purposes Stationing Committee - 2nd Reading. Notices of Motion	
10.00 a.m.	Morning Tea		
10.30 a.m.	COMMITTEES OF DETAIL: Note: The business of Conference is considered in Committees of Detail before being presented to the Conference.		
	<u>E. Development</u> Development Div. Church Union Statistics Samoan Policy Auckland District Tongan Fellowship		Room 5

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
	COMMITTEES OF DETAIL cont'd		
	F, <u>Church Welfare</u>		Room 6
	Welfare of the Church		
	Lay Preacher's Assn.		
	Womens' Fellowship		
	Media		
	Chaplaincies		
	Wesley Historical Scty.		
	G, <u>Education</u>		Room 4
	Education Div.		
	Wesley College		
	H, <u>Administration & Connex- ional Properties & Funds</u>		Parlour
	Administration Div.		
	Investment Board		
	Methodist Trust Assn.		
	Connexional Trusts		
	J, <u>Institutions</u>		Bi-Centenary Hall
	N.Z.M.S.S.A.		
	M.S.S.A. (Branches)		
	Trinity Theological Col.		
	K, <u>Public Questions</u>		Bi-Centenary Hall
	Public Questions Com.		
	L, <u>Budget</u>		(meets in Oct.)
	Connexional Budget		
	M, <u>Faith & Order</u>		Choir Stalls Church
	Faith & Order		
	Law Revision		
	N, <u>International Affairs</u>		Church
	International Affairs		
	O, <u>Overseas Missions</u>		Church
	Joint Board for		
	Mission Overseas		
	Ecumenical Affairs -		
	Overseas		
	P, <u>Maori</u>		Gallery
	Methodist Maori Div.		
12.30 p.m.	Lunch		
1.30 p.m.	Committees of Detail Resume		
3.15 p.m.	Afternoon Tea		
3.45 p.m./	Session 5	Church Council	
5.30 p.m.		O, <u>Overseas Mission</u>	
7.30 p.m./	Session 6	C, <u>Committee on Ministry</u>	
9.30 p.m.		Trinity College	

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
TUESDAY, 6th NOV.			
8.45 a.m.	Session 7	Conference Devotions. Notices of Motion F, <u>Welfare of the Church</u> K, <u>Public Questions</u>	
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea		
11.00 a.m.	Session 7 resumes		
12.00 noon	D, Stationing Committee Lunch		St. John's Ponsonby.
12.30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Reception to The President's Wife and Vice-President's wife.		Samoa House, Karangahape Road.
2.30 p.m.	Afternoon Tea.		
2.45 p.m.	Session 8	E, <u>Development Div.</u>	
3.45 p.m./ 5.30 p.m.	An open session of Conference, with discussion introduced by four key Speakers	"Spirituality in the Modern World?"	
6.00	Lay Preachers Tea		Wesley Church, Mt. Albert Rd.
7.30 p.m./ 9.30 p.m.	Session 9	H, <u>Administration Div.</u>	

WEDNESDAY, 7th NOV.

8.45 a.m.	Session 10	Ex Vice-President's Address. Election of President and Vice-President L, <u>Budget</u> Stipends M, <u>Faith & Order</u>	
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea Ministers moving meet with General Secretary.		
11.00 a.m.	Session 10 resumes	J, <u>Institutions</u>	
12.30 p.m.	Lunch		
1.30 p.m.	Session 11	P, <u>Maori Division</u>	
3.30 p.m.	Afternoon Tea	N, <u>International Affairs</u>	
4.00 p.m.	Session 11 resumes		
5.30 p.m./ 6.30 p.m.	Tributes to Supernumeraries		

Time	Day-Activity	Business	Comments
7.00 p.m.	ILO EFIAFI (Conference Evening Meal)		Tongan Centre 426 Dominion Rd
8.00 p.m.	FAKA FIEFIA (Polynesian Programme)		

THURSDAY, 8th NOV.

8.45 a.m.	Session 12	Conference Devotions G. <u>Education Division</u> District Chairmen Elections Unfinished Business	
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea		
11.00 a.m.	Session 12 resumes		
12.00 noon	Covenant Communion Service including Tributes to deceased Ministers and 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.

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.

Minutes of Conference 1978, Resolution 1, Page 564.

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. D.H. Ansell; Taranaki-Wanganui: Rev. W.F. Ford; Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Rev. W. Gust; Wellington: Rev. J.C.F. Mabon; Nelson: Rev. M. Hornblow; North Canterbury: Rev. J.H. Roberts; South Canterbury: Rev. P.P. Rushton; Otago-Southland: Rev. N. Graves. (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 3rd October at 1.30 p.m. and concluded on Thursday, 4th 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. F.P. Norris; Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Mr. K.W. Dey; Taranaki-Wanganui: Mr. A.K. Surrey; Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Mr. L. Davis; Wellington: Mr. R.E. Sullivan; Nelson: Mr. H.D. Kelly; North Canterbury: Mrs. P. Teague; South Canterbury: Mr. Z.V. Lurajud; Otago-Southland: Mr. E.C. Flyger.

SECOND READING:

The Stationing Committee will meet on Friday, November 2nd, 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. H.W. Kitchingman and C.B. Herbert.
Auckland: Revs. E.D. Grounds and J.H. Osborne.
Waikato-Bay of Plenty: Revs. W.J. Morrison and I.J. Clucas.
Taranaki-Wanganui: Revs. W.F. Ford and L.M. Tauroa.
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Revs. H.I. Shaw and F.E. Waine.

Wellington:	Revs. E.F.I. Hanson and R.W. Widdup.
Nelson:	Revs. H.K. Brown and D.G. Stubbs.
North Canterbury:	Revs. R.H. Allen and A.A. Grundy.
South Canterbury:	Revs. P.P. Rushton and G.E. Hawkey.
Otago-Southland:	Revs. D.S. Mullan and R.G. Rigby.

Lay Representatives were elected at the District Synods as follows:

Northland:	Mrs. G. Keightley and Mr. G.H. Lendrum.
Auckland:	Messrs. F.P. Norris and L.V. Riesterer.
Waikato-Bay of Plenty:	Messrs. K.W. Dey and G. Simpson.
Taranaki-Wanganui:	Mr. A.K. Surrey and Mrs. J. Hedley.
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:	Mr. L. Davis and Miss P. Irving.
Wellington:	Mr. R.E. Sullivan and Mrs. M. Smith.
Nelson:	Mr. H.D. Kelly and Dr. Edward Bassett.
North Canterbury:	Mrs. P. Teague and Mr. R.T. Lawn.
South Canterbury:	Messrs. Z.V. Lurajud and D.J. Diack.
Otago-Southland:	Mrs. I. Lankshear and Mr. J. Stewart.

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

See Time-table for Conveners and items of business. The Conference Committees of Detail will meet on Monday, November 5th 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).

MINISTERS IN FULL CONNEXION

William Rowe
Robert E. Fordyce
Ernest E. Sage

William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.

Alfred E. Jefferson

Eric W. Hames. M.A.

John H. Bailey
Hubert G. Brown
F. Gardner Brown
Gordon R.H. Peterson

G. Raymond Harris

A. Henry Voyce

Norman P. Larsen

George I. Laurenson, C.B.E.

Athol R. Penn

John D. Grocott, B.A.

Charlie O. Hailwood

Leonard C. Horwood

Arthur T. Kent

Walter Parker

E. Clarence Leadley

M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.

J. Wesley Parker, E.D., M.A., B.D.,

W.E. Allon Carr

William W.H. Greenslade, M.B.E.

Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D.

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David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.

Reginald Day

William C. Jenkin

Ralph E. Patchett

George H. Goodman

Andrew J. Johnston

Howard C. Matthews, B.A.

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Mr. Stewart J. Collis

Ex Vice-President: Mr. Charlie Fenwick

(b) Representatives of Circuits:

NORTHLAND DISTRICT - 1000

1010 Mangonui County Un Par.	- Mrs. J.C. Herbert
1020 Kaikohe Union Parish	-
1030 Sth Bay of Islands Coop.	-
1040 Kaeo-Kerikeri Un. Parish	- Mrs. G.B. Keightley
1050 Nth Hokianga Comm. Church	-
1060 Sth Hokianga Coop. Parish	- Mrs. W. Ayrton
1070 Hikurangi Union Parish	-
1080 Whangarei Uniting Church	-
1090 Dargaville	- Mr. Harry Lendrum
1100 Ruawai Co-op. Parish	-
1110 Paparoa	- Mr. A. Trethowen
1120 Wellsford Co-op Parish	- Mrs. Eileen Warth
1510 Maori Circuit	- Mr. Timaru Rogers

AUCKLAND DISTRICT - 2000

2010 Auckland Central	- Mrs. J. Larsen, Mr. G. Matheson
	- Mr. J. Schaumkel
2020 Auckland Central Mission	- Miss R.K. McConnell
	- Mr. I.R. Souster
	-
2030 Balmoral-Roskill	- Mr. A.H. Gorringer
	- Mr. R. Parlane
2040 Auckland East	- Mrs. Vera Walker
	- Mr. Alf Currie
2050 Bucklands Beach Co-op.	-
2060 Orakei	- Mr. Les Andrews
	- Mr. Harry Gapper
2070 Glen Innes Co-op. Parish	- Mrs. Lilian L. Henshaw
2080 Mt. Albert	- Mr. M. Rosser
	-
2090 Avondale Union Parish	-
2100 Henderson	- Mr. Des Hollings
	- Mrs. Eve Shortis
2110 Ranui	-
2120 Te Atatu Union Parish	- Mr. W. Dickinson
2130 Devonport	- Mrs. Jill Weeks
2140 Takapuna	- Mr. Ian Haynes
	- Mrs. Vera Dowie
	- Mr. Tony Gibson
2150 Birkenhead	- Mrs. Janet Wright

2160 Glenfield-Albany Co-op.	- Mrs. A.Pratt & Mrs.A.Northin
2170 Birkdale-Beach Haven U.P.	-
2180 Northcote	- Mr. Tom Spooner
2190 Onehunga	- Mr. K.J. Toomer
	- Mr. W. Larsen
2200 Otahuhu	- Mrs. Maureen Giles
2210 Papatoetoe	- Mr.I.Clarke, Mr.L. Toeieiu
2220 Manurewa	- Mrs.M. Zeigler, Mr.N.Davison
2230 Papakura	- Mr. Des Vince
2240 Pukekohe	- Mrs. R. Legg
2250 Tūakau Union Parish	- Mrs. Joy Shaw
2260 Waiuku	- Mrs. G.Condell
2270 Sth Kaipara Co-op Parish	-
2280 Whangaparaoa	- Mrs. Dora Hanna
2290 Mahurangi	- Mr. David Baker
2510 Tamaki	- Mrs. Wiki Anderson
2300 St.Austells Co-op.	- Mr.J.R. Osborn

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT - 3000

3010 Thames Union Parish	- Mrs. J. Bridgeman
3020 Hauraki Plains Co-op.	- Mr.J.C.T. Mounsey
3030 Paeroa	-
3040 Waihi	- Mrs. Gwen Crabtree
3050 Te Aroha Co-op. Parish	- Mr. H.V. Sealey
3060 Morrinsville	- Mr. D.D. Chambers
3070 Cambridge Union	- Mrs. G.Wood
3080 Hamilton	- Mrs. O.Coatsworth
	- Mr. A.J. England
	-
3090 Raglan Union Parish	- Mrs. V. Tobeck
3100 Hamilton East	- Mrs.J.Metcalf, Mrs.J. Dey
3110 Chartwell Co-op. Parish	- Mr. Campbell Conway
3120 Ngaruawahia Union Parish	-
3130 Huntly	- Mr. Barry J. Murray
3140 Matamata Union Parish	- Mr. G.A. Bellamy
3150 Putaruru Co-op. Parish	-
3160 Tokoroa	- Mr. A.Letoa
3170 Rotorua	- Mr. R. Anderson
3180 Taupo	- Mrs. M.R. McIver
3190 Western Bay of Plenty	- Mr. George Simpson
	- Mr. Leslie Muffet
	- Mrs. G. Roke
3200 St. James Union Parish	- Mrs. D.Godkin
3220 Whakatane Co-op. Parish	- Mrs. Jean Melville
3230 Kawerau	- Mr. Alan R. Speirs
3240 Opotiki Union Parish	- Mr.A.E.Young
3250 Te Awamutu	- Mrs. B.J. Highman
	- Mr. R.O. Field
3260 Otorohanga	- Mr. A.K. Wilshier

3270 Te Kuiti	-	
3280 Taumarunui	-	Mrs. E. Curd
3290 Turangi Union Parish	-	
3300 Ohura	-	Mr. J.L. Woodhouse
3310 Kawhia	-	
3320 Coromandel	-	
3330 Hillcrest Co-op. Parish	-	Mrs.G.Telford,Mr.R.M.Clarke
3340 Pio Pio Co-op. Parish	-	
3510 Waikato (Maori) Circuit	-	
	-	
3520 Rohe Potae	-	

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT - 4000

4010 New Plymouth	-	Mr. George Hutton
	-	Mrs. Lauraine Hutton
	-	
4020 Waitara	-	Mr. Alan K. Surrey
4030 Stratford	-	Mr. Colin McKinlay
4040 Eltham-Kaponga Co-op.Parish-	-	Mrs. Alison Robinson
4050 Hawera	-	Mrs. J. Hedley
4060 Manaia Union Parish	-	Mr. I.E. Hooper
4070 Opunake Co-op. Parish	-	Mrs. Hilda E. Hopkins
4080 Okato	-	Mrs. J. Francis
4090 Wanganui	-	Mrs. M. Thomas, M.Gibson
4100 Taihape	-	Mr. N.F. Dixon
4110 Inglewood Union Parish	-	
4510 Taranaki (Maori)	-	Mr. John Heremaia
	-	Mrs. V. Tamati
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HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT - 5000

5010 Napier	-	Mr.P. Barker, Mr.R.Couch
	-	Miss. D. Collister
5020 Hastings	-	Deacon & Mrs.J,E, Bennett
5030 Flaxmere Co-op. Parish	-	
5040 Gisborne	-	
5050 Mangapapa Union Parish	-	Mrs. Iris McCoy
5060 Presby./Meth.Par.Wairoa	-	
5070 Dannevirke-Norsewood	-	Mr. David W. Lewis
5080 Woodville Union Parish	-	Mr. J.G.Harding
5090 Pahiatua Union Parish	-	
5100 Palmerston North	-	
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	-	
5110 Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	-	Mrs. Judy Gore
5120 Feilding-Oroua	-	Mrs. Betty Stewart
5130 Marton	-	
5140 Sanson-Rongotea Union P.	-	Mr. E.J. Collins

5150	Foxton Union Parish	-	
5160	Tamatea Circuit	-	
5170	Waipawa Co-operating Parish-		Mr. Cecil Baldwin
WELLINGTON DISTRICT - 6000			
6010	Wellington Central	-	Mrs. Naomi Morton
		-	Mrs. Mary Hussey
6020	Wellington West	-	Mr. Eric Russell
6030	Wellington Sth Union	-	
6040	Wellington East	-	Mr. L. Brown
6050	Miramar Co-op.Parish	-	Mr. Brian Chisholm
6060	Mgaio Union Parish	-	
6070	Johnsonville Union Parish	-	
6080	Newlands Union Parish	-	
6090	Porirua	-	Mrs. A. Howatson
6100	Plimmerton-Paekakariki	-	Mr. James M. Daley
6110	Tawa Union Parish	-	Mr.P.Clark, Mrs. L. Greer
6120	Lower Hutt-Petone	-	Mr. R.E. Sullivan
		-	Mr. S. Mika
		-	Mr. M.E.Smith
		-	Mr. A.C.Davis
6130	Taita Union Parish	-	
6140	Upper Hutt Co-op. Parish	-	Mrs. A.Thomas, Mrs.G.Johnson
6150	Wainuiomata Union Parish	-	
6160	Greytown St.Andrew's Un.	-	
6170	Featherston Union Parish	-	
6180	Carterton Union Parish	-	
6190	Masterton St.Luke's Union	-	Mrs. Daphne Pratt
		-	Mr. Bill Pratt
6200	St.James Masterton Union	-	
6210	Eketahuna Union Parish	-	
6220	Levin	-	Mr. Fred. W. Pitcher
6230	Otaki	-	
6240	Paraparaumu	-	Mr. J.E. Reed
6250	Hataitai-Kilbirnie Co-op.	-	Mr. P.W. Blakeley
6510	Poneke (Maori)	-	Mr. T. Tai
NELSON DISTRICT - 7000			
7010	Nelson	-	Mr. Paul Richardson
		-	Mr. R. Waugh
7020	Nelson St. Lukes Union	-	
7030	Waimea	-	Dr. E. Bassett
7040	Motueka Uniting Parish	-	
7050	Moutere Hills Uniting	-	
7060	Murchison	-	
7070	Blenheim	-	Mr. & Mrs.E.J. Bush
7080	Picton Union Parish	-	
7090	Reefton District Union	-	
7100	Buller Union	-	
7110	Greymouth Dist. Union	-	
7120	Hokitika Union Parish	-	

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT - 8000

8010 Christchurch Cent. Mission	- Mrs. Marcia Slade
	- Mrs. J. Moor
	- Mr. N.P.Alcorn
8020 Christchurch South	- Mrs. R.H. Allen
8030 Christchurch East	- Mr. G. Whitlam
	- Mrs. R. Primmer
	-
8040 New Brighton Union Parish	-
8050 Sumner-Redcliffs Union	- Mr. E. Brookes
8060 S.E.Christchurch Union	-
8070 Lyttelton Union Parish	-
8080 Christchurch (Opawa)	-
8090 Beckenham-Sydenham	-
8100 Christchurch (Spreydon)	-
8110 Halswell Union Parish	-
8120 Christchurch (Riccarton)	- Mrs. D. Irvine
	- Mr. D.G. Watson
8130 Christchurch (St.Albans)	- Mr. Ross Lawn
	- Mr. Frank Paine
8140 Christchurch (Papanui)	- Mrs. Pat Teague
	- Mr. Warren Hudson
8150 Hornby	-
8160 Lincoln Union Parish	-
8170 Leeston Co-op. Parish	- Mrs. J.W. Milner
8180 Kaiapoi	- Mr. H. Diver
8190 Rangiora	- Mrs. M. Harris
8200 Greendale-Malvern Co-op.	- Mr. Brian France
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.)	- Mr. D.J. Diack
8330 St. David's Marchwiell Un.	-
8340 Twizel	-
8350 Waimate	-
8360 Geraldine Co-op. Parish	-
8370 Temuka	-
8380 Ashburton	- Mrs. Ruby Martin
	-
8390 Allenton Union Parish	-
8400 Oamaru Union Parish	-

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT - 9000

9020 Dunedin Regional Mission	- Mr.A.C. Mabon
	- Deacon Shirley Ungemuth

	- Mrs. I.H. McGregor
	- Mrs. Bev. Mullan
	-
9040 West Harbour United Parish	-
9050 West Dunedin Union Parish	-
9060 Corstorphine-Concord Union	-
9070 Grant Braes Union Parish	-
9080 Tokomairiro Co-op	- Mr. J.A. Stewart
9090 Balclutha	-
9100 Gore	- Mr.G. Kane
9110 Invercargill	- Mrs. I. Lankshear
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9120 Riverton Union Parish	- Mr. Ernest Willis
9130 Otautau Union Parish	-
9140 Waiono Union Parish	-
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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CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES

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B O A R D S

CHURCH COUNCIL

The President, the Rev. Bruce Gordon M.A., presided at the sessions of the Council when it met at Otaki Bridge Lodge 7-9th May 1979. Thirty eight representatives attended. The Council gave over half its time to the theme of "Making Disciples". Several matters were brought to the Council by Connexional Boards and Committees as part of a process of consultation.

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COUNCIL

The College Council advised that the Rev. Dr. J.J. Lewis wished to conclude his term as Principal at the end of this Connexional Year, while continuing during 1980 to Tutor in Old Testament Studies. The College Council sought the advice of Church Council as to its nomination of the Rev. B.K. Rowe to the Principalship. Church Council supported the nomination and encouraged the College to bring suitable reports and recommendations to Synods and Conference 1979.

JOINT METHODIST-PRESBYTERIAN STEWARDSHIP SECTION

Conference 1978 gave permission for the combined work with this section to commence on the 1st February 1979 and requested 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. The agreement was tabled and discussed with amendments and suggestions being referred to the Board for further discussion with the Presbyterian Church prior to the finalisation of the agreement.

REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION ON THE NEW CITIZEN

The President tabled the Commission's report. Mr Derek McNicol, Chairman of the Commission, introduced the report and its recommendations. Full and detailed discussion followed. The Council was fully aware of the significance and implications of its recommendations to the President and commends study of the report. These recommendations are printed as an Addendum to the Commission's report which is being forwarded to Synods and Conference.

STIPENDS

Church Council dealt with three matters affecting stipends -

1. NEW RATES TO APPLY FROM 1 JULY 1979

The Rev. J.A. Penman, Chairman of the Stipends Committee, advised on the application of the formula for stipends.

The new rates for stipends as from 1 July 1979 are:

Deacons	- \$7454.00 p.a.
Home Missionaries	- \$8142.00 p.a.
Presbyters	- \$8940.00 p.a.

2. RATES OF RENUMERATION AND ALLOWANCES FOR SELF-SUPPORTING PRESBYTERS, DEACONS & OTHERS

The Development Division presented (as per Res. 5, page 508 Minutes of Conference 1978) the guidelines considered and endorsed at the Consultation convened by the President in Wellington on the 14th February 1979. The guidelines had been approved by the President and were reviewed by Church Council which gave its support to their use. Full details will be included in the Stipend Committee's report.

3. PARITY OF STIPENDS - PRESBYTERS DEACONS

The Wellington Consultation also considered the question of parity of stipends. Church Council was advised that the Stipends Committee will recommend to Conference 1979 "that the minimum stipend shall apply both to Presbyters and Deacons". This proposal was received with considerable interest and encourages. General support was given to the proposal. The Stipends Committee will give full information in its report.

PROGRAMME OF THE 1979/80 PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENT

The President-Elect, Rev. Ian Ramage, spoke of his desire to give leadership through Circuit/Parish teaching missions on the themes 'Sin and Salvation Today', 'Quest for Contemporary Spirituality' and Methodist heritage and responsibility.

Stewart Collis referred to the need for lay people to use their professional expertise and knowledge in the life of the Church and of his desire to explore this with groups of lay people.

THE PRESIDENCY & VICE-PRESIDENCY

Conference had asked for a review of our present leadership practice of a Ministerial President and a Lay/Deacon Vice-President. The Faith and Order Committee took the opportunity of the Council's meeting to share its work to date. The Committee will be reporting directly to Synods and Conference 1979.

THE CONNEXIONAL BUDGET - ITS FORMAT, ITS FORMATION AND ITS TIMING

Introduction. The Church Council at its meeting in May 1979, received two papers which had been requested by the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail. One proposed by Trevor Martin and a Wellington Committee dealt with the timing; the other written by Jock Hosking suggested some broader changes.

These two papers have now been rewritten and brought together and are sent to Quarterly Meetings, parish Councils, Synods for comment. In the light of the reactions, firm recommendations will go from the October meeting of the Church Council and the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail to Conference.

THE PRESENT SITUATION. With one or two minor exceptions our present procedures have remained virtually the same for almost twenty years. Changes are indicated for the following reasons:-

- 1) The Budget has become at local congregational level very impersonal; it is something imposed from above; very few, if any, of the members know how the money is used and spent; there are very few faces to be seen behind the dollars.
- 2) The local Church cannot really "own" the Connexional Budget because it has virtually no say in how it is drawn up. Apart from feeding in financial data at the end of each financial year, the only place where the local Church can question the Budget is on the floor of Conference. And this is virtually never resorted to.
- 3) There is a very limited time between the end of the financial year - June 30th - and the meeting of the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail. A period of 3 months is too short for Annual Accounts to be prepared, and Budgets set for the following year, for both Divisions and Circuits, and hopelessly inadequate for the collection and interpretation of data from Circuits and Union/Co-operating Parishes.
- 4) The problem is compounded by the large time gap between the time the Budget is formulated - October 1st - and the commencing date of the Budget - July 1st of the following year. In other words, projections are being made for a 12 month period which commences 9 months ahead and concludes 21 months ahead.
(e.g. Last October the projected stipend increase was estimated at 10%. The actual is 16.1% - which produces a massive distortion throughout the Budget.)

- 5) At present, the subsidy contributions to the Retiring Funds are the largest percentage component of the Connexional Budget. This makes it very difficult to talk about the Budget as being strictly a "Mission" Budget.
- 6) The present method of writing the Budget - in terms of the Divisions and Committees to whom the payments will eventually be made, does very little to assist anyone to understand what the Divisions actually do. Another method of listing the way the money is to be used would increase understanding of what the Budget actually does.
- 7) Some Divisions, e.g. the Administration Division and some Committees/Councils, e.g. Trinity College Council either have sufficient funds so as to not to require any support from the Church at large, or only minimal support. The writing of a Budget along the lines of Total Expenditure, rather than the Income required from Circuits/Parishes - as at present - would help an integrated sense of purpose. In addition it helps congregations understand that not all the support of the Budget comes from local congregations.
- 8) Some attempt has been made over the past 3 or 4 years to set clear goals for the Connexion as a whole as it works through its Divisions etc. It is felt that some improvements can still be made in this process.

THE PROPOSALS

- 1) In the light of the above, this paper seeks to suggest ways in which,
 - a) the Connexional Budget can be seen truly as a "Mission" Budget.
 - b) the Budget will be drawn up so as to describe the way in which the money will be spent, rather than to whom it is paid.
 - c) broad objectives, specific goals, and clear priorities are established prior to the financial exercise of doing the arithmetic.
 - d) the process of building the Budget will begin at Congregational level with the clear focus at that stage being on overall goals and priorities.
 - e) the Budget will be comprised of the Total Expenditure of Divisions, Committees, Councils etc.
 - f) Conference will retain the right to determine broad strategies, and define priorities, but other functions will be delegated to a restructured and possibly renamed Committee of Detail.

PROPOSAL 1. Payments of the subsidy portion of the Ministry's Superannuation scheme are at present paid on a "pooled" basis - that is they are part of the Connexional Budget. In fact, they are not part of the total outreach of the Church, but a

cost of local Ministry.

To make them in future a cost of local Ministry, although not reducing the total funds required, would reduce the overall total of the Budget by almost \$150,000, and make it more of the "Mission" Budget referred to earlier.

RECOMMENDATION - That from July 1st 1981, all subsidy contributions to the Retiring Funds be paid at the appropriate rate direct by the employing body. (e.g. A Circuit with 2 full time Ministers would pay 2 x 10% of Current Stipend.)

PROPOSAL 2. It is desirable that the Budget describe as accurately as possible what the Connexion is doing - and how much is being spent on each item. To assist this, and to assist the process of establishing priorities, it is envisaged that a change of "programme" budgeting be phased in so that the 1981/1982 Budget is drawn up in programme terms.

At present the Budget is drawn up under the headings of the various Divisions, e.g. Overseas Division, Development Division etc. This framework does not describe what the Divisions are doing and how they are spending their money.

A Budget drawn up in programme terms has general overall aims, clearly set out, with a series of specific goals or programmes with actual costs. Some of these programmes will be peculiar to one Division - some will overlap between Divisions.

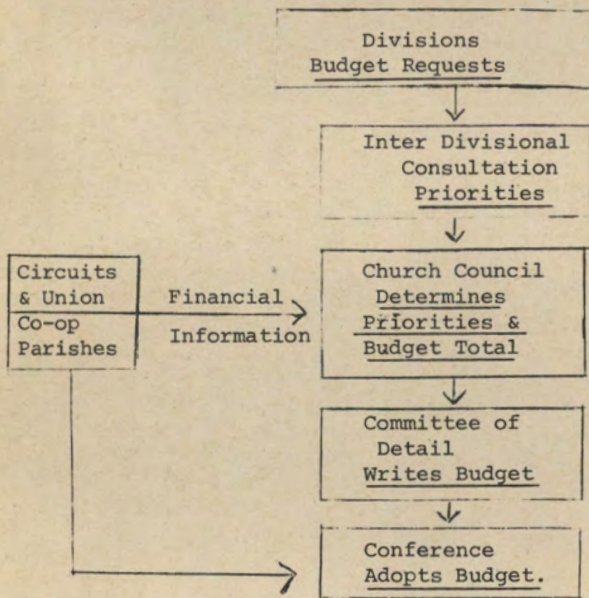
RECOMMENDATION. - That the Education Division be encouraged to pursue its restructuring of its Budget and Accounts in programmatic terms; that the other Divisions and Trinity Theological Council be encouraged to begin similar work in the 1979/80 year with a view to the 1981/82 Budget being built on programmatic lines.

PROPOSAL 3. To enable the process of goal setting to be started at local congregational level and to separate it completely from the arithmetical compilation of the Budget, it is suggested that a completely different timetable be drawn up.

At present the process looks something like this:

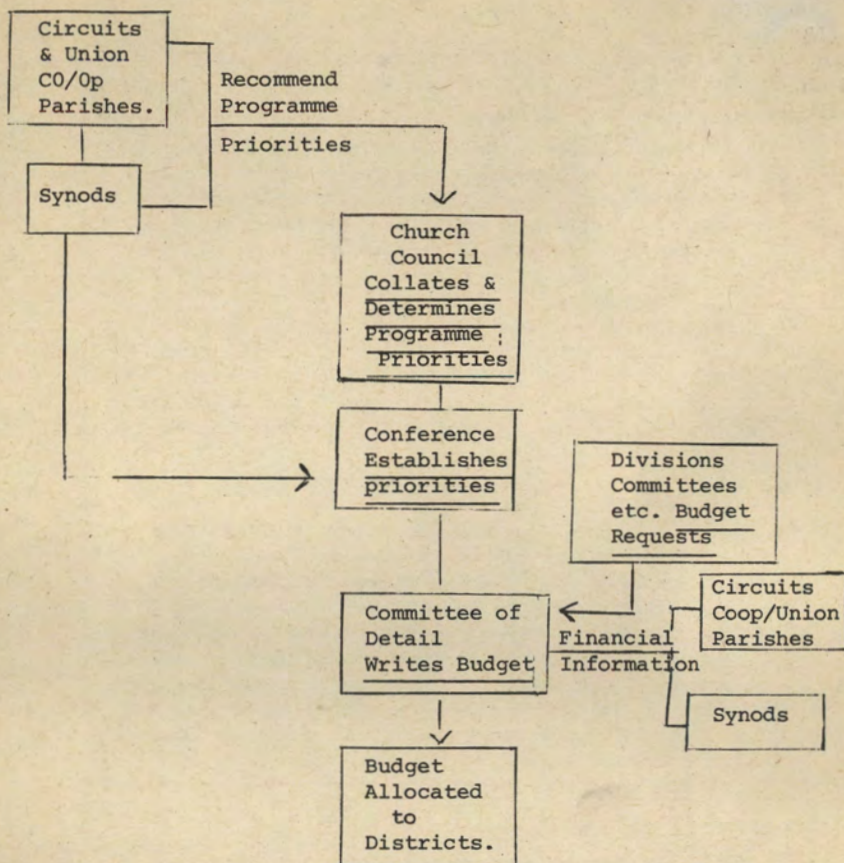
- July/August Circuits feed in financial data from the previous financial year.
- September Divisions prepare Budgets for the financial year commencing 9 months ahead.
Inter-Divisional consultation held to determine priorities and to work through implications of reductions.
- October Church Council meets to determine priorities in the light of recommendations of Inter-Divisional Consultation and to recommend a reasonable Connexional Budget total figure.
Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail meets to recommend Budget to Conference and allocation to Districts.
- November Conference meets and agrees on a Budget for the financial year commencing 7/8 months ahead.

In diagram form the process looks like this;



The only point at which Circuits can really influence the decision making process by direct representation is at Conference.

The new proposal would work out like this:



In timetable form the new proposal would look like this:

<u>August</u>	- Circuits and Synods recommend priorities and goals.
<u>September</u>	- Responses collated.
<u>October</u>	- Church Council receives collated responses and recommends priorities.
<u>November</u>	- Conference receives Church Council's report, and amends or adopts it.
<u>April/May</u>	- Newly constituted Committee of Detail to translate resolutions of Conference into financial terms.

RECOMMENDATION. That during the 1980 - 81 financial year the process begin as follows;

- 1) In August 1980 to seek from Circuits and Synods their priorities and goals for a Budget written in programme terms. (Note - for this initial exercise agreement would have to be reached by May 1980 on programme terms - and some work done to rewrite the Divisions etc., 1979/80 accounts in programmatic terms.)
- 2) In September 1980 collate the responses from Synods and Circuits.
- 3) In October 1980 Church Council receives the report on the collated responses and makes its recommendations to Conference. This report will clearly delineate:
 - a) the overall policy guidelines;
 - b) specific programme goals,
 - c) the priorities both in terms of importance and in terms of proportion of funding.
- 4) In November 1980 Conference would receive the Report and adopt or amend it.
- 5) In May 1981 the newly named "Finance and Mission Budget Committee of Detail" would meet - probably after Church Council - to translate the resolutions of Conference into financial terms for the 1981/82 Mission Budget. In so doing it would have before it:-
 - a) the audited accounts for the 1979/80 year,
 - b) the analysis of Circuit/Union Parish Income for 1979/80 year,
 - c) half yearly reports of Divisions financial situation at December 31st - or even 9 months to March 31st 1980.
 - d) updated financial information from Circuits - either at December 31st or March 31st.
 - e) Information about Stipend levels to commence July 1st 1981,
 - f) Information about the general state of the Church economy and the nations,
 - g) The Mission Budget would immediately after the meeting be communicated to Districts for allocation to Circuits, and Union Parishes.

PROPOSAL 4 Under a scheme where priorities and goals are all important, it is necessary to include all those Divisions, Councils, Committees etc., who do not rely on Connexional

Budget support either totally or partially.

Consequently it is suggested that the Budget be a total expenditure Budget to include the total spending of all the Divisions, the Trinity College Council, the NZMSSA (but not regional expenses). The amount allocated to Circuits/Parishes would be the total less the amount funded by such items as Fees, Trusts, Charges and other non Circuit Income. This would enable the work of the Church to be seen in total - both its breadth and its cost.

RECOMMENDATION. That as from July 1981 the Mission Budget be written to include total Budgeted expenditure of the Divisions, Councils, Committees included in it, but that the amount allocated to Circuits, Union and Co-Operating Parishes be that remaining after income from non Circuit sources has been taken into account.

SUMMARY This proposal, in summary, seeks to involve the local congregations or Quarterly Meetings in setting National goals and thus;

- a) increase significantly the sense of ownership and identification with the Budget on the part of the local congregation.
- b) express the Budget in terms of "Action" goals, i.e. what it is actually attempting to achieve.
- c) facilitate the process whereby goal setting becomes a conscious part of our Church's planning.
- d) provide a more practical time frame and method of assessing the financial position of the Church both local and national and therefore prepare a more effective Connexional Budget.

'MAKING DISCIPLES'

Led by Fred Waine and Barry Jones, two members of the Development Division's Task Group, Church Council spent three full sessions reviewing the Church's current programme - 'Making Disciples'.

The objectives for the Council sessions were:

- (1) To recognise the Methodist Church's pilgrimage in terms of evangelistic emphasis and programmes over the last 20 years, 1960 - 1979.
- (2) To identify and share the dimensions of the Gospel that are meaningful to members of Church Council.
- (3) To review District by District where Methodism is at in terms of 'Making Disciples'; recruitment - training - incorporation.
- (4) To acknowledge the theological convictions that undergird the current evangelistic emphasis of Methodism.
- (5) To reflect on the current 'Making Disciples' programme:
 - + Expressing concerns and affirmations.
 - + Evaluating the resources available to date.
- (6) To consider sharing our story of 'Making Disciples' with:
 - + Our N.Z. Church partners.
 - + Our World Methodist partners.
 - + Our W.C.C. partners.

From the sessions arose the following concerns and affirmations which were passed on to the Development Division's 'Making Disciples' Task Group for reflection and action.

CONCERNS:

- + The need to grapple more seriously with the theology of Evangelism and discover the reality of conversion that lies behind the old evangelical cliches.
- + That the wide range of 'Making Disciples' resources are not effectively reaching the 'grass-roots' of the Church.
- + That the current 'Making Disciples' emphasis might be seen as an exercise in institutional survival for the Church, rather as an expression of its concern for people.

AFFIRMATIONS:

- + The importance of the low-key sharing of stories to stimulate local initiatives.

- + The determination of the Development Division to persist with the 'Making Disciples' emphasis and provide a range of resources through its Task Group.
- + The existing wide diversity of 'Making Disciples' activities taking place around the country.
- + The importance of Methodism sharing its pilgrimage, insights and resources with others.

Church Council specifically acknowledged the importance of this sharing process and requested the Development Division to:

- (a) Keep the National Council of Churches informed of its programme.
- (b) Specifically inform the World Methodist Council and the World Methodist Evangelism Mission of its emphasis and programmes.
- (c) Share with the World Council of Churches Commission on World Mission and Evangelism (CWME), Methodism's evangelistic emphasis and methods.

It also encouraged the Division to consider the appointing of two appropriate representatives to attend the 1980 CWME Conference in Melbourne - "Thy Kingdom Come" - or the parallel Australian Council of Churches programme and make budget provisions in its submissions to the 1980-81 Connexional Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the report be received.

METHODIST INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

KOREA:

"The International Affairs Committee give detailed critical consideration to relationships between New Zealand and Korea, with special attention being given to the implications for peace of the division of Korea." (Resolution of Conference 1978 Page 545 No. 9)

1.

A Several points need to be made clear. The International Affairs committee is asked to consider 'Korea', and this is taken to mean the country lying within the traditional boundaries - a country that has existed for over 3,000 years as one country - often in captivity but one country, with a common language, history and culture. There are slight ethnic differences in the north, no doubt due to a certain amount of intermarrying with the Manchurian peoples, but nothing significant.

B We will have to talk much about the 'division' of Korea, following the collapse of Japan in 1945. In practice we now have two Koreas. North, known as the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, DPRK, and the South known as the Republic of Korea ROK. There is no communication between the two, even mails and telephones being severed. The talks for re-unification are now going on, so 'division' leads us to reunification. Since 1945 both sections have talked about the need for a 'United, independent and democratic Government of all Korea'. This has been the aim throughout of the United Nations and its various bodies, and remains the ideal today. In practice however there is a growing acceptance - even a promotion of the idea of '2 Koreas' on the pattern of 2 Germanies.

C The committee is asked to review the whole general question of the relationships between New Zealand and Korea. We will need to investigate why we have extensive growing relations on many levels with South Korea, and virtually none with North Korea; last year representatives from North Korea were refused visas to enter New Zealand but there are many exchanges between New Zealand and the South - ROK.

D We are asked to consider 'the implications for peace of the divisions of Korea'. This is probably designedly vague. Presumably, no-one thinks there is any danger of war breaking out between New Zealand and South Korea, and it is

equally improbable, one would hope, there should be a breach of the peace between New Zealand and North Korea. Peace is therefore taken to mean in the wider sense as related to Asia or to the whole world, for peace is indivisible.

We therefore have the situation where both parts of the country have said repeatedly that they want reunification, but they have wanted it on their own terms - re-re-unification on the Communist pattern, if the north has its way, or re-unification a la U.S.A. if the South wins. Naturally the alternatives are mutually unacceptable on both sides of the 38th parallel. The events in Vietnam where reunification took place as a result of military conquest with the adoption of one form of Government has naturally encouraged the North, while making the South very wary.

The compromise suggestion made by the North that they are seeking 'Federation' where they will continue with their present type of Government while the South remains free to choose its own form, and the two in loose federation does not seem very practical, given the history of the division and the subsequent 'talks'. However, on January 23rd 1979, the D.P.R.K. made a very important 4 point statement to which the South responded 'positively', and there is some hope that progress might be made. At least they are still talking and there has been a reduction of acrimony. One point in the statement was a suggestion that there "should be an immediate end to calumnies and slander against each other." Such is progress.

2. In early February, (Dominion 6/2/79) the American defence chiefs described the situation in Korea as 'the flash point of Asia'. We must look briefly at history to understand why this should be so. The bibliography will suggest books that can be read to follow this up - we can give only a very brief summary.

- A (i) In 1905, Japan occupied the Korean peninsula after her victory in the Russo-Japanese war. In 1910, Japan formally annexed Korea. Japan was a very hard master - there are untold stories of brutality, exploitation and attempts to subjugate a proud people. With the beginning of the 'China incident', Korea was used as a springboard, as Japan sought to extend her dominion over Manchuria.
- (ii) Japan would allow no political activity of any kind and was ruthless in suppressing it. Nevertheless a quite considerable 'Liberation movement' sprang up, led in the North by Kim Il Sung, (who was to become the first President of the North after 1945), and there were dissident groups of both right and left wing emphasis in the south. Many were

executed. Syngman Rhee established a Korean Government in exile, but it was in Hawaii. Kim Il Sung was present in Korea - there were several dramatic marches and these have entered into the folk lore - the Northern journals tell the stories with full emphasis. (The comparisons with Ho Chi Minh are of considerable interest).

(iii) In 1945 Japan collapsed very quickly. A few days before Russia declared war on Japan, and immediately on her surrender marched in and occupied Korea down to the 38th parallel. The U.S.A. came into the South to occupy up to the parallel. The arrangement to divide at the 38th parallel was apparently made beforehand by the military commanders but at a relatively low level. There is no natural frontier division there - rivers, inlets, mountain ranges etc.

(iv) The United Nations came into it, and that is a subject for a separate thesis. They set up Commission with the idea of establishing a unified independent and democratic Korea; they supervised elections in the South in 1948 and recognised the Government then elected as responsible for that part of Korea south of the parallel; the North Korean authorities would not allow the UN in to supervise elections though a Government was elected a few weeks after the south. It was not recognised by the UN. There was growing tension between the two parts and considerable suffering for neither part was an economic unit on its own. The north had most of the mineral resources and electric power - the south had the agriculture.

(v) In 1950 the north invaded the south across the parallel. Who invaded who, or why is now largely irrelevant and books have been written on the topic. Fighting over the next 3 years seesawed back and forth with immense destruction of life and property. Russia seems to have confined her support to materials; China came in in support of North Korea after MacArthur bombed beyond the Yalu frontier. The armistice was signed in July 1953. The UN has remained at the frontier, and the U.S.A. still has some 40,000 troops in South Korea. U.S.S.R. claims to have withdrawn all troops from North Korea and China gives some assistance. It would seem that North Korea is more within the sphere of influence of China than of the U.S.S.R.

(vi) New Zealand was one of the nations that sent troops to Korea as part of the UN force. Considerable aid, both official and private has been given to South Korea since the Armistice. There are deep and close links with South Korea, including exchange of Ambassadors, but practically none with the North.

The confrontation in Korea between the U.S.S.R. and China, supporting North Korea and the U.S.A. plus other nations under the flag of the UN, supporting the South became a visible expression in Asia of the cold war in Europe. Here two major world powers confronting one another in someone else's country. The fact that this separation and confrontation has gone on for 34 years is itself a visible expression of that disunity that plagues our world. It both expresses the disunity and reinforces it, and represents a constant danger that war will break out between the two sections and that this will involve the whole world. The Vietnam war was confined geographically and in respect of weapons - there is no guarantee that the same restrictions would apply in Korea.

Korea has much greater strategic importance than Vietnam. It has been said that 'whosoever rules Korea rules Asia' and a glance at the map shows the truth of this. Korea has a common frontier with China and the U.S.S.R. and Vladivostok is only a short distance from the northern tip of Korea; situated as it is - a peninsula jutting out from mainland Asia and bounded on one side by the sea of Japan and on the other by the Yellow Sea, it is in a position to dominate both Japan and China - a fact of which both powers have been very well aware in history. The fact that Korea has been able to remain as a separate nation for so long is eloquent testimony to its own strong sense of nationality - a factor which impresses everyone who visits the country. Here is an intensely proud people with a long and rich culture, very conscious of their destiny in the modern world.

Because of the strategic importance of Korea, it follows that it really suits the major powers to have Korea divided and therefore dependent on the two major blocs for assistance. South Korea has been making great strides economically over recent years. With a population of over 35 million, she has a per capita income of \$560p.a. and a growth rate of 13.3%; the North has a population of nearly 16 million, an income of \$450, and a growth rate of .9%. On the face of it both sections seem to be doing well, but the South is very dependent on large inputs of capital from outside and the North has deliberately limited its development in conformity with the Juche principle (self-reliance, self determination and independence). But the two sections can become a strong economic unity if they are re-united. But divide and rule still remains a favourite ploy, and Japan, the U.S.S.R., China and the U.S.A. are all well served by a divided Korea. It suits everyone but the Koreans, not the least beneficiary being the armaments industries. The 38th parallel remains one of the most heavily fortified frontiers in the world.

But a free Korea, united, independent and democratic, could play a vitally important role in the Asian area and this is properly the clear ideal of the UN. The divisions in the country at the present time are deep, but 34 years of division is a short time seen against 3,000 years of history as one nation.

- 3 Moonists. The danger of conflict between North and South Korea is increased by the activities and beliefs of the 'Unification' Church. Sun Myung Moon teaches that the descendants of Cain are the Communists of today and that South Korea is to be the new Israel that will be the means of over-throwing world communism.

Some observers claim that the Unification Church is the fastest growing Church in the world because all members become full time workers. Moonists believe that 'Father' Moon is the 'Third Adam' - the Messiah who will establish the 'new humanity'. Sun Myung Moon proclaims that in God's purpose the wealth and strength of the U.S.A. will enable South Korea to become the 'new Israel', overthrowing the forces of communism. Hence Moonies are fiercely and fanatically anti-communist, and label many people of liberal viewpoint as Communists and grossly misinterpret social and political movements in many countries, especially U.S.A.

More than any other group, they exacerbate the division between North and South Korea because they give to it a religious significance and force, and unfortunately they take that attitude, everywhere they go, including New Zealand.

Relations between New Zealand and Korea should therefore concentrate on the urgent need for reunification of that country, independent and democratic. We should make our voice heard in United Nations and in the ESCAP area pressing for the healing of the division.

We should seek for contact with both sections of the country. It is wrong that people from the north should be kept out on some legal fiction. We welcome contacts with South Korea - community groups exchange visits, there are links with trade groups and churches - we seek similar contacts in the north, and should as far as possible treat Korea as one country.

We should oppose all attempts to foist a permanent '2 Koreas' policy on to the world community. There seems to be a tacit acceptance of the fact that they will go the same way as Germany - two countries, completely independent of one another, linked with differing blocs but having

practically nothing to do with one another. In a world seeking closer links and the realisation of one human family, this is a tragedy that we ought to oppose in the Asian area.

We should voice our protest at all breaches of human rights in both parts of the country. Amnesty International is very certain that there are widespread breaches in South Korea and the present release of some thousands of political prisoners does not alter the fact materially. It is part of the difficulty of this whole exercise that it is almost impossible to get any accurate information of what is happening north of the parallel in this field of human rights as well as many others. The assumption can only be that human rights are at a discount north of the parallel as they are in the south where the constitution institutionalises repression and dictatorship.

We must insist that in Korea as anywhere else there can be no peace without basic human rights and be as jealous to defend the rights of Koreans as we are to defend the rights of New Zealanders.

President Park Chung Hee said on March 1st 1976: 'It is the constant desire of our 50 million people to achieve the reunion of our nation by uniting peacefully the divided faherland. . .!

President Kim Il Sung in September 1978 said, 'For Peaceful settlement of the question of the country's reunification, we keep an open door for a talk with the U.S.A. and leave the door open for a dialogue with South Korean authorities and political parties. . .!

Korea is one country, sadly divided. We should do our utmost to understand the reasons and the history and go forward to help as far as we can to heal the breach.

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RACISM AND THE MEDIA

The 1978 Conference asked for a report on "the less than total picture on racist situations presented by the news media."
(Res 5. P552)

The assumption behind the request must be that when the news media report situations with a racial content, often the whole story is not told, or the story is told with a bias that we are not happy with. Our research would certainly indicate this is often the case.

Why should the reporting of situations in which there is conflict between racial groups be particularly prone to bias which distorts the truth?

CULTURAL CONDITIONING

1. Everyone of us is conditioned by his or her upbringing in a particular racial or cultural setting. This effects the way we see events, and indeed, what we see.

In New Zealand the dominant culture is that of the Western Europeans or Pakeha. Polynesian culture is the minority culture. The dominant culture has the communication advantage because it is a case of Pakehas speaking mainly to Pakehas in a Pakeha way. The minority culture is at a disadvantage in this system.

When events such as the Bastion Point or Raglan land issues are reported in the news media, the very real danger is that the stories will be told from a Pakeha point of view. This will be a point of view that finds it difficult to really appreciate the Maori land values and the depth of Maori community feeling on the issue. The media may well do less than justice to these Maori aspects of the story.

What applies in New Zealand applies equally to Western News people's reporting of events in Rhodesia. Chris Mullin writing from London for the Australian weekly, "The National Times", April 14, 1979, in an article headed "Rhodesia Dateline, The Misreported War", says that the Smith Governments figures for the six years to July 1978 reveal that 1553 unarmed African civilians have been killed by the Rhodesian Security Forces. By contrast 207 white civilians have been killed in the same period.

In spite of the balance of these figures the media in New Zealand, in Britain and other western countries appear to suggest that black "terrorists" perpetrate most of the violence upon Europeans. The death of 12 Elim Missionaries and dependents last year is a case

in point.

In the Wellington "Evening Post" of Monday June 26, 1978 this murder was the lead story on the Overseas page. The story was headline "Brutal Murders Damage Faith" in Southern African Cause". The article of four columns and twelve inches deep, abandoned all claims to impartiality when it named Mugabe's ZANLA troops as responsible, despite Mugabe's denial. Mugabe was quoted as having witnesses that Rhodesian Government forces, not black terrorists perpetrated the murder.

By contrast, the deaths of about 100 African civilians at the hands of the Rhodesian Security forces one month earlier stimulated no comparable sense of outrage in the "Evening Post", which in fact did not carry that story at all.

Surely this is just one example of racial and cultural "blinkers." It seems we uncritically assume it is news if 12 whites are murdered. It is not news if 100 black African Civilians are killed!

CONTROL OF NEWS AT SOURCE

2. There is another explanation for this kind of bias. Vernon Wright was sent by the "N.Z. Listener" to look behind the scenes of aspects of the Rhodesian war and elections. He reports that journalists from all over the world were invited to observe the elections in Rhodesia and to see something of the war. They were lavishly wined and dined by the Rhodesian Government Information Department at Miekles Hotel in Salisbury. Wright says: "The observing of the elections were brilliantly stage-managed. Each day the Information Department organised "press facilities", which meant that bus tours and rides in military aircraft to selected polling booths were laid on. All a journalist or foreign observer had to do was to put his name down for a selected facility and all else fell into his lap." Each day would conclude with a routine press briefing at Miekles detailing the number of terrorists killed and more wining and dining at Government expense.

Chris Mullin confirms this kind of blatant control and manipulation of news sources within Rhodesia. "The Emergency Powers Regulations, as amended in January 1978, expressly forbid the "communication, publication or dissemination of information relating to (a) any measure or act of any description whatsoever of the security forces or the Government for the purpose of combating or suppressing terrorism or reducing the incidence thereof within Rhodesia; (b) the commission of any act of sabotage." Officially the only exceptions to this are the regime's own handouts, reports of court or parliamentary proceedings and reports approved by the official censor.

Mullin continues: "Whenever whites are murdered in any number,

helicopters are laid on to take selected journalists to the scene within hours; there are special briefings displays of corpses of alleged guerillas and weapons to be examined. When, however, the Rhodesians do something they are not so keen to publicise." Is it any wonder that only a part of the story reaches us!

OTHER FACTORS

3. There are other reasons the full story may not appear. Most media in the Western World have a public to please in order to sell their product. Usually they must rely on advertising revenue to make a profit. News recording may be amended or even distorted, often unconsciously, so that it will be palatable to the consumer or compatible with the advertising interests.

In addition the media work under the constraints of deadlines to be met, available space and financial restrictions that may prohibit the commissioning of a reporter to do detailed and lengthy research in the field.

CONCLUSIONS

Some say that the important thing in the face of all the distortion and half-truth is to strive for greater objectivity in the reporting of events. Certainly, the news media should aim to uncover all aspects of the truth. But objectivity is an elusive, probably an impossible goal, because everyone is culturally conditioned in some way or other; everyone is committed in some way or other. Even he who strives earnestly to avoid either extreme in a debate is committed to the middle ground or the status quo. We all have our points of view. No journalist can abstract himself or herself completely from his or her point of view to present an utterly objective picture.

What should the media do? For a start the media could be more ready to acknowledge that no reporter or news editor is free from the results of cultural conditioning which may produce bias. Then, each section of the media should be prepared to openly acknowledge its particular viewpoint in order that the consumer may more readily make his or her assessment of the information. Further each newspaper, T.V. or radio should be willing to provide information from a wide variety of sources ensuring that each source is well identified to give the consumer the opportunity to make his or her own assessments.

What are we, the consumers to do? We must beware of the simple acceptance of media objectivity. It is important that we develop our faculty of critical questioning so that we may be aware of the bias of any particular news source and possible omissions. We must learn to gain our information from a wide variety of sources and viewpoints and preserve our right to decide for ourselves and sometimes to reserve decision in view of absence of sufficient

information.

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JUSTICE FOR THE POOR AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT.

During May this year, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development held it's fifth session in Manila, the Phillippines. (UNCTAD V). The conference failed to achieve significant agreement on the necessary restructuring of the world economy that would provide better opportunities for the poor of the world.

At the time of UNCTAD V leaders and economists of the Christian churches in the Phillippines issued the following statement. We commend this statement for the serious consideration of the Methodist Church of New Zealand because it is a good statement of the radical re-thinking that is being done on the problem of world development and because it is important that we hear what Christian leaders in the Third World countries are saying.

INTRODUCTION.

Our point of view -- if not our wisdom -- is the same as that of Jesus, who spent so much of His time with and for the poor seeking to bring them to a more abundant life. Do the policies advocated by UNCTAD benefit the ordinary man, the ordinary Filipino? We speak primarily of the Phillippines, but we believe that what we say is also substantially true of other developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Tondo slum dwellers have said, "To be for development means to fight poverty, and to fight poverty, you must be with the poor." This is our conviction.

EXTENT OF POVERTY

In the Phillippines, an estimated 80% of our people -- about 34 million people -- live below the poverty line as determined by the Development Academy of the Phillippines. This is a problem of grave concern to us in the church.

For instance

1. Our workers can buy less and less with their wages. Government statistics show that, despite a real growth in the country's per capita income, real wages for skilled and unskilled labour in 1978 were only 76% and 63% respectively, of what they had been in 1972.
2. Income has become increasingly concentrated in the hands of a few. In 1971, the five percent of the population who received the highest incomes received 24% of total national income while the poorest forty percent got only 12%. In 1975, the top five percent received more, 32%, while the lowest forty percent, a meagre 11% of total national income.
3. Despite over-all adequate food production, about 70% of our

population are malnourished; 50% are deficient in protein and anaemic. Malnutrition causes 40% of deaths among our children.

WHY THE POOR ARE BECOMING POORER:

Much, much more can be said about the extent of deprivation in the country and of its terrible effects on human development. But that is not the real issue. The real issue is "Why are the poor becoming poorer?"

We see the cause of worsening poverty in oppressive social structures both within developing societies and without; social structures built on domination: domination of the poor nations by the rich nations of the world, and domination of the poor within nations by the rich and the powerful; social structures motivated by an unmitigated urge for profit, justified by appeals to fictitious free enterprise within the nation and free trade without.

People are poor not because they want to be nor because they are lazy or ignorant or unlucky. People are poor because they are deprived of access of material goods and resources which they need to create a truly human life for themselves. Deprived, because they live under oppression, that is, under social, economic and political structures which have injustice built into them". (Asian Bishops' Taipei Statement, 1974). To eliminate poverty, then social structures --national and international -- must be changed and transformed.

UNCTAD V AND POVERTY

So the standard by which we prefer to judge UNCTAD V is: To what extent will UNCTAD V change international structures that support and strengthen national structures which breed poverty and oppression?

As long as UNCTAD V emphasizes international trade, which entails encouraging foreign investment -- and today this means investment by transnational corporations -- and aid in the form of foreign debt, we believe that UNCTAD V can accomplish little.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND NATIONAL POVERTY

Take the Phillippine case as an example. For several years the Phillippine development program has depended on exports, foreign investment by transnational corporations and foreign debt for its success. Yet the vast majority of our people are poorer today than at any time before.

The rationale for an export promotion program which INCTAD encourages is that it hastens growth, and consequently, development. Our experience in the Phillippines has been the income distribution has worsened at a time when the main thrust of the Government was, and still is, the intensification and diversification of export products.

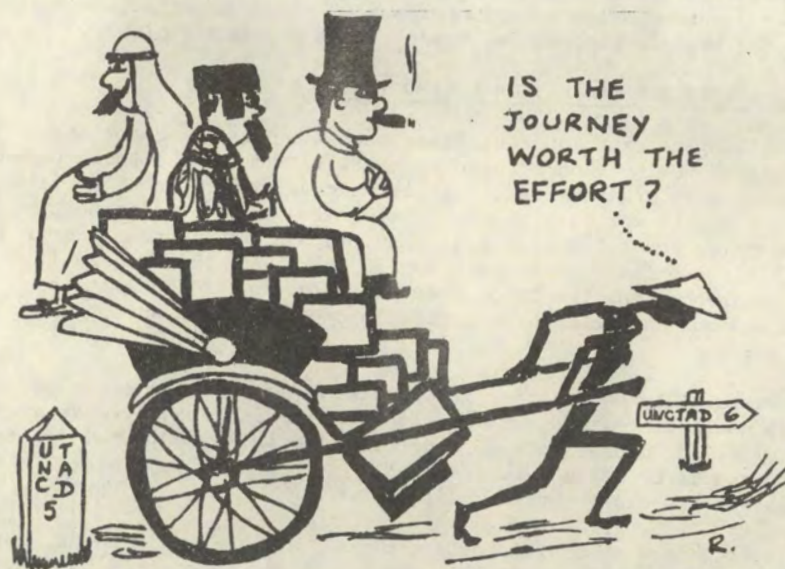
For growth concentrates on increased production and ignores the questions of what is to be produced, for whom it is to be produced, and how it is to be distributed. Since the Philippines is a market economy, needs are satisfied only if they can be translated into demands through purchasing power - people can meet their needs only if they have money to pay. The poor have no money. They have needs but no wherewithal to meet them. Their basic needs are pushed aside by the wants of the rich who have the purchasing power and the requirements of foreign markets. That is why we export food while our people starve.

Besides, an export promotion program such as we see in the Philippines requires that wages be kept low. General wage increases are decreed, but deferred or denied to workers in export industries. Workers in export-orientated industries are not allowed to strike. They cannot even freely organize. So the program of export-led industrialization cannot satisfy people's needs.

INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL AND NATIONAL POVERTY :

Neither can foreign investments and heavy foreign borrowing.

To attract foreign capital to invest in the Philippines, and transnationals to operate here, there must be assurance of a stable and profitable income.. This requires the general wage level to be kept as low as possible, and the prices of the products of these foreign firms to be as high as demand will allow.



The effects of such a policy on our people's level of living have been and are disastrous.

In addition, foreign investments drain capital from the economy by repatriating more in profits than is invested. They bring in foreign technology which is labour-saving and barely affects employment; and which requires foreign inputs and further depletes our foreign exchange.

Consequently, we become even more dependent on foreign loans and susceptible to pressures from international financial agencies such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Self-reliant, self generated and self-directed growth is prevented -- and only that kind of growth can be called authentic human development.

Like a tenant bound to his landlord, the Philippines has become tied to foreign creditors, incurring new debts to pay off existing ones, each new debt imposing more restrictive conditions on how to run the national economy. The burden of these debts falls on the people living now and on future generations, for the government will not be able to pay these debts except by raising taxes.

Our people have little hope of enjoying a just and free -- a human way of life if the implementation of these so-called development policies persists. They deepen the divisions existing among our people, a people already divided into rich and poor, into a local elite working hand in glove with foreign interests and an exploited mass, into oppressors and oppressed. They provoke repressive measures that do violence to human rights and human dignity.

WORLD STRUCTURES AND NATIONAL STRUCTURES

The Philippine experience has also been the experience of other nations. World trade structures parallel domestic structures and in fact, have created them. It is no coincidence that the rich nations of the world, with only 23% of the world population, account for about 70% of world consumption, just as the richest 20% of Philippine families account for 55.5% of our income-- and it is not by chance that the "Second development Decade" has witnessed more and more dictatorships imposed upon the poorer nations of the world.

The world truly needs a new international economic order. But we do not believe that such an order can be achieved by what are today called "global interdependence," "socially committed capitalism" and international solidarity". These are euphemisms, new names for the old aches and pains.

It is not international interdependence that the world needs, but international social justice. For years now, the world has been interdependent: rich nations have depended on poor nations for their raw materials, as poor nations have depended on rich nations for

their markets -- yet for years now, rich nations have dominated and continue to dominate poor nations. Interdependence among unequals is simply another way to deny economic independence to the weak.

NATIONAL SELF-RELIANCE

For global interdependence and solidarity to stop being slogans and become realities, the first step must be to eliminate poverty: poverty among nations and within nations. And the former would be simpler to attain if the latter were first achieved.

We believe poverty can more easily be eliminated if, instead of relying on international trade and international capital for development, the poorer nations relied on themselves, on using their own resources, by creating their own technologies, to meet the needs of the many rather than the demands of the few.

Only after the economies of poor nations have built themselves into self-directed self-generated and self-reliant economies can a truly new international economic order be created, an international order that does not merely render lip service to, but respects by deed, the timeless principles of international relations: sovereign equality, territorial integrity, political independence, non-intervention, non-aggression, mutual and equitable benefit, promotion of international social justice and international co-operation.

SELF-RELIANCE and DEMOCRACY

We believe that self-reliance can be reached in many ways, and that each nation's history, culture, values and resources will determine the path it should take.

But we also believe that whatever path be taken, there is an indispensable condition for becoming self-reliant: there must be political and economic democracy.

The poor, the voiceless, the forgotten -- laborers, peasants, farmers, fishermen, ethnic minorities, slum dwellers, students -- the vast army of today's disadvantaged and dispossessed must only be told they have -- they must actually have -- a stake in the nation: a fair share in the nation's product, a real part in making decisions that determine the national future, and effective control over their implementation. Only when the creative power of the poor is thus aroused and the hidden strength of the weak released will a nation gather the force to stand up to the pressures, the impositions and the exactions of rich nations. Only then will it be self-reliant because only then will it rely on the people, and the people are the nation.

PEOPLE TRULY UNITED:

In stressing that nations must become self-reliant before a truly

new international order can be created, we do not wish to diminish the efforts exerted in UNCTAD V, much less to deprecate the idea that gave it birth. We suggest only that more could be accomplished to bring about justice in this world if, in coming together, governments seek direct ways of ending poverty not only among nations but also within nations. Then perhaps the world may truly say that it is composed of united nations, people sharing peace and joy, not hunger and pain.

THE CHURCHES:

To help bring about this vision of the world has ever been the mission of the Churches. If at times, we have allowed our vision to become clouded and our commitment to waver, today we are clear that we can accomplish our mission dynamically and fruitfully only by having what Latin American Bishops have termed the "preferential option for the poor." More than our hearts must be for the poor: We must cast our lot with them; we must be one with them and become of them. Then we can help bring people together to work for the building up of self-reliant peoples -- which others have called Basic Christian Communities - where a fully human life can be enjoyed by all.

We pray that God will bless all attending the UNCTAD meeting and all men everywhere who work for justice. We pray, too, that HE give us the wisdom, compassion and courage that we need to carry out with the poor the building up of a truly just and human world.

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION - ANNUAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

When the Development Division was formed in 1973, the Conference listed the functions that would give shape to the Division's thrust within the Church. This year the Board has chosen to use some of these stated functions as headings under which to describe it's activities.

"To consult with other denominations with a view to joint planning and co-operative action".

Productive co-operation depends upon careful co-ordination and planning. Increasingly the Joint National Committee on Church Extension is fulfilling an important role co-ordinating the procedures and resources of the Negotiating Churches.

- + In order to provide an acceptable model for the sharing of Ministry in developing residential areas the J.N.C.C.E. has prepared a new basis of co-operation.
- + Ministry in low income housing areas is being monitored by the J.N.C.C.E. The insights that are emerging are being shared among the Negotiating Churches to help them in the appointment and support of staff and their families.
- + In response to requests from Union/Co-operating Parishes and Joint Regional Committees for more practical and sensitive procedures to guide the formation and development of Co-operative Ventures, the J.N.C.C.E. is revising the standard procedures.

The Committee hopes that the revisions and new material will give a lead not only to Parishes but also to Denominational Leaders and Church Courts. The Development Division, through it's Superintendent, takes an active role in the work of the Committee.

"To Plan for the development of the Church through the strengthening of present Churches and Circuits, through the creation of new new Churches and Circuits and new forms of Church enterprises and service".

a) Porirua

In close co-operation with the Wellington District, the Division has sought to support and encourage the pastoral/prophetic/ community orientated Ministry that the Porirua Circuit Board and the Rev. Don Borrie are pioneering within the City of Porirua.

Because Don Borrie's initial appointment ends on the 31 January, 1980, the District and the Division, in April of this year, reviewed the focus of the Circuit's Ministry. Arising from the Review was a strong endorsement for the Rev. Borrie's Community-Orientated Ministry.

Both the District and the Division have agreed to make substantial funding available to ensure that full-time Ministry can continue within the City for a further three years.

The significance of the Ministry of the Rév. Borrie and the Circuit Leaders cannot be measured in the conventional terms of financial and people support.

Rather the signs of effective Christian Ministry can be discerned among people and community organisations that are discovering their potential to plan, organise and implement action that is appropriate to their needs and aspirations.

This growth of awareness is not without its pain and conflict. People, City structures and Community Groups become caught up in an intense inter-action as ways of overcoming serious social difficulties are worked out.

In guaranteeing adequate financial support for the Circuit over the next three years, both the Division and the District are affirming the importance of a Ministry in Porirua City that seeks to challenge and change unjust systems and structures.

b) Paparoa

Last year the Paparoa Circuit requested the Development Division to appoint a lay person to provide Ministry within the Circuit.

The Circuit officials were aware that a young Baptist couple, Alan and Jenny Trethowen, who had provided leadership at family camps, were available to take up an appointment.

The Division, along with District representatives, initially helped the Circuit officials and the Quarterly Meeting to take stock of the Circuits need for a resident Minister to serve Paparoa and its environs.

Later, help was given to assist the Circuit and District identify the supervision necessary to support Alan in exercising a lay Ministry.

Having been convinced of the Circuit's needs and Alan's commitment to exercise a Ministry under the discipline of the Methodist Church the Division appointed him as a lay Ministerial supply for an initial twelve month period. His appointment commenced on the 1st June 1979.

Because the Circuit has not the financial resources to meet the cost of a full-time Supply Ministry, Alan is employed on a part-time basis - four days a week full-time Circuit Ministry and three days a week free to supplement his income.

"To maintain constant and regular contact with Circuits and Synods, so that the resources of the Connexion may be made available to each part of the Church, so that in each place Ministry and service may be constantly under review and local Churches assist to develop outreach and service."

During this year Barry Jones has acted as the leader in nine Circuit/Parish Strategy Consultations (Okato C.P. - Wellington South U.P. - Porirua - Gisborne - Glen Innes C.P. - Nelson/Waimea - Waimate - New Plymouth - Hawera). In each of these Consultations there has been a serious attempt by Ministers and Lay Leaders to review the life of the local Church. This has been done by identifying the areas of concern, acknowledging the range of resources present within the membership of the local Church, and setting realistic goals for more effective congregational life and outreach.

"To be responsible for Epworth Bookroom- Auckland"

Along with other major Church Bookrooms, Epworth Auckland shares a concern as to how people can be encouraged to read worthwhile Christian Literature. In consultation with Epworth, Wellington, the Bookroom has worked hard this year to encourage Ministers to develop consistent reading habits. A survey in August of Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican Ministers, revealed the areas where the Bookroom can improve it's organisation and marketing style.

The Bookroom is constantly faced with the problem of insufficient capital to purchase new stock as overhead costs continue to rise. Steps are being taken to provide long-term loan finance in order to revive the cycle of stock purchase and sales that is so vital to the life of the Bookroom. The Central Mission continues to provide a significant measure of support through a generous grant each year to offset rental costs.

The Bookroom is well served through it's competent staff: Alan Bailey - Manager, and his assistants Pat Beale and Jean Harford. Their conscientious and courteous service do a great deal to commend the Bookroom to the public.

"To be responsible for the Church's Policy and Programme of Evangelism".

The Division is aware of the renewed interest that Circuits/Parishes are showing towards the task of Evangelism.

It is heartened by the specific action taken by Churches and Districts to face up to the imperative of Evangelism.

For example, in the Auckland District the Synod has appointed three Regional Making Disciples Task Group conveners; North Shore - Janet Wright; Auckland Isthmus - Brian Malcouronne; South Auckland - Phil Taylor.

These conveners have each recruited a team to visit Circuits/Parishes for the purpose of encouraging and supporting the Making Disciples. By early August 95% of the Circuits/Parishes in the District had received a visit from Task Group members.

Understandably the response of Churches to the visits of the Task Groups has not been uniform. Some have requested the Task Group to provide more support, others have set some specific goals to

enable people to be recruited - trained and incorporated into the life of the Church.

In South Canterbury, the District has held two Schools of Discipleship; as a result of these schools most of the Circuits/Parishes within the District have made the Making of Disciples a priority within the ongoing life of their congregations.

Significant discoveries and learnings are emerging from these local and regional initiatives. The Division's own Making Disciples Task Group, which is based on Palmerston North, seeks reports and evaluations from around the country so that the learnings might be shared and the Church's overall evangelistic effectiveness increased.

The Task Group uses the Action Folders as a means of sharing the stories and learnings that are emerging. In reporting to the Division in August, the Task Group noted that:-

"Within the group itself members have been grappling with their own theological differences, which in turn, colour the emphases they think we should be promoting. Labelling and categorising can be misleading, but polarisation usually happens between, on the one hand, those with a 'charismatic' emphasis, with a focus on personal experience, personal spiritual growth, and the Holy Spirit; and on the other hand, those who attempt to hold together, personal experience and social responsibility, personal spiritual growth and community and material development, and the Kingdom of God and the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. Task Group members are aware that their grapplings reflect the tension in most parts of the church.

Regardless of particular emphases, the Task Group encourages any congregation which engages in mission, to make use of its resources for planning and evaluating, as well as its insights and experience. We need to continually evaluate our effectiveness, to increase it, and our sensitivity to what we are offering, and asking of people in God's name.

Numerous resources are referred to the Task Group - among the regular and the recent have been:- WCC Monthly Letter on Evangelism - World Methodist Council Publications - 'Telling my Story; Sharing Our Faith' - United Church of Canada - 'Agenda for a Biblical People' - Jim Wallace - 'Assimilating New Members - Lyle Schaller -

Current and future work is in the following broad areas:-

- + Sharing Our Story. Preparing an audio-visual programme which illustrates some NZ "Making Disciples" stories; in order to inform, but especially to motivate congregations to Making Disciples actions.*
- + Publication - of resources, including occasional "Making Disciples Action Folders".*

- + Doing Theology; providing a basis for our people (especially our local decision-makers) to share and to check with one another their experiences and understanding of God's grace, in order to make a clearer, more positive proclamation together.
- + Receiving and Giving - participating in the global evangelistic task of the church, by keeping contact with other NZ Churches, with the World Methodist Family, and the wider world Christian Family through the W.C.C."

Earlier this year the Task Group clarified its own operational goals as follows:-

- a) The co-ordination and distribution of examples, insights, and learnings arising from both local Church action and sources wider than New Zealand Methodism.
- b) The preparation of resources to meet explicit Circuit/Parish needs especially the provision of trained people who are available to assist Churches:-
 - + To grapple with the basic theological principles of Evangelism.
 - + To plan for specific action in Making Disciples.
 - + To become aware of the implications for members - structures when people respond to the challenge of Christian discipleship.
 - + To evaluate the effectiveness of any programme undertaken.

In its report to the Division the Task Group stated that "the task of monitoring, informing, sharing and stimulating our churches in the opportunities to Make Disciples provides the Task Group with a challenging and rewarding agenda".

TED GROUNDS: CHAIRMAN

BARRY JONES: SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT - 1979

The Samoan Policy Committee met once this year on 28 April at the Samoan Centre, St John's, Ponsonby.

1. *LAY PREACHERS' ACCREDITATION, EXAMINATION & TRAINING:*

- a) Accreditation: The Samoan Policy Committee resolved to request the New Zealand Lay Preachers Association to issue Certificates of Recognition to Samoan Lay Preachers who, though un-accredited had, nevertheless, consistently served as effective preachers. It was also resolved that the Certificates of Recognition be given only to those Lay Preachers who have been active prior to the beginning of 1974.
- b) Examination: In accordance with the Resolution of the 1978 Conference, Lay Preachers material has been available to Samoan Lay Preachers in both English and Samoan. The use of the Samoan Language material has proved helpful in assisting candidates to prepare for and to sit Lay Preachers' examinations.
- c) Training: The Samoan Policy Committee approved in principle the holding of a Lay Preachers' School of Theology to be held during the Christmas Holidays, and has asked Samoan Local Fellowships for their comments. The aims of the school will be:
 - i) To enable Lay Preachers to get together and share their thoughts and experiences.
 - ii) To enable Lay Preachers to hear and learn new ideas from guest speakers and leaders within the Church.
 - iii) To enrich the standard of preaching.

2. *MINISTRY:*

Rev S Amituana'i expressed his concern about the present trend of the Samoan Ministry within the Methodist Church of New Zealand. He was anxious about the drift of lay people towards the Samoan Conference. Two Lay Preachers left the Methodist Church of NZ last year and were accepted by the Samoan Conference, and stationed in local parishes in New Zealand as probationers. This year, three are seeking appointment under the Samoan Conference. The simple reason being that they feel they are no longer used by the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

The Committee debated the issue raised by the Rev Amituana'i and it finally resolved:

- a) That it agrees in principle to the strategy that the

New Zealand Conference appoint self-supporting Samoan Ministers to each Samoan Fellowship under its jurisdiction.

- b) That it confer with the Committee on Ministry concerning the issue and implications involved.

3. *REVIEW OF THE FOCUS OF THE REV AMITUANA 'I'S MINISTRY:*

Two Samoan Fellowships outside Auckland raised with the Committee the matter of Rev Amituana'i returning to a full-time Connexional Ministry in order to enable him to give priority to the translation of Lay Preachers material into the Samoan Language. After discussion it was resolved:

- a) That the Executive of the Samoan Policy Committee undertake a review of the future focus of Rev Amituana'i's Ministry (Connexional or Connexional and Circuit) and report to the 1980 Samoan Policy Committee.
- b) That in undertaking the review, the Executive consult with -
- i) The Auckland District Samoan Fellowship
 - ii) The Auckland District Synod
 - iii) The Auckland Central Circuit
 - iv) The Development Division
- c) That the Samoan Policy Committee Executive takes immediate steps to ensure that Rev Amituana'i is released from some Circuit, Connexional and District duties to enable him to concentrate upon the translation of material for Samoan Lay preachers Examinations.

4. *REPRESENTATIVES & SUBSTITUTES TO CONFERENCE 1979:*

Representatives: Mr Fonoti and Mr Tugia
Substitutes: Mr Mika and Mr Sao

5. *MEMBERSHIP FOR 1980:*

WELLINGTON	-	Tuau Tiatia, Lani Tupu, Iosia Taulelei, Salafai Mika, Elisaia Mareko
HAWKES BAY MANAWATU	-	Joe Unasa, Mapu Tuimaseve, Alifa Sale
WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY	-	Alesana Letoa, Solomona Usu
AUCKLAND	-	Fonoti V, Fono Kitiona, Alaivae Aiolutupo, Asiata S, Malaga Kaleopa, Tuau Tupu, Matamua Vili, Sione Taoa, Folasa Tupu, Arona Galuvao, Fagfua Sami, Matamua Samuelu, Faleaana Kopelani
CHAIRMAN:		Rev D B Gordon
CONVENER:		Rev S T Amituana'i
RECOMMENDATION:		That the Report be Received.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF METHODISM SCHOLARSHIP FUND 1979

Since the fund was established 42 Maori and Polynesian students wishing to continue their education at higher levels have received grants totalling approximately \$25,000. On the recommendation of the Principal, several senior pupils of Wesley College, Paerata receive scholarships each year. In accordance with the terms of the Fund, its capital will be exhausted within the ten years of the date of the Methodist Conference, 1972.

Edith I. Gorringe, Convener

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Report be received.

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION.

ANNUAL REPORT 1979

"The objective for Christian education is that all persons be aware of God through his self-disclosure, especially his redeeming love as revealed in Jesus Christ, and that they respond in faith and love - to the end that they may know who they are and what their human situation means, grow as people of God rooted in the Christian community, live in the Spirit of God in every relationship, fulfil their common discipleship in the world, and abide in the Christian hope." (Co-operative Curriculum Project, U.S.A.)

"The church's educational ministry cannot function at a level higher than the life of the church. If Christian education is to introduce persons to the life, faith and mission of the church, the church must be the kind of community it professes to be. Because Christian education is the Christian community teaching, there can be no renewal of the educational ministry apart from renewal of the church." (W. Kent Gilbert.)

A Word of Explanation

In the Report 'The Connexional Budget - its Format, its Formation, and its Timing', the Education Division is encouraged to pursue the restructuring of its Budget and Accounts in programmatic terms. Eventually this will enable our church to better understand the extent of the programmes which it is funding - e.g. lay training, continuing education for ministry etc - rather than just the items of expenditure - e.g. stipends, travelling, overheads etc. For this to happen there needs to be a direct correlation between the way the accounts are set out, and the way the Report is set out. If, for instance, the Accounts contain funding for a programme concerned with 'developing the skills to teach Biblical knowledge and Christian doctrine' then the Report needs to give some explanation as to the content of that programme. Some tentative progress is being made in doing this in the Planning and Training Section of the Division, and the Report below indicates this.

In order to arrive at a means of Reporting in programmatic terms three major headings have been identified:-

- 1) Activities concentrating on Christian Education at local Church, Circuit and Regional levels.
- 2) Activities concentrating on Christian Education on a nationwide, ecumenical and beyond New Zealand level.
- 3) Activities concentrating on Christian Education for specific categories of people.

It is difficult to be hard and fast about the categories as they have numerous overlaps. The production of 'Contact' for instance, which is treated as a nationwide venture, is meant to bring information to local churches.

An educated guess has been made on the way the two Directors - Frank Hanson and Loyal Gibson - have used their time during the financial year 1978/79. This works out at 27% for 1 above, 49% for 2, and 24% for 3. In terms of the 1978/79 Budget for the Planning and Training Section, if supplies and expenses are allocated in the same proportion as time, then the proportionate share of the total costs is \$13,100 for 1 above, \$23,800 for 2, and \$11,600 for 3. (For additional information see the Appendix attached.)

PLANNING AND TRAINING SECTION

A base to begin from.

In an extensive Review that took place in 1977 feed-back from the church at large indicated high ratings for the following areas:-

- * ministry with families
- * building the quality of community life through human relations training
- * the skills to teach Biblical knowledge and Christian doctrine.
- * training for leadership in the local church
- * greater emphasis on spiritual aspects - prayer, commitment etc.

In the light of this the Division was asked to:-

- * give more localised help
- * concentrate on leadership development
- * provide resources, and
- * in all of these and other aspects of its work to make the spiritual dimension more explicit.

These provide helpful guide-lines against which the Section's work is planned.

An objective to work towards.

During the year the Directors and the Board have been trying to look ahead to areas of major future development. At this stage, they would appear to be:-

- (a) an intensification of leadership and skill training both for ministers and lay people through;
 - * the development of regional and 'cluster' leadership
 - * the development of further Education Division Associates
 - * the further development of LAOS, the Methodist Lay Training Course
 - * the production of a range of resources for use regionally and/or locally to assist this process.
- (b) an increasing move into the intergenerational field

- (c) an increasing emphasis on the educational dimensions involved in multi-cultural relationships, and community, development and world issues.
- (d) a developing commitment to identify and resource the educational dimensions of Christian spirituality, especially in relation to Bible study, prayer, worship and growth of the person in Christ.

These are not stated dogmatically nor in priority order. Future directions need always to be set in dialogue with, and in response to, the wider church. But they represent where we feel we could be going 'at the moment'.

With these past and future indications in front of us we turn to a description of some of our work and our hopes in the programmatic terms mentioned above.

1. Activities concentrating on Christian Education at local church, Circuit and regional levels. (Estimated 1979 cost \$13,000 i.e. 27% of total section budget)
- a) Training for leadership in the local church.

The development of leadership potential is a high priority. Although only a limited amount of time can be spent with local congregations, this is fostered in a variety of ways either by providing training at a regional level, or by training those who can train others. The appointment of the first six Education Division Associates has, on the whole, been well received, and they are being used in local training events. They were involved in a week-end of training in November 1978. Further recruiting in this area is continuing, but there appear to be difficulties particularly associated with the metropolitan areas where it will be necessary to recruit teams of people. The 'clustering' or 'regionalising' of areas of the church's life is beginning to open up training possibilities to be worked at along with the Development Division. Regular Christian Education leaflets are being produced, especially beamed at the needs of local congregations. These are distributed free to ministers and congregations through the local 'Contact' person, but back copies or larger numbers are available through the Division. A two-session leadership kit "Personnel Resources Bank" is also available on hire from the Division.

- b) Developing the skills to teach Biblical knowledge and Christian doctrine.

Seven Methodist ministers were among the 40 participants at the Bible Study Enablers' School led by Dr Hans Ruedi Weber in Wellington in February. Other lay people and ministers were able to attend Seminars in both Auckland and Christchurch. A host of new and stimulating Bible study methods are now available, and the use of them is encouraging people to discover new ways of getting into Bible Study. For too long we have relied too heavily on verbal methods alone. That day, hopefully, is passing. In practically every Synodal District there should now be

people able to assist and guide congregations wishing to experience new dimensions of Bible Study, and Synods, Regional groupings and Circuits are urged to make use of them. Names of suggested contacts can be provided by the Division. Divisional staff have also been involved in helping to provide these skills through written resources and on a regional basis.

c) Encouraging and enabling an emphasis on spiritual aspects of Christian education.

A further booklet of worship resources, many of them from New Zealand Methodists, is due to be distributed, and resources to aid participation in worship have also been prepared. However, in this area, paper resources are insufficient, and practical and experiential training is also necessary to build confidence and to experience new possibilities. Some new devotional models, and some creative worship possibilities can be offered, as well as some guidance on ways more traditional services can make more use of educational insights. In this regard we have a feeling that the time is ripe for a further series of Worship Workshops to build on those held several years ago. In the area of worship leadership and the devotional life we ministers and lay preachers need constant re-newing.

d) Enabling and encouraging ministry with families.

Giving more adequate assistance to families so that they are equipped to undertake responsibility for some Christian education in their own homes is another high priority. Building on the valuable work of a Palmerston North Task Group, a sub-Committee of the Board is now preparing material which can be used in the home setting by parents and children. We want to encourage families to set aside, say, an evening a week, when the family can together become involved in activities and devotional exercises which can be a stimulus to Christian and family growth and development. An increasing amount of resource material is reaching us from overseas, and our hope is to help introduce some of this material by making sample programmes widely available.

e) Enabling and encouraging ministry with children.

The responses to a questionnaire sent to 70 of our churches during the year showed a wide-spread appreciation of the insights and learnings which have been brought here by the visits of Stan Stewart and others. It is obvious, in this International Year of the Child, how seriously the needs of children in worship and educational settings are being considered. This is an area where a lot of helpful sharing can take place between congregations and ministers on the basis of experience. A number of worthwhile experiments are also taking place in different styles of Sunday School, although the traditional Sunday School continues to cater for the needs of the majority of our churches. Finding Sunday School teachers is a major hurdle in many congregations, and some alternative ways of setting up teaching teams are now being used. 1980 is the 200th Anniversary of the Sunday School movement, and discussions that take place during it, especially

in regard to the future of the Christian Life Curriculum, could well be a watershed. Regarding training most local areas have the capacity to run Sunday School training programmes by making use of skilled local teachers and other resource people. As an added help the Division has bought in from Australia 12 copies of a training kit, 'Helping Learners to Learn' and these are available for hire by congregations.

f) Promoting intergenerational activities.

There is undoubtedly widespread interest throughout our church in the possibilities of intergenerational worship and education. The SPAN series of books produced by the Joint Board has provided helpful advice and stimulus in this regard. Also, this year has seen the production of the first four kits in the "Growing Together" programme. These each provide the resources for two one-hour educational sessions which may, or may not, be linked with worship. At the moment the Joint Board is pausing to evaluate their use before producing further material, but reactions to these initial kits has been enthusiastic. It is important, when deciding on their use, that ministers and local church leaders should be involved in the discussions as well as Local Education Committees. Kits on 'We Belong Together', Holy-Week, Pentecost, and Holy Communion are available and are as relevant in 1980 as they have been in 1979. In order to help people gain confidence with the material some Intergenerational Workshops have been held on a regional basis.

2. Activities concentrating on Christian Education on a nationwide, ecumenical and beyond-New Zealand level.

(Estimated 1979 Cost \$23,800 - i.e. 49% of total section Budget.)

a) Building the quality of community life.

Although the quality of congregational life is a spin-off from the worship and activities in which its people are involved, it is nevertheless one of the important tests of what the church is all about. 'Building Christian Community' continues to be an important theme underlying all our work, although it has not involved any specific programmes as such during the past year. We believe that for the local congregation it is complementary to the task of 'Making Disciples', with which it goes hand-in-hand.

b) Training for Leadership Development in general.

Whereas some leadership training is focussed on specific needs in local churches (see 1a above), other training is more concerned with the development of leadership qualities in general. Several Youth Leadership Training Week-ends, 'Thinking Aloud' Schools, and other ventures have been fostered for this purpose. Leadership Grants Applications have provided some funding in this regard. Our Division is fully committed in philosophy and staff time to the re-establishment of human relations and group leadership training through the Churches Leadership Training Committee, and has begun to again subsidise Methodist people who are able to

benefit from this type of experience, and feed its results back into the life of our church.

c) Organising LAOS, the Methodist Lay Training Course.

A good deal of effort has gone into establishing the Laos Course, so that the two subjects which were available towards the end of 1978 have now grown to eight with a further two in preparation. Of necessity the major emphasis has been preparing the five stage two Courses which are now required for Lay Preachers' Candidates, (Old Testament 2, New Testament 2, Theology 2, Church in Society 2, Worship 2). These five Courses cover both Assignments assessed by tutors and examinations marked by examiners. They are available for use by Samoan candidates who may sit in their own language. There have been teething problems due to the constraints of dead-lines etc., but the 178 Registrations made during 1979 up to the 1st August, reveals something of the need being felt in this area. Planning is proceeding towards the production of further modules. A widely representative ecumenical Seminar on Lay Training and Adult Education Courses was held at Wallis House towards the end of July and opened up the possibility of sharing and co-operation in certain aspects of this broad topic.

d) Emphasising camping as an important aspect of Christian Education.

Residential and Camping settings can provide the time and opportunities for growth that is often not possible within the proscribed limits of more routine weekly programmes.

We are aware that the questionnaire taken at the 1978 Conference revealed a need for assistance with Camping programmes, and are planning to at least produce some resources which can help fill this gap. In this regard the Joint Board continues to produce new material, and the profusion of intergenerational material now available can also often be used in the camping setting. However, we see the major immediate question in this area as the one that relates to Methodist camp-sites and their development, re-development, or rationalisation. A major review of Methodist Campsite property and use is urgently required, but this will require a great deal more of staff time (and therefore cost) than has been possible during this year. We see ourselves performing a consultative and enabling role in this area.

e) Sharing in Curriculum (C.L.C.) development.

As a partner church in the Joint Board of Christian Education we retain regular links with the Melbourne office and staff. The Joint Board magazines 'On The Move' and 'Youthleader' continue their quality and usefulness, and readily print contributions New Zealand Methodists are able to offer. As well as publishing a continuing supply of resources and books Joint Board staff are currently engaged in setting up a major review of the Curriculum. This will involve such questions as responses to the Growing Together programme, possibilities for all-age Christian education, the relation between education and worship in a local church, the possibility of devising a programme which has a biblical study

base and is appropriate for all ages, the possibility of structuring a parish education programme either on or in close relationship to the lectionary. In other words an exploration of the gains and losses for adopting different approaches to local church education to those currently envisaged in the C.L.C. Dr David Merritt plans a visit to New Zealand to discuss these matters during September, and will meet with groups in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. A Curriculum Conference will be held in Melbourne in April 1980, at which our church will be represented, but other ways will also be used to test out Methodist opinion.

f) Participating in Connexional and Ecumenical activities aimed at;

planning and actioning missionary and educational strategies for the church/es.

g) Providing general advice on the whole range of Christian Education

through correspondence, 'Contact', Reports, personal interviews and visits to local congregations, ministers, leaders and teachers, Synods and Committees.

h) Supervising and participating in the administration of the Division.

These three headings between them represent 25% of stafftime spent on the bread-and-butter work of the Division- but work which is nevertheless basic in enabling it to carry out its objectives, and in assisting local congregations and people.

3. Activities concentrating on Christian Education for specific categories of people. (Estimated 1979 cost \$11,600 i.e. 24% of total Section budget.)

a) Participating in the education and continuing education of Ordained Ministers and students for the ministry.

This year has seen the building of further links with the staff of the Theological College especially in the areas where our training responsibilities overlap with one another, for instance in the training of deacons and self-supporting presbyters and some aspects of continuing ministerial and lay training. A regional training programme for both ministers and lay people, and involving College and Division Staff has also been run as a pilot scheme in Taranaki.

b) Encouraging adult education.

Although adult education can be defined specifically under a number of the other headings (i.e. Training for Leadership Development, developing the skills to teach Biblical knowledge etc.), it is nevertheless important to recognise this whole general area. Too often the C.L.C. and Christian Education are still equated with children and youth alone, whereas the bulk of our educational opportunities and experiences come to us in adulthood.

c) Guiding and fostering youth ministry.

The National Task Group continues to act as the cutting edge

of our experience of youth ministry. They are concerned that youth ministry be not seen as something separate in its own right, but rather as an integral part of the life of our church. Because youth events can tend to heighten the gap between youth and congregation, their major project at the moment is finding ways of opening up dialogue between adults and youth in a congregational setting so that we are able to listen to each other's concerns.

Marton provided an ideal setting for a Methodist Youth Conference for 150 people over the past New Year. Plans are going ahead for two Conferences this coming New Year and January - Kaiapoi in the South, and Wesley College, Paerata, in the North. This will enable greater numbers to attend, and a common theme and some common leadership will provide a sense of unity. A gathering of Methodist Youth Leadership is being planned for Queens Birthday 1980, and an Ecumenical Hui is to be held at Turangawaewae Marae in 1981.

During the year Mr John Grant, Youth Worker in Hamilton, has continued to offer valuable leadership on a National level as well as locally and regionally, and we are grateful to the St Paul's Trust Hamilton for the funding which makes this possible. He has been joined by two other youth workers - Mark Gibson in Wanganui and Peter Henwood, in Papakura whose work is centred in both church and community settings. Both also receive funding from local church and other sources. The Division is open to other possibilities for youth worker appointments.

d) Developing multi-cultural awareness.

We recognise that we are a multi-cultural country and a multi-cultural church. However, so much of our effort as a Division is concentrated on pakeha needs. We have recognised the need to give this matter higher priority but this will require increased staff time, and must necessarily be at the expense of some other categories. Perhaps one of our initial exercises needs to be raising pakeha awareness of our racial attitudes.

e) Providing leadership within Synod/s

f) Engaging in study for the sake of the church and for personal fulfilment.

The enabling, supporting and representative roles which are part of e), and the personal growth areas which are part of f) are necessary and legitimate expressions of ministry, demand time and therefore funding.

EPWORTH BOOKROOM. (WELLINGTON.)

It has been the recent policy of the Methodist Education Division to present Epworth Bookroom (Wellington) to the Church as an integral part of the Division, and for the past three years Glyn Jones, the manager of the Bookroom has been on the Board as a staff member. This means there is a closer liaison between the Bookroom and the other sections of the Division. It means too that not only is Glyn aware of the decisions of the Board, but

he knows the background to those decisions. This helps in selecting stock and resource material in the areas where the Division and the church are working.

The Bookroom needs to continually look at ways of servicing the churches more effectively. At present it is undertaking a marketing review where a specific number of people in eight churches and parishes throughout New Zealand have been asked to fill in answers to a questionnaire. It is hoped that the answers will provide information on the reading needs of people, and whether those needs are being readily met with books from the Bookroom.

Keeping in touch with what is being published overseas particularly in specialized areas, is difficult, and Glyn will be travelling to the United States and Canada in September to make contact with various publishing houses. He will also be looking at marketing procedures and at bookshops in all aspects of their work.

Epworth Bookrooms, Auckland and Wellington, are working closer together particularly in advertising books and it is hoped that all future advertising will be put out jointly.

JOINT METHODIST/PRESBYTERIAN STEWARDSHIP SECTION.

The Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the Conference of the Methodist Church last year in November agreed in principle to the establishment from February 1st 1979 of a Joint Stewardship Section.

The Section has been in existence for five months of the year under review. The Joint Advisory Group comprising representatives of both Churches has met on a regular basis and has sought to clarify objectives for the Joint Section. Of prime importance has been the attempt to recruit a suitable appointee to the second full-time staff position. No appointment is yet in sight.

21 Stewardship Programmes have been conducted with half of these in Methodist Circuits - 25% in Union or Co-operating Parishes - and the remainder in either Presbyterian or Anglican Parishes. The results achieved are showing a very healthy trend - with the average pledge in 4 programmes exceeding \$4 per week. More recognition is being given to the variety of programmes offered by the Section and the evolution towards a modular concept is progressing slowly.

In keeping with the Education Division intention to model programme budgeting, the accounts for the 1978/79 year have been rewritten in programme terms. In summary form they show

income from fees totalling	\$22,125
from the Connexional Budget	3,915
from Grant from Presbyterian Church	520
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	\$26,560
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Expenditure was incurred as follows,

- Preparing for and conducting Stewardship Programmes	\$15,416
- Consulting with Churches/Parishes	2,878
- Administering the Section, i.e. Support for and liaison with Staff, correspondence, timetabling programmes etc.,	4,552
- Exercising responsibilities to Education Division as part of staff team.	3,820
- Exercising responsibilities to Church at large, e.g. inter Church Consultations, attending Conferences, Councils, Committees - preparing papers etc.,	1,965
- Training - e.g. attending training experiences	
- training Field Staff,	1,461
- Providing Educational and Promotional material	637
TOTAL	<u>\$30,729</u>

An increase in fees is unfortunately inevitable in order to avoid future deficits of this order.

The appointment of another full-time Staff member and a reordering of priorities will enable the Section in the future to offer more by way of resource material for use in Parishes, and more consultative services.

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)

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION.

Appendix to Annual Report of Planning & Training Section

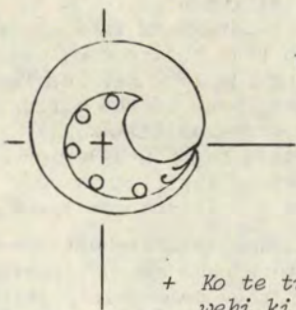
Estimate of Actual Time and Cost of each Category - 1978/79

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<u>Description of Category</u>	% of total staff time spent in this category.	Amount of Stipend Component used in category	Cost of Category. *
1. <u>Activities concentrating on Christian Education at local church, circuit and regional levels.</u>			
a. Training for leadership in the local church.	10½	1695	5084
b. Developing the skills to teach Biblical knowledge & Christian doctrine.	3	484	1453
c. Encouraging & Enabling an emphasis on Spiritual aspects of Christian Education.	3	484	1453
d. Enabling & Encouraging Ministry with Families	3	484	1452
e. Enabling & encouraging Ministry with Children	3½	565	1695
f. Promoting intergenerational activities	4	646	1936
	27%	4358	13073
2. <u>Activities concentrating on Christian Education on a nationwide ecumenical & beyond N.Z. level.</u>			
a. Building the quality of Community life	4	646	1936
b. Training for leadership development in general.	5½	887	2663
c. Organising LAOS, the Methodist Lay Training Course.	9	1453	4358

d. Emphasising Camping as an important aspect of Christian Education.	2	323	968
e. Sharing in Curriculum (C.L.C.) development	3½	565	1695
f. Participating in Connexional & ecumenical activities	6	968	2905
g. Providing general advice on whole range of Christian Education.	8	1291	3874
h. Supervising & participating in the Administration of the Division.	11	1775	5327
	49%	7908	23726
3. <u>Activities concentrating on Christian Education for specific Categories of people.</u>			
a. Participating in the Education and Continuing Education of Ordained Ministers & students for Ministry.	2½	404	1210
b. Encouraging Adult Education	1	161	484
c. Guiding & fostering Youth Ministry	12½	2018	6053
d. Developing multi-cultural awareness	1	161	484
e. Providing leadership within Synods	4	646	1937
f. Engaging in Personal Study for sake of the Division and for own sake.	3	484	1453
+ Revised Budget NOT actual # 1% = \$484 of total Section Budget.	24	3874	11621
TOTALS	100% #	\$16140	\$48420 +

* This figure represents the total Section Budget (i.e. Stipend, plus travelling, rental of property, overheads, general expenses etc) Within the Section Budget, stipends account for 33% and supplies and expenses for 66%



TE TAHA MAORI O TE HAAHI WETERIANA

(b) Methodist Maori Division

ANNUAL REPORT 1979

- + *Ko te timatanga o te whakaaro nui ko te wehi ki a Ihowa.*
- + *Whakahonoretia nga tangata katoa. Otira, ia te mokopuna o te motu i a Te Atairangikahu, me nga morehu waihotanga iho o ratou kua menemene atu ki tua o te arai.*
- + *Arohaina nga teina me nga tuakana o ia iwi, o ia karangaranga huri noa nga moutere, me te ao.*

NGA MATE KI NGA MATE

In our mihi to all we include also our respect to members of the church family who have died during this Connexional year, and 'mingle our tears' with those of families and kin who have suffered bereavement.

Although in the last year or so he had been ill on and off, it came as a complete surprise and shock to hear of the death of Kaikarakia rehita, Mare Rogers, on the 12th June. Mare was in his tenth year of "self-supporting" ministry in and around Kaikohe. and throughout the Tai Tokerau Circuit. He had grown to become a much valued team leader of the Circuit and will be greatly missed. We convey our arohanui to his wife, Timaru, and their grown-up family who survive him.

*Na reira e Mare, whai muri i te tini i te mano;
Ngaro oti atu to tinana i roto i o iwi, i o hoa;
Haere e Mare, haere, haere, haere.*

LEADERSHIP

We are very conscious that this year terminates a relationship in ministry with Harold Darvill, or Tawera, as he is better known among us, and his good wife Alison. Tawera's pending retirement will remove from our more immediate access especially, a personal and direct continuity with earlier leaders, elders and significant events in the life of Te Taha Maori stretching back over thirty years. This accumulated personal knowledge and experience has not only been stimulating, but it has also been of tremendous value in helping us shape and direct the changes of more recent years. A distinct gap will result from his retirement--and we will miss his story-telling! Although saddened by the prospect, we also rejoice that at long last he and Alison can look forward to a more settled life together, and

we pray they will enjoy many years in retirement. Wati Tahere is currently serving out his 25th year in ministry. The Board has conveyed to Wati its hope that before too long circumstances will permit him to take up the long service leave due. We report the acceptance late last year of the offers of Tahuu Heremaia and Piriniha Tawhai to serve as Kaikarakia rehita (Honorary Home Missionaries) within the South Region of the Tamaki Circuit. And in July, it was a thrill to have Henare Pate inducted into the full-time appointment at Tokoroa.

The ministries of Herehere Maaka and Samson Toia are well-known in the Tai Tokerau Circuit. It therefore came as no surprise to receive a strong recommendation that they be ordained at this year's Conference. We have complete confidence in them both and our members value their leadership whether in or out of the marae situation.

In general, many will be left wondering what to make of the further ordination of their Deaconesses, this time to the Presbyterate. Reconciling a change in name to function as one result, will no doubt prove an interesting exercise for some. Finally, we record our appreciation of the way in which Charlie Fenwick has identified the office of Vice President whenever possible with our own Divisional and Circuit activities, as well as those occurring within the wider Maori community.

FINANCE

Our problems remain in this respect. We are encouraged, however, by the effort Circuits have made in the past financial year to improve our overall position. This, together with legacies received, in particular, from the Estates of James Sommerville, Emily Sunnex and Louise Allcott; Connexional Trusts' grants and several month's less stipends--all have helped realise the end of year balance shown in our accounts. For a considerable part of the year the Division is obliged to operate in overdraft and the level of Bank charges resulting is of concern. We are also troubled by the relationship between our financial position and staffing, particularly with the kind of increases and parity of stipends pending. It's recollected that in 1969 a staff of 22 was operating in the field that at that time excluded the present Wellington and Christchurch appointments. Today the number is significantly halved. Although the need exists, escalating costs deter us from contemplating the additional staff which we'd have little difficulty locating.

PROPERTY

A new parsonage in Christchurch, a replacement parsonage in Te Kuiti and a new property adjoining the present parsonage at Massey Road, Mangere, to serve eventually as a centre for a variety of Circuit, Divisional and community activities, are our main commitments, together with a deferred maintenance programme for much of our other properties. To help meet loan repayments two redundant parsonages have been placed on the market

and others are being processed. In the meantime, the Division is extremely grateful for the loan facilities offered by the Special Account. It would also like to express thanks to the Methodist Women's Fellowship for accepting the new property at Mangere as its 1979-80 Special Objective.

TE ROPU WAHINE

The May Huihuinga that has now become an annual event for our women was this year's main focus of attention and common interest. In the context of the theme chosen--Travelling On--representatives from Circuits, including Poneke, shared a stimulating time of discussion, reporting and fellowship. The programme was arranged by the Waikato Te Ropu Wahine, who hosted the Huihuinga marae-style at the Te Rahui Tane Centre, Hamilton.

TE RANGATAHI

Queen's Birthday Weekend was again an occasion taken to review our ministry with young people. This time leaders were called together. Although every Circuit was unable to be represented the exchange of experience, ideas and overall reflection that ensued was considered very helpful. The consultation was held at Te Huinga Centre, Te Kuiti, and hosted by the Rohe Potae Circuit.

We are not unmindful of the situation represented in the fact that 66% of the total Maori population is under the age of 24. Consequently, our concern remains that in each of our Circuits we are failing to establish and sustain a more intensive and relevant ministry with our young people. In the latter respect especially we are aware of the tremendous need presented by the current unemployment scene; the 'gang' phenomenon; many young person's lack of a sense of belonging and overall crisis of identity.

At the same time, however, we are also conscious of the number of rangatahi who are assisted by the limited ministries staff and Circuits are able to provide with existing resources and, of the service offered each year to some eighty odd through our Hostels.

HOSTELS

Te Rahui Tane/Wahine.

We are grateful for the time and energy members of our Hostel Management Committee devote to the oversight and day-to-day affairs of our two Hamilton Hostels. In particular, we wish to acknowledge the Secretarial and Accounting side of Hostel operations assumed by Mrs Doreen Bailey with detailed care and dedicated personal interest.

With 43 in residence Te Rahui Tane is enjoying a further year of satisfactory relationships all round. A good tone has been maintained and trade trainee's examination results are proving

a credit to themselves and all associated with their life and training. Through membership on the Management Committee a close liaison is kept with class tutors at the Waikato Technical Institute.

Te Rahui Wahine is currently experiencing a time of 'vacant' beds. By July numbers had dropped to 15. The unemployment situation and a change in Maori Affairs Department policy is believed to be contributing to this situation. The position is most of all reflected in the Hostel Accounts where for the year ending 31 March last, a cash deficit of \$6,535.43 as against \$2,149.00 in 1978 is registered. Present Government subsidy on operational losses is at \$8.00 per bed per week.

It's around ten year's ago that Matron Maude, and Paddy Nikora took over the running of Te Rahui Wahine at 4 Bryce Street. Their personal dedication and utter concern for the total well-being and welfare of the young women who have come and gone from the Hostel in this time, have always been beyond the call of duty. We have been served tremendously by both Maude and Paddy, often at considerable sacrifice to themselves. It is therefore with deep regret that we report their decision to resign at the end of this year for health reasons. We pray that this earlier release than anticipated from Hostel over-sight and supervision will help in the recovery of health desired and allow both to enjoy many more years together in less demanding circumstances.

Seamer House.

We are happy to be able to report a satisfactory year insofar as the internal life and operation of the Hostel is concerned. In May there were 24 young women in residence, the majority taking the hair-dressing course at the Manukau Technical Institute. This number has remained constant. A good family atmosphere has prevailed and inter-hostel activity is becoming a regular feature of the Auckland Hostel scene. Again with regret we report that our Matron Robin and Jim Peters have intimated their intention to relinquish their charge of the Hostel at the end of the year. Assuming the Matronship and oversight of Seamer House under something of a crisis situation, as it had been decided to close the Hostel, all credit is theirs for the way in which they applied themselves to the difficult task of virtually re-establishing the internal life of the Hostel to the state it is in today. This, together with bringing up a very young family has not been without its attendant problems. Consequently, we are also grateful to the small committee that has supported Robin and Jim since they began. Sister Barbara Miller has maintained for the most part, weekly contact with the Hostel and shares in the conduct of a regular monthly Service there.

Financially, however, Seamer House continues to experience difficulties having to run in overdraft for a considerable part

of the year until the Department of Maori Affairs's subsidy grant is processed and received.

The Auckland Savings Bank has maintained a close interest in Seamer House almost from its inception, appreciating the service it represents to the community at large. This year another grant of \$500.00 was received from the ASB and we record our thanks and appreciation of this continuing expression of support and goodwill.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MAORI SECTION

Hosted in March by the Anglican church at Hairini marae, Tauranga, this year's Annual General Meeting was the most successful held for a number of years now, both in respect to numbers attending and the range and depth of discussion that ensued. The Roman Catholic church, in particular, through the Archdiocese of Wellington, is now directly involved in the life and programme of the Maori Section.

In order to facilitate study, research and appropriate action on the numerous questions relating to land, and to maintain more effective links with the Urban Rural Committee of the Christian Conference of Asia and the World Council of Churches Programme to Combat Racism, Te Ropu Tomokia has been formed to be an expression of the NCC Maori Section and Catholic concern in these areas. The two major tasks to which it has applied itself this year have been the drawing up and presenting of submissions to the Royal Commission on the Maori Land Courts, and the Maori Affairs Bill 1978, both of which have December deadlines. We are happy to be a participating member of this working action-reflection body.

In the past year or so the Maori Section has been giving thought to the constitution under which it presently functions and is proposing a new one which draws on the stimulus and experience gained, for instance, in the recent formation of the Bishopric of Aotearoa. We are pleased to report that the current Chairman of the NCC Maori Section is Samson Toia, and the Secretary is the Reverend Charles Joe of the Baptist Maori Department, who resides in Pukekohe.

CONNEXIONAL TRUSTS

We regret as yet being unable to advise the Kai Iwi Trust, as resolved by Conference 1973, concerning a specific alternative project for the reserve fund begun in anticipation of another Hostel being established along the Taranaki-Wellington coast. As well as the change that has occurred in respect to Rangiatea, pressures for change elsewhere are determining the priorities for our attention as a Board. The decision concerning a full-time ^{Wellington} appointment may offer suggestions in this context, but in the meantime we crave the indulgence of Conference and members of the Wanganui based Kai Iwi Trust to keep the matter open. We

record our thanks to the Trust for its help toward our general income and a grant made toward maintenance on the Patea Centre.

The Grey Institute Trust has kept us informed of the free-holding proposals that are proceeding as details and agreement are reached. Taranaki members, in particular, are acutely sensitive to the responsibility that's especially theirs in respect to the whole scheme, in the light of ongoing discussion relating to 'Maori' land generally. Therefore, we would want Conference to ensure that the benefits to be derived reflect the elements of perpetuity and intention implicit in the original trust. The annual grant from the Trust continues to help ease our financial burden and extent of claims upon the Connexional Budget, and for this we remain deeply grateful.

HUI-A-TAU

Our annual get-together is this year scheduled for Kautu marae, Hawera, over Labour Weekend. Now well established, the occasion will provide opportunity for any who can attend to enjoy each other's company in the context of marae-living; share experiences in life and in the Faith, and reinforce hopes and aspirations for Circuit, Division and Church as a whole. The presence of the President, Vice President, Vice President-elect and other leaders of the church will add assured lustre, inspiration and a real sense of Methodist family solidarity.

RACE RELATIONS

At this stage we see no reason to depart from the position we have reported in previous years. Furthermore we believe sound directions have been proposed from time to time by other Divisions and Committees, and endorsed by Conference. In view of events occurring during the year--the Auckland University Engineering students' "haka" incident; the focus on gangs; media presentation of a section of our young people's views about their place in today's society, and the continuing preoccupation with complex land questions--it is well that all members and Circuits be encouraged to refer again to these statements and directions and re-assess the responses we have made to them as a people and a church.

Such a re-assessment we have already launched among our own members, the question posed being: "How good or bad are Maori-Pakeha relations today, and in what positive ways can we help make them better than they are". It is hoped that all round discussion will not just keep the issue before our people, but more especially provide us with concrete proposals for ensuring good relationships in and throughout the 1980s.

Heoi ano. Kia noho tonu te ora, te maramatanga, te kaha me te wairua hihiko ki a tatou katoa.

Morehu Te Whare

Te Marunui Toki

CO-CHAIRPERSONS

Ruawai D. Rakena

TUMUAKI

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference express thanks and appreciation to the Matron of Te Rahui Wahine, Mrs Maude Nikora and her husband Paddy, for their devoted service to the Hostel and wish them well in their retirement.
3. That Conference express thanks and appreciation to the Matron of Seamer House, Mrs Robin Peters and her husband Jim for their devoted service to the Hostel and wish them well for the future.

MISSION OVERSEAS

Joint Board for Mission Overseas

PART I

In 1977 the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the Conference of the Methodist Church agreed to the following resolution: "That the statement entitled, "Mission Overseas - Basic Principles and Policy" (Section III of the Special Sub-Committee on Mission Overseas Report) be adopted as expressing the general approach of the Church to its mission overseas." (For Statement see Presbyterian Year Book 1978 pages 171-175 and Methodist Year Book 1977 pages 3-7.)

This 1979 report to Assembly and Conference is based on the Guidelines in Section III of the Report and sets out the direction in which the Board is moving.

1. "WE ARE COMMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S MISSION IN NEW ZEALAND AND IN THOSE COUNTRIES TO WHICH GOD LEADS US."

'Mission' and 'missionary' are words that even today conjure up pictures of what takes place in some distant land, something different from what takes place close to home.

The word 'mission' has to do with being sent; a missionary is one who is sent on a mission. In the Christian mission God is the sender. He calls, he sends, he gives the authority, he empowers. The mission is grounded in God's love for his creation. A love revealed in the one whom God sent, "The Great Missionary of God", Jesus Christ. A love directed towards the poor, the oppressed, the blind, the captive, the dispossessed, the broken-hearted, the alienated, the sinner, the sinned against, and the lost. God's mission is to work towards freeing, healing, forgiving, finding and redeeming all creation.

To engage in mission is to be identified with the "Missionary of God", the Word become flesh. The one who humbled himself and became obedient even unto death, the one who identified himself with people in their needs whatever their status, culture, creed or race. To be a missionary is to be called and sent to be as he was, the servant of God.

Mission belongs to God; it has to do with God's redeeming concern for his creation; it knows no boundaries; it embraces all peoples and all parts of life. There is nothing that is outside of God's concern. Participating in this mission means proclaiming and revealing God's love.

Mission in New Zealand cannot be separated from mission overseas. They are one mission, for there is one God and God's love is the same towards all.

As we participate in God's mission with Christians in other countries, we are challenged strongly today to recognise two things:

- i. To be enthusiastic for individual evangelism without being enthusiastic for evangelism of the institutions of society that continue to oppress people is a contradiction.
- ii. To be enthusiastic for the missionary outreach of the church overseas without being enthusiastic for the missionary struggle in our own land is also a contradiction.

This is a call for a common commitment to the whole gospel of the whole church to the whole world. Frequently the work of a missionary in a third world country is related to the mission of the church in New Zealand....the teacher in India who has struggled with the development of an education curriculum that is relevant to the employment needs of the Indian people will have something to say to New Zealand as we search for an appropriate education curriculum in a time of rising unemployment...the minister working in Papua New Guinea who has gained an experience of multi-cultural ministry in an urban environment will have an important contribution to make to the New Zealand Church upon his return...the agriculturalist working to help the people of Tonga to become self-reliant will be depending on a strong voice in New Zealand to support access for Tongan products to the New Zealand markets.

The missionary task is to make transparent the love of God, and this involves proclaiming the mighty acts of God in Christ, and being part of the struggle to change whatever it is that keeps individuals, communities and nations in captivity. Some voices would say that the most missionary task of the New Zealand Church is to be part of the struggle to change the unjust economic structures that keep the third world in captivity. An Indonesian leader recently said, "Partnership in mission is impossible while the western missionary agencies are part of the unjust international economic order."

The Joint Board is exploring with the International Relations/Affairs Committees of the two churches our joint responsibilities to the churches overseas and the churches in New Zealand. We are hopeful that this will lead to a more effective response to the urgent voices we hear from the third world.

Although we are exploring new ways to be responsible to the missionary calling, we want to maintain the strong relationships we have built with churches overseas and in no way do we want overseas churches to feel that those relationships are at risk. Rather we would want to assure them that we do indeed want to work towards a more mature relationship. We want to heed the voice of a Pacific Island leader who said, "We believe that the starting point for developing mature relationships must be from where we are. In our consultations we want mission boards to not only listen and share, but also to begin to treat us like adults."

2. "WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH PARTNER CHURCHES IN THOSE COUNTRIES IN A RELATIONSHIP OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL CARING AND RESPONSIBILITY."

The Board believes in a relationship of equality and mutual

caring, but is well aware that it is not easy to achieve this. It is very difficult for a western missionary agency to talk about a relationship of equality with a church overseas when one of the most important factors in that relationship is money, because the money is nearly all held by the missionary agency.

The Joint Board is steadily working towards extending the 'Block Grant' system of financial support, because we believe this lessens the power associated with the giving of money. The best example of the 'Block Grant' system is with the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, where a grant is made to the church and they are completely responsible for deciding how that money is to be spent, including how much they shall pay the missionary who has gone from New Zealand. No detailed budget is requested before that grant is made and no detailed accounts are required at the end of the year. This, we believe, enables the indigenous church to be completely free to determine its own priorities and to change those priorities if necessary. This church does make available to us the report of its biennial Assembly which includes a statement of Income and Expenditure.

There is a fear in some quarters that the extension of the Block Grant system will be at the expense of personnel being sent. It must be remembered that under any system the only people who go are the people who are being asked for. Experience so far has shown that it is not the Block Grant system that affects the flow of personnel. In fact, the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, which receives a Block Grant from many churches, has a long list of requests for personnel. At present the Joint Board has a list of more than 50 positions for which overseas churches have asked us to recruit suitable people.

The Board and its Secretaries are increasingly involved in attending consultations called by partner churches overseas. These churches call together all their partners from different countries and this enables a frank and honest evaluation of the relationships. To the time of writing the two Joint Secretaries have attended a number of consultations this year, including the following:-

- a. In Sydney a consultation in February brought together all the Methodist and Reformed churches of the South West Pacific who have a traditional relationship with the Australian and New Zealand churches. Out of this came the desire to have an even wider consultation in 1981 to which we would invite churches like the Evangelical Protestant Church of New Caledonia and the Cook Islands Christian Church and also other partners from the U.S.A. and Europe. The purpose of such a consultation is to explore a wider sharing of resources among the churches of the South Pacific and a "fellowship in mission" rather than an outreach from Australia and New Zealand.
- b. In Delhi, India in March the Church of North India Related Missions Committee met. This consultation brought together representatives from churches in Canada, the U.S.A., Britain and New Zealand together with the enlarged exec-

utive of the Synod of the Church of North India.

- c. In Levuka, Fiji, in April the Pacific Methodist Churches held a Consultation with representatives from Fiji, Samoa and Tonga together with observers from Australia and New Zealand.
- d. In Hong Kong in June the Council for World Mission met. The C.W.M. arose out of the London Missionary Society which was a grouping of Congregational Churches in Commonwealth countries. Today the associated churches in the third world and the original member churches have formed a Council and today a number of Presbyterian Churches in Asia have become members also. There are now 28 member churches of the Council from Africa, the Caribbean, Asia, the Pacific and Europe.

With some churches the consultative process is not easy, sometimes because there is a strong traditional link with a church in another country and sometimes because of our very small role with that particular church. Whatever relationship we have with overseas churches and institutions (and the diversity of these is great), the Joint Board is conscious that the way to mature relationships requires us to be sensitive to the inequalities that are always there. Of critical importance is the fact that the power represented by material resources can obscure the extent and power of spiritual resources. There needs to be a commitment to share what we are as Christians, individually and corporately, and not only what we have. This aspect of mutuality will be explored further at the Council for World Mission and Evangelism (CWME) Conference in Melbourne next year on the theme, "Your Kingdom Come".

3. "WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH OTHER CHURCHES, AGENCIES AND PEOPLE WHERE THIS SEEMS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF RESPONDING TO THE OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES PRESENTED TO US."

The Rev. Leslie Boseto, Moderator of the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, said recently, "We not only encourage, but strongly recommend to overseas churches and their funding agencies to support schemes that we determine as priorities in our ecumenical ventures."

The call is for mission boards to respect the desire of different churches within a country to work out their priorities in mission without any pressure from traditional partners. In many countries ecumenical relationships are developing and we must respect this. In other places there are churches who want to continue their confessional ties and see any effort to widen relationships as an interference in their traditional relationships, and this we must respect also.

In 1978 the Church of North India, together with the Church of South India and the Mar Thoma Church, formed a Joint Council for the primary purpose of co-operating in mission. The Joint Board must support this kind of development as we believe that for any church its primary partners in mission are the other churches in

that country, rather than the overseas partners. We are committed to ecumenical co-operation wherever possible.

The Joint Board maintains a close relationship with the World Council of Churches and the Christian Conference of Asia. These links help to keep the Board in touch with the world mission of the church and the important issues that affect the life of the churches. For example, the Freedom of Religion Bill in India, and the Urban Rural Mission programme among factory workers in Korea.

The Joint Board has not taken any initiative in establishing formal relationships with the Pacific Conference of Churches as, up till now, it has not seemed appropriate for us to do this. However, the secretaries meet with P.C.C. staff when they attend church consultations in the Pacific.

The Methodist Ecumenical Committee is a sub-committee of the Board and as such acts for the Methodist Church in ecumenical affairs outside New Zealand. (This sub-committee will report separately to the Methodist Conference.)

The Board keeps in touch with the work of the Ecumenical Secretariat on Development, Christian World Service, the Overseas Development Committee, Corso and other agencies in the field of development and justice.

The Methodist Overseas Mission Investment Board has a minimal shareholding in New Zealand Insurance and the Methodist Secretary has kept in touch with the Anti-Apartheid Council to help clarify our position regarding N.Z.I investment in South Africa.

In 1978 and 1979 some Board members met with other church mission board personnel, together with a number of representatives of voluntary missionary societies affiliated with the Evangelical Missionary Alliance. The meetings were for two days and an effort was made to discuss matters of common concern relating to the missionary task of the church.

4. "WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE WHOLE AREA OF GOD'S CONCERN FOR HIS PEOPLE: THEIR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP TO HIMSELF, THEIR HUMAN WELLBEING SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL: THE SOCIETIES AND ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY LIVE. THAT IS WE SEE MISSION AS A MARRIAGE OF EVANGELISM, MINISTRY TO HUMAN NEED, CONCERN FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND CONCERN FOR THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE."

The Joint Board sees clearly the necessary relationship between evangelism, ministry to human need and a concern for social justice. The Board in responding to the requests for staff from overseas churches is able to put people in the frontier of mission - Doreen Riddell teaching in a school in the north of India; John England in Hong Kong helping Chinese Christians come to grips with their faith and their culture; Robert Paterson in Indonesia training ministers for ministry in rural areas; John Fawkner in Tonga helping men to farm their 8 acre apsis more effectively; Kath Gillanders part of the health service team throughout the New Hebrides; Peter and Lin Calvert, 20 years of medical care in the swamps of Papua; John Bennett using his financial and managerial skills to make an

important business system fit a different day.

The necessary relationship between evangelism and concern for social justice has been emphasised by the ecumenical movement ever since the matter was raised at the International Missionary Council meeting in 1928. It was re-emphasised at the CWME Conference in Bangkok in 1972, and at Lausanne in 1973. There is an indissoluble connection between individual and social aspects of salvation. To respond to Christ and his missionary call means being involved in the struggle for social justice, peace and a full life.

The Missionary Conference in Melbourne in 1980 will again emphasise this under the title, "Your Kingdom Come". The Conference organiser suggests that we are in apocalyptic times. The increase in the number of totalitarian regimes, the ever-increasing concentration of economic power, the spread of violence, torture and threats to the environment confront the churches with the danger of the complete destruction of all possibilities of life. It is in this context that we pray the missionary prayer, "Your Kingdom Come". The prayer of the Kingdom enables us to believe in a different tomorrow. It is through this prayer that we confess God's sovereignty over our lives and the lives of all people and are able to see signs of hope.

The Commission for World Mission of the Uniting Church in Australia, in seeking to respond to the developing situation in the world, is looking for ways of placing some of its missionaries alongside the disadvantaged (sometimes described as 'marginalised') and oppressed groups, the poor, the people without the Gospel, because of the particular bias God has for the poor. The Australian Board is wanting to invite churches overseas to send missionaries to work with similar groups in the Australian community. It is the feeling of many that outsiders, supported by an international fellowship, are better able to pioneer in this area.

The importance of such pioneering activity was spelt out recently by Dr. Emilio Castro of CWME, who said, "There is flagrant contradiction between our affirmation that God has for the poor, that he is the protector of the widow, of the orphan, or the marginal, and our denial to the masses of poor people of the world the right to come to know the Gospel that is intended for them. We need to look at the gap between rich and poor - the reality of billions of people living in poverty as an evangelistic challenge. Then we will see the intimate relation between the churches' stand on justice and the honesty of our proclamation of the Gospel."

5. "WE ARE COMMITTED TO ADMINISTER THE OVERSEAS WORK OF OUR CHURCHES IN WAYS AND THROUGH STRUCTURES WHICH ENCOURAGE SENSITIVITY AND FLEXIBILITY IN THE CARRYING OUT OF IT BY THE STAFF AT HOME AND OVERSEAS, AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTINUING NEED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND OPPORTUNITIES."

Changes in missionary relationships have already been outlined and Assembly and Conference will realise that the Board has to be

sensitive to the complexity of voices from the third world. Flexibility is essential. This is seen in the different level of financial support required from us for staff we have recruited for overseas churches. Some are paid out of the Block Grant that we forward, some are paid directly by the New Zealand Church, some are paid out of the overseas church's own resources (including travel and furlough costs) and some are paid partly by us and partly by the overseas church.

Churches like the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands or the Church of North India, have many bilateral links with churches in the first world, and it is necessary for us in the first world to be sensitive to the complexity of those relationships. It is very difficult for them to give us the attention we think we deserve. We must also be aware that the changes we make to our structures in New Zealand sometimes add to the confusion. The Australian Church has discovered that the formation of the Uniting Church there has caused the Methodist Churches of the South Pacific some anguish as they feel their traditional links have been severed. The formation of a Joint Board in New Zealand for two Churches still separate is not easily understood.

The Board is keen to develop new styles of missionary activity and is exploring the possibility of funding two theological students from New Zealand in vacation appointments in a third world setting in order to increase the number of people in the ministry who have understanding of the church in the third world. Likewise, we would bring two from partner churches overseas to New Zealand.

Also we are having discussions with specialist ministries here in New Zealand to see if they would benefit from having people from the third world come to conduct training seminars. Other new ventures have also been discussed.

6. "WE ARE COMMITTED TO ENCOURAGE THE GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR CHURCHES IN NEW ZEALAND IN THE TOTAL MISSION - OVERSEAS AND AT HOME, THROUGH THEIR GROWTH IN UNDERSTANDING, IN PRAYER AND IN PERSONAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT."

Education for mission is of vital importance and yet it is the area of our work that has suffered most in the structural and staffing changes in recent years. The Board is hoping to appoint a person part-time to take responsibility for this important task.

There is a need to help the New Zealand church to understand better the missionary tasks that God gives it, both in New Zealand and overseas, and to help people commit themselves to the implications of that new understanding.

There is also a need to examine the effects of our actions as a community in New Zealand upon the lives of people in neighbouring countries, so that a positive offer can be made to help create a more just world.

The Presbyterian Department of Communication has prepared slide sets and other photographic material for use through the church. The Commission for World Mission of the Uniting Church of Australia

has agreed that we are free to use any of their publicity and educational material, with adaptations, that they have produced. The Board is grateful for this and the Board will be using a pamphlet called "Mission Probe" to help people explore the missionary tasks of today. Most of our audio-visuals come from Australia and the Australian Church will soon have a new series of slide sets available which will be suitable for New Zealand.

A number of ex-missionaries in Christchurch have formed themselves into a "Partners in Mission" group in order to give support to the work of the Board and to support people who have gone overseas. A two day conference, planned for 1979, will now be held in 1980, and this will be sponsored by the Christchurch group and the Board. This group sees itself as having an educative function within the Canterbury area.

The Board is concerned that when we do bring people to New Zealand and move them around the Church, the response in most parts is very poor. Few people will even come out to hear an important church leader from India. The Board does make efforts to use overseas guests in specific and concentrated areas but even this seems to have limited appeal.

There is no doubt though that missionaries who have returned from overseas are the best educators we have. They are scattered throughout New Zealand helping people to up-date their thinking about the missionary strategy of the Church today. Their concern for the third world peoples does not end when they come back to New Zealand. Father Tom Stransky, a Paulist Father, suggests we should look more deliberately at the question, "How does the short term overseas become responsible preparation for his or her long term back in New Zealand society?"

We are fortunate in belonging to the Christian Conference of Asia, as it gives New Zealanders an opportunity for short-term experience, through the Asian Ecumenical Course in the Asian setting and then enabling them to feed that experience back into the New Zealand Church.

7. "WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUING TO DEPEND ON THE WISDOM, STRENGTH AND GRACE OF GOD FOR OUR DIRECTION AND SUPPORT, AND TO SEEK TO RESPOND TO HIM WITH GRATITUDE, JOY AND OBEDIENCE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD."

8. SUMMARY OF NEW DIRECTIONS

- A. The mission of the Church is one, whether at home or overseas.

To give expression to this the Board will invite Christian workers from overseas to come and share with us in the mission of the Church in New Zealand.

- B. The mission of the Church is seen as the marriage of evangelism and a concern for social justice, etc., and the whole of life.

To further this understanding of the mission of the Church, the Board is seeking to work more closely with the International Relations/Affairs Committees.

- C. The developing pattern of relationships with partner churches, whilst maintaining traditional links, will take account of the ecumenical nature of partner churches' work.

To further this understanding of the mission of the Church, the Board will seek to work more closely with the Ecumenical Affairs Committee of the Presbyterian Church. (The Ecumenical Committee of the Methodist Church is already under the Board.)

- D. The desire of our partner churches overseas to become more self-reliant is something we will strongly encourage.

To encourage the overseas churches to determine their own priorities and to demonstrate our trust, we shall promote the idea of the Block Grant system.

- E. In view of the changing political and economic conditions in the world and the changing needs of our partner churches, we shall explore new forms of missionary activity.

PART II

Obituary Tribute has been paid by the Board to the Very Rev. E.G. (Paddy) Jansen who served in China, Hong Kong and the New Hebrides from 1935-1974 and who died in March 1979; to Dr. A.H. Harvie who served in India from 1925 to 1939 and who died in September 1978; and to Sister Lina Jones who served in the Solomon Islands for 22 years and died in June 1979.

Queen's Award Congratulations have been extended to Dr. Beryl Howie on her award of the Queen's Service Order.

Board Members The following left the Board during the year - Rev. J. Roberts, Mrs. N. McIndoe, Mrs. J. Ridley, Mrs. B. Wedde, Dr. D.T. Gray and Mr. D. Mather. New members of the Board are - Rev. L.A. Howard and J.K. Ramage, Mesdames S. Holding and M. Whaley.

Overseas Staff Movements The following members of Overseas Staff completed their overseas service during the year and have been thanked for their services.

Miss Margaret Bear, after 20 years in India.

Mr. & Mrs. Robin Bain, after 5 years in Papua New Guinea. (Since returned to a Government position in Papua New Guinea.)

Miss Valerie Bristow, after 18 months in the New Hebrides.

Mr. & Mrs. John Cunningham, after 12 years in the New Hebrides.

Mr. & Mrs. Doug. McKenzie, after 11 years in the Solomon Islands.
Rev. & Mrs. Simon Rae, after 6 years in Indonesia.
Miss Lynn Sadler, after 14 years in the Solomon Islands.
Dr. and Mrs. Roger Scown, after 5 years in the Solomon Islands.
Mrs. Margaret Springett, after 5 years in Tonga.

New appointments:

Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Brooker to Tupou High School, Tonga.
Mr. & Mrs. John Fawcner to Hango Agricultural College, Tonga.
Mr. Peter Gwynn to the New Hebrides.
Rev. (Miss) Moeafusia Letoa to Goroka, Papua New Guinea.
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Natusch to Navota Farm, New Hebrides (since returned).
Mr. & Mrs. Colin Nicholson to Samoa.
Mr. David Neilson to go to Indonesia.

Overseas Workers Three applications for Overseas Worker status were granted during the year:

Miss Morven Cree Brown with Overseas Missionary Fellowship in the Philippines.
Miss Nicola North with Nepal International Fellowship in Nepal.
Mr. & Mrs. Euan Campbell with the United Bible Societies in Hong Kong.

Overseas Visitors During the year we have been privileged to welcome visitors from India in the persons of Dr. Preetum and Dr. Bina Gideon, Superintendent of the Christian Hospital, Jagadhri, and Mr. A.C. Dharmaraj, General Secretary of the Church of North India. A short visit was also paid by the Rev. R. Wootton, Secretary for Justice and Human Development of the Commission for World Mission of the Uniting Church of Australia.

Regulations Regulations concerning terms of service for Overseas Staff have been redrafted and a copy has been sent to the Book of Order and Judiciary Committee of the Presbyterian Church for their comments.

Overseas Volunteer Service This sub-committee continues to deal with enquiries from volunteers and requests from overseas churches, processing applications and maintaining communication with volunteers while overseas. As personnel in developing countries become more skilled, the demand for more experienced volunteers is evident, though there still remain requests for less skilled volunteers. The personal and professional qualities of the volunteers over the last year have been of a very good standard and reports from the Overseas Churches have been encouraging. Over the last year, 29 enquiries have been received and of these 5 have served or are currently serving overseas.

Margaret Newton, Teacher to the Whimp and Calvert children.
 Mr. & Mrs. Blampied, Teachers, Onesua High School, New Hebrides
 Lois Coppins, Nurse, Vaemali Hospital, New Hebrides.
 Cliff Fowler, Sawmiller, New Hebrides.

Study of Report The Joint Board is anxious that all members of the churches should be involved in discussion of the issues raised in Part I of this report and share in the development of Mission Overseas policy for the 1980s. It is the intention of the Board to arrange for this material to be produced in a form suitable for study at the local level.

W.D. GRIFFITHS)	
)	Convenors
C.R. WILSON)	
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W.G. TUCKER)	
)	Secretaries
D.C. EVANS)	

SUGGESTED DELIVERANCE

1. That the report be received.

WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

LEADERSHIP OF MEETINGS In our report to Conference 1978 we invited communications relating experience with the dispensation that at the moment permits lay chairmanship of Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings. No submissions have been received, and it seems no difficulties have been experienced. The following recommendation was supported by all Synods reporting back.

Recommendation 1: Conference affirms the principle that lay members may be appointed to chair Leaders Meetings and Quarterly Meetings, and requests the Law Revision Committee to draft the necessary amendments to the Law Book, in consultation with the Welfare of the Church Committee.

DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION (1978/535/2) This Committee has consulted the Board of Administration, which shares our view that any automatic policy in this regard would constitute an unreasonable escalation of the 'paper war', and that Committees and Boards must be trusted to take their own initiatives in submitting material for the consideration of Synods. It may well be that whatever replaces 'New Citizen' will provide greater opportunities for Committees and Boards to take the Church into their confidence, and seek feed-back.

(Auckland Synod recommended: 'That Conference reaffirm the directives that Boards and Committees should consult Synods on all matters of policy, future development, and financial implications for the Connexional Budget.')

STATIONING PROCEDURES In view of the continuing discussion about stationing procedures, and after consultation with the President, this Committee brought to August Synods a proposal that the experimental period for a moratorium on invitations be shortened by one year, and that 1980 become the year in which future patterns are decided. Only Waikato - Bay of Plenty Synod has expressed a preference for the full five-year experimental period. We therefore bring the recommendation before Conference.

If it is agreed to, this Committee will, immediately after Conference, provide material for Synods, to assist them with their consideration.

Recommendation 2: That the review of stationing procedures be undertaken in 1980, with a view to implementing any changes agreed upon, in 1981.

Recommendation 3: That Synods take an early opportunity to consider stationing procedures, and report their conclusions to the Welfare of the Church Committee by March 31, 1980, so that this Committee can bring to August Synods and Conference a proposal which adequately reflects the thinking of the Church.

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

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LAY PREACHERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1979

The National Executive has begun to compile a Master Roll of all Lay Preachers throughout the country. Now that so few Districts have an Executive Meeting we have no real idea of the strength of the movement or the needs of various areas. In our survey we hope to learn also the number of Lay Preachers on trial and the extent to which preachers of other denominations are used.

ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATES

During the past year the following have been received as fully accredited Lay Preachers. Malo Tiapue (Lr Hutt Petone), Piulu Unasa (Gisborne), Usoalii Seivli (Hastings), Nomani Noa (Hastings), Solomona Usu (Tokoroa), Iti Iuli (Papakura), Matamua Iulia (Papatoetoe), Asolelei Saeupolu (Papakura), Beryl Burgess (Bucklands Beach Co-operating Parish), Richard Waugh (Stoke), Jean Waugh (Stoke), Douglas McKenzie (Dargaville).

LONG SERVICE DIPLOMAS

The Association warmly congratulates the following whose loyal service has been recognised by the Church.

Lloyd Riesterer (25 years service Auckland Central)

Francis Grocott (50 years service Dunedin Central Mission)

Don J. Riesterer (28 years service Opotoki)

The attention of all members is drawn to the excellent material now available for the training and examination of new Lay Preachers through the Education Division. The Executive would also remind Circuits that men and women over 40 years of age who have been serving satisfactorily as preachers but have never taken the qualifying examinations can be nominated to become accredited Lay Preachers by their Quarterly Meeting. The Secretary will gladly provide details of the procedure for reception of new Lay Preachers.

For the Executive

G.E. Hill, President

K. Knox, Secretary

J. McKenzie, Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Report be received.

NEW CITIZEN COMMISSION

REPORT TO CONFERENCE SYNODS and the BOARD of the NEW CITIZEN

INTRODUCTION:

Because of the need for immediate action the Commission presented a Final Report to the President, through Church Council on 8th May, 1979.

The report was accepted by Church Council which recommended that the President implement the recommendations of the report that required urgent action.

The Interim Report presented by the Commission on 18th September 1978 and accepted by Church Council and Conference, had as its prime objective the buying of time so that a deeper study of the paper and the Church's need could be undertaken. This was recommended with the intuitive knowledge that the Church as a whole, wanted a paper. Some of the suggested proposals made in the Interim Report have been implemented.

During the early part of 1979, the Commission had a major survey conducted amongst a cross-section of parishes, ministers and Church Divisions and Committees. In ignorance the same survey was sent to various Tongan and Samoan groups, whereas personal approaches should have been made. However, the Commission has become aware of the special needs of ethnic groups.

This Report is based largely on the results of the survey plus discussions that have been held with a wide number of people within the Church. Members of the Commission have been active in pursuing their personal investigations, resulting in a wide spread of knowledge being brought into these final conclusions.

Also, because of the importance of this Report and the many implications raised by the survey, the Commission considered that it needed a broader base of understanding and of background to the paper. Consequently the Rev. H.A. Darvill and the Rev. M.W. Greer were invited to join the Commission.

FINANCE:

After the acceptance of the Interim Report, the Commission considered that its responsibilities in the area of finance were completed and that the Final Report should only cover the field detailed under the Long Term Proposal. However, a brief comment on finance is necessary. The Commission was concerned to discover, after the Interim Report had been accepted, that the finances of the New Citizen had not been, as detailed, by the treasurer in September last year. Apparently no account had been taken of outstanding debts. This has made the financial detail on page 4 of the Interim Report somewhat nonsensical.

The Commission does appreciate that that the error of omission was a simple mistake.

It does mean however, that the financing of the paper is still a matter of vast importance and concern.

RESEARCH:

A copy of the research programme and the analysis of the survey is attached.

Discussing the New Citizen can become a very subjective exercise. To remove any personal bias in the interpretation of the survey responses, the Commission employed an independent researcher to do the analysis. The person employed has no connection with the Methodist, or any other Church and had no prior knowledge of the existence of the New Citizen.

The objective of the research was to study attitudes towards the paper and the needs of the various sections of the Church. It was indicative research only, not giving any absolute answers to a high degree of accuracy, but on the numbers surveyed a reliable picture of the overall needs and attitudes of the total Church.

It is apparent from the research analysis and other investigations, that the paper is in a crisis situation. From all levels of Church life there is much criticism of not only the type of article presented but also of the manner of presentation. The concern that continually comes through is the lack of balance in the paper, whether the subject is theological, social or political. The paper does not always maintain a professional stance, in its manner of handling issues or in its actual appearance, even though some efforts have been made with the last two issues. It is also seen from the survey that these feelings about the paper are affecting people's willingness to have the paper subsidised by the Connexional Budget.

From all evidence produced the Commission recommends the following:

1. That publication be discontinued until February 1980

Rather than have the paper die, for either financial reasons or worse still because of an increasing lack of interest and confidence, it is recommended that publication cease temporarily.

This decision has not been made lightly. All possibilities for revitalising the paper without having a period without publishing were explored. Finally, it was decided that the best course was to have a gestation period, during which, a paper that supplied the needs of the people and Divisions and Committees of the Church, could be conceived, developed and born next year. Because of other recommendations in this report, this seems the best way of renewing something that is vital to the life and work of the Church. There is no way of any major and immediate improvement being carried out.

2. That the Editor's appointment be discontinued in accordance with the letter of appointment.

From all the evidence produced it was considered necessary that a period of time be allowed for, so that a paper that would supply the needs of the Church could be developed. The Commission realises that the nature of the paper has always

meant that editors have been the subject of criticism over the handling of key issues. This recommendation however, along with the number one, will provide the freedom for re-development.

3. That the current form of administration be changed; that a small Management Committee be appointed with responsibility to either the Development or Education Divisions of the Church for administration and to the President for editorial policy.

The current Board of the New Citizen has been through a most trying and difficult period. On top of financial difficulties they have been faced with increasing criticism of the paper. It could be suggested that the latter is partly responsible for the former. The very Terms of Reference laid down for the New Citizen Commission pointed to serious concerns about the future of the paper. The Board has had an unenviable task.

It would appear that for a number of reasons, the Board has not been able, or willing, to exercise its authority. Many Board members are over committed people carrying heavy workloads and responsibilities and it would appear that it has been difficult for the Board to maintain enthusiasm.

Chairman's comments on Board

The Commission considers that the current form of administration drew on the time of a large number of people who find it difficult to fulfil their obligations. It is therefore recommended that the current type of Board be replaced with a Management Committee comprising the editor and three or four members. The skills of the Management Committee would need to complement those of the editor so that an all-round management and production team could be developed. For example, if the editor was a suitably experienced minister then the Committee could consist of a financial man, a creative/production advisor and an additional clergyman. If the editor was a lay journalist the Committee may have to be strengthened in the theological area. A legal consultant should always be available.

It is further recommended that the Management Committee be responsible to either the Education or Development Division of the Church for the administration of the paper. Geographical location of future production to be means of deciding which Division.

Currently the Board of the New Citizen is responsible to the President and to Conference. Presidents are busy people and they change annually. This does not allow them the time to become deeply involved in the administration problems of the paper.

The successful operation of the paper needs a continuity of enthusiastic oversight. Under the recommendation, administrative problems could be resolved quickly at Divisional level.

A further recommendation is that the Management Committee be responsible to the President for editorial policy and its implementation. This would remove any suggestion of a Division controlling the news if total control was under a Division.

4. That members of the Management Committee be nominated to Conference by the Division responsible for administration.

This recommendation is made simply because the members would have to be drawn from the District where the Division sits and the paper is produced. Local knowledge would be necessary to make sure that the most able and available people were nominated.

5. That the paper be re-established as a fortnightly production.

Only if a paper is produced at regular, frequent intervals can it be regarded as a newspaper and not a periodical. Although it was necessary last year to reduce the frequency to monthly intervals this was only done to reduce costs. The Commission is firmly of the opinion that the paper, to meet the needs of the Church, be published fortnightly. It could be said that the reduction to monthly issues has hastened the demise of the paper. No longer is it a newspaper. Church members, because of the long interval, no longer know when it is going to arrive. Neither has it developed the style of a periodical.

In the survey it is clear that the Church wants a newspaper and this means a regular, frequent publication that supplies the various needs expressed.

6. That a clear editorial policy be established.

Clear guidelines for the establishment of an editorial policy are set out in the survey analysis. Briefly and not in order of importance they are:

- (a) cover the newsworthy activities of Divisions, Committees, Circuits and Parishes
- (b) provide a regular place for articles for ethnic groups within the Church, in their own languages
- (c) a balanced coverage of current affairs, international affairs and critical issues within a theological perspective
- (d) a feeling for people so that the paper would be acceptable beyond the Methodist Church - humanise the paper
- (e) cover the pluralism of opinion within the Church, not only theological but also cultural, social and political
- (f) sensitive, balanced and constructive criticism of Church structures if newsworthy and necessary
- (g) a Christian emphasis should be an integral part of the paper
- (h) greater use of the talent available within the Church for contributions in specialist areas.

7. That Polynesian consultants be appointed for each of the groups within the Church.

Because of the importance of the Polynesian sector of the Church and the suggestion that regular space be given to ethnic articles, it is considered that a consultant be appointed to advise the editor in this area.

8. That the objectives for the paper, as laid out in the Minutes of Conference 1963, be re-affirmed.

The survey shows an ambivalent attitude on the part of many respondents. On the one hand they are asking for more Methodist news and on the other are seeking an ecumenical paper.

The Commission is firmly of the opinion that the paper should go beyond the Methodist Church. For this reason it considers that the stated objective from the 1963 Conference is still valid. "It was hoped that the paper would be topical, lively, forward looking and would take its message beyond those closely associated with the Methodist Church. It was also hoped that this would lead to a better understanding of the church's work and a quickened response to its claims; the contribution to international understanding could possibly lead to an ecumenical paper". How far we have fallen from this goal.

Similar thoughts were expressed in the 1972 Conference Minutes. The New Zealand Methodist is expected by Conference to be "the voice of the Church and Conference on matters of Christian faith and its application to daily life; it should be continually lifting up the issues and events of our times for appraisal in the light of the Gospel; it should be the instrument of education and information for all departments of Methodism".

The Commission sees nothing contradictory in this recommendation and the provision of space within the paper for newsworthy Methodist items.

While believing that we should be striving for an ecumenical paper the Commission realises that there are many difficulties to be overcome. An approach to the Presbyterian Church was rejected in 1977. A recent survey within the Anglican Church showed that members only wanted an in-house paper.

9. That a Bridging Committee be established to develop the proposed new paper.

If the earlier recommendations are implemented, a considerable effort will be needed during the coming months. This Committee should contain experts in the fields of finance, journalism, production as well as members to see that the needs of the Church are catered for. Its tasks would include the nomination of an editor, suggested editorial policy, budgeting, production (including the looking at alternative geographical centres of operation) and financing.

The Bridging Committee could also communicate our intentions to the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches. As well they should be responsible for immediately contacting all "Partners in Print" and subscribers, advising of their intentions and asking for continued support from 1980.

10. That the new paper be delivered free to every member and adherent of the Methodist Church.

While there is a strong indication from the survey that the paper should be on a "reader pay" basis, the Commission believes that these comments are probably made with regard to the paper as it is today. The Commission further believes that a freely distributed paper is necessary for the life and work of the Church.

Likewise some problems have always existed with the physical distribution of the paper but these have been compounded by the current disinterest and rejection of the paper by many people. At the present time with interest waning, the distribution network is becoming apathetic and large numbers of papers remain in Church porches.

Acceptance of and enthusiasm and interest in the paper must be achieved for the distribution network to function. It is suggested that the implementation of recommendations 1 and 2 will assist in solving this problem.

11. That the study of the total media situation be undertaken as a long term project.

The area of the mass-media is a complex and rapidly changing field. The Commission recommends that the Church undertakes a long-term study of the media so that a continual use be made of the opportunities that exist now and that can be developed for future use.

Derek McNicol
Chairman
New Citizen Commission
9th May 1979

ADDENDUM:

- A. Church Council made recommendations to the President with a view to Recommendations 1, 2 and 9 being implemented as soon as possible.
- B. A Bridging Committee was recommended by the Council, comprising:
- Rev's. B.E. Jones (Convener), D.S. Mullan,
Mrs. Catherine Short, Messrs. M. Berry,
L. Enting, Dr. D.J. Janus (Consultant).
- C. Resolutions 3-8 and 10 were referred to the Bridging Committee which was asked to develop the proposed new paper and report to the President prior to the October meeting of Church Council.
- D. Synods are asked to forward their response to the Commission's Report to the President.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE NEW CITIZEN

In presenting its final report to the Church, the Board of the New Citizen wishes to thank the Church for the opportunity it has had over the years to present the issues of the day in the light of the Gospel. This mandate from the Church has never been taken lightly and has been behind the continuing debate within the Board as to the role of a paper such as ours in today's world.

The past year has been marked by the decision of Conference 1978 to continue the paper and the Editorship for a further 12 months whilst the Commission on the New Citizen completed its task. It was further marked by the recommendation of the Commission six months later that the paper be terminated immediately. This recommendation, brought before the Church Council, was actioned by the President.

Whilst the Board was, in a sense, well prepared for any eventuality, the suddenness of this decision and its impact, particularly on the Editor, was a serious blow to all those involved in the life of the paper. It was particularly regrettable to the Board in that full consultation with the Board was to be undertaken before any final decision was reached and we must register our strong protest at the manner in which this decision was made.

Towards the end of the paper's life, a number of distinctive moves were made in the presentation of the paper - a new, more modern layout was adopted and an increased emphasis was placed on stories relating to people affected by the Christian Gospel. It was clear to the Board that this new direction met with immediate favourable reaction from the readership and many comments of appreciation were received. The last five issues of the paper were presented in this manner and we believe that the standard was maintained or improving to the end. It was also clear, however, that the Commission, with the new format paper before it, was not sufficiently impressed to recommend its continuance.

Finance, undoubtedly has played a part in the Church's judgement on the paper and the Board believes that the paper was launched on an insecure financial base almost from the start. The weaknesses inherent in this financial base were able to be coped with in earlier years by the extended (and sometimes grossly extended) patience of the paper's creditors. In recent years rapid inflation and shortened credit periods have highlighted the real debt that has been a constant companion of the paper.

Distribution of the paper has suffered badly over the same period with unread copies piling up in many Churches despite pleas from the paper that Churches reconsider their requirements. The

opinion has been expressed that this resulted from a decline in standards of the paper. The Board is of the opinion that it is a long-standing problem relating more to questions of what the local Churches believe is important news for the communities in which they stand. We believe that the paper was coming to grips with this at long last and that recent issues represented the needed shift towards the local Church.

The role of the Editor in a paper such as New Citizen has always been crucial to the success of the paper. The Commission's report expressing dissatisfaction with the paper, must, we believe, extend to the Editor. The Board believes that the Rev. Ewing Stevens has, during his period of Editorship, shown a flexibility and willingness to learn that has meant a developing dialogue between Editor and Board. We believe that this partnership was beginning to show real fruit, particularly in recent issues.

It is clear then, that the Board of the New Citizen is in good heart at the time of writing this report, and, in its judgement, was producing a paper with growing acceptability within the Church. It is a matter of deep regret to the Board that the paper which was launched after full Conference debate should be terminated mid year by Presidential order. We acknowledge with regret the discontinuation of the paper and trust that out of the ashes of the New Citizen a new and possibly truly ecumenically supported paper may arise.

E.H. LAURENSEN - Chairman
P. GRANT - Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

"That the Report be received".

RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

The role and work of this Committee has changed considerably over recent years. More and more, because of policy changes and economies at Government level, the initiative for programmes and potential broadcasters is being taken by the radio and television services themselves. This has meant that the contribution that this Committee is able to make directly to Radio and Television in New Zealand is diminishing.

The decision that the Conference took last year not to extend its work in Radio and Television has meant that we are neither able to offer, nor can we attempt to compete with the full-time staff and resources that are available to Radio and Television through the Presbyterian, Catholic, and Anglican Churches in New Zealand. We do however, attempt to keep a liason with these departments in each Church.

We regret that Radio New Zealand took a further step in reducing the direct involvement of the various denominations in Broadcasting Policy when last year it disbanded the Religious Advisory Committee, to which our representative had been the Rev M W Greer. The Religious Advisory Committee has been replaced by a smaller Programmes Advisory Committee on which we, as a Church, are not specifically represented. Membership is by invitation of Radio New Zealand.

This has meant that our only direct influence in broadcasting is now through the N.C.C.'s Churches Commission on Broadcasting of which the Rev M W Greer is a member, or the Convenor's personal contact with both Radio and Television Religious Broadcast Departments.

To date we are still uncertain as to the long term effect that present economies and impending changes will have on religious broadcasting from both Radio and Television. We have already expressed to the Broadcasting Corporation our concern at the total withdrawal this year of Church service telecasts from Television One. Television One themselves have, of their own initiative, conveyed to us the following comment:

"Hopefully, this will only be a short hiatus and by next year a re-organised and better financed Television New Zealand will be once more asking for your help and co-operation in the mounting of church outside broadcasts, which Television One has always reharded as an important part of the service we provide to the community"

In response to our concern, we have also received a clear assurance from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Corporation that there will be no reduction to religious broadcasting time on radio.

The economies presently being taken by Radio New Zealand have also meant a significant reduction in training programmes available to Church personnel.

In addition to the regular religious programmes that have continued on both media for some years now, there have been several attempts this year by both Radio and Television to provide something new. This has included:

- Easter Spots from TV1 : 30 second "spots" throughout Holy Week, each using appropriate symbolism to express the events of the days leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday.
- An extensive Holy Week programme on both Radio New Zealand's National and Concert programmes.
- "For the Faithful" : from the National programme of Radio N.Z. with information, news, and views from particular and various denominations - the content provided by the denomination concerned.

The recent variations made to the programme "Faith for Today" met with a poor listener response, and the programme will continue in its previous form.

More and more this Committee's role and work is confined to the oversight of the RadioBroadcast Service allocation, membership of the Churches Commission on Broadcasting, and a critical, informal liason with both Radio and Television. Although this is a much diminished role to that which the Committee once had, we trust that it continues to serve the wider Church in this way.

Rev Ian C Norwell Chairman
Rev Michael W Greer Convenor

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report be received.
2. The Conference records its appreciation to Mr A Alcorn for his services on the Radio and Television Committee since its inception.
3. That the Committee for 1980 be: Revs R S Andrews, K C Griffiths, M W Greer (Convenor), I C Norwell, R L George, R J Hendry, Mesdames E Little, Mrs I H Robertson, B Jamieson.

ARMED SERVICES CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE.
Report for the year ended 30th June 1979

The Committee has met in Wellington twice during the year, its meetings coinciding with those of the Chaplains Dominion Advisory Council, of which the Rev. R.F. Clement was re-elected Chairman.

The Rev. JOHN I. MANIHERA (Chaplain to the Forces) is Regular Force Chaplain to the N.Z. Army and has been promoted to Chaplain Third Class. After a term at Waiouru Camp, he was appointed to serve the N.Z. Forces at Singapore, and transferred there with his wife and family in January, 1979. He has settled well into this specialist ministry. In the course of a transit through Singapore, the Senior Chaplain spent two days with the N.Z. Armed Forces and the chaplains, staying with the Manihera family. Reports received, and conversations with the Force Commander and other officers with whom he is associated, confirmed that Chaplain Manihera is fulfilling his chaplaincy with general acceptance, his service with the Maori servicemen in the N.Z. Force being especially appreciated.

In connection with the Army Museum at Waiouru, a request is made to Methodist chaplains (or their relatives) for photographs or artifacts which may be suitable for display in the chaplaincy section of the museum.

Chaplaincy service provides a challenging and fulfilling ministry for ministers who are willing to accept this task on behalf of the Church. The Senior Chaplain (Rev. R.F. Clement) will welcome enquiries from ministers who may be interested in this specialist ministry, either as Regular Force chaplain or as Part-time chaplain to the Territorial Force of the N.Z. Army.

Reginald Thorpe (Chairman)
Harry F. Hart (Secretary)

Recommendations

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the chaplains for 1980 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, B.W. Neal.

3. That the Methodist representatives on the Regional
Advisory Committees be:

Northern: Rev. R.F. Clement
Central: Rev. J.S. Hosking
Southern: Rev. W.L. Wallace

4. That the Committee for 1980 be: Group-Captain R.
Thorpe (Chairman), Mr H.F. Hart (Secretary), Revs.
R.F. Clement (Senior Chaplain), R.J. Hamlin, J.S.
Hosking, J.I. Manihera, H.I. Shaw, Messrs V.H.
Cresswell, J.B. McKinney and D.J. Sellens.

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NEW ZEALAND)

PROCEEDINGS:

In July 1979, two issues of Proceedings were circulated to members:

Vol. 31 : 3-4 "The Trinity College Story" by J.J. Lewis

No. 34: "The Prince Albert College Trust" by E.W.Hames

At the time of writing (August), it is hoped that the following will also be in members' hands, shortly:

No. 33: "James Watkin - Pioneer Missionary" by Roy Belmer

No. 35: "Peacemakers" by Harry Voyce - Missionary

Pioneering on Bougainville.

Another issue of Proceedings, J.E. Traue's "Methodist Research Material in the Turnbull Library's Collections" (No. 32), has been delayed for possible expansion and revision, and should appear in 1980.

FUTURE PUBLICATIONS:

No. 36: "The History of the Probert Trust". We are grateful to the Rev. E.W. Hames for preserving this interesting piece of history for us.

A major book on "the Life of the Rev. Samuel Ironside" by W.A. Chambers is nearing completion. A substantial sum has been left in the Will of the late Frank Smith of Tua Marina, to subsidise the cost of producing this book.

MEMBERSHIP, FEES, ETC.:

Membership of the Society remains steady at about 310. Included in this number are Universities, Theological Colleges, Public Libraries, etc., as follows:

New Zealand	8;	Australia	6;	U.S.A.	8;
England	3;	South Africa	1;	Germany	1.

The Executive (which includes 5 Supernumeraries) recommends to the Annual Meeting that the special rate for retired ministers and deaconesses be abolished. With the rise in postal charges, a special rate for Overseas Libraries must be considered.

A WORD FROM THE SECRETARY:

The Rev. L.R.M. Gilmore retires from active ministry at this Conference after 40 years service - 32 years of which have been spent as Secretary of the Society. A first priority in retirement will be writing the story of the Society's first 50 years - 1930/1980. He hopes to carry on as Secretary for a few years yet (if the Society permits). After 1st February 1980, the Gilmore address will be 8 Tampin Road, Manurewa.

WORLD METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The Regional Conference for 1980 is to be held (sometime in July/August) at Wesley College, University of Sydney. Particulars should be available at Conference, 1979. The Executive has already recommended that the Secretary should lead any New Zealand group attending.

1979 ANNUAL MEETING AND TEA:

The Annual Meeting will be held at the College of St. John the Evangelist, 202 St. John's College, Auckland, on Saturday, November 3rd, 1979, commencing 4 p.m.; Tea at 5.30 p.m. (Donation \$1.50). Rev. E.W.Hames (with Dr. Ken Booth and Ms Judith Bright assisting) will lead a conducted tour to display Anglican/Methodist "Treasurers" held at the College.

G.I. Laurenson	- President
L.R.M. Gilmore	- Secretary

RECOMMENDATION:

That this Report be received.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST, 1979

We have pleasure in presenting the 16th Annual Report of the Methodist Women's Fellowship. We do so with humility, aware of the opportunity given to us to witness for Christ and His love through the work of you all and in the wider work of the Church.

TRIBUTE - Sister Lina Jones 1890-1979

We pay tribute to Sister Lina Jones who passed away in June of this year. She was a member of the Dominion Executive of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union from 1956-59. Her invaluable work in the Solomon Islands, specialising in translation, is still remembered by the people there who held a Memorial Service for her giving thanks for this gallant tireless little worker.

MEMBERSHIP at 31-8-79. This is not easy to assess with three Union Districts, but from returns which have come in to date membership fees for approx. 6134 members have been paid to the National Treasurer. These members are grouped as follows:- (1978 figures in brackets)

	<u>Methodist</u>	<u>Union/Co-operating</u>	<u>Total</u>
Districts	16 (16)	3 (3)	19 (19)
Fellowships	164 (182)	115 (105)	279 (287)

DISTRICT COUNCILS All Districts in their reports give an encouraging picture of the loyal and loving work that is being done by M.W.F. women. An overall caring and concern which is being expressed at the local level in the Community and in the wider mission of the Church. We are aware through your reports of the difficulties being experienced in finding members to take office. We are aware too of the disappointment expressed in the very real situation where seemingly young women are not wishing to be involved in our organisation. Your Executive is thoughtful about both of these concerns, and as we come together at National Council, opportunity will be given for full discussion. We urge you all to continue working in His service, knowing that answers will be given you through your Faith, through your Hope and through your Love.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE Your National Executive has met regularly each month with extra meetings being called when necessary. Our thanks to each member of the Executive for your enthusiasm, and encouragement and for the contribution you each have made. Particular thanks to our 'out of town members' and for the effort they have made in attending.

PRESIDENT'S VISITS Your President has found great

pleasure and joy in having the opportunity of visiting around Districts and meeting members personally and seeing them at work. Over the past year she has visited West/Coast Buller, South Auckland, Manawatu, Bay of Plenty, Wanganui, Hawkes Bay including a brief visit to Gisborne to meet the ladies of the Fellowship there. Members of the Executive accompanied her on two occasions, delighted to share in these 'getting to know you' experiences. The President, together with Mrs. Joyce Dey, Immediate Past President, represented you at Conference which was held in Hamilton in November 1978 and attended Church Council on your behalf in May of this year. These duties of office were felt to be a privilege and a pleasure, to be associated in the wider workings of the Church. It was both informative and interesting for the President and Treasurer to visit Kurahuna and Smethurst Management Committees in April and to have the opportunity of meeting these people working on our behalf.

PRESIDENT'S LETTERS AND BULLETINS have provided a regular source of communication to Districts and to members. Your President values the opportunity of sharing her thoughts with you all, and trusts that her letter maintains the bond that has been set over previous years not only with our own members but with overseas workers, Church members and Sister Churches.

FINANCE Our congratulations to members for the financial support you have given over the past year. Our National Treasurer, Mrs. Ngaire Benny, has had a busy but pleasurable year attending to our finances. The following figures tell the story of a very worthwhile effort made by you all

Medical & Educational \$2490

Stamp Fund \$6160

Approximate total for other objects \$64889

SPECIAL OBJECTIVE - STAFF HOUSES TUPOU COLLEGE

We are delighted with the support given to this objective - the sum of \$22737 being raised. Interest in this project was very real to the people who visited Tonga for the South Pacific Seminar and they in turn enthused the members of their Fellowships to achieve this very gratifying result. Our thanks to you all.

CONVENTION Convention was held in October 1978 in Invercargill. It was a time of sharing together in Fellowship, a time for business, and a time of learning together. "Forward Together in Christ" was given as our theme - may we be ever aware of the responsibility we have to be forward looking as we work together in His name.

NATIONAL PROGRAMME COMMITTEE We have had good liason with this Committee working in Wellington, through our representative on our Executive, Mrs. Marie Chapple. At Convention, Mrs. Kath James, Convenor, intimated

that she was anxious to be relieved of her duties and for another Committee to be appointed. We are pleased to report that Mrs. Marcia Baker, Christchurch, has accepted the appointment of Convenor, so from October a new Programme Committee will be situated in Canterbury. We place on record our sincere thanks to the retiring Committee for their enthusiasm and devotion to the work.

MISSIONS Our Mission Convenor, Mrs. Frances Pentelow, has been most diligent and hard working in sending news letters to workers at home and overseas, and to District Mission Convenors. Your Executive is aware that the Mission scene is a rapidly changing one, and we look forward to National Council where we will be meeting with Secretary to the Joint Board, Geoff Tucker, to comprehensively look at the M.W.F.'s role in Mission both at home and overseas, in today's world.

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN Through Mrs. Pauline Haigh, our Representative, it has been interesting to hear of the workings in many parts of the world. We should each one of us feel proud to belong to this whole family of women and we continue to be interested and supportive of South Pacific Area President, Mrs. Vera Dowie, and commend her on the work that she is doing.

KURAHUNA GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE made grants to 39 students at a cost of \$6880. Our thanks to this committee for the work they do in the administration of this fund and we are gratified to know that a high measure of success among the Kurahuna students continues.

SMETHURST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE This committee has continued its faithful supervising of this valuable property. During the past year members of the committee met with representatives from the Auckland District Property Committee in order to review the total concept of Smethurst House and to bring it up to date. Your Executive is considering the proposals put forward.

JOINT COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS The President with Mrs. Hilda Oliver attended the meeting of this Committee held in May. The meeting was interested to hear of the progress of the Waikato J.C.W.O. Committee and were grateful to them for the preparing of Annual Return Forms for use in co-operating and Union Parishes as well as for general use. Your President accepted the office of President of this Committee for the ensuing year and in that capacity has attended a meeting of the J.N.C.C.E. in Wellington. This is an interesting aspect of the work of the Church, and one which the M.W.F. with its Union Districts, and its co-operating and union parishes must be closely associated with.

TE ROOPU WAHINE and the M.W.F. are 'travelling on' alongside one another on the road of Christian Service and we are pleased to have Mrs. Chick Hikuroa as our liason with this group. The President and Mrs. Frances Pentelow had the pleasure of attending their Hui Huinga held at the Te Rahui Tane Hostel in Hamilton in May and shared in love and fellowship with our Maori friends.

CORSO We continue our membership with this organisation and Mrs. Joan Hedley represented us at the Annual Meeting held in Wellington in June 1979.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN Fellowships continue to be actively involved in N.C.W. work. Mrs. Melva Kibby is our Official Representative and keeps us well informed as to the work that is being done.

UNITED WOMEN'S CONVENTION We are grateful to Mrs. Bernie Dey for representing us at this Convention held in Hamilton over Easter. Bernie came away from the Convention feeling more convinced than ever the need for Christian women to be represented.

THANKS

We have experienced an interesting and rewarding year in Office. We record grateful thanks to the Divisions of the Church for their co-operation and assistance over the year.

Thank you to the Immediate Past President, Mrs. Joyce Dey, and her Executive for the assistance given to us as we came into office, and to you all for your loyalty and support, given freely and with love, we thank you. As we work together in the Service of our Lord we say "Thanks be to God".

ISOBEL BURN President
PHYLLIS DONNELLY Secretary

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received.

REPORT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS

MINIMUM STIPEND AT 1 JULY 1979

On 15 March 1979 the committee considered a paper working out the assessment for stipends from 1 July 1979 based on wage movements from the halfyearly survey of the Department of Labour:-

	%
Net movement April-October 1978	6.45
Net movement October-April 1979 (est).	11.3
Total movement =	17.75
Less overestimate for April 1978 -	1.65
	<u>16.1</u>

On this basis it was agreed the stipend minimum for a minister from 1 July 1979 rise from \$7700 to \$8940. This movement had also been recommended by the Presbyterian Stipends Committee on 6 March 1979.

The minima for home missionaries and deaconesses on the same basis should be \$8142 and \$7454.

It was agreed the usual procedure be followed of notification to the General Secretary for implementation in consultation with the President.

The rates of remuneration were subsequently approved by the President and made operative.

GUIDELINES FOR THE RATES OF REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES FOR SELF SUPPORTING MINISTERS, DEACONS AND OTHERS

Resolution of the 1978 Conference

"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, the Administration Division.

That the guidelines be prepared for use by 1 February 1979 approved by the President and reviewed by Church Council".

Formulation of Provisional Guidelines

In January the Development Division drew up a draft set of guidelines and circulated these to the Committee on Ministry, Stipends Committee and the Administration Division. From the responses received it became clear that certain principles needed to be clarified. Accordingly, the President convened a consultation in Wellington on 14 February at which representatives of the following Divisions/Committees were present - Stipends Committee, Committee on Ministry, Deaconess Board, Administration Division, Development Division.

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES DETERMINED

1. Presbyters who request not to receive a full stipend

If a Circuit/Parish has appointed to it a Minister who does not require a full stipend, and it was not requesting a Minister partially self-supporting, the portion of stipend not required by the Minister should be paid by the Circuit/Parish into a special Connexional Fund.

This Fund (Supply Ministry Fund) will be used to help meet the cost of providing supply Ministries to Circuits/Parishes where the existing Minister is ill or undertaking long service leave.

2. Presbyters who engage in part-time secular employment

See Law Book Section VII, Clauses 106 and 107 for the appropriate regulations. In the case of a Minister deliberately seeking part-time secular employment as a means of helping the Circuit which cannot pay a full stipend, the Circuit should at least make up any difference up to a minimum stipend level (assuming there is a normal relationship between time worked for the Circuit and the proportion of stipend).

3. Lay people who undertake a Circuit/Parish "Supply Ministry"

As the person is being engaged by the Church to undertake Ministry then the rate of stipend should be as for a Presbyter.

4. Deacons who are employed full time by a Circuit

The requirements of the Equal Pay Act and the Human Rights Commission determine that Deacons receive the same remuneration as Deaconesses. c.f. Human Rights Commission Part 11, Section 15, Clause (2).

However as a consequence of a consultation on rates of remuneration held in Wellington on 14 February, the Stipends Committee recommends to Conference "that the same minimum stipend shall apply both to Ministers and Deacons, and on 15 March that the date of implementation of this amendment should be 1 July 1980, but that Circuits/Parishes could act before this date".

It was explained that candidates for the presbyterate were young people who go to the theological college in the normal way, whereas candidates for the diaconate mostly were experienced in some other occupation. The procedure for selection is the same for all. There are the same considerations. The training programme is trimmed to suit (in the process acknowledging the acceptance of theological training in the market place). The Committee on Ministry is responsible for training all through; when ordained all come

under the same discipline and same accountability. Deacons are not guaranteed an appointment. Lifelong ordination does not mean lifelong jurisdiction; an individual may withdraw or the Church could say it cannot continue an appointment. On this basis it was agreed that the minimum rate could apply to presbyters and deacons.

5. Deacons who receive partial payment for their services

Payment should be related proportionately to remuneration for a full-time position. Advice should be sought from the Committee on the Diaconate to ensure uniformity throughout the Connexion.

6. Supernumeraries who undertake a "Supply Ministry"

If a Supernumerary carries out the full task of Ministry in a Circuit/Parish then the full stipend and allowances should be paid.

If the Supernumerary and/or the Circuit/Parish requests less than a full-time "supply" then a pro-rata adjustment can be made from the basis of the standard minimum stipend for a reduced number of days or time worked.

Any negotiations concerning a part-time supply and the basis of remuneration should involve the Supernumerary, the Circuit/Parish, District Chairman and the Superintendent of Development Division.

Implementation

The guidelines have been approved by Church Council in May 1979 and are in operation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received
2. (a) That the same minimum stipend apply to both Ministers (Presbyters) and Deacons
- (b) That the date of implementation be 1 July 1980
3. That the central committee on stipends for 1980 be:
Rev.E.F.J Hanson (Chairman), Messrs C.A.Blazey, C.Davis,
L.R.Gibbs, J.C.Hanna, T.J.Martin, S.N.Roberts, T.G.Heggie,
J.B.McKinney (Convenor).
Corresponding members: Messrs.N.F.Alcorn, E.A.Crothall,
L.A.Davis, C.E.Hill, C.E.Radcliffe, Mrs.V.I.Dowie, and
C.Penwick.

J.A.Pennan
Chairman

J.B.McKinney
Convenor

TINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 1979

PERSONNEL: Early in 1979, the Rev. O.T. Woodfield moved from Auckland and tendered his resignation. At the request of the Council, the President appointed the Rev. N.E. Brookes to replace him. Later in the year, Messrs. F.M. Souster and L.W. Peak also resigned. The Council is grateful to these men for the long periods of service they have given (sixteen years in the case of Mr. Souster and well over forty years given by Mr. Peak) and for their special abilities so freely made available, particularly in property and legal matters.

STAFFING: In October, 1978, at the request of the Council, the President set up a special committee to consider staffing and related matters and to report to the Council. In February 1978, it reported:

- (a) That the Rev. Dr. J.J. Lewis had indicated a wish to relinquish the office of Principal at 31st January, 1980, but that he would be available to continue as Lecturer in Old Testament Studies until his retirement on 31st January, 1981. The committee had considered fully the question of the Principalship and recommended that the Rev. B. Keith Rowe be appointed.
- (b) That Dr. W. James Stuart, who had been offered the Wesley Lectureship in 1978, but who was then unavailable, was now available and the committee recommended that he should be offered the appointment.

The Council believes that Conference should agree to the wish of Dr. Lewis concerning the Principalship and confidently brings the nomination of the Rev. B.K. Rowe as Principal as from February 1980.

The news of the availability of Dr. Stuart was received with real pleasure by the Council and, acting in full co-operation with the appropriate authorities of St. John's College, it requested the President to extend an invitation to Dr. Stuart to become Wesley Lecturer in Systematic Theology for an initial term of five years. The invitation has now been accepted and Dr. Stuart will commence his work at the College on February 1, 1980.

THE RETIREMENT OF THE REV. J.J. LEWIS, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., as PRINCIPAL

As stated above, at the end of this Connexional year, the Rev. Dr. J.J. Lewis completes a distinguished term of nine years as Principal. His period of office has been notable for the successful establishment of a combined Anglican-Methodist venture in theological training, now in its seventh year, at the College of St. John the Evangelist.

Such an achievement has been possible not only because of the goodwill and generous attitude of the Anglican authorities, but also because of the esteem and confidence in which Dr. Lewis is held in the Methodist Church and by leaders and teachers of the Anglican and sister Churches. He has enhanced the Principalship by his considerable gifts and scholarship, and has been responsible, in large measure, for the warm acceptance by the Anglicans of the office of Principal as being essential to the Methodist presence in the combined College.

The Council recognises the tremendous burden carried by Dr. Lewis during the years of negotiation and subsequently in the consolidation and development of the joint venture. His leadership has been a uni-

fying and stabilising factor especially when it is realised that during the seven years of the combined College's existence, there have been three successive appointments to the office of Warden. Dr. Lewis' sensitivity, loyalty and wisdom have won for him the trust of Methodist and Anglican staff and students alike.

Under his leadership, the Methodist Church, while it has received much from the Anglican Church, has sought to make its distinctive contribution, both in personnel and in material resources, to the College community.

Further, his personal involvement in the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools has been an important factor in leading to the proposal, at present before the Churches, for the establishing of a New Zealand Association of Theological Colleges, thus making a useful partnership between Protestant and Catholic Colleges in New Zealand.

The Council records its gratitude to Dr. Lewis for his outstanding leadership as Principal during an eventful and demanding period in the history of the College and expresses its pleasure that he will be continuing as Lecturer in Old Testament Studies for a further year, at which time he will have completed forty years in the active ministry.

The Council is mindful of the heavy demands made on Mrs. Lewis during these years, and offers her its sincere thanks and appreciation for her unfailing support and for her generous contribution to the life of the College community.

APPOINTMENT OF THE REVEREND B.K. ROWE, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. as PRINCIPAL.

It is with confidence that the College Council brings forward the name of the Reverend Brian Keith Rowe B.A., B.D. S.T.M. for the appointment of Methodist Principal from 1st February, 1980. Mr. Rowe himself brings many gifts to this task. He gained his B.A. and B.D. in New Zealand and his S.T.M. summa cum laude at Union Seminary San Francisco. He has initiated ecumenically the important development in Continuing Education for Ministry and made it an essential component of the Church's education programme. He served effectively prior to this in the Education Division. Never far from his thought is the Circuit Ministry in which he served with distinction and in which he revealed his capacities as preacher and pastor. He has the full and valued support of his wife Kathleen.

His nomination has been submitted to Church Council and to the Synods.

TRINITY COLLEGE PROPERTY: The lease of the Trinity College property has been negotiated for a further three years as from January 1st, 1979.

LONG TERM USE OF TRINITY COLLEGE ASSETS: The Council has had discussions with the Methodist Trust Association concerning the long term use of Trinity College assets. This is in line with the concern felt for some years, both by the Council and by the Probert Trust, that assets held for the purposes of theological education might be more effectively used if brought together within the control of one body. It is now proposed that the assets of the Probert Trust be transferred to the Council and an appropriate resolut-

ion is being brought to Conference by the Probert Trustees.

A study of the future use of Grafton Road properties is being undertaken to ensure that, when the present lease expires, they can best be utilised as earning assets within the overall plan to provide adequate funds for theological education.

The Council has agreed, in principle, that arrangements should be made for the lodgement of investment funds with the M.T.A. and for the transfer of buildings not required for Theological College use, at an appropriate time. Until the transfer of these buildings, they would be managed for the Council by the Investment Board.

The ultimate result will be that the Church's assets producing revenue for theological education will be more effectively grouped together, the Council will receive a steady return on its investment in the M.T.A. and, by participating in the M.T.A., it will participate in spread of risk and in professional management of assets.

RECONSTRUCTION OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND RECONSIDERATION OF JOINT CHARTER: Consideration is being given to the reconstruction of the Board of Governors of St. John's College and the nature of Methodist participation in the administration of the College and the nature of Methodist participation in the administration of the College and the shaping of its life is part of the discussion. Economic and numerical pressures have further heightened the need to undertake a review of the whole enterprise. Questions are being raised, but these are natural and healthy questions. There is no need for precipitate action but rather for quiet consultation, and this is being undertaken. It is proposed that a joint meeting take place in March.

CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANTS: Over the years, the Council has been able to assist in the work of continuing education for ministry, by provision of modest grants for study purposes, usually overseas. This has been so again this year.

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN EDUCATION DIVISION AND THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:

Some consideration, at present purely exploratory, has been given to possible ways in which the work of the College might effectively be related to the work of the Education Division.

FUNCTION AND SIZE OF THE COUNCIL: Throughout this year, the Council has considered its function and size, particularly in the light of its new role in relation to the joint venture and now submits the following for the consideration of the Conference:

Objectives of the Methodist Theological College Council:

1. (a) To have pastoral oversight of the Methodist constituency in the College, recognising that the College continues its work in an experimental situation and is permitted reasonable initiative and freedom to continue its work.
(b) To interpret and represent Conference policy in consultation with the staff.
2. To interpret to and inform the Conference on significant issues relating to theological education.
3. To pastorally support the Principal, Methodist tutorial staff and students at St. John's College.

4. To ensure that the Methodist Church has:
 - (a) Adequate staff representation at the College.
 - (b) Shares in the administration and oversight of the joint venture.
 - (c) Shares responsibility in the appointment of staff members.
5. To provide financial management in terms of the payment of staff and students and other costs associated with the life of the College.

B. Membership of the Council:

- (1) That the Council consist of twelve members, six lay persons and six ministers, plus a chairperson.
- (2) That among the ministerial members:
 - (a) One shall be the Principal
 - (b) One shall be a representative of the teaching staff.
- (3) That among the lay members:
 - (a) One shall be the lay treasurer
 - (b) One shall be a student elected by the Methodist student body.
- (4) That the office of Chairperson be open to either a minister or a layperson.
- (5) That the Council have the power to co-opt as agreed by the President.

VENUE OF MEETINGS: The Council now meets regularly in the staff lounge at the College. The provision of this facility is much appreciated and Council members are conscious of the value of meeting within the College setting.

D.B. Gordon - Chairman.
T.L. Bennett - Secretary.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Rev. J.J. Lewis M.A., B.D., Ph.D. complete his term as Methodist Principal on January 31, 1980.
3. That the Rev. Dr. J.J. Lewis continue as Lecturer in Old Testament Studies until his retirement on January 31, 1981.
4. That the Rev. B. Keith Rowe B.A. B.D., S.T.M. be appointed Methodist Principal from February 1, 1980, for an initial term of five years.
5. That, having been so designated by Conference 1977, the Rev. B.K. Rowe now be appointed Ranston Lecturer in the field of Christian Education, Homiletics and Ministry.
6. That the Rev. J. Silvester M.A., be thanked for his contribution to the life of the College by lecturing in the Theology Department on two mornings weekly over the last two years.
7. Conference receives with pleasure, notice of the appointment by the President, in accordance with the agreed procedures, of Rev. W. James Stuart D. Theol. as Wesley Lecturer in Systematic Theology from February 1, 1980 for an initial term of five years, and assures Dr. Stuart of a warm welcome and the Church's support.
8. That the section of the report entitled FUNCTION & SIZE OF THE COUNCIL be adopted.
9. That the Council for 1980 be: (To be nominated direct to Conference).

THE COLLEGE OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

This is the seventh year of combined Methodist and Anglican ministerial training. Prior to the Uniting of the Colleges, there were a further three years with varied amounts of joint teaching. During this period, some 180 Anglican, 41 Methodist and 6 Presbyterian men and women have received or are in the process of receiving training. Much has happened. Throughout New Zealand, there are those who have studied and worshipped together and who are committed to one another in the larger work of the Church. In addition, a company of private lay students and of extra-mural students, lay and ministerial, have shared in the stimulus of the College.

In such a setting, cultural and denominational emphases and contributions are sharpened rather than blurred. Inevitably this is not without accompanying frustrations. Problems arise that cannot find easy solution. This is a sign of health. This very fact has enriched understanding of the diversity of the Church's life and increased sensitivity in perception of its mission in the world.

While the venture grew out of discussions under the aegis of the Joint Commission on Church Union, from the beginning it was declared to be independent of the movement towards union. It was undertaken as an expression of the Lund principle of common action wherever possible, yet with the hope that the College itself would grow in unity.

Of a College of 70, 16 this year are training for the Methodist Ministry. The Student President, Mr. John Murray, is the first Methodist to hold this office.

NEW STAFF: It is with confidence and enthusiasm that we welcome the Reverend Dr. James Stuart as Wesley Tutor in Systematic Theology. He is a competent theologian of wide experience and with deep interest in the indigenisation of the Gospel. Gratitude is expressed to the Reverend John Silvester who has for a further year supplied two mornings weekly in the Theology Department.

The nomination of the Reverend B.K. Rowe to the Principalship is commended to the Churches. He brings theological insight, educational skills, keen perception, powers of communication, and energy. A fine team will give leadership into the next decade.

VISITORS: St. John's College is indeed fortunate in the number and quality of distinguished visitors who come to share their insights and scholarship. Amongst those who have come this year are Drs. Munroe Peaston, Hans Reudi Weber, Leander Keck and Bishop J.A.T. Robinson.

We have valued the visits of the Vice President and President of the Conference, Mr. C.B. Fenwick and the Reverend D.B. Gordon.

MARAE VISIT: Some 40 College members shared in the week-end at the Oturei Marae, Dargaville, under the leadership of the Tumuaki, the Reverend R.D. Rakana. His own teaching course at the College during the first Term as a supply for Canon John Tamahori was much appreciated.

STUDY LEAVE: The Reverend B.K. Rowe left for the second phase of his doctoral programme at San Anselmo, San Francisco, in June. We are grateful to those who gave supply assistance during his absence, the Reverends Peter Davis, Norman Brookes, B. Jones, K. Taylor, R. Collingwood, Dr. Felix Donnelly.

FOUR YEAR COURSE: There are hopes that a four year course for selected students may be able to be reintroduced next year with some modifications. This would involve the inclusion of two half years or of one full year in an Auckland Circuit. The four year course would gather in the positive elements of the Probationary system and would lead to ordination at its close. Decision depends upon the number of candidates seeking to come to the College and also upon stationing possibilities in Auckland.

INTERCHANGE OF STUDENTS: One Methodist student has been permitted to undertake the Otago Bachelor of Theology course on the understanding that he spend next year at Knox College, returning for his final year to St. John's College. Support for this scheme has been given by Otago and this could prove one way of contributing to an interchange of students between the Colleges.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Not only has the College Council supported financially the ecumenical work of Mr. Rowe in Continuing Education for Ministry, by a careful use of its funds according to the pattern approved by Conference, it has been able to give some financial assistance in recent years for study projects overseas to some 18 ministers including one Anglican. Amounts given have not been large but they have been received as signs of endorsement and encouragement.

GIFTS: The College is grateful to those who have made gifts, Certificates and commemorative Wesley beaker from the Wesley Historical Society through the Reverend L.R.M. Gilmore, books from Mr. W. Simpson through the Reverend W.S. Dawson, cheques from the Reverend R. Short and from the Presbyterian-Methodist Parish of Wairoa through the Reverend J.A. Stringer. The latter gift of \$200 for students was most supportive and established a bond between the students and the Parish. Students were made to feel that they really belonged to the wider Church.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE EDUCATION DIVISION: A most fruitful development has been the active co-operation of the Methodist College Staff with the Directors of the Education Division. A Staff Committee has been formed, not as a new Department, but as an instrument for helping shape the training needed for a diversity of ministries, Diaconal, Presbyteral, Self-Supporting. Training and study modules prepared by the Education Division have already proved a valuable basis. Combined educational programmes have been undertaken in Wellington and Auckland and one is planned for New Plymouth.

A visit is to be made from the College to Tauranga later in the year. The claims of the College were set recently before the Auckland Synod.

There is a very fruitful area of overlap in work between the Education Department and the College and further exploration will be made together. It is regretted that it was not possible to proceed with the ecumenical Lay Studies Institute. It is clear that one field of co-operation will still be found in lay education as it properly overlaps with ministerial theological training.

ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES: A proposal is at present before the Churches for the establishing of a New Zealand Association of Theological Colleges in close association with the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools. The proposal seeks to gather the present Joint Board of Theological Studies under this larger umbrella and to widen membership to bring in Colleges of Churches other than those who have been negotiating for union. Much is to be gained in what could be a joint Catholic and Protestant partnership. A joint approach is to be made concerning the provision of Government bursaries for those studying theology at tertiary level.

Discussions still continue on the possibility of establishing a College of Divinity for Auckland. Not only would this benefit the Colleges but also those who wish to study Theology at tertiary level without necessarily ever seeking ordination.

NEW DIRECTIONS: Questions are being raised concerning student ratios and training costs, the implications of the Two-Colleges-in-One concept, the structures of institutional control. Discussion never ceases to focus upon methods of learning and upon the nature and experience of ministry. Finality is never reached. It is a suitable moment for an appraisal of the venture of joint training at St. John's College, to seek for even more effective ways of working together. To this end a consultation between representatives of the St. John's Board of Governors and of the Trinity College Council is being arranged for early in 1980. In all the work and life of the College the practical interest and concern of the whole Church are not only valued but essential. So the College hopes to match the opportunities and needs of the 1980's.

GRATITUDE: To have been given 31 years in the work of the College, 27 of them in full time service, is an inestimable privilege. So much is owed to Colleagues and Students, Methodist and Anglican, to former Principals, to the Methodist Connexion and the leadership of the Anglican Church, to the College Council and Joint Executive, that it is not possible adequately to particularise. To none do I owe more than to Mrs. Lewis for her support and contribution over the years to the College community, and to two daughters for their share in this experience. I am deeply grateful.

J.J.LEWIS.
Principal.

WESLEY COLLEGE, PAERATA

REPORT OF THE TRUST BOARD 1979

TRUST OBJECTIVES

The Trust has had an improving income from investments and over the last full financial year the Board was able to absorb a hostel operating loss and so keep boarding fees at a reasonable level. Additionally, beneficiary assistance towards hostel fees amounting to \$33,232 was provided. This, together with the hostel subsidy and also endowed scholarships at \$7,730 indicates the extent to which the Trust and College benefactors make available a boarding school education within the reach of boys which the Trust is set up to serve. The timely realisation of property assets and their reinvestment in higher income earning areas has substantially contributed to the Board's present financial position.

SUPPLEMENTARY INTEGRATION AGREEMENT

A supplementary integration agreement was concluded between the Trust Board and the Minister of Education allowing for an increase in roll numbers from 275 to a maximum of 305. The College will be able to expand the roll in 1980 on the completion of Caughey Hall.

EXPANSION OF BOARDING FACILITIES

A contract has been let for the construction of an additional dormitory block to be known as Caughey Hall. The cost to the Board will be approximately \$300,000 and the facilities provided will accommodate the increased roll and relieve other dormitories.

RETIREMENT OF SECRETARY

Mr G.C.B. Minogue, who had been Secretary to the Board for a period of over 24 years, retired from the position in April of this year and Mr N. L. Johnston was appointed to succeed him.

SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED

In the early part of 1979, the Board was saddened to learn of the death of Mr T.L. Hames, who had been a member since December 1952, and Mr A. W. Westney, who had been a member of the Board from 1932 until 1965. Both men had given outstanding service to the Board over many years and in addition Mr Hames had been a very generous benefactor to the College. Apart from substantial financial support given to the restoration of the organ and the general refurbishing of the Chapel, he had established the Kingswood Scholarship Fund which sought to encourage the more outstanding academic students to achieve the highest standard

possible.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Continuing generous support was received in the provision of scholarships for pupils and it was gratifying to note that consent had been received from the Gisborne Circuit to expand the award of funds denoted by them to include Polynesian or Pacific Island students, at the discretion of the Principal. It was agreed that the former Fijian Scholarship Fund be now known as the Gisborne Circuit Scholarship Fund.

JOHNSON REPORT

The Trust Board together with the Board of Governors made submissions to the Minister of Education concerning this report. In general, both Boards supported the main aspects of the report and in particular the desire to bring the parents and School together, especially in the preparation of programmes for moral education. It was felt that there was a prime need for selfdiscipline and guidelines on discipline to be set by the Principal and the Staff so that young people should learn that in an ordered society there was a need for respect for rightful authority. In addition, while recognising the contributions made by other religions and beliefs, the Christian ethic should be acknowledged in New Zealand as the basic spiritual dimension. It was submitted that it should be the task of each school board and staff, its pupils, its parents and its community to find the best way to further the mental and physical wellbeing of staff and pupils.

CHAPEL JUBILEE

A service to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Smith Memorial Chapel in 1929 was held in February. The gift of Mrs Marianne Caughey Smith, the Chapel represents a dominant feature of College life. Many members of the Caughey family attended the service, at which the President (The Rev. D. Bruce Gordon) was the Preacher, and afterwards Mr J. Stuart Caughey, a former chairman of the Trust Board, laid the foundation stone of Caughey Hall.

OLD BOYS

Prime Ministers leading two of the newest independent countries in the Pacific are old boys of Wesley. Mr Peter Kenilorea of the Solomon Islands was at the College from 1964 and Mr Toalipi Lauti of Tuvalu (formerly the Ellice Islands) from 1947. Mr A. H. McAulay, recently appointed to the Trust Board, makes seven old boys serving on the Board.

AWARD TO PRINCIPAL

Three months' travel through the United States, Britain, Europe and the Far East was undertaken by the

Principal (Mr J. B. McDougall) with his wife under the provisions of the Woolf Fisher Educational Fellowship awarded to him. The Trust Board awaits with interest his detailed report on institutions visited and educational trends observed around the world. The award was an honour to Wesley as well as a well-deserved recognition of Mr McDougall's own standing in his profession.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

During the year grants were made to the School library for its upgrading and also towards the purchase of additional books in the New Zealand literature section. These grants were made in conjunction with support given by the Board of Governors.

ASSOCIATION BETWEEN BOARDS

The Trust Board has enjoyed a cordial relationship with the College Board of Governors. Both Boards are united in their efforts to ensure the special character of Wesley is maintained under the integration agreement and the Trust Board acknowledges the continuing success of integration. Mr Denton is a member of the Minister's Integration Advisory Committee, representing interdenominational schools.

CHAPLAINS' HOUSE

A new residence for the Chaplain was completed and this contributed significantly in furthering the Board's programme for the ultimate replacement and renewal of the buildings at Paerata. The Board intends to continue this programme of renewal and upgrading as funds become available.

PROPERTIES

The Board is still holding a number of unsold sections in the Mt Roskill subdivision because of the general economic downturn. While recognising that subdivisions sales are likely to be slow in the immediate future it is hoped that the remaining sections can be sold in the next 12 months and the Board can also make progress on the development of its industrial site at Mt Wellington. Other property developments are in the planning stage. Historic Government land grants and generous property benefactions make the Trust's task a responsible but satisfying one.

FARM

A considerable improvement in the contribution made by the Farm to the income of the Board was shown during the year. However, milk quota reductions due to come into force from September this year will have an effect on the earning capacity of the Farm and it is unlikely that the returns for the current year will be significantly higher.

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In his report, the Acting-Principal (Mr J. G. Hall) told the Board that the College had continued its full functions with a stable roll of 275 students (220 boarders and 55 day boys).

Staff

Three teachers left at the end of 1978, Mr R. Lendrum, Mr B. Reynolds and Mr R. Teasdale. New staff are Mr P. Spratt, M.Sc., Dip.Tchg., Head of Science, Mr C. Johnston, B.Agr.Sc., Agriculture, Mr W. Sanson B.A., Dip.Tchg., Social Studies. Mr Gail Burrows, T.T.C., replaced Mrs B. Dixon as part-time Art and Craft Teacher. Mrs D. McFadden has also joined as a part-time Remedial English Teacher. All domestic departments are fully staffed. The Trust Board appointed Mr Gordon McGavin to a newly created position of Executive Officer, working from the College office.

Examinations

1978 results in external examinations maintained an above-National average but were disappointing in some cases. As a result some persistent under-achievers had financial assistance withdrawn and did not return.

College Activities

All students are actively encouraged to take part in team sports. There are 8 Rugby, 4 Soccer and 3 Hockey teams playing in Saturday interschool competitions. In addition, basketball is gaining steadily in popularity. Each team is coached by a staff member who, contrary to modern trends, give a lot of spare time to the boys' activities. The summer sports of cricket, softball, volleyball, swimming, athletics, lifesaving, tennis, golf, rowing and yachting have continued strongly and indoor pursuits such as gymnastics, boxing, table tennis, badminton, drama, chess, carving etc. have all attracted enthusiastic followers. The Polynesian Club, under the tireless direction of Mr TeWhare Turuwhenua, continues to be in high demand at many functions, giving lively and well polished performances. The Young Farmers' Club continues to thrive. Debating and speech standards are good. The production "Billy Budd" is in rehearsal in the hands of Mr Stephen Fordyce, for presentation in August. The Rev. W. A. Chessum, the College Chaplain, continues to "make music". The annual inter-house Choral contest produced, as expected, some

excellent singing. Sincere thanks to him for all his most satisfying efforts.

Outdoor education camps were held for the fourth, sixth and seventh forms at Parau Bay. At the same time fifth form Geography students visited the Central Plateau area. Various one-day visits were arranged from time-to-time to industrial plants and Ruakura.

Friends of Wesley

An organisation much on the lines of a Parent-Teacher Association has been formed to foster closer relationships between parents, old boys and friends of the College. Several successful functions have been held and committee members, under the Chairmanship of Mr E. Shaw, have begun to raise funds for the benefit of the College and students.

Conclusion

The College is maintaining its reputation as a sound educational institution, both academically and socially, under the guidance of well constituted Boards and the Principal.

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain's Report to the Board noted that the existing pattern of Chapel services has continued. Seven candidates were confirmed at St Andrews, Pukekohe, last year, six boys and one girl. This year's class has fluctuated somewhat, but will settle at about five members.

Very helpful bible class assistance comes from Mr Sealby (Form 2), and from Mr Sargent and Mr Fordyce (Form 3). A members' class is held for boys already confirmed.

Life and faith studies continue. In music the College had lost the services of Mrs Tyler after eight years of piano teaching. Mrs Salisbury, of Drury, was an admirable replacement. Mr Clancy continued with guitar lessons, and the Chaplain takes brass and woodwind instruments, though with fewer boys offering this year. Again Wesley Choir made a valuable contribution to the Manukau Secondary Schools Festival at the end of Term I, with over 40 attending each of the two nights. Mr Chessum is Chairman of the Festival Committee.

Speaking of this district's musical activities, the Chaplain said he had conducted the South Auckland Music Society, first in a presentation of Bach's St Luke Passion, and later in some part-songs as part of a concert shared with the Auckland Symphonia. Other involvements included productions at Pukekohe and Papakura and he was preparing some incidental

music for Pilgrim Productions in the play "Sentenced to Life" during November.

Mr Chessum said he enjoyed an association with Anglican School Chaplains and a future possibility was a closer link between this Group and the various Independent Schools' associations.

In conclusion, he extended his thanks to Mr McDougall, Mr Hall, and all staff for their support, and also to members of the Trust Board and the Board of Governors for their interest and encouragement. He and his family were happily settled in their new home.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The present membership of the Board is:

Mr H. M. Denton (Chairman), Revs E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, R. D. Rakena, A. K. Petch and N. E. Brookes, Messrs E. J. Beavis, J. Beever, B. K. Caughey, J. S. Caughey, W. F. Christian, C. W. Firth, J. W. Hull, A. H. McAulay, C. A. Mansell, C. N. Nicholls, J. Peters, T.G.M. Spooner and A. M. Winstone.

Messrs Brookes and McAulay were added during the year, their appointment having been approved by the President.

The Rev. R. F. Clement has resigned from the Board because of his commitments as General Secretary to the Leprosy Mission of New Zealand. The Board has appreciated his service during the last 20 years.

THANKS

The thanks of the Board is extended to the Principal and all staff members, both at Paerata and in the City, for the fine contribution made to another satisfactory year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference record its sincere appreciation of the services of Mr G.C.B. Minogue as Secretary to the Trust Board since 1953 and wish him well in his retirement.
3. That the membership of the Board be as listed in the Report.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

With last year's experience of operating a hostel for Maori Trade Trainees to draw on, the Board and staff of Rangiatea began the year with a clearer idea of what we wished to attain and what was required to attain it.

STAFFING: With the transfer of Mr Ashford to Wanganui to be Community Officer there, the Board's first concern was to secure replacement staff. It was decided that a full time Master and Matron rather than a Matron with her husband giving part-time and voluntary support was needed. With that in mind, Mr and Mrs Kahika were appointed full time Master and Matron in January of this year. Mr Kahika came to us from Tararua College, Pahiatua, where he had been teaching for five years. Prior to that he had taught at the Hutt Technical College in Petone. The Board considers itself most fortunate to have secured the service of a man of Mr Kahika's experience. Very early on he gave a very strong lead to trainees and presently he has the respect and co-operation of both staff and trainees. The Board is grateful for his leadership and supervision and that of Mrs Kahika who serves quietly, but effectively as Matron-housekeeper.

With the retirement of Mr Sears as groundsman/handyman Rangiatea lost a good friend. Mr L. Ellis, a retired engineer was appointed in his place. Since his appointment, much of Mr Ellis's time has been taken up with maintenance and repair work. He has saved the Board considerable expense for which the Board is grateful. Mr Ellis has also acted as relieving master, thus affording opportunity for Mr Kahika to have time off. Mrs Ruby Fenton has come in to act as relieving matron so that Mrs Kahika might have time off. We are grateful to both these folk for their enthusiasm and their readiness to serve. Grateful also for the loyalty and willingness of the domestic staff to fill in when necessary. Staffing of a residential hostel, demanding as it does, staggered working hours and weekend work, is not easily secured. The Board is indebted to Mr and Mrs Kahika and to other staff for their willingness to work beyond set hours and their concern and care for the trainees.

TRAINEES: The year began with 58 trainees in residence. Four have since returned home on the advice of the Taranaki Polytechnic and Maori Affairs Department. On the whole the trainees have shown a commendable respect and care for the hostel and the majority have a respect for the rules laid down by the Master in consultation with the Board. Bearing in mind that the majority of trainees come from smaller centres, that they are far from home and friends, and that they are young men bursting with energy, I feel that behavioural problems have been of a minor nature. Reports of conduct and effort from Taranaki Polytechnic are all favourable. If the good Lord would just blind trainees to the attractions of the other sex for twelve months all would be well. The Board did run into a problem which is worth mentioning at this stage. A request was received for accommodation for four of last year's intake who had secured apprenticeships in New Plymouth. The four were accepted on the understanding that they pay full board regularly and with the hope that their influence would be beneficial to both new trainees and the hostel. This hasn't worked out at all. Two have lost their apprenticeships and none has given a really constructive lead in the hostel. Board money is owing. Rangiatea Board is reluctant to put the fellows out on the street as it were; on the other hand to have fellows who are receiving unemployment benefit residing in a hostel where the majority are required to study and work hard, will be quite undesirable. In our own case, the situation has been resolved with the assistance of Maori Affairs. I mention the problem simply for information for other Hostels.

TARANAKI POLYTECHNIC AND MAORI AFFAIRS: The Master has established good relations with officers of both these bodies. Mr Scales, head of Department at Taranaki Polytechnic is very helpful and has a real concern for trainees.

The Board regrets the loss of Mr Lindsay McLeod as Maori Trade Training Officer. At the same time the Board offers sincere congratulations to him on his promotion to Community Officer, New Plymouth. Mr McLeod has given himself unstintingly to the trainees, assisted them in innumerable ways, haunted the city's industrial areas seeking placements for them, and generally been a father or better, a big brother, to them. He has always been ready to assist hostel staff, as a friend and advisor.

The Board wishes him well in his new appointment and trusts that it will not involve the severing of all the ties established with Rangiatea.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OF GIRLS: The Board has maintained support for those girls formerly resident in Rangiatea and who desired to continue their secondary education in New Plymouth. The Board expresses appreciation yet again for the continued support of Kai Iwi Trust, Wellington Charitable Trust and Grey Institute Trust. Te Aana House accomodates social welfare girls and female trade trainees and is managed by a local committee. It has expressed a desire that Rangiatea Trust Board might assume responsibility for Te Aana on behalf of the Church. Rangiatea Board's view is that it is not authorised to move into the welfare work aspect of Te Aana's programme. Co-operation exists in the trade trainee area without the need for any formal linking of the two orgainisations.

ADMINISTRATION: The administrative measures introduced last year are functioning adequately. Mr L. Fox continues to give many patient hours to the affairs of the hostel, financial and other. He has established a good relationship with senior officers of Maori Affairs Department in Wanganui and Wellington and this rebounds to the benefit of the Board. Mr Fox is ably assisted by Mrs M. Kitchingman.

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL: Rev. Couch, chaplain to Rangiatea conducts a regular monthly worship service. The Master, Mr Kahika, conducts daily morning prayers before trainees depart to Polytechnic. Invitations to other church groups have been extended and it is hoped that these will be accepted and actioned. The majority of this year's intake claim adherence to the Roman Catholic faith.

Rev. Couch and the Master conduct weekly sessions in Maori Culture. A weekend trip to Wanganui is planned for the trainees and visits from Te Rahui Tane, and from Auckland are planned. Several trainees have gained representative status in rugby football.

PROPERTY:

1. Maintenance work has been maintained. The Board will be faced with major alterations and renovations in the near future. The hostel was built to house girls, not for energetic young men, given to horseplay. Partitioning in the dormitory area is taking a hammering, the built in beds were for persons of smaller stature than

young male trainees.

2. The lease agreement with the New Plymouth High Schools Board is not yet finalised. Government grants to High School Boards have been cut with the result that Boards are frustrated in endeavouring to overcome deferral of approved projects.

GENERAL:

The change from a Girls Hostel to a hostel for Young Maori trainees (male) certainly makes economic sense. It also makes sense when one has regard for the demands of at least the immediate future. Every effort by the Church to assist young Maori men to fit themselves to play a constructive role in the work force and socially will be of benefit to Maori Society as a whole. This doesn't mean that the needs of Maori girls and younger women should be disregarded. The Board is concerned for their need, concerned for Te Aana House, and will assist as much as is possible.

L. Tauroa

Chairman

MASTER'S REPORT

RANGIATEA AND THE TRADE TRAINEES OF 1979

All newcomers were welcomed to Taranaki in the traditional Maori - the local New Plymouth Culture Group giving a rousing and hearty introduction. To many this was the first time they were accorded Taranaki hospitality. Many of the boys have heard of Ferdinand Country but now they were part of it.

"Ahakoa kua mahue o matau wai kaukau"

"Ma te aroha o Taranaki e whakamakona"

"Though we have left our tribal swimming pools"

"The love of Taranaki alleviates the longing for home" (homesick)

The trainees were from the many Maori Districts. The year started with 58 trainees for the 1979 intake. These boys were aged 16 years to 18 years. The present number is 54 - 2 having failed to meet the examination requirements, I begged to be released (no faith in himself) I hospitalised for long

medication and rest.

HOSTEL LIFE AND DUTIES: Many of the boys came from moderate size families. These seem to fit into hostel pattern of living. However several came from single family groups and have taken a while to adjust. Some too were "Loners" and were always on their own, not mixing and getting to know other boys. It had to be explained to them, the purpose for the hostel, its duties and rules. Over all they were doing well, only a few needed constant reminding that they hadn't done this or that. After 5 months they are more than adequate cleaners and there are no excuses for duties not done - beds not made etc.

HEALTH: The health of the boys remains good. However there are 2 that need constant care and observance. One boy suffers from asthma and he has to be watched at all times.

The patchy weather has taken toll and the usual - cough, flu, sore throat, cut fingers and football bruising seems to be the order of the day. All emergency cases go direct to the Base Hospital, colds, cuts etc. are attended to at the hostel.

I've tried as much as possible to convey boys to hospital - chemist requirements - bus to catch or what ever they need - or where ever they have to go to get help for their complaints. Dr David Han is the hostel doctor. He is centrally situated and is a frequent caller at the Polytechnic. Dental treatment are few.

ACTIVITIES:

CHURCH SERVICES - On the 4th Sunday of each month we hold a Hostel service. These have been well attended. I believe the "fruits" to the faithfulness of our Chaplain are beginning to show of late. Many of the boys are making enquiries and some are forgetting Sunday sport and down town walks to be with the Chaplain in his afternoon service rounds. Other services have been taken by the Ratana Apotoro - the Young People from Robe St. Chapel. We also had Rev. Anderson, Otorohonga share the service with Moke. I must say how warming these services have been.

Thank you Moke for your simple presentation of the "Word" - "Come see the Man that told me all things that ever I did - is not this the Christ."

MAORI CULTURE - Under the hand of Rev. Couch the cultural group has progressed over the month and is now a proud exponent of Haka and action song. There is still plenty of work yet and a lot more to be learnt.

I am responsible for the Maori Studies - this is taken at Polytechnic, 2 hours every Thursday 1 - 3 p.m. So far we have covered - Canoes and their Leaders; Tribal areas and anmes; Pomare and Buck; Te Whiti and Tohu. The boys are all keen and ardent learners. Many have not heard of Pomare, Buck, Te Whiti and Tohu.

SPORTS - Mr McLeod is coaching the 4th grade team. The team has settled down and is playing good rugby. Practise sessions are held several nights per week. Several of the older boys are playing in Spotswood Old Boys 3rds. Several have been playing indoor basketball and also softball. During the week some of the boys go to the Y.M.C.A. for weight training.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: A "Boys Hostel Committee" was formed to deal with matters and complaints by the boys. Sporting fixtures - cultural trips and visits, discos and the hosting visitors to the hostel.

We have had 4 Maori Cultural Clubs from Waitara visit us, and an enjoyable evening was shared by all present. The Maori Group also visited Manukorihi Pa for the "Pomare Day" celebrations.

Several times the boys have helped in city collections, for Save the Children - Crippled Children's Funds - Blind Foundation.

The committee has planned weekend visit to Ratana Pa for cultural and sporting activity. We will be hosting 2 hostels from Hamilton - set down for September 22nd weekend.

DISCIPLINE: Most of the boys accept the rules that govern their stay at the hostel. However one is always conscious of those who will try to get away with some breach. The biggest problem seems to stem from the over boisterous attitude of most of the trainees. Being closed in all day at classes, when they are let go they seem to release all their energy on their arrival at the hostel. For a hostel this size it is impossible to cover and be on the spot when trouble starts or bad language - shouting and yelling erupts in the corridors and dorms. Several boys have been charged for their damages to hostel property. A pleasing aspect is the way in which the boys accept their fines and work orders.

CONCLUSION: The months have rolled by and what a busy 6 months this has been.

Finding suitable and reliable staff is ever with us. However one remains grateful to the efforts of the present staff who are serving the hostel to the best of their ability.

The settling in period far gone, there remains the continual parry and counter so as to be always ahead of the boys.

Behind all this is the longing that the boys thinking might be aroused and therefore realize that what is being done is for their benefit.

The aim of 1978 is to introduce the boys to the Lord Jesus. Create a good happy family atmosphere and prepare the boys to a satisfactory completion of their courses.

Many thanks to Rev. Couch for this thrice weekly visits to the hostel and also his wise counselling.

We therefore look forward with anticipation to the six months ahead - "truly the Harvest is plentiful - but the Labourers few."

Tena koutou mo nga awhina atawhai

Greeting to all for your assistance and help.

Pahe Kahika

Master

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received.
2. That the members of the Board for 1980 be:-

Revs L.M. Tauroa (Chairman), G.T. Gilbert,
M. Couch, M. Te Whare, Mesdames R. Fenton,
J. Armstrong, Misses J. Bishop, N. McCullough,
Mr G. Koea (Life member), Messrs W.L. Churchill,
L.J. Fordyce, K.M. Okey, B.M. Phillips, E. Tamati,
M.J. Ahie, P. Rakena, C.B. Fenwick, A.L. Fox
(Secretary/Treasurer)

DEACONESS BOARD AND WARDENS REPORT 1979

During the past year the Deaconess Board has continued the oversight of matters pertaining to Deaconesses, but an extension of function has been the training, financing and oversight of members and candidates of the Diaconate. The churches understanding of the Diaconate and self-supporting ministeries has developed, and the role of the Deaconess and Deaconess Board has changed to cope with this situation.

The Deaconesses have responded to this development of understanding, and to the recent statements of the Conference on the place of the Deaconess within the Diaconate, by seeing their role as being mainly in the Presbyterate. As a result of this, several Deaconesses employed by the Methodist Church in New Zealand are seeking ordination to the Presbyterate at the forthcoming Church Conference. This will leave the church with a decision to make, regarding the viability of the Deaconess Order and the place of the people remaining in the Order.

The Deaconesses have considered changing the name of the Order and making it possible for others, male and female, presbyter and deacon to become members. It is considered that this approach is not helpful, and in fact it appears that while there are still Deaconesses, the Order may not be changed. At the Deaconess Convocation 1979, the present Deaconesses planned to meet in the first week of the May school holidays, 1980, in a Convocation and until then there should be no change. Clarification of the Deaconess situation, and perhaps a vision of a new Order within the church will be gained, if this is desirable.

ORDINANDS Mrs J.M. Bouchier, at the request of her Circuit and District, was ordained to the Presbyterate, not to the Diaconate as expected.

Mrs C.E. Little was ordained to the Diaconate.

DEACONS-IN-TRAINING Mr John Bennett, Mr Fisiga Tuimaseve and Mrs Edna Webster are all in their first year of training and it is anticipated that they will continue into their second year in 1980.

J.H. Osborne	- Chairman
P.J. Wedding	- Secretary
M.R. Robertson	- Treasurer
G. Brazendale	- Warden

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the name of the Deaconess Board be changed to the 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 members of the Diaconate 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.

3. That members of the Committee for the Diaconate for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

The overwhelming affirmative response of parishes, circuits, presbyteries and synods to the remit on "The Church and involvement in Politics" makes clear the feelings of social and political responsibility throughout our two Churches. Such responsibility is the basis of the work of the committee and gives it's members an encouraging sense of support.

The committee continues as a Joint Methodist and Presbyterian Committee with great benefit for all members. Work for the year was divided into ten study groups with each member being involved in one or two areas. The areas of concern are Alcohol; Gambling and Drugs; Energy; Health; Church Investments; Crime and Violence; Parliamentary Affairs; Sexuality; Social Welfare; Unemployment and a special group to make submissions on the Family Proceedings Bill.

The committee endeavours to keep the Churches informed through Synods and Presbyteries by sending minutes, copies of statements and submissions throughout the year. It seeks to stimulate thinking and action by sending down remits for discussion as well as a new venture, the "Alcohol Education Kitset".

This year also the two conveners have begun a policy of calling on Parliamentary leaders personally for informal discussion of important issues rather than entering into correspondence.

THE CHURCH AND INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICS

About 120 parishes and 20 presbyteries responded to this remit. The two conclusions of the document acted as questions. In answer to the first - "that the Church should be involved as the Church, in politics and in all social and economic issues at national, regional and local levels" a total of 87 parishes were clearly in favour and 7 were clearly against (Presbyterian figures). There was general agreement with the committee that the Church as such should not be involved in party politics. A number of replies tried to distinguish between moral issues on the one hand and social, economic and political on the other. This division seems unbiblical to the committee. A few asked that the biblical bases for Church statements should be emphasised. The committee agrees that the biblical basis should be well thought out but it is not always appropriate to emphasise this in a public statement.

In reply to the second conclusion - "that the Assembly and Conference, and committees duly appointed by them, have a right to speak and act in the name of the Church, always allowing the right of individual members to express their dissent", those clearly in favour were 75 and those against 7. Some raised the

idea that the Moderator or President be the only person empowered by the Church to make public statements, in consultation with the committee or the Assembly Executive Secretary. Sometimes the committee has asked a Moderator or President to speak out on a particular issue but normally this is not convenient and it also raises the question of the role of the Moderator or President within the Church.

The committee was urged by some to make statements only in it's own name. This is exactly what it does. The media, however, do not always understand such subtleties. The request for consultation with Presbyteries and Synods before speaking or acting is covered as much as possible by the sending down of remits but in many situations this is not possible. Even if it were, it would call into question the relationship of an Assembly or Conference committee to its local equivalents.

A number of replies suggested that the committee could keep the whole Church and especially the young people better informed through a regular "newsletter". In theory, this is an excellent idea but with a combined annual budget of \$1,750 it is out of the question.

GAMBLING

There has been a gratifying response to the questions we raised in our Annual Report last year. Over 70 parishes and circuits replied out of a total of over 640, and an analysis of their replies is as follows:-

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

All replies thought that gambling was a moral and social problem in N.Z. today. All expressed their genuine concern about the extent of gambling in N.Z. and were agreed that the Church should speak out strongly against the introduction of any new forms of gambling e.g. 'Lotto', Casinos, Poker Machines. The point was also made that while the Church acknowledges the problem there were other more important issues, e.g. alcohol, unemployment, which should concern the Church. One or two groups also felt that the Church had a very middle-class attitude to gambling in that while it condemned TAB Casino gambling it seems to accept investing (gambling) on the stock exchange.

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

Most of the replies felt that while 'the traditional view'

was no longer widely held by Church people, for others there was a strong feeling that Christians should not gamble themselves as this could provide a "stumbling block" for those who were "weak-willed" and would not be able to control their gambling.

Some circuits and sessions raised the issue of motive, in that a raffle ticket bought more for the "good cause" rather than the prize was not really a gamble, though the supporters of 'the traditional view' pointed out that if something is wrong in principle it is wrong in all cases and the degree was irrelevant.

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

Almost all the replies saw gambling as a misuse of money and felt that the money gambled could be put to better use. The question was again raised as to whether money gambled away was any worse a misuse than spending it on drink. Some replies saw hoarding money or using it to exert power over people as an even greater misuse.

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

The replies agreed that if covetousness was not the root it was certainly a root of the desire to gamble. Other factors in the desire to gamble were loneliness, boredom and lack of any clear purpose in life. Those who saw little harm in a 50c raffle for a good cause, felt that buying a ticket for such a cause was not based on covetousness and greed or avarice, but on a genuine desire to help a worthy cause.

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

Gambling to excess was seen by almost all those who replied as being harmful to a person's character. This was qualified to the extent that the harm done was related to the extent of gambling indulged in, and the amount of money spent on other things. So some could only answer "sometimes" and "it depends" in answer to this question.

Question 6. "Does gambling encourage dishonesty?"

That all depends on the individual, though many circuits and parishes felt that gambling is potentially dangerous. What was clearer was the relationship between excessive and compulsive gambling and dishonesty was a strong one.

CONCLUSION:

In view of the replies received, the four following points can be affirmed -

- (i) that a Christian's attitude towards gambling should be shaped by an acceptance of the principle of Stewardship towards personal and community resources and by a concern for the total welfare of others;
- (ii) that there are various opinions as to the effects of casual gambling on a small scale. However, the acceptance of such casual gambling does create the environment in which reckless or addictive gambling can take place;
- (iii) that the provision of any further facilities for gambling should be opposed and that Christians be encouraged to avoid gambling;
- (iv) that congregations actively promote a way of life in response to Christ that makes it unnecessary to find satisfaction, pleasure and excitement from gambling and at the same time, increasing the spirit of generosity and goodwill as the true motives for giving rather than the acquisitiveness involved in gambling.

There are three other areas raised by the replies.

1. The need for research into the effects of gambling.

One comment on the Royal Commission on Gambling in England which has come to us from the Church in England is that there is evidence to suggest the sociological and psychological aspects of gambling may be such as to demand a radical revision of the law there. However, this conclusion was not backed up by sufficient knowledge to justify such a step because the research has never been done. The Royal Commission has recommended a Gambling Research Unit be established, and if gambling facilities are to be extended in N.Z., we would strongly urge such a move here. A suitable recommendation is attached.

2. Pressure for new sources of revenue.

We are conscious after discussions with the Minister of Internal Affairs, of the pressure on the Government to discover sources of revenue other than taxation. It became clear that the Government will look to the gambling industry as a source of increased revenue for government spending. Indeed, the Minister sought to justify the possible introduction of "Lotto" by claiming that it will mean larger government grants to worthy charities.

As a committee, we believe that taxation is a more equitable form of income than gambling revenue.

We would urge the Government to take this option because, if gambling is used as a source of income, gamblers will pay more

than non-gamblers for many of the facilities provided by government. Our contact with people addicted to gambling shows that these come more from lower socio-economic groups than any other. It seems to us immoral for the government to collect revenue in any form, from those least able to afford to pay.

We believe there are ethical considerations based on biblical interpretation which prohibit us, as Christians, benefitting from the exploitation of the groups mentioned in the paragraph above. These include passages such as Matthew 25: 31-46; Luke 4: 16-21; Galatians 6:2. Also the classical texts which refer to the relationship between Christians and the state have particular reference to our support for legitimate state activity through payment of taxes, e.g. Matthew 22: 15-22; Romans 13: 6-7; 1 Peter 2: 13-17.

We would also point out that the Churches have not taken seriously enough the implications of what we have said above as these relate to their own life. The Churches have not been clear enough in urging responsibility in the taxation area upon their own members.

3. Consumer Protection.

The Royal Commission on Gambling in England raised the need for consumer protection of gamblers. Below are some comments which have obvious application in N.Z.

"The Commission says that gamblers should be made aware of what they are letting themselves in for when they gamble - in other words, that they may lose. This theme is developed implicitly in many places, but most explicitly in the chapter on betting offices. The Commission says that betting office proprietors should be made subject to an agreed code of conduct dealing with such matters as the information given to punters about limits, odds, deductions, the rules for the settling of bets and a procedure for the arbitration of disputes. It did not ask for uniformity of rules or types of bet, but rather that punters should know exactly where they stand. It believed that the office of Fair Trading could be relied upon to negotiate the necessary voluntary code of practice."

The obvious application in N.Z. of such a concept would be to Bingo games and T.A.B. although it is such a radical idea in our situation to appear almost too idealistic. We would however support the concept.

PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

1979 has so far been a relatively quiet and light year for

legislation. Two particular matters, however, have come up.

1. Electoral Law

The confusion and subsequent inquiry into electoral rolls and voting procedures following contentious situations in the Kapiti and Hunua electorates has produced the Wicks Report. A special Parliamentary Committee has been appointed to review the Electoral Act 1956. This matter will be watched and if it seems necessary, submissions will be made.

2. Reform of Parliament

This matter has been mooted by parliamentarians and constitutional lawyers but should also be considered by all voters concerned for the improvement of our democratic way of life. The Committee has therefore prepared a remit (Appendix I) setting out the issues at stake.

To help the public, both individuals and groups such as our committee participate in legislative process through the making of submissions, normally all bills should be sent to Select Committees and sufficient time allowed for submissions to be made.

In order for this to happen, the matters of the Parliamentary timetable, a longer term for Parliament and the possibility of a Second Chamber should be considered. These are brought to the notice of the Church in Appendix I.

ALCOHOL

Submissions were made to the Select Committee on Ancillary Licences based on previous submissions and reports. (See Appendix IV). Three main points were made.

- i. Extended Hours: The committee continues to be opposed to any extension of drinking hours, especially with regard to possible Sunday trading.
- ii. Sports Clubs & Ancillary Licences: The committee is of the opinion that existing legislation is adequate and does not support any further extension of hours. The right for liquor to be available to Club members is upheld but the widening of these regulations to include others as requested, is not supported.
- iii. Community Cafe Licences: Following a recommendation of the Royal Commission, the committee supports the provision of Community Cafes. This is a new concept. The main aim of these would be to provide food with liquor and other drinks available, and to provide an

acceptable alternative to what is now offered. This would give a place for families to eat out. It is envisaged that existing coffee shops and tearooms might well apply for such a licence. Such places should be limited to size, privately owned, and should not provide "off sales" facilities but be part of the community.

During the year Alcohol Kit Sets have been prepared and sent to Synods and Presbyteries for distribution to congregations. These include a series of five studies such as the biblical background, and our responsibility to others, and suitable resource material from our two Churches, from the Uniting Church in Australia and from the Alcoholic Liquor Advisory Council of N.Z. This has been a major effort and it is hoped that it will be widely used.

A position paper on Alcohol has also been prepared and is attached to this report as Appendix II. It attempts to set out the "whys and wherefores" of drinking or not drinking, and help individual members in their choice.

DRUGS

Drug dealing and "Mr Big" have been in the news during the year together with news of murders associated with the trade. Written submissions were made on the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill, now Act (see Appendix V). Reference should be made to last year's report on this matter.

Harsher laws and penalties may deter a few people but will have no real effect except perhaps to increase the violence and crime associated with the traffic. "Mr Bigs" are rarely, if ever, caught. Therefore the committee did not support any increase in penalties.

In the matter of phone-tapping, this has not proved elsewhere an effective means of detection. Instead it gives increased powers to the police and with it, an increased possibility of the abuse of those powers.

The committee is of the firm opinion that the emphasis should be moved from the area of law enforcement towards drug education and counselling programmes. In the final count, it is the individual decision only which can prevent drug misuse.

FAMILY PROCEEDINGS BILL

Almost every year during the past decade there has been some attempt to amend existing Matrimonial legislation. The aim of this Bill is to rewrite much of this legislation into one comprehensive Act as well as giving certain new directions in law concerning divorce. The committee welcomes the legislation

in general but feels that it has not gone far enough and established Family Courts with jurisdiction over all related matters as was recommended in the Beattie Report.

The Bill stresses the need for counselling and conciliation. It sets up conciliation conferences for separation proceedings and takes divorce out of the area of litigation. It reduces the grounds for divorce to one, that is of "irreconcilable breakdown" and establishes the principle of "no fault". Irreconcilable breakdown is deemed to have occurred when a husband and a wife live apart for six months after having applied for marriage counselling no less than two years previously; or when they have lived apart for two years before filing an application for divorce. There are other clauses concerning maintenance and non-molestation.

The committee studied the Bill carefully and made submissions (see Appendix VI). The main points were:-

- i. upholding marriage as a permanent and lifelong relationship based on personal and social needs, it welcomed the emphasis on conciliation;
- ii. acknowledging the fact that some marriages come to an end, it accepted that "irreconcilable breakdown" should be the only and sufficient cause for divorce. It supported the "no fault" principle;
- iii. on the grounds that after one year's separation, very few, if any, marriages are reconcilable, it submitted that the two year waiting period be reduced to one year. This is not to facilitate "quick divorces" and so belittle the marriage relationship, but rather, after proof of irreconcilable breakdown, to make possible a "quick end" so as to help both wife and husband make a new start in life. The law with all due caution, should facilitate and not hinder this.

SEXUALITY

Last year consideration was given to the massive study undertaken by the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. This year a report on Human Sexuality published by the British Methodists in which their Church is urged to reverse the traditional condemnation of homosexuality. These documents form part of a continuing study of these matters.

In view of possible legislative moves in the area of homosexual law reform, attention is drawn to the 1968 report of the committee when Assembly supported the motion that "homosexual acts between consenting adult males in private should no longer be a criminal offence".

ENERGY

The committee has given particular consideration to two energy related matters, the first being the use of the World Council of Churches programme "Energy for my Neighbour". This programme identifies areas for possible energy savings and suggests that any savings made be applied to projects in underdeveloped countries. The programme material needs considerable adaptation to N.Z. conditions, also the committee thought that a project to be suitable should be in the South Pacific area. The National Council of Churches has been approached to help identify a suitable project.

While any project that raises energy conservation consciousness is useful, it is felt that the applicability of the programme may be limited in N.Z. because there is already widespread understanding of the necessity for energy conservation highlighted by recent energy cost increases. The scope now for additional savings is reduced by the extent of those already made.

Assistance to South Pacific countries to cope with high imported energy costs may be best given in the transfer of appropriate technology for items such as solar water heaters, heat pumps, small wind-powered generators, solid fuel stoves, etc.

The second matter which concerned the committee was the recent 60% increase in the price of bulk electricity which has resulted in substantial increases in retail charges to consumers. The committee was concerned whether there was adequate justification for such a large price rise in an essential commodity and was particularly concerned with its impact on poorer families.

The committee obtained as much information as it was able to on the reason for the price rise and concluded that it could not prove the increase was unjustified. However, it thought that if increases of such a magnitude were necessary, they should be made in smaller steps spread over a period of time to enable consumers to adjust to them.

The committee in its concern to find ways to lessen the impact of price increases on poorer families, has obtained some information on a British scheme for giving discounts to certain categories of people receiving other benefits. It has also given some consideration to alternative forms of tariff such as those which give consumers an initial "block" of cheaper units and are charged at a higher charge for units above the limit.

It has just obtained access to a booklet "Energy Tariffs and the Poor" published by the U.K. Department of Energy. This

sets out a very considerable range of options and stressed the necessity for any scheme to take account of the costs of other fuels, e.g. gas. Any change to the tariff structures in N.Z. would be complicated by the fact that at present each electricity Supply Authority has responsibility for setting its own tariffs and the responsibility of Supply Authorities to conform to Government energy policy is unclear.

The committee intends to continue its study and to develop suggestions for a scheme which could be adopted in N.Z.

CHURCH INVESTMENTS

This issue has been taken up actively again this year. The work of the Special Committee on Investments and especially its report to the 1975 General Assembly is the basis for all present and future action.

Contact with the Church Property Trustees has been established and it is hoped that this will lead to a greater mutual understanding of the issues involved. The Trustees have agreed to the request of the Church & Society Commission to provide information about church investments for a survey that is being conducted into how and where Churches invest their money.

The necessity for a financial audit is obvious and unquestioned. The investment of money, however, does not produce only financial returns but also can help create or destroy the social fabric. For instance, it is clear that there would be a conflict of conscience if a Christian or a Church invested in breweries or armaments. Therefore there is also need for a "social audit" to check the social results of investments. This is what the present survey will help the Church to do.

The special area of concern in Church investments has been about companies trading with South Africa. The two particular companies in which our two Churches hold shares are the N.Z. Insurance and the South British Insurance. In 1976, the Church Property Trustees appointed the Assembly Executive Secretary, the Rev. Bill Best, as proxy to the annual meetings of the two companies to ask them to declare publicly their belief in the right of equal opportunity for all employees, Asian, coloured, black or white. In 1978 Mr Best asked again these questions of the two companies to find out what progress had been made. This was a specific example of a "social audit" of Church investments.

Though no Presbyterian proxy attended this year's meetings (Methodist representatives were present), informal dialogue continues with the two companies.

The committee will follow up these areas of concern in the coming year and during the same period will ask both Churches through their courts and congregations to discuss the remit appended to this report (Appendix III).

THE ECONOMY

With continuing and increasing inflation, the gap between "rich and the poor" in our country is growing. A considerable number of people and especially of families, are finding it more and more difficult to meet costs and maintain the accepted standard of living. The committee expressed this concern in any open letter to the Prime Minister on the eve of the Budget, asking for the maintenance of a basic minimum wage for those on the lowest levels of income and for protection against the effects of inflation. The Budget, through tax adjustments and an increase in family benefits, has given some assistance to those most in need.

During the year the Anglican Provincial Committee on Public and Social Affairs approached the committee with a view to setting up a consultation on the economy. The committee has taken over the preparation for such a consultation. It is hoped that it will be held early in 1980. The aim is to consider what sort of society the Church should work for and what are the theological bases for it. It is planned to focus on specific areas of the economy such as welfare, unemployment and industrial relations.

INDEX OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS

An index of all the subjects dealt with by the committees of the two Churches over the past 20 years or more is in process of compilation. It is hoped to make it available next year.

N.C.C. CONSULTATION OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEES

This was held last November on the initiative of the N.C.C. Ten or more denominational and ecumenical groups attended. The aim was to consider the present activities of the groups, to find areas of overlapping, to improve liaison between the groups and to consider any specific ways of co-operation.

It was decided to circulate minutes, to share reports and research, and to meet annually to survey the field.

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

This Council, established in 1947, is the most comprehensive ecumenical group working in the political and social area. It is centred in Wellington. Its actions are bound by a "unanimity clause" which allows to speak and act only when all Churches

present agree. The Methodist Church is represented on it but the Presbyterian Church has not found anyone willing to serve on it from the membership of the committee.

The main items of work during the past year have been -

- i. Genetic Engineering - papers biological and theological have been presented pointing out the possibilities and dangers,
- ii. Ancillary Licences - not supporting any further extension of hours or circumstances of trading, especially with regard to Sunday,
- iii. Liquor Advertisements on Radio - asking the Minister not to allow this. A positive response,
- iv. Sunday Sport, Worship & Youth - raised by the Council of the Assembly. Still being considered,
- v. Family Proceedings Bill - appreciating the emphasis on conciliation, agreeing with the "one ground" for divorce, upholding the waiting period of two years. The Council is concerned over the abrogation of the rights of those who do not believe in divorce,
- vi. The use of extreme means to maintain life - there is a need for a clear statement of Christian principles on this issue.

FINANCE AND THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

Our two Churches have for many years enjoyed a reputation for serious social concern and careful and responsible comment and action on political and social issues. The committee is increasingly aware of the necessity for upholding this reputation amid the complexity and demand of today's world. This has meant that the work-load of the committee has become heavier and at times intolerable to the members and especially to the conveners.

Many sister churches overseas, acknowledging the equal importance of the social concern of the Church to its other work have appointed full time secretaries and established departments. This is the case in Australia, Canada and the U.K. and U.S.A.

Over the past three years a research officer has been employed on a casual basis. This has been of great help but has highlighted the deficiencies of such irregular assistance.

The committee therefore urgently requests Assembly and Conference to appreciate the present situation and to approve in principle the appointment of a part-time executive secretary to the Joint Committee as soon as it is possible.

This proposal would need to be referred to the respective Finance authorities of the two Churches. Payment would be allotted on the agreed basis of 3:1 (Presbyterian : Methodist).

JOHN C.F. MABON - Convener

R.E. SULLIVAN - Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the statement "The Reform of Parliament" (Appendix I) be sent down to Synods and Quarterly Meetings, and Congregations, for discussion and report by June 30.
3. That the following recommendations be referred to Synods and Quarterly Meetings for discussion during 1980:-
 - a) Conference affirms that a Christian's attitude towards gambling should be shaped by an acceptance of the principle of Stewardship towards personal and community resources and by a concern for the total welfare of others.
 - b) Conference recognises that there are various opinions as to the effects of casual gambling on a small scale. However, the acceptance of such casual gambling does create the environment in which reckless or addictive gambling can take place.
 - c) Conference is opposed to the provision of any further facilities for gambling and reaffirms its opposition to gambling. It expresses the view that Christians may wish to avoid gambling and recommends this as its standard.
 - d) That Methodist congregations be urged to actively promote a way of life in response to Christ that makes it unnecessary to find satisfaction, pleasure and excitement from gambling and at the same time, increasing the spirit of generosity and goodwill as the true motives for giving rather than the acquisitiveness involved in gambling.
4. Conference urges the Government to establish a Gambling Research Unit similar to that proposed by the Royal Commission into Gambling in England. There is a dearth of statistical evidence about the social effects of gambling in N.Z.
5. Conference urges that if the Government is to seek increased revenue, that this be obtained through taxation rather than through the extension of gambling facilities.
6. (a) Conference recognises the great amount of damage and suffering caused by 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) That the "Position Paper on Alcohol" be sent down to Synods, Quarterly Meetings and Congregations for their serious consideration.

7. That the submissions on "The Family Proceedings Bill" (Appendix VI) be approved.
8. That the statement on "Church & Investments" (Appendix III) be sent down to Synods, Quarterly Meetings and congregations for discussion and report by 30 June.
9. That the Conference give general approval for the appointment of a part-time executive secretary to the committee subject to the provision of the necessary finance.
10. That the Methodist representatives on the N.Z. Inter-Church Council for Public Affairs be nominated to Conference.
11. That the Methodist Public Questions Committee for 1980 be nominated to Conference.

For some time past the committee has been expressing its concern about certain aspects of the work of parliament.

Present situation concerning the Legislative Process

In 1977, in its Annual Report it stated: "During the year, the combined committee took the opportunity to make representations to the Government on the need for more adequate time in which to make submissions on Bills referred to Select Committees of the House of Representatives. While our suggestions that a period of four weeks should be allowed has not been agreed to, several Ministers in Government acknowledged the importance of the points made".

The following year the committee renewed its plea. "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 & 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".

Indeed the last three working days of the 1978 session saw 27 second reading debates, and 31 bills put through third reading, with at one stage in that last week eleven third readings being disposed of in seven minutes. As in the two previous years, controversial legislation was introduced late in the session with limited time being available for the preparation of submissions. Only seven days were allowed to prepare submissions on the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill, a task not made any easier by the fact that copies of the Bill only became available at Government Bookrooms the day before submissions were due. In this case too, we were not allowed to appear before the committee in person to speak to our submissions.

The committee believes that law making should permit time for reflection and sober second thought, and that it should be so organised that people have a chance of knowing what is happening and making representations about it if they wish.

The present way of rushing legislation through at the last minute is fraught with dangers. Some of the obvious ones are:-

- the legislation is not sufficiently scrutinised to detect flaws, omissions and anomalies, such inadequate scrutiny often produces amending legislation later;
- there is not enough time for the public to participate in the parliamentary process by making their views known. Thus parliament is brought into disrepute and the faith of people in it as watch-dog on Government is lessened, and it ceases to be a place where the opinion of people will at least be heard;
- changes in the law come less to the attention of the public;
- finally the law itself is brought into disrepute.

What can be done to change this disturbing situation?

Various suggestions have been made, a different timetable for Parliament, more use of Select Committees, a longer term for Parliament, and a possible return of the second chamber, and these all need to be given some consideration by members on both sides of the House.

Parliamentary Timetable - use of Select Committees

The committee believes that the most helpful suggestions are those which advocate a different timetable for Parliament, which would enable a much greater use of Select Committees.

Ideally, Parliament should sit three days a week, three weeks a month, ten months a year. All Bills, except money Bills, could then be referred to Select Committee, which would meet not just in Wellington, but all over N.Z. Three months should normally elapse between the time a Bill is introduced, and the time it is reported back to the House.

To help those who wish to make representations, a copy of the Bill should be sent to every Public Library on its introduction, the time and place of all Select Committee hearings should be widely advertised, and every Bill, when introduced, should be accompanied by a document that sets out the history of the Bill and all other relevant information.

Further ways in which Select Committees could be strengthened include the provision of more administrative facilities and staff, the permitting of minority reports and giving Select Committees the right to initiate their own inquiries.

Parliamentary Term

Consideration should also be given to a four or five year Parliamentary term. It can be argued that there is a marked unwillingness on the part of Governments, especially in election years, to adopt policies which may be temporarily unpopular, but justify themselves over a longer period.

When such policies are adopted they tend to be relaxed with the approach of the election. Therefore a longer parliamentary term would give the Government more time in which to implement its policies and to plan for the future. Another benefit of a longer parliamentary term would be that for three years in every four (or four out of five) the M.P. could devote himself to his duties, free from the distractions which inevitably arise in election year, and through a greater emphasis on Select Committee work, could acquire a specialised expertise which would enhance his reputation and that of Parliament.

Second Chamber

Those who argue for a second chamber in Parliament point out the specific tasks which could be performed by it -

e.g. - the scrutiny of regulations,

- the delay of legislation passed by the House of Representatives for the purpose of reconsidering it with emphasis on drafting, clarity and presentation of the law,
- oversight of matters such as civil liberties, and human rights,
- thorough reviews of government administration.

The question that must be faced however is as to whether they are tasks which justify the creation of a Second House. The committee believes that they are jobs which could just as effectively be carried out by a House of Representatives where business is organised along the lines we have suggested earlier.

We believe that with thorough going reform most of the advantages of a Second Chamber could be secured without actually having one.

APPENDIX II

POSITION PAPER ON ALCOHOL

Methodists have a longstanding conviction about the dangers of the use of alcohol. In N.Z. the Church has always recognised the right of individual Church members to decide whether they drink or not. While traditionally members were urged to accept the standard of voluntary total abstinence, it is obvious that today Methodists have opted for one of three alternatives.

Some have exercised their freedom as Christians and decided to become 'disciplined' drinkers. The disciplined drinkers see themselves as free to drink or abstain; they consider that their way of life is based on responsible decision regarding the use of God's gifts; they seek to obey the commandment to love their neighbours; they reject drunkenness as irresponsible and antisocial.

Others have begun their drinking of alcohol in response to subtle factors in our society, such as affluence, boredom and the pressure to conform. The highly sophisticated advertising and promotion of alcohol may well have played a part in shaping their conduct. It is difficult to defend such an unthinking attitude.

At the same time, the third group of Methodists have responsibly chosen to be total abstainers. The evidence available from sociologists, scientists and medical practitioners has confirmed them in their stance.

Because alcohol is N.Z.'s major drug problem, it is timely for the Conference to call all Methodist members and people to reassess their personal attitude on alcohol use in the light of all the information currently available. Whatever the decision the individual member may make it needs to be remembered that the alcohol issue cannot be viewed as a personal decision only. It is also true that each member must consider how he or she can act to prevent an increase in the unfortunate consequences which flow from alcohol use and abuse. But what must not be forgotten is that our attitudes and decisions also have far-reaching economic and social consequences.

We would therefore urge all Methodists to take into account the following factors as they reassess their personal attitude to alcohol:-

HEALTH: Alcohol is a drug of dependency which can be just as lethal as any narcotic.

SOCIAL COSTS: The cost of medical care, rehabilitation, loss of productivity, insurance claims, and loss of life caused through use and abuse of alcohol are enormous. So is the human toll of suffering.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS: Alcohol aggravates and compounds other social problems without providing any real or permanent solution. It can be used as an escape from harsh reality.

PERSONAL INFLUENCE: Our conduct can influence the actions of others for good or bad. We cannot ignore our responsibility towards people who are highly vulnerable, e.g. young people.

COMPASSION: The needs of our world with its widespread poverty and suffering demand that we share more of our resources with our near neighbours. While New Zealanders continue to consume and pay for some 410 million litres of alcohol per year, millions will continue to starve.

FREEDOM: If people claim the right to choose whether they will drink alcohol or not, and to have their right respected, social customs which deny this freedom to those who choose not to drink are discriminatory and should have no place in a free society.

We are sure that all Methodists are aware of the gravity of the situation. No doubt there will be those whose response will be a reaffirmation of total abstinence. We would remind those who take this personal stance that they are to be graciously sensitive and free from self-righteousness towards other members who with equal concern adopt another position.

We would ask those whose response is to remain a 'disciplined' drinker to continue to look at their own practice to ensure that it is lived in Christ and not in conformity to current social mores.

Above all else, whether we are drinkers or non-drinkers, let us seek to be free of hypocrisy, judgemental attitudes and double standards in this, as in every other area of life.

PROPOSITION 1 - That just as investments are subject to a "financial audit" to see that they are honestly and wisely invested, so they must be subject to a "social audit" to see that they are being used for things that promote the welfare of people and not hinder or hurt them.

"The need to provide criteria for investment that are both economically and theologically defensible". (Presbyterian White Book 1975, p.29f.)

PROPOSITION 2 - That Christian investors, both individual and corporate, as shareholders or part owners in a company, should use their position to address moral and ethical questions to those companies.

Some questions that should be asked are -- do the operations of the company affect the ecological balance of nature -- or unduly threaten the continued supply of exhaustible resources -- or economically support governments which rule through discrimination or repression -- or produce goods or services that are harmful to the consumer -- or promote goods in a way to exploit people or groups (same source as above).

PROPOSITION 3 - That, allowing that it may well be impossible or impracticable to build a "clean" portfolio or invest in an enterprise that is completely free from moral ambiguity, nevertheless the Christian or the Church faced with a moral conflict may have to -

- (i) get rid of the shares, or
 - (ii) continue to hold the shares but pose questions to management concerning its policies, or
 - (iii) actively oppose management decisions in any suitable way.
- (same source)

"What alternatives do we have? My own tentatively held view is that the Christian corporate decision-maker may well decide to contract out of direct involvement in what he judges to be the most blatantly "immoral" situations but will of necessity have to accept many other situations which are clearly less than perfect. Perhaps the challenge is to ensure the Christian (Church) remains aware of the moral ambiguities of his position, despite all the deadening effect of constant compromise, so that at critical points he may still have the sensitivity and conviction to say "count me out." (Donald Brash, Report to Assembly 1976).

PROPOSITION 4 - That with regard to Christians or Churches investing in companies trading in South Africa, whose system of apartheid both our Churches have condemned as being repressive and evil, it is clear that some sort of positive action should be taken in line with the options set out in Proposition 3.

"The involvement of N.Z.I. in South Africa should not be viewed in isolation from the pattern of world trade in general and N.Z.-South African trade in particular. It is important to remember that N.Z. does conduct an export-import trade with South Africa. While the Directors hold the view that currently there are no grounds for a withdrawal from South Africa, they do acknowledge that South Africa will continue to command attention for some time yet and shareholders can be assured that NZISA is operated in the best interests of employees, shareholders and the NZI Group." (Mr Ross, Chairman NZI, 24 January 1979).

"We have minimal trade with South Africa and virtually no investment. We have supported the Swedish initiative calling for the ending of all new investment in South Africa." (The Right Hon. Brian Talboys, at the U.N. General Assembly October 30, 1977).

"One of the few remaining methods of working peacefully (to avoid violence and bloodshed in South Africa) is through economic pressure, which could help to motivate the changes needed to bring justice and peace in South Africa. The Christian Institute therefore supports the call for no further investment in South Africa because:-

- i. strong economic pressure is of vital importance in bringing about as peaceful a solution as possible;
- ii. investment in South Africa is investment in apartheid, and this is immoral, unjust and exploitative;
- iii. attempts to change the situation through pressure by investors have proved inadequate;
- iv. the argument that economic growth can produce fundamental change has proven false. Many black organisations have opposed foreign investment in South Africa, and this would be the opinion of the majority of South African blacks if their voices could be heard."

(Christian Institute in South Africa, 1976 statement).

THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARY LICENCES AND OTHER MATTERS
by the Joint Public Questions Committee of the Methodist and
Presbyterian Churches of New Zealand.

These submissions are presented by the above joint committees which are duly authorised committees of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. They are prepared against a background of research and consideration by the committee over a period of five years and in the light of extensive representations from the different courts of both Churches.

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

1. SOME GENERAL COMMENTS

1:1 When making its joint submissions to the Royal Commission on Liquor in 1974, the committee stated -

"Because further liberalisation, except perhaps in small areas, is expected to result in an increase in overall consumption and an increase in offences and problems associated with liquor, we express the wish that there be no substantial change ... We believe to extend hours at this stage would lead to an increase in the social ills associated with alcohol ... As it is now observed, Sunday is the only day of the week which is relatively free from motor accidents and the social problems associated with alcohol. We believe that it should be kept this way."

1:2 We would strongly reaffirm those statements in making these submissions. The committee is concerned about the obvious effect the abuse of alcohol is having in areas such as motor accidents (with resultant death and injury), crime and violence, and family strife and breakdown. The events of recent years clearly confirm the view of the Royal Commission on Liquor, when speaking of alcohol abuse it stated -

"The evidence of this problem is manifested by the number of road accidents resulting in death and injury in which excessive drinking was at least a contributory cause, the commission of crimes where the consumption of too much liquor was a contributing factor, wilful damage to

property, disorderly behaviour, disrupted family life, marital discord leading all too frequently to the breakdown of marriage with its adverse effects on the family and the increasing number of sufferers from alcoholism and alcohol related problems ..."

1:3 The committee believes that Sundays should be retained as much as possible as days for worship and family centered activities. It is therefore opposed to any decisions which would extend the availability of liquor on Sundays.

1:4 In the short period of time in which General Ancillary Licences have been available concern has been expressed by various courts about the granting of such licences to sports clubs and others which permit Sunday trading. This is viewed with dismay, as it could be regarded as the first steps toward the introduction of Sunday trading.

1:5 However, the committee would acknowledge that one clear benefit of this new form of licence is that the law can be firmly enforced. There is now no excuse for illegal drinking activity by sports clubs and others to be condoned or ignored as was sometimes the case in the past.

2. SPORTS CLUBS AND ANCILLARY LICENCES

2:1 The committee believes that existing legislation covering ancillary liquor licences adequately meets the needs of sports clubs, and that further extension of the hours or circumstances under which liquor may be sold by sports clubs ancillary licences is neither necessary nor desirable.

2:2 In response to the questions listed in the terms of reference of the Select Committee we would state -

"(2)(a)" We believe that the supply and consumption of liquor must be incidental to the undertaking of the particular sporting activity.

"(2)(b)" We believe that sports clubs should only be able to sell liquor to those who have been taking part (whether as participants or as spectators) in some sporting activity. We would not favour any change in the law which would permit them to sell liquor to their members and guests at social gatherings irrespective of whether those persons have actively participated in sporting activity, or whether those gatherings are preceded by sporting activities.

"(2)(c)" We have already stated our firm opposition to any extension in any way to Sunday trading. The committee would further remind the

"321 While Sunday trading generally is not permitted it would be unreasonable and unfair to allow all sports clubs the right to apply for a permit to sell liquor to members on a Sunday."

"(3)" The existing legislation covering ancillary liquor licences adequately meets the legitimate needs of sports clubs, we therefore see no need for any special form of licence for sports clubs.

"(4)" The committee does not know of any reason why sports clubs should be exempted in any way from the standards being imposed by health and fire authorities and local bodies on the holders of general ancillary licence.

2:3 The committee hopes that there will be no change in the present law in regard to general ancillary licences. Any change could be premature and costly.

3. COMMUNITY CAFE LICENCE

3:1 Providing this is not just another outlet for increasing the demand for and consumption of liquor, it warrants support on the following grounds -

- (a) As its name implies, it would give needed emphasis to the community and social aspects.
- (b) As the serving of liquor would be an ancillary function, the Community Cafe should assist in putting the consumption of alcohol in a more restrained, balanced and civilised context and help in reducing existing alcohol abuses.
- (c) It would provide the public with an alternative and more economical choice to the hotel, tavern, or licenced restaurant. They are limited in what they offer, i.e. the serving of drink only, or, in the case of the licenced restaurant, a full-scale meal, entertainment and drink, extending over several hours. To this extent the Community Cafe would seem to hold something for the "power man".

3:2 The Community Cafe would not be a tavern which sells food. We envisage it to be more like a coffee house which as an ancillary sold liquor.

3:3 To ensure that liquor is clearly kept in an

ancillary position, we would hope that the sale of liquor would be controlled in the following ways -

- (a) Because of the modest nature of the community cafe a licensee would have to make a profitable venture from the sale of food in order to make this an economically viable business. The licensees of community cafes must provide for sale a variety of foods of at least the "snack" type and a range of non-alcoholic drinks including soft drinks, tea and coffee. That it be mandatory for the licensee to provide twice as much space for the serving of food and non-alcoholic refreshments as he provides for the serving of liquor.
- (b) That the maximum dimension of the bar counter and liquor serving area be restricted as directed by the Licensing Control Commission.
- (c) That the customer usage space be restricted to a maximum of 500 square feet. This would effectively restrict the maximum number of customers to between 50-60 people.
- (d) That the sale of beer be confined to pint bottles and cans. All beer to be opened at the bar when purchased. Wines and spirits to be sold in the customary glass.
- (e) No sales of any type of alcoholic liquor by the jug would be permitted.
- (f) Only sit-down drinking to be permitted.
- (g) That there be no "off-sales".

3:4 The Community Cafe be open to all members of the community, so that the licensee will have to provide a range of refreshments which will appeal to everyone.

3:5 Preference should be given to an applicant who intends to conduct the business personally on his own account. This should help ensure that the licensee has a stake in the community he is serving. We believe that there must be safeguards against the aggregation of community cafe licences in order to avoid the concentration of control of these businesses in the hands of one individual or a few persons. As suggested by the Royal Commission, a protective provision similar to that relating to a pharmacy under section 2(2) of the Pharmacy Act 1970 could possibly be applied to a community cafe. This should stop the old evil of the 'tied house' from rearing its head in some new form.

3:6 The holder of a cafe licence should pay the 3 accommodation tax on gross purchases of liquor for sale in the cafe

3:7 The hours for the sale of liquor in the community cafe should be the same as those for hotels and taverns. This is not to say that the community cafe may not be open outside of these hours, but that liquor may be sold only within the stipulated hours. To limit the opening or closing of these establishments to licensing hours would deprive the licensee of the opportunity of continuing his normal business of selling food while licenced premises are required to be closed. Outside of licensed hours the bar would be securely closed off from the remainder of the premises and the normal health, fire and local body requirements should be met.

3:8 Entertainment should not be permitted in the community cafe.

3:9 The Community Cafe, would be a minor but not unimportant tie of the licensing system. It would be a new type of social activity establishment and its presence would, we hope, begin to remove from our social structure the concept of liquor as something "special". In the community cafe it would be as easy to buy a loaf of bread as it would be to buy a beer.

3:10 We think that cafe licenses should be subject to the same rights of objection as exist for licensed restaurants.

3:11 We can see no reason why some existing coffee houses or tearooms or catering establishments which meet the suggested criteria and satisfy any requirements that the Licensing Control Commission may make should not apply for a community cafe licence.

3:12 While the establishment of community cafes may create some controversy, the time for change is surely overdue. We share the concern of many about the harmful effects of alcohol abuse. We believe that the answer to these problems does not lie in legislative sanctions but in changing peoples attitudes. If a person wants to drink badly, legal sanctions will not stop this. The more positive way to give expression to the concern we feel is to develop those social institutions where liquor can be placed in its correct ancillary position, and where social controls as well as legislative controls will operate.

3:13 As social control operates best among people who know and respect one another, community cafes should be established in suburban areas where they could cater for a largely residential clientele, i.e. the people who live in the neighbourhood.

3:14 The concept of a community cafe, situated in a suburban area, strictly limited in size and away from main traffic routes should help with drink/drive problems. It would cut down the distances people have to travel and may even give them the opportunity to walk!

3:15 The community cafe should be open to all the community with those under legal drinking age allowed neither to purchase nor to consume liquor. We do not foresee any real problem with the possible sale of liquor to underage drinkers, because these establishments will be small and easily supervised by a responsible licensee and there will be no off-sales. By allowing the whole family access to the community cafe we think this would provide parents with the opportunity to teach positive values and attitudes which will be reinforced by the community through the social controls which are allowed to operate in the community cafes.

3:16 We can see a good deal of merit in the sort of social establishment which, could, for example, allow a couple to take their young children with them while they enjoy a meal and a drink or two at the community cafe. What is most likely to happen at the moment is for the wife and children to be left at home whilst the husband is off drinking. While not unaware of the possible dangers of abuse in a community cafe situation, we believe that in the long run more good than harm can come from providing controlled situations where parents can go out for a drink accompanied by their children. It would certainly be preferable to the now existent situation of a largely male orientated drinking pattern with the consequence of strained marital relationships.

3:17 It is important that a choice is provided for people. The only opportunity parents have to take their children on to licensed premises whilst they drink is the licensed restaurant. There surely would be far more occasions in the lives of the average husband and wife when they might like to go and have a drink together than there would be occasions when they could take their family out to dine in a licensed restaurant.

3:18 It is the strong opinion of the joint committee that anything which helps eliminate the divisive effects of alcohol within the community must in the long run be in the public interest. Not least of all because it would cut down the emotionalism too often associated with alcohol use and abuse.

4. WINE CAFE LICENCE

- 4:1 Much of what we have already submitted on Community Cafe Licenses could equally apply here.
- 4:2 We would envisage wine cafes to serve New Zealand light wines as well as New Zealand non-fermented grape juice by the glass with light meals or snacks and served at tables. Such cafes to cater for up to 60 persons. The premises to meet all Licensing Control Commission, health and fire code, and local body requirements.
- 4:3 No off-sales should be permitted, no minors should be allowed, and no entertainment permitted.

On behalf of the Committee

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APPENDIX V

SUBMISSIONS ON THE MISUSE OF DRUGS AMENDMENT BILL 1978
by the
JOINT PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE OF THE METHODIST &
PRESBYTERIAN 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 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, unemotional 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"

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 31.7.

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 or 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 reinforce 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 relected 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 reinforced 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 !?" (10)

- 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 to. 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 use that authority in 1973. In 1972, those that did give their police this authority used it very rarely. Out of a 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 any more 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 echelon 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 a 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 Conduto was using his telephone to contact his supplier, other than the unsupported statement by the officiant 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 Phone-tapping 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.

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ON THE FAMILY PROCEEDINGS BILL MADE BY THE
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QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

APPENDIX VI

PART ONE - CONSIDERATIONS OF BELIEF AND PRACTICE

(being a background to the consideration of the Bill in its legal aspects)

1. Our Committee welcomes the proposed legislation and in general, approves of its aim to take divorce out of the area of litigation and instead to emphasise the need and opportunity for conciliation in all cases of marriage breakdown.
- 2.1 The Church has traditionally had a considerable influence on the understanding of marriage by society and on the laws defining it. Its concern has been twofold - for the protection of the rights and welfare of the family unit and for the safeguarding of the love relationship between partners.
- 2.2 The society has had a similar influence on the moral stance of the Church and as new circumstances in the development of society have arisen, has made the Church rethink its gospel standards.
- 2.3 Our particular Churches do not see Christian beliefs or teachings as fixed truths, once and for ever given and never to be changed, but rather as an on-going process of interpretation of the basic gospel teaching of love.

For this reason, our Churches have and do uphold marriage as a permanent and life-long relationship based on personal and social needs and implying mutual responsibility one to the other.

Yet we have changed our stance on divorce because changing social conditions have allowed or even, it sometimes seems, forced people into separation and divorce with the subsequent need for us to care for those divorced in every way, including remarriage.

- 2.4 The Presbyterian Church has over the past 50 years made major studies and statements on the issue of marriage and divorce - in 1921, 1936-8, 1949, 1966-9 and 1977-8 - showing an increasing concern

for the recognition, encouragement and safeguarding of human love and the relations which spring from it within the marriage context. Similar studies and statements have been made by the Methodist Church during the same period.

- 2.5 We would therefore quote the latest summary of our thinking as received by the General Assembly as follows:-

"Towards a Theology of Marriage 1977"

1. Marriage is a growth process involving constant change in the participants and in their relationship. Marriage, like life, involves the continual asking of the question "What is new?"
2. Marriage is based on mutual commitment, which embodies the acceptance by both parties of the limitations of each other and acceptance of responsibility for one another, i.e. marriage is NOT based on sexual behaviour either before or after marriage!
3. Marriage is not just a private contract, it both draws strengths from involvement in the wider community and supports the community in the provision of a sound family structure.
4. Duration of marriage. The duration of a marriage like the duration of life itself cannot be defined. When all evidence of commitment is gone and all possible attempts at reconciliation have failed, then, as with the dying person, marriage must be allowed to die."

AND "Marriage is too important to allow it to continue uncorrected where agreement to a common goal is absent. Where it cannot be corrected, people are too important to allow a destructive marriage to impede their growth. The dissolution of a bad marriage thus need not be a sign of failure. Instead it can signify a new beginning."

(General Assembly Report 1978)

- 3.1 The basis of the breakdown of marriage therefore is the breakdown of personal relations of the partners. This is the fundamental issue not the morality or legality of divorce as such.
- 3.2 Where this occurs, all efforts should be made to reconcile the partners through the gospel truths of repentance and forgiveness, and the renewal of love.
- 3.3 Where these do not occur, all efforts should be made to facilitate divorce, with as much understanding and as little bitterness as possible between the two people, and in as short a time as possible.
- 3.4 While not denying the reality of fault and hurt in every breakdown, we do not believe that the law should apportion blame or guilt or act in any way as a punishment. The law should protect the rights of each partner and of those dependent on the marriage.
- 3.5 We do not agree that any particular act, e.g. adultery, should of itself be grounds for divorce.
- 3.6 We agree that "irreconcilable breakdown", as set out in the proposed legislation, should be sole and sufficient grounds for divorce.

PART TWO - CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL

4. The Long Title

The Church commends what it perceives to have been the spirit and intent in the drafting of the Bill.

However, nowhere is there any specific expression given to this intent. It could (for example) be incorporated in the long Title to the Act. Our committee recommends that the example of the recent Matrimonial Property Act 1976 and the statement of legislative intent contained in its long Title be followed and adopted in the present Bill.

Reference then would be made to the desire to support the institution of marriage, to promote counselling and conciliation for married persons, to make provision for marriages which have

irretrievably broken down and to revise the law relating to maintenance.

5. Counselling and Conciliation

- 5.1 At present the Domestic Proceedings Act provides that all parties applying for a separation and their spouses be referred to a conciliator unless the court considers it inexpedient to do so. There is separate provision for one spouse to apply for conciliation without applying for a separation. This latter provision appears to us to be rarely used and still more rarely successful.

We have made enquiry of the National Marriage Guidance Council. Their national statistics indicate that approximately 10% of referred conciliations are successful, 25% result in "modified pleadings" and 60% are unsuccessful. We interpret that as signifying that in some 35% of referred conciliations at present there is some beneficial result, even if far short of a reconciliation.

We wholeheartedly support the continued obligation on legal advisors and Courts to keep the possibility of reconciliation and conciliation in mind and take all steps to effect the same.

- 5.2 The Beattie Report stressed the counselling and conciliation in the F.D.D.C. and concluded that it will be critical to the success of the F.D.C.C. to have the back-up of appropriate support services. Even if the F.D.D.C. cannot be established in the immediate future, the existing Court structure must have similar support. Support services should be organised on a regional and referral basis. They would comprise administrative services, and family and marriage counselling services. The function of the support services is threefold - definition of a problem, classification and then referral to counselling conciliation. The objective is to avoid litigation whenever possible, and where not, to explain legal procedures and their consequences. if the proposal of the Beattie Report and the intent of this Bill is to succeed, reception and conciliation personnel, marriage counsellors and recorders will need to be of the highest calibre.

We emphasise that an adequate number of marriage guidance counsellors should be available in all areas as soon as possible after the Bill is enacted and that sufficient funding be available for this purpose.

- 5.3 The introduction of the conciliation conference procedure could, if utilised in the spirit in which it is proposed, prove extremely beneficial and worthwhile. The present procedure of separate legal representation - negotiations at arms length between solicitors who must continually refer back to their clients - is usually prolonged, expensive and does little if anything to enhance, continue or encourage communication between husband and wife.
- 5.4 The emphasis of conciliation conference - to encourage the identification of issues and the resolution of them by the parties themselves - is a welcome change. We see an inconsistency between clauses 15 (2) and (4) on the one hand and clause 16 on the other. In addition to the matters referred to in clause 16, there will almost always be property matters in issue between spouses. Because of the qualification of Recorders (clause 6 (2)), we see no reason why, if the parties are agreed on questions relating to property either as a result of the conciliation conference or not, the Recorder should not also have power under clause 16 to make consent orders as to property.

We accordingly recommend that a new paragraph be inserted in clause 16 (1) to cover Matrimonial Property.

- 5.5 In keeping with the provisions made in clause 19 concerning "privilege", we ask in addition that any such evidence whether it be written, or recorded, or in some transmittable form, be mandatorily destroyed as soon as the Recorder has satisfied the requirements of clauses 15(4) and 16.

6. Dissolution of Marriage

- 6.1 We support the introduction of "no fault" dissolution of marriage into New Zealand. (See 3.4 of submissions.) Although there is no provision for it in the Bill, we assume regulations promulgated pursuant to the Act will dramatically simplify the procedural aspects of obtaining

dissolutions. The existing procedure appears technical and complex to laymen who must therefore rely on solicitors.

- 6.2 With regard to clause 27 (2) concerning the "waiting period", the Committee has given much thought.

Under the provisions of the present Bill, the Court may grant an order for the dissolution only when it is satisfied "that the marriage has broken down irreconcilably." The Committee agrees that a sufficient period of time must be allowed, for the husband and wife to test whether the breakdown is irreconcilable or not and their reactions to it.

We are therefore not in favour of "quick" divorces which would belittle the importance of the marriage relationship.

However, if the relationship is dead, then we question the need for prolonging the "waiting period". We believe that any prolongation would serve little purpose but instead, a "quick" end may help both husband and wife to make a new start in life and, if they wish, to prepare to enter a new relationship.

Our consensus then in this matter of the length of the "waiting period" is that it should be reduced to one year instead of two in both clauses 27 (2) (a) and (b).

- 6.3 Attention was given to whether there should be any differentiation in the "waiting period" between couples with dependent children and those without. While not setting aside the importance of the welfare of children in the breakdown of any marriage, we believe that their interests are rightly and fully safeguarded in other clauses of the Bill (e.g. clauses 33 and 34.)

Because the main question at issue is the relationship between husband and wife and this is the same whether there are dependent children or not, we believe there should be no differentiation.

7. Children

7.1 Subject to what we have said about incorporating in one enactment all existing statutory provisions, we welcome the changes to the Guardianship Act set forth in the Schedule. It is commendable to see that an attempt at protecting children at the time of dissolution of marriages is made in clause 33 (1) and (2).

7.2 However clause 33 (1) (b) seems to be a negation of the principles in the preceding paragraph and in our opinion robs the protection of any real value. We therefore ask for it to be deleted.

8. Maintenance

The Bill continues the recent legislative trend of encouraging former spouses to part and start a new independent life as soon as possible (c.f. Matrimonial Property Act.) This trend, (expressing the breaking down of sex stereotyping) is seen as commendable and inevitable in contemporary society.

It is encouraging to see many judicially recognised considerations such as expectations for education being now specifically recognised by the legislation. In all matters of maintenance - both between husband and wife and for children - we see the trend of the Bill has far more objectivity than the existing subjectivity. We encourage this.

At no apparent risk to civil liberties it is pleasing to note that (interim maintenance) procedures are proposed which should reduce the (almost) intolerable burden of the ever increasing deficit between domestic benefits paid and recovered presently borne by the tax-payer.

9. Non-Molestation

At present non-molestation orders are available to spouses not de facto couples or divorced persons. It is heartening to see that the Bill proposes that these now be available to spouses or former spouses. We believe this change will be of great practical benefit.

PART THREE - OTHER CONSIDERATIONS LINKED WITH BUT NOT
INCLUDED IN THE BILL

10. Concerning the establishment of a separate
Family Division of the District Court Structure
(F.D.D.C.)

The Committee notes that the Beattie Report of the Royal Commission on the Courts was published before the introduction of the Bill but some important recommendations with regard to family law do not appear to have been taken into account.

At present the Magistrate's Court has a Domestic Jurisdiction. In theory Magistrates are specially appointed to sit in these courts which are private, separate and have different rules of practice and procedure. In practice, virtually all Magistrates hold domestic warrants. A third of the submissions to the Commission concerned family law (para 466.) There are conflicting and overlapping jurisdictions in the Magistrate's Court and the Supreme Court. At present despite the provisions in the Domestic Proceedings Act and for example the ruling of the Wellington District Law Society on conduct of domestic proceedings by solicitors, the legal approach to resolution of family differences and dissolution is haphazard and depends to too great an extent on the attitudes and approach of lawyers involved in the process. That may be the inevitable result of our present adversary system.

The Commission recommended the establishment of a separate Family Division of the District Court structure. It suggested that the F.D.D.C. have exclusive original jurisdiction in all family matters, including those covered by the following Acts:-

Adoption

Aged and Infirm Persons Protection

Alcoholism and Drug Addiction

Children and Young Persons

Domestic Actions (Family Proceedings)

Guardianship

Health and Mental Health (treatment)

Marriage

Matrimonial Property

Minors Contracts

Status of Children

The concept of the F.D.D.C. is of a conciliation service with court appearance as a last resort - mediation rather than adjudication, as opposed to the present court system - litigation with a conciliation service attached.

Our Committee is of the opinion that the present Bill does not justify its title - "Family Proceedings" - while several other statutes dealing with family matters coexist. We urge the Committee to adopt the Beattie Report recommendation of a Court with one family jurisdiction. Further our Committee would ask that the jurisdiction for such a Court and the matters to be dealt with in it, be all incorporated in one omnibus enactment which would then deserve the name of "Family Proceedings Act."

11. The Committee is of the opinion that the question of "prohibited degrees of Marriage" should be looked at without undue delay with a view to its revision in the light of our present social situation.
12. In presenting these submissions, the Committee wishes to state that it has not discussed these matters with the Maori and Pacific Island members of the two Churches, whose cultural interpretation of gospel teaching as applied to these issues may differ from the submissions and recommendations set out above.

The Committee also acknowledges that some pakeha members may well not necessarily agree with the submissions and recommendations.

The Committee however acts on behalf of the Methodist Conference and the Presbyterian General Assembly and is responsible to them.

SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOUND IN
THE SUBMISSIONS OF THE JOINT METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN
PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTED TO THE STATUTES
REVISION COMMITTEE

1. The Committee gives general approval to the aims of the Bill (Submissions ref 1.)
2. The Committee is in agreement that irreconcilable breakdown of marriage should be sole and sufficient grounds for divorce (ref 3.6)

The committee recommends:-

3. that the Long Title should set out in some detail the aims of the Bill (ref 4)
4. that adequately trained marriage guidance counsellors should be available in all areas of the country as soon as possible AND that sufficient funding be granted in the legislation to achieve this (ref 5.2)
5. that, in clause 16 (1), property matters be added to the list of matters to be dealt with by the Recorder (ref 5.4)
6. that, in clause 19, provision be made for the mandatory destruction of any evidence not covered by clauses 15(4) and 16 (ref 5.5)
7. that, in clause 27 (2) (a) and (b), the words "2 years" be deleted and the word "1 year" be substituted (ref 6.2)
8. that clause 33 (1) (b) be deleted (ref 7.2)
9. that the recommendation of the Beattie Commission concerning the establishment of a Family Division of the District Court be implemented (ref 10)
10. that the jurisdiction for such a Court and the matters to be dealt with in it, be all incorporated in one omnibus enactment (ref 10)
11. that the question of prohibition of marriage be looked at without undue delay (ref 11)

OVERSEAS ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Ecumenical Involvement - the Implications

The Methodist Church continues to make a contribution to the ecumenical movement in New Zealand and overseas. Some would say that we have committed our church too much to the ecumenical movement and that as a result our own denominational identity has suffered. The reverse is really true. Our denomination has received much from our ecumenical commitment and this is especially so from our ecumenical relationship overseas. W.C.C. conferences have given New Zealand Methodists and others an opportunity to widen their vision and feed new insights into congregational life.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The decisions taken at the Nairobi Assembly 1976 have very largely determined the direction of the programmes of the Council and will do so until the next Assembly in 1983. The Central Committee meeting in Jamaica in January of this year dealt with some areas of concern.

(a) Report of the Review Committee

The 1977 Central Committee appointed a Review Committee and then in 1978 asked it to look at appropriate ways of dealing with the critical financial situation. The committee had looked closely at the programmes of all units and sub-units and is looking at possible re-groupings of programmes. No new programmes will be initiated before the next Assembly, but present programmes will be brought to a fruitful conclusion by 1981 leaving 1982 to prepare for the 1983 Assembly in Canada. The W.C.C. budget has to be reduced by \$1,800,000 each year in 1980 and 1981, i.e. 20% cut per year.

In spite of the severe financial restrictions the Central Committee is giving increased attention to provision of facilities for communication to member churches. The need to improve communication was stressed at the Jamaica meeting.

(b) Programme for a Just, Participating and Sustainable Society

The Conference on "Faith, Science and the Future" held this year is the major contribution to this debate and there should be some valuable material available to help Christians live with the rapid technological changes of today.

(c) A common account of Hope

The Faith and Order Commission has spent some years spelling out

the Hope that is within us, and asking people from different countries and cultures to do that. The Commission has faced the tension between the need to preserve the integrity of each account of Hope and the need to be able to speak together as people committed to the same Lord (A tension we must face in our multi-cultural Church.)

(d) International Issues

The Central Committee said that Churches should give support to the people of the Pacific in their struggles for independence - New Hebrides, Micronesia, New Caledonia and French Polynesia. The Churches of the Pacific need to co-ordinate efforts to work for a nuclear free Pacific. The committee adopted a statement on Southern Africa which spelt out the recent developments which have worsened the already tragic situation in Southern Africa, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

The Programme to Combat Racism (P.C.R.) received the urgent attention of the Central Committee in the light of the recent controversy of the allocation of Special Funds (not member Church contributions) to the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe. The Central Committee endorsed the programme and also the operation of the Special Fund.

The P.C.R. was encouraged by the Central Committee to set in motion a series of consultations at the national and regional levels to help Churches come to grips with the problems of racism. The C.C.A is planning this regional consultation for March 1980 and the National Council of Churches is planning a New Zealand consultation in November 1979. The findings of these national and regional consultations will be fed into a world consultation later in 1980. Ruawai Rakena will be involved in all these consultations and this will place a heavy responsibility upon him. The meetings will be planned in such a way to enable representatives of churches and those involved in race relations to meet with representatives of the racially oppressed. Rua Rakena prepares comprehensive reports of the P.C.R. and circulates them throughout the Connexion.

The Commission for World Mission & Evangelism (C.W.M.E.) is planning a major missionary conference for Melbourne in May 1980 (12-25th).

The theme of the Conference is "Your Kingdom Come" and will continue the discussion on world mission begun in Edinburgh 1910 and continued at Madras 1938, Mexico 1963, Bangkok 1972.

Normally only three New Zealanders would be eligible to be among the 250 delegates but the Commission has agreed that 5 extra New Zealanders will be invited because of the close proximity of the Conference to New Zealand.

The Australian Council of Churches is organising a "Festival of Faith", a parallel happening to the main conference at which Con-

ference key note speakers will participate in a more informal manner. There will be workshops and similar events to enable people to be involved in study and reflection on the theme. Those planning an overseas visit in 1980 should keep these dates in mind or contact Geoff Tucker for further details. Preliminary study material has already been released by the C.W.M.E. and Geoff Tucker has circulated all Districts with a report of the preparations and indicating what other material can be expected. It is hoped that several participants at the Melbourne Conference will also come to New Zealand to help the New Zealand Church in planning the strategy in mission and evangelism.

(e) People.

Peter Glensor is Moderator of the very important Youth Committee of the W.C.C. and in this capacity has attended two committee meetings in 1979, New York and Beirut. The New Zealand Church has contributed only \$200 to his costs, the rest being born by the World Council. Keith Taylor has been involved on behalf of the Inter-Church Commission on Refugees, in several world meetings on the refugee situation. Rev. Dr. Guthardt continues as a member of a working committee on Women in the Church and Society. Geoff Tucker attended the C.W.M.E meeting in Germany which spent a major part of its time planning the 1980 Melbourne Conference.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE OF ASIA (C.C.A.)

The Rev. Ruawai Rakena, as well as being involved in the World Council's Programme to Combat Racism has also had commitments to the Urban Rural Mission (U.R.M.) committee of the C.C.A. Despite the limitations of minority and privileged status, groups of Christians in Asia have been exploring new ways of meeting the challenges posed by urban industrial development over the last twenty years. Through the work of these groups is realised an historical imperative: to be with the oppressed and powerless peoples and to help them organise themselves toward achieving human dignity and power over their daily lives.

The C.C.A. consultation on "Race & Minority Issues" held in Auckland in November 1978 brought together representatives of 15 minority groups in Asia - the first time this had happened and this occasion fostered mutual understandings among the group on the common nature of their struggle and the need to work together. Maoris from New Zealand, Aborigines from Australia, Tamils from Sri Lanka, Koreans from Japan etc. meeting together was the beginning of a network of support and research. The publication "No Room in the Inn" is a collection of stories about people suffering from their minority status.

The Asia Ecumenical Institute annual course for 1979 was in Hong

Kong and the Rev. Albert Grundy, Chairman of Christian World Service was selected as one of the participants for the month long live-in course. The Ecumenical Committee in conjunction with C.W.S. arranged a time of visitation in various Asian and South Pacific countries to enable Mr. Grundy to learn a little of our extensive relationships overseas.

The A.E.I. annual courses allow two or three New Zealanders each year to be exposed to the Asian scene and to experience the struggle and hope of the Churches in Asia. It is this type of exposure and learning that helps the New Zealand Church feel part of the C.C.A.

The General Committee and Programme Committee of the C.C.A. met in Bangkok in March of this year. Geoff Tucker attended the Programme meetings. The meetings reviewed the various C.C.A. programme since the 1977 Assembly and decided on the direction to be followed until the next Assembly in 1981. We in New Zealand, when attending C.C.A. conferences or meetings find it difficult to get past the question of our role in the C.C.A because we feel we are not part of the Asian reality. We are beginning to see that we are part of the Asian reality - the conference on Race & Minority Rights showed us that. So too will the Commission on Theological Concerns when it holds its workshops on "living theology" - we in New Zealand are also struggling with the problem of articulating the faith in terms of the realities of our multi-cultural affluent society.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES

There have been no direct relationships between our Church and the P.C.C., although Rev. Keith Taylor has had some discussions with the Executive through consultation on migration issues.

OVERSEAS STUDY AND TRAVEL

The committee has considered a number of proposals from people to travel and study overseas. Ken Russell has been assisted in a study programme as part of his exchange ministry in the United States. Doug Pratt has been assisted in the planning of his study programme in Scotland. John Salmon has recently left for a year's study in the United States.

The committee helped to co-ordinate the arrangements for Barry Jones to be part of a team making a visit to China. Since his return Barry has prepared material that has helped the Church understand the China story.

However, the committee has not had tremendous success in co-ordinating overseas programmes. This is due partly to the fact that the procedures are new and therefore still being tested and also because the financial resources the Church has for overseas study and travel are very limited. The committee still believes the task is important and we will be trying to iron out some of

the difficulties in the coming year. We would remind people that early contact with the Ecumenical Committee will go some way toward ensuring better co-ordination.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.

FAITH & ORDER COMMITTEE

REPORT TO SYNODS 1979

The Committee has been working on several major topics during 1979. These are spelt out in some detail in the body of this report and our recommendations are attached. We have also had a brief look at a number of other issues. These will receive further examination during 1980. As a consequence we simply include brief interim comments in relation to these topics in this report.

THE PRESIDENCY AND VICE-PRESIDENCY

The questions relating to the future shape of the Presidency of the Church have arisen from two directions:

1. Concern as to whether the law requiring that the President be a minister should remain the rule of the Church.
2. Concern about the Vice-Presidency - both the name and the function of the office of the senior lay position in the church.

Neither of these concerns is new. The two questions are inter-related.

THE VICE-PRESIDENCY

1. Title. The title Vice-President is a misnomer. He is not deputy to the President. He does not become acting President when the President by reasons of health or absence overseas is unable to act. The ex President acts in such circumstances.
2. Function. The law gives no real function for the office. Hames, discussing the introduction of the office (Coming of Age P.137), states the position as it was originally and as it has developed - "in practice it was merely an honour to a senior leader of the church. The Vice-President had a place on the platform (at Conference) and might be called on to preside over an unimportant session but nobody would have noticed if he had disappeared altogether. But of recent years a succession of strong and comparatively young Vice-Presidents has lifted the office in a remarkable way. He is now encouraged to move round the country and undertake important tasks and represent the church at prominent functions. The office will not again be allowed to become a mere sinecure".

It would be true to say that few lay people are interested in the position "merely as an honour". They see it as another opportunity to serve the church. Hence:

1. The title should be changed to one which would indicate the true nature of the office.
2. Some definition of function and of responsibilities should be drawn up.

Such changes, in isolation, could be relatively simple but to make them would be tinkering with the problem. The question is inextricably interwoven with the larger, more fundamental question of the Presidency.

THE PRESIDENCY:

The Church has previously considered changes to the Presidency. In 1972 the Faith & Order Committee reported to Conference their findings after a study of the question of opening the Presidency to a lay person. They reported that they had considered the question from three view points:

1. Pragmatic. 2. Legal. 3. Biblical or Theological. They found in each case that there need be no impediment in opening the office to a lay person. Perhaps their most significant statement is "from the Biblical and Theological viewpoint it seems to us not only that we could but should have the Presidency open to any church member. Our present practice does not reflect our theology. We understand the church's ministry to belong to the whole church and not exclusively to any one individual or special order of ministers within it. "Lay" and "Minister" within this fundamental ministry are not exclusive but complementary. The office and function of the Presidency should reflect this".

In spite of this strong statement, no further action was taken. Conference obviously accepted the Committee's opinion that "any decision to further examine the whole question could only be made after the members' vote on Church Union is known." Subsequent study generally confirms the findings of the 1972 Committee.

Any change in practice regarding the Presidency must be made in the light of a theology of the church, the ministry, and the Presidency.

1. The Church: "As Methodists we believe there is one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church and that within that Church the Methodist Church of New Zealand" Confesses the historic creeds and takes her place". This church is the People of God and the Body of Christ." Conf. Minutes P.177.
2. The Ministry: The Methodist Church ordains ministers "for the sake of church order, not to create any absolute distinction within the church". Traditional orders are not regarded as binding, yet the hope is expressed "that our orders will show continuity with the Universal Church". Conf. Minutes 1970. Latterly there has been a shift in thinking on ministry towards seeing the basic ministry as that of the diaconate. This arises from the "deepening theological conviction that the church has one ministry, namely that which is derived from the servanthood of Christ". Thus the Methodist Church, holding as it does to the priesthood of all believers, affirms very clearly the universal diaconal ministry of Christ which is both the inheritance and the responsibility of all Christians. Within this ministry is found the specific ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care, and that of the Ministry of Special Service and Pastoral Care.

3. The Presidency: To some extent the President is to the church as a Bishop is to his diocese. In his availability, his representational role and his pastoral responsibilities the President stands very much in an episcopal relation to the church during his term of office. As a church we hold that episcopal functions are discharged through Conference itself and through its officers of whom the President is Chief.

The authority of the President is seen by some to be the continuing authority of Conference which the President is seen to embody between the annual sessions of Conference - an authority which is subject to review by Conference. The authority then belongs to Conference not to the individual holder of the Presidential office.

A Presidency which is unable to stand in close relation to all aspects of church structure and life, e.g. by not having within it the full representation of the laity, could be said to stand in less than full relation to the church.

If we accept that there is no barrier to the opening of the Presidency to any member of the church we must consider the practical alternatives bearing in mind the three requirements of the Presidency noted in the 1972 Report.

1. That the President be available.
2. That he be able to represent the church.
3. That he be a pastor.

The above statement and the recommendations which follow are of general principles and not details. Conference is asked to consider these principles.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

After considering a number of alternatives, the Committee recommends the following changes:

1. That the office of President be opened to lay persons, deacons and Presbyters in full connexion.
2. That the office of Vice President be opened to lay persons, deacons, and presbyters in full connexion.
3. That the Vice President shall be legal deputy to the President.
4. That there be a Planning Committee to guide Presidents and Vice Presidents in arranging visitation to Circuits, and to co-ordinate the pastoral oversight of the whole church over a period of years.

The Committee believes that this proposal meets both the theological questions raised by the present restricted eligibility for election to the office of President, and also the questions as to the present position of lay leadership.

The Committee believes that this proposal should be implemented according to the following general principles:

- (a) In any five year period there shall be at least one Presbyter in full connexion, and one lay person or deacon holding the office of President.

- (b) When the President is a presbyter then the vice-president shall normally be a lay person or deacon and vice versa.
- (c) The President and Vice President shall be elected by Conference one year in advance on nominations submitted by Districts. Each District may make a nomination for each office. Nominations must be endorsed by the nominee indicating acceptance of such nomination.
- (d) When a presbyter or deacon who is stationed by Conference and in receipt of a stipend is elected as President, Conference shall include "President's Supply" on the Stationing Sheet. When a lay or non-stipendiary person is elected President he/she shall be paid a stipend as appropriate.
- (e) Each President shall have a Chaplain who shall be appointed by Conference on the nomination of the President Elect. This appointment shall be for the full Presidential year.

LITURGICAL DRESS.

For those representing the church in ministry the wearing of generally recognised robes, though not essential, is appropriate. Not only do vestments emphasize the place of the church in the action, they are signs also of authorisation and of the function of ministry. Colour similarly is suited to celebration while indicating the seasonal movement of the drama of salvation. In the indigenisation of the Gospel, it is desirable that the dress chosen be suited to the New Zealand context. In ecumenical days it is reasonable that such symbolic clothing as is chosen be understood and acceptable across the whole family of the church. Any alternative leads to confusion and possibly an unnecessary individualism.

In the New Zealand Methodist Church there are thus several accepted options for the various forms of ministry:

The Presbyter: It is open to the Presbyter:

- (a) to wear civilian clothing on all occasions;
- (b) to use the cassock, gown and bands of the Reformation and Reformed traditions, the gown following the Geneva pattern. There is no necessity to keep to the traditional black. It seems desirable however that the colour chosen should not conflict with those used for the seasons of the church year;
- (c) to adopt the ecumenical off-white combination cassock-alb, used widely through the whole church, Catholic and Protestant, together with the appropriate Communion stole, or preaching scarf when the Sacrament is not being celebrated. This alb is a simple robe that can be worn, if desired, over civilian clothing. The scarf, which in New Zealand churches usually is black, and in the Uniting Church in Australia, blue, accentuates the preaching ministry. Provided some distinction is made from the Sacramental stole, any colour of celebration or affirmation would be appropriate for the scarf, though either blue or black may be seen as particularly appropriate for the Methodists in New Zealand. The stole has come to be a symbol of the yoke of Christ and a sign of

authorisation to act for the church in the celebration of the Sacrament. It is the church and not the individual which celebrates the Eucharist. It is clear that, in church usage, conventions have developed allowing room for flexibility and diversity. No theological necessity is involved. Nevertheless, there is value in having a family agreement in the wider church as to colours chosen. It is general practice to adopt the following colours for stoles for particular seasons and occasions:

Advent to Christmas Eve	Purple
Christmas to Epiphany	White
Sundays after Epiphany	Green
Lent	Purple (or veiling of colours)
Passion Sunday to Easter Eve	Purple
Easter	White
Pentecost	Red
Trinity	White
Sundays after Trinity	Green
Baptism, Confirmation	White / Red
Ordination / Marriage	White
Funeral	Purple

(These are colours worn by the celebrant)

The Deacon: It is appropriate that the Deacon, ordained to the ministry of special service and pastoral care be similarly authorised to wear such vestments as indicate the place of the church and the function of ministry. It is open to the Deacon:

- (a) to wear civilian clothing on all occasions;
- (b) when assisting in the services of the church, to wear cassock and gown, or gown over civilian clothing;
- (c) to adopt the ecumenical cassock-alb. When assisting in the celebration of the Sacrament, it is open to the Deacon to adopt also the appropriate stole, usually worn diagonally.

The Lay Preacher: The Lay Preacher is also an authorised representative of the church in the important ministry of preaching. It is open to the Lay Preacher to wear:

- (a) civilian clothing;
- (b) a preaching gown;
- (c) an ecumenical cassock-alb.

Much flexibility is possible. Stereotyping and regimentation do not belong to the spirit of exuberant adoration characteristic of Methodism. Neither do carelessness and confusion assist the spirit of celebration.

THE DISCIPLINE OF THE CHURCH.

Terms of Reference:

1977 Conference Minutes - Page 80, Resolution 5.

"That the Faith & Order Committee be requested to prepare a statement of guidelines indicating what the term, 'the discipline of the church' refers to in such sections of the Law Book as paragraph 91, page 13, with reference to the significance of the Law Book, Resolutions of Conference Presidential Rulings,

and the Liturgy of the church."

Law Book, Page 13, Paragraph 91 - "A Probationer thus recommended (to be received into Full Connexion) is required to be present at the Conference and shall be examined before the Examination Committee (now Committee on Ministry) as to his personal Christian experience, his belief in the doctrines of the Methodist Church, and his Knowledge and acceptance of its discipline. He shall pledge himself to observe and enforce the discipline of the church, and shall promise that if his views on doctrine or discipline change, he will quietly retire from the ministry."

1. Discipline in the Methodist Tradition

Traditionally, Methodists have spoken of "our doctrine" and "our discipline" as descriptive of the essential ethos of Methodism. Discipline was integral to the Methodist movement from the start. Amid the emotional exuberance which marked its rise and growth, Wesley came to the view that discipline, rather than spontaneous enthusiasm, is the main principle of spiritual power. To him the acid test whether a member of the Society was true or false was not his profession or spiritual experience but whether he lived a sober and upright life and went regularly to church. "The question is not concerning the heart, but the life". (see Journal iii, p. 285, March 10, 1747). He claimed that the change in the lives of the men and women who responded to his preaching and that of his 'helpers' was a change of the whole personality and of this change "religious emotion might well be, but Christian obedience must be the fruit". A quotation he loved to use was; "The soul and body make a man; the spirit and discipline make a Christian". Within a few months of his evangelical experience, he drew up the first list of rules for the use of the bands into which the original Methodist Society in London was divided. The list of questions proposed to those seeking membership suggests that in the Band-Society we see the Methodist confessional and court of discipline in action to encourage members in the pursuit of holiness. Later, the Class Meetings also had a disciplinary function. The members had a responsibility "to watch over each other ...instruct, rebuke, exhort, and pray with them and for them, according to their several necessities". The basis of membership in those groups was not spiritual attainment but rather a wholehearted earnestness to attain, cost what it may. In this is to be seen something both of the latitude and the strictness of Methodist discipline.

In May 1743, in order to meet the needs of the young Society in its most creative and formative period, Wesley completed a more detailed Rule, entitled "The Nature, Design and General Rules of the United Societies in London, Bristol, Kingswood, Newcastle-on-Tyne etc." Here is a form of discipline in harmony with the original ideal of Methodism as a Society within the church (of England) raised up to challenge and rebuke the general body of the Church and the nation by its earnestness in the pursuit of Holiness.

It is not surprising that as Methodism increased in number of adherents, preachers and preaching-houses, it tended to lose something of the early severe discipline and consequent power to present such a challenge. As John Lawson in "A History of the Methodist Church in Great Britain", Vol. 1, p.205, puts it "The private Religious Society of disciplined zealots is turning into a looser denominational congregation, yet a congregation which still possesses the closely-knit group of "Members of Society" as an ever directing cell". The record of fully developed Methodist discipline is gathered up in Wesley's "Large Minutes" of 1789, a copy of which was for long handed to the new Travelling Preachers as a compendium of Methodist usage. This was an unique type of polity, new to the church. The company of Methodists in any place was not a 'gathered' church of the Puritan tradition, governed by those of a particular religious persuasion in that place. The Methodist congregations were ruled by higher authority, the authority in the last resort of the Conference of Travelling Preachers, mediated through the circuit preachers and the leaders and stewards of the local Society.

"This 'connexionalism' was an expression of the traditional Catholic quality of 'Episcopate', yet it was not 'episcopate' administered by Bishops. The organ of connexional government was at the higher level a Conference of Preachers who increasingly came to bear the status of presbyters." (See "The History of Methodism in Great Britain". p.p.205-6). Originally, the Conference was simply a means by which Wesley sought the advice of others in the oversight of the Methodist Societies, which both he and they regarded as his personal responsibility. It was not until 1784 that Wesley, by his Deed of Declaration, took legal steps to transfer this central control to the Conference, but to apply only after his death.

In 1797, in the light of controversies arising after the removal of Wesley's controlling hand, the Large Minutes were revised. These 1797 Large Minutes became the basic document for the organised life of the church for nineteenth-century Methodism.

"It was the genius of Wesley in his concern for, and exercise of discipline which preserved Methodism from declining into a federation of independent congregations of the sect type and enabled it to retain, to an effective degree, the essentially Catholic characteristic of strong, disciplined, cohesive and authoritative churchmanship or 'episcopate'."

2. What is meant by "The Discipline of the Church."

(Law Book, p 13, para.91)

'Discipline' is a word descriptive of the ordered life of an organised church, with the power of regulation and control on the part of the Conference and its supreme Court with respect to every aspect of its life and work, and in regard to the relationship to the Church of both the Ministry and the laity.

Discipline is exercised in the church in a variety of ways of which the following are essential:

- (a) The discipline is not an end in itself. It provides an ordered life and form of government to enable the church to fulfil its mission to the world. It sets before members those standards and values required by a Christian life style. It seeks to encourage in members the exercise of self-discipline and to aid them in personal growth in responsible living and decision-making. It seeks to encourage each Society to become a caring community. The discipline, to use Wesley's phrase, is for the "pursuit of holiness" (cf. Hebrews 12:10b. "He disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness",)
- (b) The discipline is exercised under the Judgment of God. It is significant that when the present Law Book was revised in 1969 Conference felt it necessary to add an additional paragraph at the end of the Preamble:
 "Within the Methodist Church, its Conference and Subsidiary Courts, the ministry and laity together possess certain powers and privileges, including the exercise of discipline. These powers and privileges are exercised at every stage under the judgment of God. Ministers and laymen are responsible to Him as they seek to interpret His mind and will in every situation." (Law Book, p.2)
- (c) The Discipline is to be exercised pastorally. The exercise of discipline must always be in the light of the Gospel in which God's judgment and mercy are at work for our salvation. Today we are witnessing a reaction to a legalistic and judgmental approach to the exercise of discipline both within the church and the community. Psychological and sociological insights have given us a deeper understanding of what makes people behave or misbehave. We are less eager to apportion blame.

Pastoral considerations need to be uppermost when exercising discipline.

It is pastoral concern which has brought changes and modifications to the discipline in recent years, e.g. Conference has ruled that the removal of a name from the Members Roll means only the loss of legal and voting rights and that each situation should be treated in a personal and pastoral context with the intention of winning commitment rather than securing the entry - "Ceased to attend". In like manner, the disciplinary questions asked of ministers and deaconesses in Ministerial Committees are no longer replied to in the negative way, "No objection". Instead, it provides opportunity for the voicing of matters of personal concern where encouragement, understanding, or even congratulations, are called for. The continuing changes in procedure in regard to the appointment of ministers is a further illustration of the priority of pastoral considerations in observing the discipline of the church. Furthermore, it needs to be noted that the discipline of the church provides that the rights of individual members and ministers are safe-guarded, with the right of appeal to the Synod and, if need be, to the Conference where the issues in dispute are contentious.

The area of concern raised by our terms of reference, i.e. Law Book p.13, para.91, highlights the importance of pastoral considerations in the exercise of discipline. As the law stands an ordinand promises not only that he will observe and enforce the discipline of the church but also "that if his views on doctrine and discipline change, he will quietly retire from the Ministry". The original intention here was that the initiative be with the minister, but the church also has a responsibility to act pastorally in the situation.

The assumption behind this regulation is that the doctrinal position of the church and its understanding of its discipline is clear and unequivocal. This may have been so in former years. In recent years, the church has been living through a time of radical questioning and reappraisal not only of traditional doctrines but also of traditional standards. This has led Conference to a re-statement of the General Standards for the Guidance of Members (Law Book, p.145) and removal from the Annual Membership Ticket of what were formally called Rules for the Guidance of Members.

It might be that a minister may find himself at variance with aspects of the discipline of the church as recorded in the Law Book or with a particular interpretation of it. In many cases consultation might well resolve the matter. Only where a minister finds the overall discipline of the church so repugnant to him that he is unable either to observe or enforce it, does the question of his continuance in the ministry arise. In these circumstances, pastoral considerations require that he be met with the utmost sensitivity, understanding and patience until the issue be resolved one way or the other. At all times, he should be supported by the caring love and understanding of his brethren.

(d) Final authority is with the Conference.

In the final analysis where any matter is in dispute the judgment and decision of the Conference, as the church's Supreme Court of Authority, is final and is binding upon every minister and member. The Conference in the exercise of its powers, particularly where the ministry is concerned, should recognise that one of the church's greatest assets is the ability of its ministers to preach with power and freedom from the strength of personal conviction. It should therefore permit maximum personal freedom consistent with the maintenance of essential standards; but in the last resort, it is for the Conference, in its wisdom, to determine what those standards are to be, and whether in any particular case an individual minister has failed to conform to them. (see Conf.Mins. 1946,p.185). Conference has the right to amend, revise or change its discipline and, as already indicated, in recent years pastoral concerns in the life of the church have brought about a number of significant changes.

At the same time, it is pertinent to note those aspects of the discipline which Conference has no power to change (Law Book p.60, para.371). These are matters which are fundamental to

Methodism and its identity as a separate denomination.

3. Suggested Guidelines.

Law Book. The Law Book, with necessary amendments, is the book of Discipline setting forth the detailed laws and regulations by which the Methodist Church of New Zealand orders its life in relation both to its ministry and laity. The discipline is not an end in itself but is to equip the church to be the church and to fulfil its mission. With the exception of the four unalterable matters (See Law Book, p.60, para.371) already referred to, Conference is free to amend, revise, or change its discipline by a vote of the majority of its members and in this way reflect changing insights and convictions within the church.

Ministers in Full Connexion exercise their ministry within this policy or discipline and accept, at the time of their reception into Full Connexion, the responsibility to observe and enforce the discipline of the church. They agree to retire if their views on discipline change to the extent that they can no longer conscientiously observe or enforce it (see Law Book, p.13, para.91.)

Resolutions of Conference. Except where Conference resolutions have to do with the making or amending of the Laws of the church when such resolutions have the weight or authority of Law and must be observed, Resolutions of Conference are to be implemented persuasively. They represent the judgment of the Conference and provide guidance and direction for ministers and laymen and women on issues affecting the life, worship and witness of the Church. Many individual church members may disagree with resolutions of the Conference and their viewpoint has the right to be heard at local district and Conference level. Conference may seek to get as wide a consensus of opinion as possible but in the last resort the decision of the majority prevails. In this way Conference decisions may be modified at subsequent Conferences.

Presidential Rulings. (See Law Book, p.25). A request for Presidential ruling is made to the President as the Chief Pastor who is responsible for the exercise not only of legal authority but also of pastoral care. In terms of Law, para.170, a Presidential ruling given after consultation with his legal advisor, is binding until the next Conference, but in terms of Para.170, sub-section (c), such a ruling is subject to the subsequent modification, approval or rejection of the Conference. A Presidential ruling is one aspect of the discipline.

The Liturgy of the Church. It is in corporate worship that the ordered life of the church is expressed openly and publicly, and it is through liturgical frameworks for that worship that the unity and universality of the church may be both expressed and sustained. For some forms this discipline will be strengthened by the official recognition of Conference, as when an Order of Holy Communion is accepted as an official order by resolution of Conference. But this is not an absolute demand.

Other forms may be used. Experimentation and revision will go on. Liturgy must always relate to the needs of particular people in particular settings, so it requires flexibility and a sense of relevance. Yet the worship of the church is tied to something larger than the particular local setting. Its forms, however free for adaption and however open to originality and the requirements of specific settings, must always show the essential unity and universality of Christian worship. Liturgy, for all its freedom and spontaneity, is an aspect of the ordered life of the church, holding together the church at the point of its worship.

LECTIONARY

Work has been completed on the Lectionary, the first prepared by the Faith & Order Committee, and the first following a completely new pattern, based on the three-year cycle used by the Uniting Church of Australia.

The Lectionary for the coming year, starting with Advent, is being published in the Conference Handbook. The Committee is considering various ways of publishing the Lectionary either the full 3 year cycle, or for each current year. We note that the full cycle as prepared for the Australian Church is available, but it may be helpful to have a New Zealand version published separately from the Conference Handbook. The Committee would welcome suggestions together with responses to the new Lectionary generally.

CHILDREN AND HOLY COMMUNION

The Methodist Church has previously accepted that in Christian Initiation "Normally there are found three visible actions; baptism, confirmation and reception at the Lord's Table. The sequence in which these come may vary, but they belong together and each contributes to Christian growth and nurture" (Minutes of Conf. 1974, p.281.)

Along with this statement we would affirm:

- (a) the status of children as being citizens of the Kingdom in their own right.
- (b) the basic unity of the Initiation rite, irrespective of the different ways in which the three elements mentioned above are recognised in practice.
- (c) our awareness of the ecumenical dimension of this subject, which is receiving much attention in the church universal.

It is clear that there are at least three quite distinct ways in which children relate to Holy Communion:

1. The practice of Infant Baptism, followed in later years by Confirmation with subsequent admission to the Lord's Table. (There has always been some flexibility in our Methodist tradition whereby those who love the Lord are welcomed to His table even if they have not yet been confirmed. Nevertheless, it is the policy of the church to urge such to proceed to confirmation.)

2. The alternative practice permitted by the Anglican Church in New Zealand whereby children from eight years upwards may participate in the Lord's Supper after a period of careful preparation in the local church and with due recognition by the Bishop.

This practice tends to postpone Confirmation to an age when a person can be more aware of the implications of Christian discipleship, instead of the early teens which, for most, is a time of much change and uncertainty.

3. The long established practice of the Orthodox churches, going right back to the time of the Church Fathers, whereby an infant is baptised, blessed and admitted to full participation in the Eucharist during the same service of worship.

This may appear radically different from our way of thinking, but it is, in fact, the normal procedure for an adult convert joining the Methodist Church at present, and it may in time be seen as appropriate for children as the significance of this particular practice is appreciated.

Practical Guidelines for Local Congregations.

1. The practice of inviting children to come with parents or sponsoring family to the Communion Rail to receive a blessing is to be commended.

2. If there is a conviction that there should be opportunity for children to take full part in Holy Communion, then the alternative scheme evolved by the Anglican Church is worthy of study.

If this is so, it is essential that the whole subject be discussed openly in the Leaders' Meeting and with the parents of children in the church. It is further essential that if it is decided to adopt this practice, children themselves be given adequate instruction and preparation. (Literature regarding the Anglican procedure is obtainable from Rev. Andrew Beyer, Box 37-242, Parnell, Auckland.)

3. Care must be taken that people in the local church are not confused by a variety of practices. There are some who advise a church to choose one or other of the practices (1) or (2) above, but not to have the two existing side by side.

Others may feel that at this stage in the church's life, both options should exist until the way ahead becomes clearer. Either way, continual oversight by the Leaders' Meeting is essential.

4. If children are received to Communion at an earlier age, the practice of Confirmation should receive new impetus as the point at which a person is challenged to Christian discipleship and responsibility at an adult level. The impact of Confirmation should be greater, not less.

BAPTISM AND RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

The Committee is continuing work in this area which we recognise is one of very considerable pastoral concern. At this stage we would reaffirm the importance of baptism and affirm that Methodist theology and practice includes the possibilities of both

the baptism of infants and the baptism of older "believers" by either sprinkling or immersion. We would also affirm that baptism is not something to be repeated as it is primarily an "act of God" in response to the prayer of the Church.

In view of the importance of this question we are continuing to examine ways of meeting the expressed needs of people in regard to Christian baptism.

HOLY COMMUNION - THE BLUE BOOK

The Committee has set up a working group to "investigate and report on the Theological, Liturgical and Linguistic factors in relation to a revision of the Order of Holy Communion" (Blue Book) p.573 Minutes of Conference 1978. The group is also looking at the question of "guidelines" for future alternative 'orders'.

These are major tasks and the Committee feels that this work is embryonic at this stage. The Committee would, however, make the following observations:

- (a) That we endorse the statements on Holy Communion in the Plan for Union 1971, and the World Council of Churches statement on the Eucharist, as being normative for any future Communion Services of our Church.
- (b) That we see the present order for Holy Communion (the Blue Book) as a true and valid expression of the eucharistic theology contained in these statements.
- (c) That, nevertheless, we recognise that there are some elements omitted from the Blue Book, e.g. prayers of adoration, invocation of the Holy Spirit, and thanksgiving; and that there are some elements that are glossed over, e.g. the dimension of the Communion of Saints, the victory of Christ and the final establishment of His Kingdom.
- (d) That we see the language of the Blue Book as "Markan" rather than "Johannine" or "Pauline" and that, while this has merits, the richness of language which some feel rightly belongs in this central act of Christian worship tends to be absent.
- (e) That the Blue Book does contain some sexist language, e.g. in the Intercessions where the generic term is used, and also in the use of the phrase "God our Father".

These and other issues will be examined as part of our ongoing work in this area. In the meantime we wish to re-affirm our commitment to the use of the Blue Book. We would appreciate comments on any of the factors mentioned above and on the observation that the Church as a whole may ultimately be looking for two new Communion Services:

1. an enriched version of the Blue Book (possibly with some musical settings, we note that there is experimentation taking place in this area); and
2. a suitable authorised alternative based on the "family meal" concept, for use on less formal worship occasions. Other resources, according to the given pattern, i.e. the W.C.C. and Plan for Union statements, could also be made available.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE

The Committee has received a draft Funeral Service from its Christchurch sub-committee and is very appreciative of the work that has been put into this. The Service is well structured and allows for a considerable choice of material, "from the traditional to the contemporary", under each section of the Service. It is suggested that this could be published in "loose-leaf A5 format".

The Committee's initial response to this approach to the Funeral Service is that it has a great deal to commend it. We would, however, like more time to evaluate the material and to look at one or two related issues, e.g. additional resources for the funeral of a child, and questions related to the continuing study of Maori and Polynesian concerns in this area.

In the meantime copies of this material can be obtained from the Rev. A.D. Stroobant. The Committee would welcome comments by those who make use of this new material both in terms of content and structure, and also as to the suggested form of publication.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Committee is continuing to work on the statement relating Christian Faith to secular humanism and hopes to report on this issue in 1980. In all our major areas of concern we seek to keep in touch with what is happening in the other Churches.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference commend the reports on Liturgical Dress; the Discipline of the Church; and Children and Holy Communion, to Circuits and Parishes for study.
3. That Conference give general approval to the report and its proposals, concerning the Presidency and the Vice-Presidency; namely:
 - (a) That the office of President be opened to Lay persons, Deacons, and Presbyters in full connexion.
 - (b) That the office of Vice-President be opened to Lay persons, Deacons, and Presbyters in full connexion.
 - (c) That the Vice-President shall be legal deputy to the President.
 - (d) That there be a Planning Committee to guide Presidents and Vice-Presidents in arranging visitation to Circuits, and to co-ordinate the pastoral oversight of the whole church over a period of years, and that these proposals be sent to Synods and Quarterly Meetings/Parish Councils for study and response (replies to be channelled through the Faith & Order Committee). The final decision to be made at Conference 1980.
4. That the Faith and Order Committee be authorised to examine the Ordination Service with a view to possible revision.
5. That the Committee continue its work on the unfinished matters mentioned in the Report.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1979

The Annual Meeting of the Association met at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Palmerston North on 21-23 August 1979. The President, Rev D Bruce Gordon, presided. Thirty five representatives from all Methodist Social Services in New Zealand attended the Meeting and Conference.

The following decisions were made:

Masterton Childrens Home Property - General approval was given to the Board to sell the property as no viable Social Service need for the building could be envisaged.

The meeting received with interest a paper outlining possibilities for future Child Care work in Masterton based on the appointment of a social worker who would work with families and children. The concept received the support of the Association.

Wanganui Flat Development - This proposal to provide flats for the aged was referred to the Central Aged Committee who are to report to the M.S.S.A. Executive for action.

M.S.S.A. Levies for 1978/79 - The following amounts were agreed for each area. Auckland, \$490; Central Districts, \$300; Christchurch, \$350; Otago, \$280.

Social Work Training - Reports of Social Work courses at New Zealand Universities are available from the Convener. We again remind the Conference that the Everill Orr Social Workers Training Fund is available for bursaries to approved applicants for training.

A report was tabled from Mr Murray Cree who completes his course at Canterbury University this year.

The Executive of the New Zealand Women's Fellowship invited the M.S.S.A. to submit a project for their special objective for the current year. The request was for this to be related to Child Care as this was the International Year of the Child.

The Executive of the M.S.S.A. proposed that a special fund be established to benefit children from deprived families. The purpose of the fund would be to provide special tuition fees for slow learners and also talented children whose parents could not afford to give them the learning opportunities in art, recreation or education that would permit the development of their full potential.

The Executive has advised that this project will be considered for 1980/81. The M.S.S.A. hopes this will be so as this would be the first occasion that the Women's Fellowship has made a Social Service project its special objective.

Publicity - It was agreed that a Social Service Broadsheet similar to that published by the Administration Division be produced by the M.S.S.A. and distributed early in the new year, on the same basis as the New Zealand Citizen.

Australia - New Zealand Social Services Conference - Following

consultations with the Australian Representatives, it was agreed that we participate in this Conference which is planned from 18-23 August 1980 at Cromwell International Conference Centre, Brisbane.

Boards are to advise the Convener suggestions for the programme and the numbers likely to attend.

New Council of Christian Social Services - The Convener reported on the work of the New Zealand Council. The Executive had met every two months in Wellington. Sub Committees of the Council meet regularly with officers of the Health and Social Welfare Departments to discuss matters of common concern and future policy.

Representations have been made to Government on matters relating to the review of adoption legislation, Child Care, Aged Care, Community Health Fund, the Social Planning Document to mention but a few of the matters Council has taken up officially.

The Council is examining its relationship with Social Work at the grass roots level and is studying ways and means of more effective communication between local Social Service agencies, workers in the field and the Council.

Through the M.S.S.A. we believe the Methodist Church has an effective structure to enable our concerns to be communicated to the Council. We therefore urge all Social Service agencies of the Church to raise any issues or matters of concern with Area Committees who, in turn, will make submissions to the Council through the M.S.S.A. Executive.

Review of Subsidies - In the light of escalating costs, the M.S.S.A. is firmly of the opinion that subsidies for Social Work should be subject to annual review. This has been conveyed to the appropriate Minister.

Social Service Appeals in Union Parishes - The Executive of the M.S.S.A. is to request the J.C.N.C.C. to investigate the question of joint Social Service appeals in Union Parishes.

N.Z.M.S.S.A. Constitution - A working committee based on the Wellington area is to examine the function and role of N.Z.M.S.S.A. including area boundaries and report back to the Executive and the next Annual Meeting.

Research - The Auckland Central Mission has agreed to research on behalf of the M.S.S.A. Government reports and other studies and documents that have a relevance to the Social Welfare work of the Church.

D Bruce Gordon - PRESIDENT
Wilf E Falkingham - CONVENER

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Annual report and statement of receipts and payments be adopted.
2. That the M.S.S.A. Executive prepare information of Social Service Appeals to Union Parishes for the consideration of

the J.C.N.C.C.

3. That the Rev Wilf E Falkingham be re-appointed Official Representative and Convener of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
4. That Mr M E Lloyd, A.C.A., be re-appointed Treasurer of the Association.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1979

STAFF:

We were all shocked and saddened when early in the New Year the Rev. John Vickery, our Minister for Aged Care and Chaplain to the Everil Orr Homes, died after a short illness. He will be remembered as a faithful pastor, helpful, encouraging and cheerful, and as a loyal and valued member of the Mission team. His place as Chaplain of the Everil Orr Homes has been taken by the Rev. Wesley Parker.

PEOPLE:

The first issue of "People" the Mission's magazine to the Church and wider community, was issued in October, 1978. It is hoped eventually to be able to publish four issues a year.

AGED CARE:

Day Care Centre - During the year St. Margaret's Day Care Centre in McLean Street was opened. It is planned to extend this to five days a week with up to a maximum of 20 people per day being admitted.

Everil Orr Homes - The staff situation, particularly of senior staff, has been fairly stable at Everil Orr Homes during this past year. For the first time in many years we were able to report a surplus - \$14,472, but seen as a percentage of operating cost this is only 2.03%. It needs to be seen also against last year's deficit of \$58,547.

Franklin Eventide Home - When this Home was opened four years ago, it had a capital debt of \$50,000. During this year this has been extinguished, partly by the magnificent efforts of people in the District, particularly through fairs and the Tuakau Opportunity Shop, and also by the Mission funding some depreciation towards debt reduction. We are grateful for the continuing service of Matron and staff and of the local committee, under the leadership of Mr. Lionel Sharp.

Kamo Home - Kamo Home in Whangarei has now been opened for almost eight years. It began with accommodation for 33 residents and this was later extended to take 44.

Recently 12 flats have been built in the grounds at an approximate cost of just over \$25,000 each.

Tamahere Eventide Home, Hamilton - This Home continues to provide effective residential care for 63 senior citizens. The Trust is at present considering tenders for a recreation room and for residential caretaker accommodation.

O Rongo Home, Campbells Bay - The Home is expected to be finished towards the end of July 1979 and the first residents will be moving in shortly afterwards. The Home

will be officially opened by His Excellency the Governor General on Sunday 28th October, at 2.30 p.m.

Aldersgate Flats - These flats continue to provide accommodation for 29 senior citizens next door to Wesley Hospital.

WESLEY HOSPITAL:

The opening of the new 30 bed wing last year has made Wesley Hospital a much better economic unit particularly in the administration required and the deployment of staff. This enabled the hospital, this year, to make a surplus comparable to last year's deficit. Large deficits from past years however, will not be so recovered.

CHILD CARE:

During this year the Board has clarified with Anglican Methodist Social Services its relationship to the Child Care Division. It has been established that the Child Care Division is an integral part of the Central Mission having its own Director and Social Workers responsible to the Central Mission Child Care Committee but working in close co-operation with, and sharing the same office as A.M.S.S.

Our work here is of the highest order embracing family and child care in four homes, foster care and preventive work.

The total cost of care in this section last year was just over \$100,000 from which \$50,000 was repaid from fees and Government subsidy.

SOCIAL CONCERNS:

This committee continues to administer the two houses purchased four years ago to house "Lone Women". The need to provide accommodation for such people lessened about a year ago and since then one house has been used by Carrington Hospital for psychiatric patients who no longer need institutional care but do need sheltered accommodation.

IN THE MIDST OF THE CITY:

The Mission continues to witness to the City from its strategic site in Queen Street Auckland. Sunday and week day services are maintained and the Church is used daily by many for quiet prayer and meditation.

The Open Circle Social Service building is open six days a week and a befriender is usually on duty from Life-line to talk to anyone seeking help.

ANGLICAN METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES:

During the year the founding Director of A.M.S.S. Mr. Michael Wetterstrom resigned and the Executive has not yet appointed a successor.

The Executive has been meeting regularly and seeking to re-examine the goals of the Agency. The Methodist Central Mission has always urged the Agency to remember to keep a balance between tackling structures and apathy that cause human distress and caring for people who suffer as a result.

FINANCE:

The cost of the Mission's work this year exceeded 1.8 million dollars. Much of this of course, was paid for by residents in homes and hospitals and under child care, but a great deal of money came from the surplus of our office building. \$55,622 for the Methodist share of A.M.S.S., \$5,000 to help in the establishment of Friendship House in Manukau City, \$3,381 as a rent subsidy to Epworth Bookroom, \$3,000 as the Methodist share of Lifeline and Inter-Church Counselling Centre.

Many people make up the work force of the Auckland Central Mission. Besides a large paid staff there are many volunteers, not forgetting the members of the Board who give many hours of their time and skill to the work of the Mission.

My own personal thanks to my colleague, the Rev. Mervyn Dine who, this year when I have been away so much, has in his usual cheerful and competent manner taken on many of the Superintendent's responsibilities as well as his own.

Thanks be to God for His continuing guidance and grace.

D.B. Gordon, Superintendent.

M.L. Dine, Assistant Superintendent.

I.R. Souster, Secretary.

H.T. Garlick, Treasurer.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board of Management of the Central Mission be: Revs. D.B. Gordon, Chairman, M.L. Dine, E.D. Grounds, B.E. Jones, 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, K.H. Lawry, G.M. Lawry, K.J. Long, D.R. Norman, G.H. Peak, D.G. Smith, F.M. Souster, A.H. Winstone.

MANAWATU METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

A Division of the Palmerston North Methodist Parish

The past year has been primarily one of consolidation as we have sought to shape the Centre to meet the needs of the community, in terms of a Christian philosophy which sees all people made in the image of God, and as loved by him as unique and precious individuals. Out of this arises the notion of social service which we can claim as truly Christian - that each of us has their own strengths and weaknesses, that we need each other, that at any time we can all be helper or helped, that the simple recognition that we each have some worth and can make a contribution can itself be our salvation and can start us on the way to achieving our God-like potential.

COUNSELLING:

Although we have yet to replace our social worker/counsellor who resigned last December, counselling of individuals, couples and families still occupies a large part of the Director's time as well volunteers from the Parish. This service is valued as an alternative to those provided by marriage guidance and the hospital.

HOME SUPPORT SERVICE:

Bertha Zurcher continues her stirring work with families in crisis, including some difficult assignments during the past year. At the suggestion of the M.S.S.A. Central Districts Committee we have decided to extend the service and are attempting to raise funds before advertising. We firmly believe the service could and should be established elsewhere.

SOCIAL EDUCATION:

The Centre has always placed some emphasis on this aspect of its work. Although other agencies run regular courses we believe the church has its own special emphasis to make. A successful 'parenting of adolescents' course was held recently and more are to follow. In addition staff are used as resource people for university courses and community seminars.

COMMUNITY WORK:

Believing in the importance of keeping in touch with 'grass-roots' community concerns and problems, strong links have been forged with several agencies working at this level, resulting in the use of staff as consultants for community projects and the alerting of church folk to the needs around them.

Because of insufficient support our 'drop-in' centre was closed, but the idea handed over to a small local group for possible revival. Another venture recently begun is that of providing transport for elderly folk visiting relatives in a suburban geriatric hospital.

PRESENT AND FUTURE:

Working with reduced staff has meant the increased use of Parish members as helpers and resource people which we have wel-

comed and want to continue. We want to facilitate and channel the caring of church people, not do it for them. However, the wish to provide a comprehensive family welfare service must inevitably mean increasing our staff, but that in turn is only part of the future plan which is evolving. As part of the planning process a 'retreat' is to be held in the near future.

An immediate and pressing concern is the relocation of our processing work for our opportunity shop, involving us in protracted discussions with Parish leaders over future building needs.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We are constantly aware of the tremendous voluntary effort which makes the work of the Centre possible. The countless hours spent in store and shop, the donations of goods and money, the personal resources of time and talents freely given - the servant church is not idle. We are glad to provide some means for that serving to be done.

Our gratitude goes also to the charitable trusts and other supporters for grants received.

Ken Fay - Chairman:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received and aopted.
2. That the Management Committee for 1979/80 will be:
Director: Mr.P.A.H. McConkey, Dip.Soc.Wk, M.N.Z.I.S.; 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: Messrs. J.Andrew, N.Bird, M. Hancock,D.Petersen; Synod Lay rep: Mr. B.Passey; Synod Ministerial rep: Rev. E. Trask; Congregational Church rep: Mrs. R. Gordon; Presbyterian rep: Corresponding rep: Mr. C.B. Radcliffe.

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE for the year ended

30 June 1979

Further to the 1978 report and supplementary report tabled at Conference, the Children's Home closed in December 1978. All children were satisfactorily placed - the last passing from our care in January 1979. About half returned to their families and the balance have been placed in the foster homes or other institutions.

The loyalty of the staff during the last few months was much appreciated. Although new positions have been hard to come by, most have now permanent employment and there has been no redundancy.

The support of the N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association, Wellington Methodist Charitable & Educational Endowments Board and the Conference following the decision to close the present operation has been most appreciated by all members of the Management Committee.

At present we are actively involved in researching areas of need and other avenues of child care in the Wairarapa.

The Management Committee received with much regret the resignations of Mrs. C. McLeod and Mrs. I. Campbell. Their contribution during their term on the Committee was much appreciated.

We wish to acknowledge the contribution which many people made in so many ways - and to record with appreciation the following grants and bequests:-

Estate Ethel D. Leyland	\$2,900.00
Estate J.C.M. Malloch	250.00
Estate Ethel D. Leyland (final distribution)	87.02
Estate J.C.M. Malloch	156.49
Estate Richard A. Andersen	1,000.00
Estate Edwin T. Geary	100.00
Estate Charles Wagland	261.09
Robert Gibson Methodist Trust	4,000.00
J.R. McKenzie Trust	800.00
Masterton Trust Lands Trust	250.00

D.A.Pratt - Chairman
B.D. Smith - Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Management Committee for the ensuing year be:-
Mrs. D.A. Pratt (Chairman), Rev. P.E. Glensor, Dr. O.F.Prior,
Messrs. F.R. Clark, K.B. Costello, K.D.McLeod and B.D. Smith.

WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1979

STAFFING: A good year, which has seen the overall staffing position stabilised and strengthened. At Wesleyhaven, Sister A. Karauria has been appointed Sister-in-Charge, Wesley Geriatric Hospital. In the administrative and related areas a retired Public Servant, Mr R. Sullivan, is Assistant Administrator, and Mr C. Jones has joined the staff as Store Manager, Goodwill Shop, 97 Taranaki Street.

INFORMATION: In its quarterly issue of the "WSSTB BULLETIN", the Trust Board maintains a regular flow of information concerning its activities, plans and hopes, in its area of responsibility for social services.

CARE OF THE ELDERLY:

"Family Concern Programme" Established in August 1978 the provision of "Day and Night Care" at Strand Home is helping to meet a need in the community where relatives or friends caring for an elderly person require a degree of assistance and relief. Likewise, a bed in Wesley Hospital, set aside for intermittent care is constantly occupied. There is a good working liaison with the Hospital Board in utilising this service.

STRAND HOME AND VILLAS: With a stable and capable staff care has been maintained at a good level throughout the year. The Residents Committee is continuing its activities and its links with the community. There has been a strengthening of social and pastoral ties with organisations and Methodist Churches in the Hutt Valley.

DECKSTON HOME: Following in-depth consultations with the Wellington Jewish Care of the Aged Society and the management of Deckston Home, steps have been taken to rationalise the staffing, supplies and operation of Deckston Home, with other units at Wesleyhaven. This has proved a useful and fruitful undertaking for all involved.

WESLEY HOSPITAL: Throughout the year, under good staffing and management, also a well-established liaison with Wellington Hospital Board and other agencies, occupancy has been maintained at a high level in the hospital.

Fresh problems in the area of costs arose as a result of salaries parity for private hospital nursing and other staff, with those in the public sector. While a significant increase in the daily private hospital benefit from Government assisted in meeting the all-round increase in operating costs, (also subsidy under the Geriatric Special Assistance Scheme) substantial increases in

patients' fees proved essential.

CLEANING SERVICES: Contract cleaning has been introduced at the hospital and to date is proving satisfactory.

LAUNDRY: The increasing high cost of the hired linen and commercial laundry services for Wesleyhaven has led to the Board establishing its own laundry in the Strand Block, and purchasing a supply of linen and towels. In addition to the clear prospects of substantial financial savings, a better standard and supply of linen will be possible for Wesleyhaven as a whole.

IMPROVEMENTS TO GROUNDS: Improvements in the layout and landscaping of the hospital environs, together with other ground works have achieved a much more attractive presentation at the entrance to Wesleyhaven settlement. Additional paths and handrails in various parts of the grounds have also helped to give residents better and safer movement.

WESLEYHAVEN FAIR: The hard work of the committed band of organizers and helpers (many of senior citizen status) who accept responsibility for the annual Wesleyhaven Fair, has again culminated in a successful result. For this sustained effort and contribution to the needs of Wesleyhaven the Board is grateful.

FAMILY CARE:

Epworth House: Our expectations and hopes for continuing Epworth House as a home for young Maoris coming to Wellington for vocational training were dashed by a change in Government policy and the withdrawal of further financial support by the Department of Maori Affairs. Although dismayed by this turn in events, the Board decided after careful consideration, to use Epworth House as an "Open family home" for adolescents who are in need of a supportive environment and a stable base. As "mum and dad" of the Home we have been fortunate in retaining the services of Sam and Olive Tuhakaraina. The aim is also to enlist the leadership skills of mature young people who would enjoy contributing to the life of the Epworth House family and help give it balance.

GOODWILL SHOPS: The establishment of a shop and bulk store at 97 Taranaki Street in February 1979 has enabled the Board to extend into used furniture and widen the service it can offer through its goodwill shops. In the present less favourable state of the economy and a greater emphasis on the use of resources, goodwill shops are of growing importance as part of our social service.

This facet of our work continues to depend on, and enjoys the support of, a large number of voluntary helpers. For their substantial support and zeal we are grateful. Plans to use large bins for the collection of saleable goods are well advanced.

FINANCIAL:

In achieving a financial surplus in all areas of the Board's undertakings, this is undoubtedly attributable to:

- (a) The regular availability of accounting information through the data processing techniques introduced last year.
- (b) Policy and management decisions which can be taken in the light of regular up-to-date information, e.g. to adjust charges and implement cost-control measures.
- (c) The more efficient deployment and management of staff and other resources.
- (d) Increases in the contribution by Government towards hospital costs per the daily private hospital benefit and the Geriatric Special Assistance Scheme; also the subsidy towards the cost of staff in residential old people's homes.

The maintenance of this more favourable financial result will depend on the extent to which the impact of increased costs in essential areas can be balanced, or kept in a manageable relationship to income.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:

Additional Flats at Wesleyhaven: Plans are shaping for the first stage of six flats at Wesleyhaven which it is proposed to offer on the basis of a contribution from occupiers whose assets preclude them from eligibility for a subsidised pensioner flat. The Board believes that their need for a manageable unit, along with the assurance of independence, care when required, and the opportunity to participate in the Wesleyhaven community, will fully justify the scheme.

Kitchen upgrading at Strand Home: Because of other priorities, and the need to review the earlier proposals for a replacement kitchen at Strand Home, the scheme has been in abeyance. It is hoped progress can be achieved in the year ahead.

Centre for Pastoral Care: The Board and its officers are increasingly aware that unless social services are concerned at "grass roots" level in the community, by helping people to recognise and achieve their potential as responsible and caring members of society, our work and concern lacks balance. People need opportunity to discover their potential and self worth and develop good interpersonal skills. Through its proposal to appoint a full-time worker with the appropriate ability, the Board hopes it will be possible to offer local groups the opportunity to explore some of these possibilities and participate in the preventive process.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board for 1980 be:

Rev. K.J. Taylor
Mr R.D. Evison
Mr H.F. Gardiner
Mr L.E.M. Grace
Mr J.J. Gray
Mr J.B. McKinney
Mr G.F. Whitlock

Mr A.L. Olsson
Mr R.G. Potts
Mr S.N. Roberts
Mr R.E. Sullivan
Mr L. Tupu
Miss D. Anstiss

B. E. Mackie
Director

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION INCORPORATED

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE

This report will focus in the main on new developments, future policy, and significant changes in staff and services.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS:

1. Rehabilitation Work:

Last year we reported that the Anglican and Methodist Missions had joined forces to provide emergency accommodation. This work, which aims at the rehabilitation of families, was temporarily transferred from rented premises to the former Cambridge Terrace parsonage.

Representations were made to the Minister of Social Welfare to provide adequate premises for this work. Our submissions had positive results. Funds were made available through the Housing Corporation and a house property capable of housing three families was purchased, vested in the City Council, and rented at a nominal rental to the Anglican-Methodist Missions.

2. Community for Released Prisoners:

The Mission has made the Cambridge Terrace parsonage available to the Salisbury Trust which is a support group for a self help rehabilitation project for ex drug addicts and other released prisoners. The Mission is represented on the Trust.

3. Goodwill Expansion:

The former Woolston Methodist property now provides the warehouse and sorting depot for all goods donated to Goodwill. It also provides a retail outlet for the Woolston community.

Plans are being considered for part of the premises to be used for the reconditioning of furniture, household appliances etc.

4. Rehua Dining Hall:

The actual dining hall is completed, but work on the ablution blocks and dressing rooms have been delayed pending the approval of Government subsidy. The Old Boys are providing voluntary labour, and they anticipate that the complex will be completed before the end of the year.

5. Maori Reservation:

The land on which the Meeting House and Dining Hall stand has now been officially designated as a Maori Reservation by the Maori Land Court. This move was initiated by the Maori Affairs Committee of the Mission and supported by local Maori Elders.

A Marae Trust comprises representatives from the Ngai-tahu Elders, the Rehua Old Boys, the Methodist Maori Division and the Central Mission Board of Management.

6. Flats for Maori Elders:

The Board has agreed to make land available at Rehua for the Maori Affairs Department to erect flats for Maori Elders. Negotiations are proceeding with the Department.

Life Line:

Calls for the year totalled 8,139 - an increase of 1,159 over last year's total.

On July 1, 1979, the Fifteenth Anniversary of Life Line was celebrated. The establishment of Life Line in Christchurch was significant in that it was the first Telephone Counselling Service in New Zealand and the second in the world.

During the year a Professional Consultative Committee has been set up. Dr Les Ding, Dr Andrew Hornblow and Mr Geoff Hill meet with the Life Line Director and Chairman.

South Haven:

A decision has been made to erect a new home for the physically handicapped, subject to the approval of Government subsidy. Plans have been submitted to the Department of Social Welfare.

Creative Leisure:

Creative Leisure has established a new group for people who for health reasons have been unable to work.

"Friday Workshop" as it is known, has attracted a regular attendance of 40 - 50 at the weekly sessions.

Crafts of an essentially simple nature form the basis of the programme.

In the words of the Director, Miriam Suckling, "This is an exciting venture; a sharing and a caring group where the volunteers get as much as they give."

In addition to the Friday Workshops, the daily sessions continue with 9 classes in various crafts attracting 150 - 200 people through the Centre each week.

Aged Care:

Miss Ina Macadam, Matron of Wesley Lodge and Hospital for the past 22 years, retired in July. We record sincere appreciation of her long term of dedicated service to the Aged.

Mrs Freda Fielding has been appointed Supervising Matron of the Mission's Aged Care Homes and Hospitals in Christchurch.

Community Health:

Mrs Eleanor McGlinn and Miss Mary Caygill have been appointed by the North Canterbury Hospital Board to work with the aged in the community with an emphasis upon providing training opportunities for lay people to enable them to more effectively meet the needs of the aged in their own communities.

Dixon House Flats:

Eight flats were opened at Greymouth by the President of the Conference, the Rev. D.B. Gordon, on September 15 on behalf of the combined Churches.

Representatives of the Churches shared in the service of dedication.

Residential Club:

Final working drawings have been submitted to the Health Department for this scheme previously reported to Conference, and we are awaiting approval to call tenders.

Finance:

Our operating costs for the year ending March 31, 1979, were as follows :

	\$
For Aged Care - Homes and Hospitals	834,946
Child Care - Harewood Children's Home	156,879
Counselling Services - Social Welfare	19,000
Field Officers Work - Social Services	22,000
Life Line Service - (Net Cost)	4,750
Rehua Maori Trainees' Hostel	101,709
Social Concern Expenses - Relief Given - Contributions to Creative Leisure - Cafeterias - Holiday House -	
Camps - Erewhat and Sundry	33,135
Property & Plant Maintenance	13,935
Youth Hostel	7,717
Administration Costs	24,200
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	\$1,218,271

Revenue was received from :

Aged Care - Boarding Fees and Sundry - Hospitals and Homes	600,439
Government Subsidies - Hospitals	262,514
Child Care - Capitation Grants	
Social Welfare Department	105,000
Child Care - Board from Parents, Family Benefits and Grants and Donations	57,936
Child Care - Share of Children's Home Appeal	6,672
Social Services - Interest, Dividends, Goodwill	
Stores, Grants and Donations	64,136
Social Services - Appeals, Projects and Fair	9,044
" " Rents, Sale Books, Sundry	6,626
Rehua Maori Training Hostel - Government Subsidies	51,869
Rehua Boarding Fees	41,862
Youth Hostel - Boarding Fees	5,890
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	\$1,211,988

Net Operating Deficit for year \$6,283

We received Legacies for Development work during the year - \$

Aged Care	7,860
General Social Concern Purposes	25,830
Child Care	3,350

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We have to acknowledge generous donations from many individuals, Church Groups, Local Bodies, Trusts and Business Firms during the year in support of our work.

We gratefully acknowledge assistance received from the following in particular :

Sutherland Self Help Trust Board, J.R. McKenzie Trust, Canterbury Savings Bank, Hyman Marks Trust, M.M.M. Butcheries Ltd, Christchurch City Council, Robert Clark Trust, Maurice Carter Trust, J.B.S. Dudding Trust, Child Care Investment Fund, Charles Butterfield Trust, Paparua County Council, Philip Brown Trust, Waimairi County Council.

CHILD CARE:

On February 1, 1979, the Child Care work of the Church was amalgamated with the Social Work of the Mission. The President of the Conference, the Rev. D. Bruce Gordon, hosted a social function for representatives of the two Boards to mark the occasion.

The statistics for the year show a considerable involvement with children and families. For example, 185 children have been accommodated in foster homes, or the family units at Harewood Road or Barrington Street. 116 of these were short term care to provide relief for the family for various reasons, e.g. sickness of mother or family stress.

In addition, preventative work has not been neglected. 43 families involving 92 children have been counselled and supported by Social Work staff. These families faced problems such as the management of children, finance, loneliness of mother, and the inability to cope with personal emotions and the demands of the family.

We cannot overemphasize the volume of this work - 277 children have been cared for in various ways. This involves a heavy work load for our small team of dedicated staff. The urgent need is to increase the Social Work staff not only for the sake of the large number of children and families supported, but for the sake of the staff who expend time and energy far in excess of what should be reasonably required, even of those who view their work as a Christian service.

Day Care:

The new Day Care centre in Harewood Road, officially opened by the Minister of Social Welfare, Mr Bert Walker, on 13 August, 1978, is well established.

There are 2 full time staff working under the direction of the supervisor, Miss Shirley Curtis.

It is encouraging to note that there are 19 people working one to three days per week in a voluntary capacity, assisting the staff with the many chores associated with caring for 24 children.

This centre is proving invaluable for mother under stress, and those who must work to balance the family budget.

Thanks:

We thank the many people who give time, service and finance to support the Mission's work with people.

We are mindful of the service of our many staff members and we acknowledge the support they give each other and the fine team spirit that prevails.

The Christian maturation of many staff members ensures that the Christian basis of our work is maintained.

W.E. Falkingham, Superintendent; I.D. Blair, Secretary, M.E. Lloyd, Treasurer



1979

REPORT OF

DUNEDIN METHODIST MISSION

To provide a new perspective on our work we've shaped this year's Report around summaries of the financial statements of our various departments:

WELFARE: Our donation income is normally received here to pay for our 'free' social services of various kinds.

Operating Costs	3600	Donations	4200
Family Care Centre	16700	Grants and Interest	1300
		DEFICIT	14800

AGED CARE: We made a hefty fees increase and deferred capital and maintenance spending and still made a substantial deficit. We care for over 100 elderly people in flats, Rest Home and Hospital

Wages	440600	Fees residents	351500
Other Costs	177400	Health Dept. subsidy	232400
Depreciation	17400	Bequests & Misc Income	31200
		DEFICIT	20300

CHILD CARE: More than 35 children receive full day care in our fine centre.

Wages	23500	Fees	22700
Dep'cn & other costs	7200	Social Welfare subsidy	7900
SURPLUS	2100	Grants	2200

TRADING SERVICES: Our two Goodwill shops, Friendship Centre and the Mission Press made a modest surplus to set against the budgeted deficit in WELFARE.

Friendship Centre costs	4400	Friendship Centre rec'pts	4600
Mission Press Costs	7000	Mission Press Receipts	3900
Goodwill costs & dep'cn	14400	Goodwill Receipts	25000
SURPLUS	4700		

KAWARAU FALLS HOLIDAY CAMP: Our camp was the scene of a major 'ministry to leisure' through January and has enjoyed its best year ever. The surplus also supports our WELFARE deficit.

General Expenses	13800	Fees and Rent	21000
Depreciation	2500		
SURPLUS	4700		

PROPERTY: The Octagon Theatre requires much deferred maintenance but rising operating costs of the Office Block have seriously eroded our capacity to meet our debt commitment.

Wages & running costs	56200	Rents for theatre & offices	114500
Debt servicing	26000		
Depreciation	11200		
SURPLUS	21100		

ADMINISTRATION: Our office costs are met by levies paid by the various departments.

Wages	44700	Interest	200
Other costs	23200	Levies from departments	49800
Depreciation	700	Maintenance dept. income	22100

We are developing

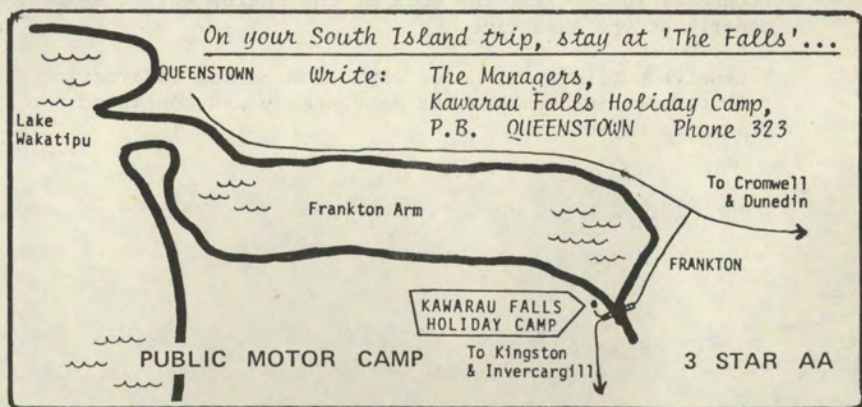
- new team relationships in the "open space" office of the Ground Floor....
- a healthy mutuality with the Dunedin congregations in worship and service...
- a new Board for social service work in Southland...

We hope that the Connexion shares our sense of satisfaction with the work achieved by our loyal staff.

F.W. Wilson

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Secretary

D.S. Mullan
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Superintendent



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION 1979

A. IN BRIEF

- * The Division attends to a variety of often complex administrative, financial and legal tasks required to serve the present needs of the Church.
- * The Board meets regularly with membership drawn from Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.
- * Progress continues to be made on the reorganisation of Funds, in particular the Church Building and Loan Fund, implementing Conference policy (co-ordinated loan policy). The positive responses of Circuits/Parishes and Trusts to this programme are of material assistance.
- * The recording of current and past property holdings nears completion under the guidance of the Rev. Ralph Patchett, whose competent voluntary services are acknowledged with sincere appreciation.
- * The issue of 'Focus' on how the Administration Division serves the Church, has provided a way of sharing with the local Church several developments. Advertising met printing costs.
- * The Methodist Provident Society Ltd launched at last year's Conference was firmly established during 1979 and is now gaining momentum.

Full participation by Church members will mobilise substantial financial support for the work of the Church whilst members benefit at the same time.

Extensive publicity is under way. Demand for information from prospective members has been steady and continued growth is expected.

B. INTRODUCTION

The Board's Report again covers the wide range of work that the Division is entrusted with for the Mission and work of the Church. Some of the Reports are at the request of the Conference, others result from the Board's discussions in response to Connexional needs and others are of a routine nature fulfilling requirements.

During the year all Synods were consulted on matters referred to the Board by Conference, to provide for full consultation. Many helpful contributions to assist in the shaping of policy and recommendations were made and acted upon. A full Schedule of responses from the Synods is being presented to the Conference Committee of Detail.

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF CONFERENCE BUSINESS

C.

"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."

Resolution of Conference 1978, page 561, No. 2.

INTRODUCTION:

The Agenda and business of Conference is formed in several ways. These include:

- + Reports and recommendations for decisions from all Conference Standing Committees, Boards, Connexional Trusts, and the Principals of the Theological College and Wesley College.
- + Tributes to deceased Presbyters, Deacons and Laypersons.
- + The record of service of Presbyters and Deacons retiring.
- + Financial Statements.
- + Other business properly brought before Conference.

The reports and recommendations are printed with the Conference Programme and Handbook and made available to members of Conference. Post Conference material includes:

- + The Resolutions of Conference
- + Year Book

Conference receives and responds to its business by means of a series of questions and answers.

THE NEED FOR A REVISION OF QUESTIONS:

A revision of the present questions with a view to a rationalisation and consolidation is appropriate for several reasons:

1. The questions relating to Ministry need to reflect our Church's present understanding of "Ministry in parallel".
2. A re-wording of some questions would allow Conference to be seen to determine all matters rather than just responding to its Committees and Boards. Conference does more than just respond to reports, it initiates and it decides.
3. Several questions currently asked no longer apply, e.g., School for Christian Workers.
4. Grouping of questions around the work of Committees of Detail would simplify -
 - (a) The presentation of the business from the Committees to Conference.
 - (b) The work of the Conference secretariat in the preparation of the Journal, Daily Record, Resolutions and Year Book.

A PROPOSAL:

It is proposed for practical and historic reasons, that the questions and answer method for the conduct of Conference business be retained, grouped in the following way:

- (a) Who are Members of this Conference?
- (b) What are the decisions of Conference in regard to matters of Ministry - the Committee on Ministry - candidates, training, recommendation for Ordination, etc?
- (c) What are the decisions of Conference in respect to the General Purposes Committee?
- (d) How is the Ministry stationed for the ensuing Connexional Year? — Stationing Committee?
- (e) What are the decisions of Conference in respect of the Divisions, Standing Committees of Conference, Connexional Trusts, etc.
- (f) Finance and Statistics.
- (g) General, e.g., Who is elected President?
- (h) What more can be done to promote the work of God?

IMPLEMENTATION:

Questions were prepared in draft form in consultation with the Committee of Ministry and Divisions. Following the responses of Synods to this Draft, a further revision has taken place. It is proposed that the revised questions be used on an experimental basis at this Conference.

The Faith and Order Committee has been asked to review the question "What more can be done to promote the work of God?"

The Board recognises that further study is required on the method of conduct of Conference business and this work continues.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the revised questions for the Conduct of the Conference

business be used as presented on an experimental basis.

D. CONFERENCE EXPENSES - REPRESENTATIVES

Conference Resolutions 1978 Pg 566, No 4(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.

INTRODUCTION:

With few exceptions all ministers are entitled to attend Conference each year. While some have their expenses met because of special duties it appears that more often than not ministers attend at their own expense which they may later claim as a tax deduction.

For each minister one lay person is entitled to attend, representing a circuit, union parish, district or division. Very few lay people are entitled to full expenses but some are assisted by their appointing bodies.

It is evident therefore that by far the greatest cost of attending Conference is borne by the representatives themselves. We understand that the intention of the resolution is that this situation should be reviewed and have considered the matter under various categories of expense.

Conference Fee

The customary conference fee to cover cost of papers, refreshments and other incidentals seems to be quite often met by the appointing body. We consider that this should become the general practice.

Accommodation

Accommodation is traditionally provided in Methodist homes as close to the conference centre as possible or arranged by the representatives themselves through friends or in commercial accommodation. Due to the size of conference there are few suitable venues and therefore in some cases a limited number of people are expected to provide the billets with increasing frequency. Also, the distance of some homes from the venue may be expensive in terms of time and money for extra travelling. However, the cross-fertilisation of ideas and experiences and the creation of new friendships is valuable and inspirational. The Board considers that the existing hospitality system is adequate enough and that conference would not wish to move away from this except when a live-in venue is available. Representatives who elect to make their own arrangements for accommodation should continue to find the cost themselves.

Meals

It has not been the practice for midday meals to be included in usual hospitality arrangements. The Board now considers that the time taken for travelling for the evening meal could be better used if this also were provided at the Conference as a matter of course. The charge for this might be included in the Conference Fee or it might be a legitimate personal expense. The time saved when this method has been used recently suggests that conference might be able to finish earlier than has been the case in the past.

Travelling Expenses

This is the major cost to conference representatives. The Equalisation Fund was good in principle but due to inflation had become relatively meaningless in practice. Conference abolished it last year and the resolution above was an outcome.

There has been some feeling that these costs should be met by the appointing body rather than out of some centralised connexional fund. However, the Board considers that, as conference representatives are not "delegates" from their appointing bodies but rather "representative Methodists" any assistance should properly be directed through some kind of centralised fund.

To achieve this through the Connexional Budget would be likely to "bury" the cost and to make it subject to other competing pressures. Rather, it is suggested that any new effort should be in the form of a separate fund directly related to the size of conference and thus allocated to circuits and divisions, etc on the basis of ministers employed.

Although the Board endorses the principle that the lay persons most suited to attend should be enabled to do so it feels that total funding of representatives would not be in the best interests of the church. The sum involved would be vast and beyond the capacity of the church to meet and personal involvement and commitment to the task might well be lessened. Appointed representatives of circuits and divisions should work together to minimise costs on the assumption that grants from the new travelling fund would be modest but meaningful. It is considered that a simple formula could be devised to allocate a levy of, say, about .5% of stipend for each minister employed and distribute the total raised among all qualifying representatives so that each received the equivalent of public surface transport. There would need to be a minimum distance for any claim and certain travellers might qualify for a higher rate because of the need to offset air travel against time lost. The entire fund should be expended each year.

Noting that the conference will be considering a scheme whereby employing bodies' superannuation payments for their ministers may be remitted by a separate allocation, the Board suggests

that the new fund could be levied in the same manner and remitted in the same payment. The bookwork involved should be minimal but the system would enable the fund to be maintained as a distinct minister-related entity.

It is appreciated that the proposal has some far-reaching implications but the Board submits that the cost of attending conference should not be borne entirely by the representatives concerned and that the most equitable and appropriate way of easing this cost is for the whole church to share it together on the basis of the size and structure of the conference itself, i.e. the number of ministers in full connexion. The system would also seem to make it more possible for smaller and more distant circuits and parishes to be represented.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That conference registration fees be met by appointing bodies for all representatives.
2. That, wherever possible, the conference programme be arranged to provide for evening meals at the conference venue.
3. That a conference travelling fund be established, levied on employing circuits, divisions, etc on the basis of a proportion of standard stipend per annum and paid to ministerial and lay representatives on the basis of distance.

E. LEVY FROM REVENUE PRODUCING TRUSTS FOR THE CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

"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."

Resolution of Conference 1978, page 566, No. 5

The proposed levy of 5% on any distributable income of the various revenue producing Trusts can only be applied to those Trusts whose income may be used for the general purposes of the Church. This will automatically exclude a number of Trusts created for other specific purposes.

The Trusts which can be levied therefore are restricted in number. Those known to the Board which appear to be in this position with income generated from commercial property include:

Auckland - Pitt Street and Papakura
Waikato-Bay of Plenty - Hamilton, Tauranga & Rotorua
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu - Napier
Taranaki-Wanganui - Wanganui, Powderham & Stratford
Wellington - Wellington South, Taranaki St. & Lower Hutt

A number of Trusts derive income from other assets and could also be levied but further study would be required before these could be listed.

It is realised that some of the above have been and continue to be Connexionally generous and a levy would reduce their ability to continue as at present.

As it is proposed that the levy be on distributable income, it is necessary to define what is considered "distributable income."

It is to be kept in mind that any Trust which is income producing for a purpose should be administered in such a way that it keeps producing similar income. This means that its income producing capacity should not deteriorate. In case of real estate this will mean using a sufficient part of the income for upkeep and repairs and also investing a depreciation fund for replacement of the asset. If possible an inflation factor should be built in to boost the depreciation percentage.

When the Trust has money assets the capital should be increased annually by using part of the income to be added to capital. The question how much is not easy to answer as in many cases the income on a percentage basis will be less than the inflation percentage. A medium therefore has to be struck and a decision made how much has to be paid out and how much added to capital.

It seems that in the case of real assets the distributable income which is levied should be the income after normal repairs and maintenance, other normal expenses, and the customary depreciation have been deducted, but before any use of the income to increase the depreciation fund by an inflation factor. Similarly the income from money assets would be levied before part of the remaining income is added to capital.

It is estimated that the amount that could be produced would be under \$10,000 (on a 5% basis) and the question can be asked whether it is necessary at this time to look for budget support from this source.

NOTE: The replies from the Synods to the Report did not encourage the Board to pursue the matter further, but the Board noted the suggestion of the Auckland Synod.

"That even if the suggested Levy is not proceeded with, the Administration Division continue to review this matter and consider ways in which appropriate Trusts can be approached to support specific projects."

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

F. SPECIAL ACCOUNT

The Centralisation of Bank Accounts has resulted in the availability of funds from the offset-account. Possibilities to provide bridging finance and other short term assistance have thus been created. These in turn made a number of dreams come true. In addition earnings from the Special Account have resulted in Grants to the 1978/79 Connexional Budget of \$12,134, to the 1979/80 Budget of \$13,713 and the availability of \$20,000 for the 1980/81 Budget. Whilst these figures can be readily ascertained, as they become part of the published budget, the more interesting developments, made possible by the existence of the Special Account, are a story to be told. Some Chapters of this story follow.

CHAPTER ONE

The Maori Division has felt for a long time the desirability of re-establishing a Centre in the Auckland area. When a most suitable property, which opened up many possibilities, became available a way had to be found to finance the purchase. From the Special Account funds could be made available immediately. This purchase is the beginning of a 'dream'. Repayment takes place from the sale of other property which have become superfluous.

CHAPTER TWO

MUSTARD SEED

For a number of years the Hornby Circuit ran a Goodwill Store from old premises in Hornby. The local County Council decided to build a new Library for the Hornby area and after representation from the local Church it was agreed to establish the Paparua Community Care Centre including a permanent home for the store plus accommodation for Social Welfare Agencies - Citizen Advice, Legal Aid, etc.

The Hornby Methodist Church has to finance a large part of the intended building through the sale of 2 residential properties, but these properties could not be sold in time to finance the development. The Special Account was ready and willing to assist with bridging finance, so that this important development in the Church's ministry could proceed.

The Presbyterian and Roman Catholic Churches together with the Council are working with the Methodist Church in this project, which has also the support of the Social Welfare Department, and

other Welfare Agencies. The Circuit Minister is the Co-ordinator of the Paparoa Community Care Centre.

The project is a new one for New Zealand.

Repayment of the advance is guaranteed from County and Government Funds.

CHAPTER THREE

A variety of Parishes have been assisted with bridging finance to facilitate purchase or building of new parsonages whilst older property was sold.

This proved of considerable help.

CHAPTER FOUR

When it became evident that the 'New Citizen' had to request the Church to provide much needed funds to honour its commitments an advance, to be repaid from the 1979/80 Budget, was only available because of the Special Account.

A difficult position could be solved graciously.

More Chapters could be told, all of them good, but the above may suffice to show the Special Account's benefits to the Church.

In the two years it has operated total advances have been \$880,320. Total outstanding, all recent, \$182,000.

G. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

"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."

Resolution of Conference 1977, page 64, No. 6.

1. The prime consideration is that Statements of Account should be as simple as possible while at the same time be fully informative.
2. It is considered that while a Receipts and Payments Account has some informative value it also has some drawbacks and therefore an Income and Expenditure Account should be prepared in all cases. The Receipts and Payments Account need not then be included in the papers sent in for Conference.
3. It should be standard practice for all Church Accounts to give "Last Year's figures" for comparison in both Income and Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheets.
4. There should be a Statement on Accounting Policies and/or informative notes on vital matters, e.g.

- (a) Whether the Accounts are prepared on a historical cost basis and if not on what basis.
- (b) Method of providing for Depreciation on fixed assets - Diminishing Value or Straightline or if no provision state so. The provision of depreciation in the absence of Taxation concessions may be unnecessary unless it is funded separately in which case the funding provision should be shown.
- (c) Give the basis of valuation for all Properties in the Balance Sheet and in notes the amount of the latest Government Valuation for each, excluding those properties comprising Churches, Worship Centres, Local Education Buildings and Parsonages.
- (d) In the case of equity shares state the basis of the value shown in the Balance Sheet and state the current market value at balance date.

For other investments such as debtors, mortgages, debentures, etc., where it is expected that there could be a loss on realisation or maturity the amount of anticipated loss should be stated in the Notes to the Accounts.

- (e) The basis of valuation of Trading or Live Stock be stated.
- (f) Any intangible assets in the Balance Sheet should also have the basis of valuation stated.

5. Various classes of Assets and Liabilities should be shown separately in the Balance Sheet, as applicable, e.g.

Current Liabilities - Bank Overdraft
 Normal Sundry Creditors

Short Term Liabilities - Deposits at Call
 Deposits for short periods up to
 12 months.

Longer Term Liabilities- Deposits maturing after 12 months
 Mortgages

Reserves and Accumulated Funds

6. Audit Certificate.

In addition to the normal Professional Certificate seen on most Church Accounts reference should be made whether the accounts are on a basis consistent with previous years and also to spell out any variations or omissions from normal accounting policies as set out above.

There was a suggestion that a Special Audit Committee of Conference be set up to report on all Financial Accounts. However, it is considered that if the above recommendations on format and content are carried out and the Connexional

Office continues to ensure that audit certificates are appended that this should suffice. Also, the scrutiny of the accounts by both the Budget Committee and the appropriate Committee at Conference should ensure that any Conference guidelines or directives are followed.

Matters of policy affecting each Board/Trust should continue to come from the Board/Trust concerned under the general oversight of the District Synod or Conference.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the report be received and the statement be used in the preparation of annual accounts for Conference.

H. COMMON PROPERTY, FINANCIAL & STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR USE IN UNION & CO-OPERATING PARISHES

"That the Board of Administration be encouraged to carry out a review of Property Returns with a view to a new Return being used in 1978."

Resolution of Conference 1977, page 42, No. A 1.

The Board is pleased to be able to record that a common set of property, financial and statistical returns have been prepared by the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches and have been used this year in Union and Co-operating Parishes. They have met with general acceptance but a review will be made with the Presbyterian Church before the 1980 Statistics are sought from the Parishes.

The respective denominational statistics have also been revised this year and are in line with the statistical returns in Union and Co-operating Parishes.

Accurate and prompt completion of the Returns enables each Church to prepare meaningful statistical reports to Assembly and Conference for use as indicated hereunder:

STATISTICS ARE USED IN:

1. MAINTAINING A CONTINUOUS HISTORICAL RECORD

Statistics help in part to record the Church's ongoing life and witness. They do not measure or reflect the whole of the Church's life but often are able to indicate significant trends.

2. ASSESSING THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

Through the collation of statistics it is possible to gauge broad trends in the life of the Church. For example, the

number of recorded members each year is one index that helps to make an objective observation about the state of the Church. Further, a careful reading of the statistics can show if there is any noticeable resistance or response to the Church's Ministry, e.g. Baptism - Confirmation.

In themselves, statistics cannot supply answers. However, they help to shape the questions we should be asking.

3. PLANNING FUTURE POLICY

The 'gaps' in the Church's Ministry can suggest areas where concentrated planning and action is required.

Clearly, there is a necessity for the Church collectively to measure its overall effectiveness. But in addition to the task of reflecting on the National trends and their implications the gathering of statistics allows the Circuit/Parish to pause each year and reflect on its life.

Perhaps that is why there has grown up so much 'stated resistance' to the filling in of the forms. We have seen it only as having relevance for the Wider Church.

The process of regular self-assessment in order to determine and revise goals, priorities and check progress is vital to the work of the local Church.

As an aid in this process the annual statistical returns are an invaluable resource.

4. PREPARING OBJECTIVE DATA FOR PLANNING NATIONAL BUDGETS

Reliable up-to-date financial returns are required by those who prepare the National Budgets. These returns help the planners to assess what are the constraints on the National Budgets in terms of the needs and expectations of local Churches.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report received.

I.

INSURANCE

(A) OVERALL POLICY FOR THE WHOLE OF THE CHURCH IN NEW ZEALAND

Negotiations for an Insurance Contract as decided on in the Board's meeting of 3 May 1979, were brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

- Insurance for -
- (a) Loss or Damage to Property
 - (b) Loss of Revenue
 - (c) Money
 - (d) Legal liability

has been arranged for the whole of the Church with the Lombard Insurance Co. Ltd., under one policy, containing the specifications as prepared by us to provide for the Church's insurance needs.

The same rate applies both to insurance at indemnity value and at replacement (or alternative replacement) value of buildings and to contents as well as loss of revenue. The premium due for money and legal liability insurance for which blanket cover have been taken out has been accommodated within this rate. The new insurance arrangement means not only a very substantial reduction in the premium rate compared with what was paid by the Church before, but also a very substantial simplification which will be reflected in a commensurate reduction in administrative work and costs in the Administration Division and all round. One account is now sent to each Circuit/Parish.

In addition to the normal premium the statutory Government levy of 70 dollar cents per 1000 dollars for Earthquake and War Damage Insurance and Fire Service charges has to be paid.

(B) MINISTERS' MOTOR VEHICLES SCHEME

The exercise of investigating the church's insurance covers prompted the Division to look into the possibility of insuring all Ministers' Motor Vehicles under one scheme.

The result of this has been the arrangement of a special Motor Vehicle insurance policy underwritten by the General Accident Insurance group for all motor vehicles owned and operated by the Church (such as those used by the Central Missions) and motor vehicles owned by Presbyters and Deacons, including those in training and retired and further all employees of the Church.

Vehicles owned by spouses of those who are participating in the scheme can also be insured within this policy.

Particulars are included in Information leaflet (Administration No. 3).

The main result is a very low premium rate of \$66.00 per annum.

No questions about previous claims are asked.

Claims will be handled by the Insurer without any involvement from us.

(C) METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LTD. INSURANCE SCHEME

In addition to the above we have negotiated with the General Accident Insurance Group a Group Insurance scheme for domestic insurances for members of the Methodist Provident Society Ltd. This scheme enables members of the Society Ltd. to insure -

Motor Vehicles
Dwellings, and
Dwelling Contents

under a "Home in one" policy at specially negotiated low rates, which are well below the normal rates.

Members will use proposal forms which mention the Society's name. The Society is not involved in either payment of premiums or handling of claims. It will receive a Commission on all premiums paid and credit 10% of premiums paid (excluding Government Earthquake charges) for dwellings and contents insurance as a Society rebate to the members concerned. (Amount annually credited to member's account.)

Those who deposit in the Society to help the Church will value this insurance scheme as a reciprocal benefit.

The General Accident Insurance has developed a pamphlet for the Society (at no cost) which has been distributed throughout the country, together with an issue of "Focus".

AN APPRECIATION

The Board recognised that when it asked the Church as a whole to complete Schedules of Risks and to review insurance needs within a short space of time it was placing a special work load on many people. The all round effort is well rewarded.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference encourages support of the Motor Vehicles Scheme and the Provident Society Insurance Scheme.

J. REVIEW OF RETIREMENT PROVISIONS FOR
DEACONS (DEACONESSSES) AND HOME MISSIONARIES

"That the Administration Division, in consultation with the Deaconess Board and Deaconess Order, be requested to review retirement provisions for deaconesses, with a view to providing more adequately for retiring deaconesses; the Administration Division to report to Synods and Conference in 1978."

Resolution of Conference 1977, page 8, No. 1.

In its 1978 report the Board indicated that in addition to the retirement needs of Deaconesses it wished to give consideration to adequate retirement provisions for other members of the Diaconate. To those it wishes to add the retirement needs of full time Home Missionaries.

THE CURRENT POSITION:

- + The existing Deaconess Retiring Fund and Home Missionaries Retiring Fund are individual deposit accounts. The Church makes a subsidy of equal amount to that of contributors. These funds are not pension funds.
- + On retirement a lump sum payment is made. There is no provision for a pension. The lack of a pension linked with a changed relationship with the Conference is often interpreted as severing a link with the Church.
- + No provision exists for any death cover to the spouse of a member of the Diaconate who dies in the active work. The recent untimely death of a Home Missionary in the active work and membership in the Diaconate of married persons stresses the need for this provision.
- + The rate of past and present contributions and subsidies currently results in a member of the Deaconess Order, after 40 years service, receiving approximately \$11,000. This is obviously inadequate for retirement needs.
- + It is timely that the situation is revised as current membership of the Funds is low (9 Deaconesses, 1 Home Missionary). (Aug. 1979)
- + New developments in the Diaconate call for adequate retirement provisions for all existing and future members of the Diaconate.
- + On normal expectation no Deaconess presently a member of the Deaconess Fund will retire within the next 10 years.
- + A Lay Workers Retiring Fund serves the needs of full time Lay Workers. The provisions of this Fund are also under review.

The Board understands that several members of the Deaconess Order are candidating as Presbyters. If their candidacy is successful they would then become members of the Supernumerary Fund. This would tend to highlight in a potentially stressful way the basic differences between membership in the Deaconess Retiring Fund and membership in the Supernumerary Fund.

A PROPOSAL

The Board has consulted with its Actuary and his recommendations as discussed with the Deaconesses at their annual Convocation are to have -

- + One pension fund for Presbyters, Deacons and Home Missionaries
- + A separate Lay Workers Retirement fund.

Implementation of the proposal would require the transfer by members of the funds (Deaconess and Home Missionaries) of their contributions together with the capital of the funds to the Supernumerary Fund. To initiate a changeover and integration of the Deaconess Retiring Fund and Home Missionaries Retiring Fund on the 1st February, 1980, would in addition to the contributions and capital of these funds require a further \$15,200 to give equal ranking to that of existing members of the Supernumerary Fund. Ways of contributing the \$15,200 to the fund have been considered and these are currently being discussed with the Deaconess Board and Maori Division.

The Deaconess Board has been invited to consider making a Grant from the proceeds of the sale of Morley House to the Supernumerary Fund. The provisions of the Mabel Morley Rest Home Trust provide for one quarter of the net annual income to be paid to the Deaconess Retiring Fund. This is currently \$300 per annum. It is proposed that in future this annual distribution be paid to the common pension fund.

Members of the Deaconess Order at this year's Convocation encouraged the Board to pursue the aims of recommendations 2 and 3 below.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report be received.
2. That from the 1st February 1980, the Supernumerary Fund be one common pension fund for Presbyters, Deacons and Home Missionaries.
3. Existing depositors in the Deaconess Retiring Fund and Home Missionaries Retiring Fund shall have the option of membership in the Supernumerary Fund or the Lay Workers Retiring Fund.
 - (a) Those transferring to the Supernumerary Fund shall have the years of contribution to their respective fund credited as years of contribution to the Supernumerary Fund.
 - (b) The capital of the Deaconess Retiring Fund and the Home Missionary Retiring Fund shall be transferred to the Supernumerary Fund.

4. Conference amends Resolution No. 2, para. 4., Conference 1967, p.158 to now read:

"One quarter of the net annual income to be paid to the Supernumerary Fund."

K. SUPERNUMERARY FUND

1. TRIENNIAL ACTUARIAL VALUATION

The Actuary has submitted his Report to the Board on the value of the Fund. The report indicates

(a) MEMBERSHIP

172 contributing members, 21 Ministers were not contributing to the Fund in 1979. There are 86 supernumerary Ministers receiving annuities from the Fund of which 81 were married with consequent prospective liabilities for reversionary annuities to their widows. 40 widows were also receiving annuities from the Fund.

(b) PROGRESS OF THE FUND

The Fund has grown from \$862,000 in 1976 to \$1,025,580 as at 31st January 1979. The average yield on the Fund for the last 6 years is, as follows:

1974	8.0%	1977	9.6%
1975	7.1%	1978	9.4%
1976	7.1%	1979	11.3%

On the basis of the Actuary's Report, the Board agreed to increase the Annuities by 45% to be paid as from 1st February 1980.

The new rates will be:

MEMBERS:	\$66.12	for each year of contribution up to a maximum of 40 years.
WIDOWS:	\$39.73	for each year of the members contribution up to 40 years.

To counter the effects of inflation the Board has decided to review Annuity rates on an annual basis. This will result in more gradual changes to the annuity rate

2. TRUST DEED

On the 4th September 1979, the Actuary advised that to comply with the Superannuation Schemes Regulations 1976, a Trust Deed has to be engrossed and executed before 31st March 1980. This will ensure that members contributions to the Fund and the interest income of the Fund continue to be exempt from taxation. The

matter is under action and a recommendation below provides for the necessary approval.

3. SELF-SUPPORTING AND PART-TIME MINISTRIES - 50% MEMBERSHIP

The development of Self-Supporting and Part-time Ministries has raised the question as to the ways in which retirement needs, pastoral considerations and the mutuality of ministry support can be adequately expressed. After discussion with the Actuary and consultation with the Committee on Ministry, the Board proposes as an alternative to full membership that a 50% membership category be established for those engaged in Self-Supporting or Part-time Ministries.

Categories of Membership would then be:

A. FULL MEMBERSHIP

B. 50% MEMBERSHIP

Those in receipt of a full Conference Standard Minimum Stipend will for this reason be full members.

Those not in receipt of a full Conference Standard Minimum Stipend will be able to elect to be-

- either:
- i. A full member
 - ii. A 50% member
 - iii. Not a member

A

B

Deacons, Home Missionaries & Presbyters in receipt of a Conference Standard Minimum Stipend	Deacons, Home Missionaries & Presbyters NOT in receipt of a Conference Standard Minimum Stipend
Compulsory Full Membership	May elect to be a - i. Full member ii. 50% member iii. Not a member
FULL MEMBERSHIP	50% MEMBERSHIP
Pays a full members contribution	Those receiving less than full stipend will pay the following contribution. (The Church will in each case contribute 10% of stipend) if electing to be: FULL MEMBER: Church Subsidy 10% of actual stipend paid. MEMBER will pay difference be-

	tween 20% of full standard minimum stipend and the Church subsidy of 10% of actual stipend paid.
	50% MEMBER: Church subsidy 10% of actual stipend paid. Member will pay difference between 20% of 50% of full standard minimum stipend and the Church subsidy of 10% of actual stipend paid.
	NO MEMBER: Church will pay 10% of actual stipend paid into Supernumerary Fund. MEMBER no contributions.
	EXAMPLE i. (Full Member) Church 10% of stipend paid Member 20% of standard minimum stipend less Church contr. of 10% of actual stipend paid SAY full stipend \$10,460 member receives \$6,000 from Church Church pays 10% of \$6000 = \$600 Member pays (20% of \$10,460) minus (\$600) \$2,092 - \$600 = \$1,492
	EXAMPLE ii. (50% Member) Stipend \$4,000 from Church Church pays 10% of \$4000 = \$400 Member pays 20% of 50% of \$10,460 = \$1,046 LESS 400 \$ 646
Will receive a full membership benefits	EXAMPLE iii. (Not a member) Member Nil but Parish/Budget pays 10% of stipend into Fund
	i. (full member) Will receive full membership benefits.

	ii. (50% member) Will receive 50% of full membership benefits. iii. (Not a member) Will receive no benefits
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4. DEATH BENEFIT

The Board has consulted with the Actuary as to an increase in the death benefit and with his support recommends that this be increased to 2½ times Conference Standard Minimum Stipend.

5. REVIEW OF COMPULSORY MEMBERSHIP

"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."

Resolution of Conference 1978, page 561, No. 3.

The question of Compulsory Membership of the Fund has been considered in its various aspects. These aspects are:

1. Actual need for pension.
 2. Housing needs.
 3. Pastoral considerations.
 4. Mutuality principle.
1. The stipend of Ministers though considerably increased in recent years is generally sufficient to cope with normal cost of living expenses, but unless additional income is forthcoming, either from private sources, or by way of income from other family members, it does not leave much room for additional savings. As a general trend people live at a standard commensurate with their income. For this reason the requirement of compulsory saving supplemented by the Church seems still relevant. These savings now will provide a pension and/or lump sum payment on retirement. National Superannuation might not suffice. The Church by insufficient subsidies to supernumerary premium deductions levied on low stipends has found itself with a considerable pastoral problem in the past. A repetition of such problems could result if compulsory membership of the Supernumerary Fund were abolished.

2. Traditionally many Ministers on retirement had to buy their first home and a big percentage of the pension was generally taken in a lump sum to make this purchase possible. The result was that only a limited pension remained payable which was supplemented by National Superannuation. With rampant inflation retiring Ministers will need the option of the lump sum on retirement more than ever to buy a suitable home. The increased National Superannuation will provide a welcome improvement to the limited pension from the Supernumerary Fund, left after a lump sum is taken. A limited number of Ministers will be able to buy a retirement home earlier than at retirement, and will thus have less need for a lump sum on retirement, unless they have to repay a mortgage. Those who do not need to provide for housing on retirement will generally appreciate the pension resulting from compulsory savings supplemented by an equal Church subsidy. For most Ministers the need to purchase a home on retirement would continue to exist.

Compulsory membership of the Supernumerary Fund will ensure that retiring Ministers have a retirement home and a retirement income, supplemented by National Superannuation.

The Home Acquirement Fund in conjunction with the Supernumerary Fund has provided the opportunity to accumulate funds for housing on retirement. The same funds situation applies now the Home Acquirement Fund contribution and subsidy have become part of the Supernumerary Fund contributions and subsidy. Membership of the Supernumerary Fund therefore, still provides for tax-free saving for a home.

The question can be asked whether abolition of the compulsory scheme would result in all those who do not take part in the scheme any more being able to buy a retirement home at an earlier stage. In the main the answer will be negative. Even if a Minister has been able to purchase a home or an investment property during their ministry resulting in personally not needing the benefit of the Fund, none-the-less the Minister receives benefit through a tax-free fund, plus contribution from the Church.

3. The Church has a pastoral role, in particular also to its Ministers. Without being paternalistic it seems that there are sufficient reasons to expect the Church to guard the interest of its Ministers and the fact that it subsidizes Ministers' contributions by an equal amount proves its concern and is taking its pastoral responsibilities seriously.

4. The Fund is a mutual one and not an individual deposit scheme. It is for the benefit of all. Mutuality helps to flesh the words fellowship and care. Compulsory membership creates mutuality which enables the Ministry, in partnership with the Church, to:

- + Make practical provision for the family of a Minister who dies in the active work.
- + Provide provision for retirement needs, regardless of personal financial skills and financial circumstances.
- + Provide a lump sum for housing (if required).
- + Continue to assist Supernumeraries and their widows in retirement.

If the mutuality would be lost by releasing Ministers of the obligation to take part in a Mutual Fund, the Fund would become less able to continue paying increasing pensions to Supernumeraries and Widows.

Abolition of the compulsory scheme would, in many cases, result in pastoral care needed later because the Church had not exercised sufficient care (by subsidizing superannuation) earlier. Abolition of the compulsory superannuation scheme does not seem advisable and the Board recommends against any change accordingly.

6.

CORRECTION OF RULE 51

Attention has been drawn to the mistake in the percentage shown in the Law Book in Section 51, page 15 which reads: "In the case of a widow other than the first wife who was the junior of her husband by more than five years the Board shall deduct from her Annuity an amount equivalent to \$2.00 per centum per annum for every year by which her juniority exceeded five years." This mistake (it should be \$1.00 per centum) occurred when the Law Book was reprinted. It is an obvious error and the recommendation is intended to correct the position.

Initial consideration has been given to the needs of existing and potential members of the Fund.

As a Church we employ a significant number of paid lay workers and while many serve for a short time in our Homes, Camps and offices there is a significant group whose service is on a more permanent basis. The Church accepts a pastoral responsibility to assist Deacons and Presbyters make provision for retirement needs. • Also, through death and other benefits, it provides help for a widow and family of a Deacon or Presbyterian who dies in the active work. Within an individual deposit account it is possible to make a similar type provision for lay workers if this is desired. Improved provisions such as a death benefit cover referred to above are being studied. The Board proposes to discuss with existing members and their employers their respective needs and report to Synods and Conference 1980.



RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board of Administration be authorised to prepare and execute a Trust Deed for the Supernumerary and Allied Funds in a form as closely as possible incorporating the provisions of the present Scheme but with such amendments as may be necessary in order to obtain the approval of the Government Actuary under the Supernumerary Schemes Regulations 1976.
3. That to enable Part-time and Self-Supporting Ministers not receiving a full minimum stipend to avail themselves of supernumerary and related benefits at stipend related premiums and subsidies. Conference authorises the Supernumerary Fund
 - (a) to establish, in addition to existing full membership of the Fund, a fifty % membership, which will provide for benefits in the value of 50% of the benefits received by full members.
 - (b) to effect such changes in the Rules of the Fund as are necessary to provide for 50% membership and for the possibility of Part-time and Self-Supporting Ministers, not receiving a full minimum stipend, to elect either full membership or 50% membership or to choose not to be a member of the Supernumerary Fund, with the payments of contributions on the basis set out in the Report.
4. The provisions of the death benefit of the Supernumerary Fund be amended to provide as follows:
 - (a) That a death benefit of 2½ times the current minimum stipend shall be paid to the spouse of a full member of the Fund dying prior to retirement who at the date of death was contributing to the Fund.

(b) That a death benefit of 1½ times the current minimum stipend shall be paid to the spouse of a 50% member of the Fund who at the date of death was paying personal contributions to the Fund.

(c) That a death benefit of 2½ times the current minimum stipend shall be paid to the spouse of a member of the Fund dying prior to retirement who is not contributing to the Fund.

(d) The Board may, at its discretion, make a payment of a similar amount as would be paid to the spouse to dependent children of the member of the Fund whose spouse has pre-deceased the member.

5. That Section 51 of the Supernumerary Fund's rules and regulations be amended by replacing two per centum per annum with one per centum per annum.
6. That the Board of Administration review the provision of the Lay Workers Fund and report to Synods and Conference 1980.

L. REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE SPECIAL HOUSING FUND (\$150,000 APPEAL)

"That the Board of Administration review the operation of the Fund and the rules by which it operates."

Resolution of Conference 1978, No. 2, page 564

The Special Appeal (\$150,000) was authorised by Conference 1974 to raise monies over the 1975-1977 years to assist with retirement housing for Ministers, Deaconesses and Home Missionaries in Conference appointments, as being the first call on the Fund. This, however, would not necessarily exclude Ministers Without Appointment, for each case would receive special consideration in accordance with the category in which a Minister is placed under Question 18 (a)-(b) and the Supernumerary Fund regulations. (Law Book page 111, Section 512 (20) & (21). The second call on the Fund will be of assistance in cases of need and hardship and such additional assistance to retiring Ministers as the Board sees fit.

Conference was of the opinion that the best way to assist the Ministers due to retire within the next 5-10 years of the Appeal was by an interest free loan based upon the number of years service that a Minister in a Conference appointment at 31 January 1975 had been in financial relationship to the Supernumerary Fund. The loan to be repayable on the death of the last surviving spouse or the disposition of the retirement home. A Minister who has completed 40 years of service at 31st January 1975 would receive an Interest Free Loan of \$2500 and the amount of this loan would be reduced by \$100 for each year of service less than 40 years.

EXAMPLE

A Minister who had completed 35 years of service at 31st January 1975 received an entitlement of \$2000. This means that there would be Entitlements for all Ministers who had completed 16 years or more of service, reducing proportionately \$100 per year after the 1975 base figure.

As at 31st January 1979 23 Ministers had uplifted their entitlement at a pay out of \$41,380 with 9 Ministers relinquishing entitlements, resulting in \$8,800 remaining in the Fund. A total credit of \$83,857 is available within the Fund to assist and meet future retirements.

It is estimated that 51 Ministers will be retiring at or before Conference 1985. Based upon past experience two thirds of these will need assistance from this Fund. To allow for current and expected inflationary trends it is recommended that a slight change is made in the formula by changing and reducing the \$100 reduction from the 1975 base to \$50, effective from the 31st January 1980.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the formula to establish the amount of loan entitlement be amended by reducing the \$100 reduction from the 1975 base to \$50 from the 1975 base, effective from 31st January 1980.

M, CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

1. ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee has given approval as under. If not acted on by 31st May 1980, the approval expires. In some cases final sale has not been determined (*).

SALE OF PROPERTIES

AUCKLAND:

- (2280) WHANGAPARAOA: Exchange of Land
- (2291) WARKWORTH: Dome Valley section \$10,000.
- (2830) WESLEY COLLEGE: Continuation of Freeholding Policy.
H.M., C.E.F. BOARD: 519A Mt. Albert Road
51 Hall Road

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

- (3021) NGATEA: removal of Church to Clydesdale Museum, \$527
- (3062) WAITOA: Parsonage
- (3063) TAHUNA: Hall
- (3072) LEAMINGTON: Section

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

- (4101) TAIHAPE: Land \$14,837.67
- (4016) POWDERHAM: Freeholding of Properties.
- (4041) ELTHAM-KAPONGA CO-OP: Church \$15,000.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

- (5101) PALMERSTON NORTH: St. Stephen's Property

WELLINGTON:

- (6193) MASTERTON: Wesley Church Site.
- (9303) THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON CHARITABLE & EDUCATION
ENDOWMENTS: Masterton Children's Home (*)

NELSON:

- (7101) WESTPORT UNION: 16 pch Section at Waimangaroa \$400.
Parsonage \$31,000.
- (7112) GREYMOUTH UNION: Runanga Section

NORTH CANTERBURY:

- (8034) SHIRLEY: Marshlands Hall & Land
- (8081) OPAWA: Parsonage, 23 Aynsley Terrace \$33,000.
- (8101) ADDINGTON: Parsonage, 35a Halswell Road, \$32,000.
Parsonage, 336 Selwyn Street, \$21,500.
- (8174) SOUTHBRIDGE CEMETERY: Transfer to Ellesmere County
Council.
- (8204) WADDINGTON-RUSSELLS FLAT: Demolition of Church

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

- (8381) ASHBURTON: Parsonage, 119 Burnett St. \$34,000.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

- (9024) DUNEDIN REGIONAL MISSION: Caversham Property \$25,715.82
- (9114) OTATARA: Section

PURCHASES

AUCKLAND:

- (2500) MAORI DIVISION: Property, 298 Massey Road, Mangere
\$74,000.
- (2600) DEVELOPMENT DIVISION: Share in house at Moire Road,
Mangere East.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

- (3221) WHAKATANE: Parsonage, 104 McAllister Street, \$48,000.
- (3520) TE ROHE POTAE: Parsonage, 3 Gladstone Road, \$29,500.

WELLINGTON:

(6120) LOWER HUTT-PETONE: Parsonage \$29,500

NELSON:

(7120) HOKITIKA UNION: 16 pch section with dwelling \$7,500.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

(8081) OPAWA: Parsonage \$70,000.

BUILDINGS

(E) Erection

AUCKLAND:

(A) Additions & Alterations

(2830) WESLEY COLLEGE: Dormitory Accommodation (A)

(2071) GLEN INNES: Church Hall \$64,000 (E)

(2024) AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION:

- St. Margarets (A)
- No. 1 View Road (A)
- No. 11 View Road (A)
- Everill Orr Homes (A)

(2280) WHANGAPAROA - Red Beach Development (A)

Exchange of Land, removal of Buildings and Extensions.

(2291) WARKWORTH: Extensions to Hall \$40,000 (A)

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

(3041) WAIHI: Additions and alterations to Church (A)

(3070) UNION PARISH OF CAMBRIDGE: New Centre \$220,000 (E)

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

(4041) ELTHAM-KAPONGA UNION:

Kaponga: Resiting of Youth Centre Building (A)

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

(5140) SANSON-RONGOTEA: Removal of Methodist Hall.

WELLINGTON:

(6140) UPPER HUTT CO-OPERATING: Brown Owl Centre \$70,000 (E)

NELSON:

(7091) REEFTON UNION: New Garage \$2,373 (E)

NORTH CANTERBURY:

(8041) NEW BRIGHTON UNION: Extensions & Renovations \$45,000 (A)

(8071) LYTTTELTON UNION: New Parsonage \$38,000.

(8101) ST. JOHN'S ADDINGTON: Garage \$1,800 (E)

(8211) OXFORD UNION: Modernising Church \$16,000 (A)

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

(9020) DUNEDIN REGIONAL MISSION: Mornington Parsonage
Alterations & Renovations \$12,000 (A)

LOANS

At 31st May 1979, there were 166 Loans current (180 last year).

Northland	8	Wellington	23
Auckland	51	Nelson	6
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	19	North Canterbury	27
Taranaki-Wanganui	2	South Canterbury	7
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	12	Otago-Southland	11

NEW LOANS:

Fourteen new loans totalling \$127,480.08 were advanced during the year as follows:-

NORTHLAND:

Kaeo-Kerikeri Worship Centre: \$3,750

AUCKLAND:

Auckland District Tongan Trust: \$26,709.08

Ponsonby Church Centre: \$10,000.00

Dominion Road Church Centre: \$5,000.00

Beachhaven Church Hall: \$5,000.00

Manurewa Church: \$10,000.00

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

Arohanui Village: \$5,500

Pahiatua Union Church: \$8,000

WELLINGTON:

Ngaio Union Church: \$5,000.00

Tawa Union Church: \$12,000.00

Lower Hutt Circuit Parsonage: \$8,000

Upper Hutt (consolidated Loan): \$22,521.00

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Masham Parsonage: \$3,000

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Grants Braes Union Parish: \$3,000

LOANS REPAYD:

Twentyeight loans were paid off during the year.

DEVELOPMENT FUND

During the year the following grants were made:-

Wiri Friendship House, \$2,751.83
Hornby Community Care Centre, \$4,000.00
Kerikeri Development, \$800.00

For special training projects the sum of \$4,577 was made available by way of grants. At 31st May 1979 the balances of the Funds were as follows:-

" Development Fund	\$16,389.00
Special Training Fund	\$10,570.00

SECTOR MINISTRIES FUND

During the year Grants were made from the Fund to the Johnsonville Union Church \$350.00 and Porirua Methodist Circuit \$3,000.00. At 30th June 1979, the balance of the Fund was \$35,412.00

SITES FUND

During the year no Grants were made from the Fund.
At the 31st May 1979 the balance in the Fund was \$11,039.

LEGACIES AND GRANTS TO THE FUND

During the year the following legacies were received:-

M.B. Gilmore Estate	\$ 284.13
A.W.Hall Estate	600.00
A.H. Hayman Estate	350.00
F.W. Walters Trust	<u>3,509.43</u>
	\$ 4,743.56

The Board acknowledges with sincere appreciation these gifts to the Capital Fund.

2.

COMMON STANDARD REQUIREMENTS FOR PARSONAGES IN UNION & CO-OPERATING PARISHES

"That Conference:-

(b) supports the Board of Administration in its efforts to secure agreement on standard requirements for parsonages in Union/Cooperating Parishes and Cooperative ventures."

Resolution of Conference 1978, page 561, No. D 3(b)

Conference 1978 encouraged the Board to secure agreement with particular Churches on standard requirements for parsonages in Union/Co-operating Parishes and Co-operative ventures. The J.N.C.C.E. has taken some initial steps towards this goal by ascertaining the requirements of the respective Churches. It will be necessary for these steps to be continued and further efforts will be made during the next twelve months or so to achieve the end goal.

3.

DEEDS OF TRUST FOR CO-OPERATING VENTURES

A revised Deed of Trust has been drafted by the Division in consultation with the President's Legal Adviser. This was submitted to the J.N.C.C.E. together with the following submission.

The J.N.C.C.E. is arranging for a meeting of Churches to consider the draft Deed of Trust and has requested that the revised Deed of Trust be completed by February 1980 to enable it to be submitted to Church Courts for approval and use.

SUBMISSION TO THE J.N.C.C.E. re Revision of the approved Deed of Trust for use in Co-operative Ventures.

" The Methodist Church of New Zealand now has over half its Circuits in Union and Co-operating Parishes. As a Church we are involved in over 130 Agreements. The Conference has agreed to the transfer of Title to all properties contributed to Co-operative Ventures to the Board of Administration. The effect of this is that Methodist Trusts in Union and Co-operating Parishes will be dissolved, the management of the property will become that of the Co-operative Venture and the Board of Administration will hold Title.

During the last few years the Administration Division of the Church has become increasingly aware that:

1. Confusion exists in many local Parishes on the functioning of Union and Co-operating Parish Agreements.
2. A number of Parishes have Agreements which provide for the function of the Parish to be in one form, yet in practice operate a different system.
3. Confusion arises between the agreed wording of certain Agreements and the standard form of Deed of Trust.
4. Union and Co-operative Ventures were formed in the clear expectation that organic Union would shortly follow.
5. It is no longer appropriate for contributions to be recorded as an interest free loan. Inflation is a reality we must live with in the foreseeable future. The ratio basis is equitable.
6. The establishment of ratios gives a good and working basis for loans and grants from the respective Churches. Further, it expresses partnership and provides a satisfactory

basis in the event of dissolution.

7. The present Deed makes no provision for insurance and the partner Church that has contributed cash is at risk without adequate insurance.
8. Several Parishes give evidence of a 'yours & mine' game as far as property is concerned when the need for management of strategy decisions to be taken by the Parish is on the basis of ours, i.e. of property contributed to the Co-operative Venture.
9. As we have agreed that when property re-development is to take place in a Union Parish that the property clauses of a Joint Use of Buildings Agreement should be incorporated into the Agreement. The revision of the Deed would tie into that amendment.
10. As a Methodist Church we note that when property rationalization takes place in a Co-operative Venture that it is frequently the Methodist property that is sold and re-development takes place on land owned by a partner Church. The need for a revision of the Deed is based on the points made above and the draft Deed submitted for consideration is seen as expressing the intentions of the approved Deed of Trust and setting out some of the implications in a way which will avoid confusion."

Sept. 1979.

4.

GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF PROPERTY IN UNION AND CO-OPERATING PARISHES

"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."

AIMS

Resolution of Conference 1978, page 563, No. 3

- One - to make clear the changes in Methodist law regarding the holding of title to property and its administration within Union and Co-operating Parishes.
- Two - to make clear to all parties concerned the procedures to be followed in Union and Co-operating Parishes where Methodist property is to be leased, sold, re-developed or new property

purchased and vested in the name of the Methodist Church.

THE HOLDING AND TRANSFER OF TITLE TO METHODIST PROPERTY

The revision of Methodist law.

The 1978 Methodist Conference resolved that "all Trustees holding property in any Union, Co-operating Parish or Co-operative Venture, be required to transfer the title of such property to the Board of Administration."

The Implications:

Following the transfer of title to Methodist property in Union and Co-operative ventures the office of Methodist Trustees and the Trust Meeting cease to exist.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- (A) THE LOCAL PARISH COUNCILS/JOINT LOCAL COMMITTEES are charged with the day to day management of all church property, the use of which is entrusted to them. Where this is Methodist property, the Title will be in the name of the Board of Administration, but all responsibility for maintaining the property is in local hands.

The Standard Agreement for Co-operative ventures based on the Joint Use of Buildings sets out in Clause 5 under 11 Property and Finance, that the Joint Local Committee, which in most cases will be the Local Parish Council, shall be responsible for:

- (a) maintenance, running expenses, hall bookings, general supervision of buildings - including erections and alterations;
- (b) obtaining approval from the local Church Courts for all major financial matters;
- (c) controlling the expenditure of such funds as have been granted to it by the local Church Courts, and applying for additional grants when considered necessary.

We should add to it that repayment of any loans obtained for erections and alterations is also the responsibility of the Joint Local Committees/Parish Councils.

The Standard Agreement mentioned above contains in Section C (Property and Finance) Clauses 7 to and including 11, the Rules which apply to land and buildings, vested in the Board of Administration of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, which are used for Co-operative ventures and are managed by Joint Local Committees/Parish Councils. They should be followed by the Local Congregations and Joint Local Committees/Parish Councils from the outset.

- (B) THE JOINT REGIONAL COMMITTEES have the specific task to exercise effective oversight of ventures and to establish clear forms of liaison.

For this reason the J.R.C. should receive reports on each venture, conduct joint visitations by the J.R.C. and District Courts. Either by suggestion of the Church Courts and Agencies or by its own initiative in the first instance, the J.R.C. should be concerned for outreach in mission - particularly in site-purchase, Parish development and inter-Parish regional ventures. (Refer - Guide to Procedures in Co-operating and Union Parish, 2nd edition, 1975.)

The J.R.C. task will also be to exercise effective supervision that the requirements of the respective denominational Courts in all matters relating to property are met.

The J.N.C.C.E. has recently approved the following recommendation:

"That when a Union Parish/Co-operative Venture is considering a major building project, the Joint Regional Committee shall arrange for the participating Churches to appoint an appropriate number of skilled representatives who can assist the Parish in the areas of:

- + the preparation of an adequate 'brief' for the architect
- + Denominational procedures for the authorization of plans
- + procedures for obtaining capital, grants, loans etc."

(C) THE DISTRICT PROPERTY ADVISORY COMMITTEES in each District play a vital role in co-ordinating Parish Council aspirations and decisions in matters of Church development. Their task is to relate local initiatives to Church strategy and initiate changes and developments. In particular when a major building project is considered, at the request of the Joint Regional Committee, to act as representatives to assist the Parish in the areas:

- + The preparation of an adequate brief to the Architect.
- + Denominational procedures for the authorisation of plans.
- + Procedures for obtaining capital, grants, loans, etc.

Where necessary act as convenor and generally "make it happen". Irrespective of which Church holds Title, District Property Committees have a responsibility of ensuring that all parties are consulted during the process. Conversely, each Church has the responsibility to consult with the other partners. It is particularly important that strategy is considered before property dealings are entered into.

(D) THE CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND COMMITTEE of the Methodist Church of New Zealand has the responsibility, delegated by the Board of Administration, to handle all matters relating to the buying, selling, leasing, mortgaging, granting and approving of loans and all related property matters (as previously delegated by the Conference to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and now delegated via the Board of Administration) subject only to the right of the Board of Administration to review any decision of the Committee.

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee of the Board of Administration is the Church Authority to which all requests for approval of property dealings should be directed.

(E) THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION of the Methodist Church of New Zealand will hold Title to those Methodist properties which are in use by and administered by Union and Co-operating Parishes and other Co-operative ventures in accordance with the relevant Union/Co-operative Parish Agreement.

The responsibility of the Board of Administration is restricted to the holding of Title and the transfer of Title as and if required by decision of the appropriate Church Courts. The holding of Title is a pure legal matter and it serves no other purpose than stated.

The Board of Administration is responsible for determining policy in all matters relating to property (real estate) under the oversight of Conference. The function of the Board of Administration in the holding of Title should be recognised as completely separate to that carried out with regard to property policy and the Board's relationship to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee of the Board of Administration.

The Board was encouraged by the consideration Synods gave to these Guidelines. However, it recognises that further study by the Administration and Development Divisions is necessary in 1980 before these can be finalised. The J.N.C.C.E. is currently reviewing aspects of property development in Co-operative Ventures. The Board wishes to take such discussion into account and therefore seeks Conference support for the above Guidelines for trial use in 1980.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Guidelines for Administration of Property in Union and Co-operating Parishes be used on a trial basis in 1980 and revised with a further report to Conference 1980.

N.

GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST FUND

1. W.F.WALTERS TRUST and F.W. WALTERS TRUST

During the past year the sale of the farm properties of both Trusts has been completed. As a result of investment of the proceeds, a significant increase in income is realised. The Board records its great appreciation of the significant contribution made to the Church through the generosity of the Walters family. Mr. Bill Walters has for many years managed the farms on behalf of the Board. This service is also gratefully acknowledged.

2. J.A. CLOTHIER ESTATE

Finality has been reached in matters relating to the Estate and the Trustees have indicated their willingness to transfer to the Church the residue of the Estate, to be held on trust in accordance with the terms of the Will. In terms of the arrangement with the Trustees the residue of the Estate is to form the nucleus of a fund for the establishment of a Methodist Girl's College in New Zealand. The Church, through its General Purposes Trust Board, is to enter into a Deed with the Estate Trustees under which the Conference will take control of the assets forming the residue of the Estate and gives to the Estate Trustees an indemnity against any liability on their part in respect of the future administration of the Fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Conference accepts the transfer of the assets forming the residue of the Estate of Jesse Albert Clothier the nucleus of or a contribution to a fund for the establishment of a Methodist Girl's College in New Zealand.
2. That the said assets be vested in The Methodist General Purposes Trust Board which shall henceforth be responsible to the Conference for the administration of the said fund.
3. That the Conference enter into a formal Deed with the Estate Trustees, such Deed to contain the provisions of these recommendations and such other provisions as shall be deemed reasonable or necessary by the Estate Trustees and the President's Legal Adviser.

3. BEQUESTS

Through the years the Church has been the recipient of various bequests. These have and continue to assist the Church in its work. The Board invites members to match the Vision of previous generations.

Material for use by Solicitors as well as Members of the church is being prepared that will give information on the activities and needs of the Church. Enquiries are always welcome.

O.

CAR TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES

Discussion with the Presbyterian Church towards common travelling allowances have been held and are continuing. Recognising that it would assist the work of Union and Co-operating Parishes it is the Board's hope that it will be possible to report next year on an agreed basis for travelling allowances including minimum allowances.

The energy crisis calls for consideration by the Church of ways by which fuel savings and reduction in travel costs can be achieved. The question is of particular concern to rural Circuits and Parishes. The recent survey undertaken by the Division on the c.c. rating of vehicles currently used by Ministers and the costs of travel provides helpful information. It is intended to consult with Anglican Dioceses and the Church of Christ prior to reporting to Synods and Conference next year.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

P. THE HOLDING OF TITLE TO METHODIST PROPERTY UNDER THE MODEL DEED OF 1887 (EXCEPT PROPERTY USED IN UNION AND CO-OPERATING PARISHES AND CO-OPERATIVE VENTURES)

"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."

Resolution of Conference 1978, page 192, No.4.

A study booklet 'The place of property in the Church' has been prepared. Arrangements are currently being made with each Synod for suitable consultations to be held. Following these discussions a report will be prepared for consideration by Synods and Conference in 1980.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

Q.

METHODIST ARCHIVES

The availability of staff under a Temporary Employment Scheme has meant that progress on sorting, indexing, etc. of historical material has accelerated. A steady stream of requests for information is received. These can be grouped as follows:

- (a) Pastoral
- (b) Family records
- (c) Preparation of Church Anniversary Publications
- (d) Post-graduate research projects
- (e) General

Mrs. Jan Heppelthwaite gave excellent leadership during her 18 months as Archivist. Mrs. Marcia Baker has recently been appointed part-time Archivist.

Staff changes have resulted in the proposed Questionnaire/ Consultation being postponed. It is anticipated that this will be possible in 1980.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Report be received.

R.

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) Presbyters, Deacons and Lay Workers Loan Fund
- (f) Connexional Expenses Fund
- (g) Removal Expenses Fund
- (h) Fire Insurance Fund
- (i) Connexional Budget.

2. That the Board of Administration for 1980 be as submitted to and approved by Conference and as printed in the Year Book.

S. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN NEW ZEALAND



GENERAL MEETING 1979

The meeting was officially opened in First Church, Dunedin, on Sunday evening 26 August and concluded in St Paul's Cathedral Crypt mid-day 29 August with Holy Communion. Bishop Alan Pyatt as President presided.

Some forty members representing the eleven member churches, a further twenty or so from the respective Committees and Commissions of the NCC and Heads of churches participated. Guests included Dr Kosuke Koyama, who led two stimulating Bible Studies; Dr Peter Strang of the Medical Centre, Gore, who spoke about the work of the WCC Churches Medical Commission, and Dr Reinhold Trautler, WCC staff member of the Commission of the Churches Participation in Development.

Methodist representatives and participants included: The President, Bruce Gordon; Miss Eunice Nixon; Donald Phillipps; Colin Jamieson; Alan Woodley; John Roberts; Jack Penman; Keith Taylor and Rua Rakena.

The main business of this 37th General Meeting arose out of a 24 page report of activities since January 1978.

INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES

The refugee crisis for Governments and churches around the world was highlighted in documents and eye-witness reporting, and included a unanimous endorsement of a nation-wide appeal for money and sponsors by the Inter-church Commission on Immigration and Refugee Resettlement, whose chairman is now the Rev. Bruce Gordon and its Director, the Rev. Keith Taylor. The magnitude of the task, together with some of its political complexity characterises the Indo-China refugee situation. Reports of recent visits to refugee camps by the Revs. Keith Taylor, Brian Turner and Albert Grundy, Director and Chairman respectively of Christian World Service, have helped give perspective to the dire needs of the "land" as well as "boat" refugees. Starvation, long and treacherous routes to possible sanctuary borders and years in refugee camps were elements in the land refugee's plight that had long been over-looked, and now called for greater and more urgent attention.

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE

Giving focus to the work of CWS was a 15 page report of a visit undertaken by the Rev. Brian Turner and Mr Frans Tumiwa, Director of the CCA Asia Christian Service Division, to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam last May. The international significance and relationship of Christian World Service was underlined, to-

gether with some of the deep ideological, theological and methodological implications much of CWS's ongoing work has for its supporters.

In the year ended 30 June 1979 allocations to the emergency and relief sector were as follows:

Floods	15,866	
Cyclones	7,000	
War/civil strife	11,500	
Earthquakes	3,500	
*Famine	834	
Fire	1,000	
Refugees	1,581	\$41,281

In terms of the Indo-china refugee needs CWS will continue its help: + Toward emergency and development aid for

- Vietnam and Kapuchea;
- + Toward emergency supplies for refugee camps in South East Asia;
- + In assisting refugee resettlement in New Zealand in collaboration with ICCR RR.

Allocations toward development projects in the same period were:-

Africa	25,000
Asia	43,500
Europe	4,000
Latin America	18,000
Middle East	10,000
Pacific	31,700
International(Incl.relief)	71,000

The CWS budget for these purposes is still largely provided by the annual CHRISTMAS APPEAL which, for 1978 realised \$247,305 a 10.2% increase on the previous year. Total receipts for the year ending 30 June 1979, however, was \$283,000, the additional being attributed to the International Year of the Child emphasis and responses to the Indo-china refugee situation. In the 1977/78 Christmas Appeal period our Methodist response was \$30,799 and for 1978/79 the amount returned was \$34,271.

REVIEW COMMITTEE

Established by the previous General Meeting "to investigate all the work of the Council and its associated Commissions and agencies, especially in areas where there may be certain overlapping, and when necessary consult with the Roman Catholic Church", the first and interim report of the committee was presented by its convener, the Rev. Jack Penman. The committee had come to recognise the danger of being dominated by a concern for structures, seeing the need rather to be flexible and open to the leading of the Spirit. It had noted ways in which the existing Commissions had tended to relieve the member churches from grappling themselves with today's

crucial "life and death" issues. The proliferation of groups within the NCC was seen not so much as a question of overlapping, but a challenge to the churches to initiate action-oriented programmes at grass-root levels.

Questions posed as the committee continues its work as a JOINT Review Committee are:-

1. The need to hear what other cultures are saying to majority culture institutions:
 - + what role do the churches see NCC fulfilling in this area ?
 - + why is there not a full-time Maori staff member of NCC ?
 - + are all the resources getting channelled into priorities set by Pakeha ?
2. + Are the churches on board with the work of NCC Commissions and Committees ?
 - + Do they want to be ?
 - + What action should NCC take as a result ?
3. How best can local churches on the NCC communicate with each other so that there is constant development of an informed dialogue ? e.g. research by Commissions and groundswell at local level.
4. In what ways can NCC more effectively demonstrate the wholeness and corporateness of mission and evangelism ?

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

With the resignation of Mr. A. Gnanasunderam in March as full-time Secretary to the Commission and NCC staff appointee in Auckland, the General Meeting had to give immediate consideration to the implications arising. It was finally resolved that until the next General Meeting in February 1981 Ms Mitzi Nairn continue acting on the present part-time basis, and that as soon after he relinquishes his responsibilities to the Presbyterian Church, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Alan Brash be appointed as the NCC staff member in Auckland serving both the Church and Society Commission and Auckland Council of Churches.

The Commission has continued its work in the area of Race Relations with a focus on Maori land, and more recently, questions arising from the clash between Auckland University Engineering students and He Taua. Issues under technology and the economy have also featured. Women's rights have been taken up with more seriousness leading to an increase of women members on the Commission.

THE MAORI SECTION

Together with a report, a proposed new constitution was received, which in effect implied the establishing of another ecumenical body working alongside, but continuing relationship with the NCC. It decided that the proposed constitution be referred to the member churches concerned without comment.

THE CHURCHES AND MAORI LAND GUIDE-LINES

Not all churches had responded, but those that had were agreed as to its helpfulness, and general line of study and proposed action where appropriate.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

It was noted that the NCC has had a women's committee for thirty-four years. At present it comprises twenty members with YWCA and Catholic observers. The World Day of Prayer and Fellowship of the Least Comin continue as the committee's main concern. This year the committee also gave thought to the statement on the churches and Maori land and the Johnston Report.

HUMAN RIGHTS

The Wellington-based Commission endeavours to focus the attention of member churches on issues occurring on the overseas scene. A consultation led by Dr. Dwain Epps, a WCC staff member, and consideration of the situation in East Timor, Korea, the Philippines, the French influence in the Pacific and Russia were among the Commission's activities this year.

YOUTH

As well as furthering plans and arrangements for the proposed Ecumenical Youth Conference from 27 December 1980 to 3 January 1981, plans are proceeding for a New Zealand delegation of some twenty young people to participate in the Pacific Churches Youth Convention being held in Fiji from 7 - 18 January 1980.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM

Representatives from member churches will be participating in three CCA consultations on evangelism in Asia. Major focus is on the WCC Conference being held in Melbourne in May 1980. New Zealand is entitled to three voting delegates and the names of the Rev. Geoffrey Tucker and the Rev. Charles Joe have already been accepted. However, a further five participants have been invited and nominations are presently being processed in Geneva.

The cost of the Melbourne Conference will be in the vicinity of \$750,000. New Zealand as well as other WCC member churches have been invited to contribute. The General Meeting gratefully accepted an offer of \$1,000 from the Joint Board for Mission Overseas on the assurance that member churches will also respond in due course.

Visits to New Zealand before and after the Melbourne Conference by overseas participants are being arranged, and the co-ordinator for this purpose is Dr. Alan Brash.

CONSULTATION ON RACISM

The General Meeting endorsed proposals for the holding of a consultation from 23-25 November 1979 as the NCC response to a

resolution of the WCC Central Committee meeting held last January in Jamaica. It will form part of a series of national and regional consultations leading to a world consultation planned for June-July 1980. Member churches will have opportunity to assess their individual and collective response to the WCC Programme to Combat Racism, and offer directives for the Programme throughout the '80's.

GENERATION 2000

Launched in June as the churches contribution to the International Year of the Child, with its success or otherwise being largely dependent upon the extent of local initiative and drive, early indications are revealing an overall response that will prove the venture was worthwhile.

EDUCATION

The appointment of Dr. Bruce Turley as General Secretary of the Churches Education Commission from January 1980 will enable the Commission to pursue its task at greater depth and momentum than has been possible for most of the year. The continuing Bible-in-schools programme; the Johnston Report; Adult Education and relations with the NCC have featured in the Commission's work in the interim.

CHAPLAINCIES

These are now well established, with Chaplains enjoying good relationship with the respective authorities who also share this expression of ecumenical ministry and outreach. There are 13 full-time Prison Chaplains (2 Methodist), and 7 part-time. The Rev. Laurie More completes his first year as Senior Prison Chaplain.

Those serving industry through ITIM now total 6 full-time and 130 share a 1-8 hours weekly Chaplaincy. Needs continue in Auckland, Wellington, Canterbury and Southland. Hospital Chaplaincies are co-ordinated by the Inter-church Advisory Council and assisted by Government subsidy. Over 55 full-time Chaplains are presently serving, with the Rev. J.D. Buchanan now acting as the first full-time Advisor. Six University Chaplains (1 Methodist) Minister to each of the Universities, and continue to need supporting grants from the NCC member churches in order to do so.

The Armed Services Chaplaincies, comprising 24 full-time and 19 part-timers are the responsibility of the Dominion Advisory Council acting for the respective member churches.

LOCAL ECUMENISM

There are presently 31 local councils operating throughout the country, but some significant centres are not included, such as Rotorua, Whangarei, Timaru and New Plymouth.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

This has continued to increase at a variety of levels and is greatly welcomed. The Joint Working Committee has now completed ten years work and its report distributed to all priests, clergy and ministers of the member churches. This year it considered the WCC statement "One Baptism, One Eucharist and a Mutually Recognised Ministry", and engaged in discussion with members of the Planning Council about NZ's future.

The Ecumenical Secretariat on Development provides a further avenue for co-operation. This year a national survey of clergy was conducted with the help of Massey University about the programme and activities of ESOD. However, a 38% response was insufficient to provide any firm and reliable conclusions to be drawn. A Christian Action Week is again planned, the third week in Lent 1980 being in mind. A series of SODEPAX workshops will culminate in a Consultation to be held at Palmerston North in September. The Rev. Michael Elliott continues to serve as Executive Officer with offices and Resource Centre offering a wide range of developmental material located in the Auckland Central Mission Open Circle complex.

Full co-operation exists also in other important areas of the churches life and work, such as overseas aid and refugee re-settlement.

COMMUNICATION

That there was considerable need for the churches to understand better and use more effectively the communication channels offered by the mass media generally was underlined by the Rev. Peter Davis. Failure in this respect had led to the churches' credibility being questioned in many quarters. To be available later in the year is a 250 page history of the NCC in New Zealand written by Colin Brown of the Religious Study Department of the University of Canterbury.

FINANCE

The Treasurer, Mr. Ron Cormack, reported an excess of income over expenditure of \$1,539 which resulted mainly from a grant of US\$6,000 being received from the Fellowship of the Least Coin toward the salary of the Secretary of Church and Society. Member churches' contribution for the year ending 30 June 1979 revealed a shortfall of \$4,287, although contributions represented an increase of 25.5% on the previous year. Methodist share in 1978 was \$6,037 and in 1979 \$6,590, although \$7,066 had been budgetted. The total amount budgetted for 1980 is \$64,800; 1981 \$75,000 and 1982 \$86,000 with our Methodist share being \$7,770; \$8,993 and \$10,312 respectively.

THE COUNCIL

The Council endeavours to serve as an instrument to enable and facilitate the churches in New Zealand working together ecumenically. It is not the Council's function to duplicate the

ministries and service each member church is offering in its own right. Since 1976 the Council meets every 18 months and the Executive, comprising 16 members elected at each General meeting, meets every 6 months. A Working and Finance Committee based in Christchurch meets more frequently to assist staff implement decisions and deal with matters as they arise. We are entitled to 6 members on the Council, 2 to be appointed to the Executive. Since the change in meeting schedules and the decision that travelling costs be a charge on member churches we have followed a policy of appointing some of our representatives from the place in which the General Meeting is being held. As the next Council meeting is not until February 1981 nominations will be considered for Conference 1980.

NCC officers for the ensuing year are:-

President:	Commissioner Ernest Elliott
Vice President:	Mrs. Joan Anderson
Treasurer:	Mr. Ron Cormack
General Secretary:	Rev. Angus Macleod.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference record its appreciation of members and congregations' response to the 1978 Christmas Appeal and encourages a corresponding commitment to support the 1979 Appeal.
3. That Conference approve the establishing of Te Kaunihera Whakawhanaunga i nga Haahi o Aotearoa as outlined in the proposed constitution.
4. That Conference endorse and commend the appeal of the Inter-church Commission on Immigration and Refugee Resettlement to its members and congregations, and convey its appreciation of the work being undertaken by its officers and those of related agencies, especially in regard to the present Indo-China crises.
5. That Conference convey its thanks to Mr. A. Gnanasunderam for his services to and through the Church and Society Commission over the past nine years or so.
6. That the Methodist representatives on the NCC Women's Committee be: Mrs. Rua Turner;
7. That an amount of, at least, \$ over and above the \$1,000 offered by the Joint Board for Overseas Mission be approved as the Methodist contribution to the Melbourne Conference on Mission and Evangelism and that members and congregations be invited to contribute.
8. That Conference again draw the attention of its nominating committees to the women, youth, ethnic and lay categories required when considering representatives to ecumenical committees etc.

August 1979

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

NAME Te Kaunihera Whakawhanaunga i nga Haahi o Aotearoa

AIM In our life, witness and service to try and make more visible our unity in Christ, and promote the concerns and programmes of the ecumenical movement among our constituent members.

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

Te Kaunihera shall have such functions and powers deemed by the Executive as necessary to achieve its aim. These shall include:-

- (a) To facilitate common study, discussion and action on any issue required to further the above aim.
- (b) To establish, maintain close relationship and wherever possible co-operate with: the National Council of Churches in New Zealand; The Pacific Council of Churches; The Christian Conference of Asia; the World Council of Churches and other ecumenical agencies.
- (c) To make provisions as may be required to procure, enlarge or develop suitable headquarters or other centres for its work.
- (d) To acquire for any of the purposes of Te Kaunihera by purchase, lease, hire, gift or otherwise, or to dispose of by way of sale, exchange, gift, lease, hire or in any other manner such land, buildings or furnishings as Te Kaunihera may deem necessary, and to do all acts in relation thereto as may from time to time be required, including:-
 - i. the hire or employment and payment of all persons necessary for the maintenance, extension or prosecution of the activities of Te Kaunihera;
 - ii. the selling of any property real or personal held by Te Kaunihera; and
 - iii. the borrowing or raising and giving security for money by the issue of bonds, debentures, debenture stock, mortgage or charge either unsecured or secured upon all or any part of the property of Te Kaunihera.
- (e) To administer all sums of money subscribed or given by any person or organisation for the support, maintenance or benefit of Te Kaunihera, whether by the operation of any trust, devise or bequest or otherwise howsoever and to administer and apply the same subject to any special provisions attached thereto and to appeal for collect and receive monies in furtherance of the purposes hereinbefore referred to and to administer control and disburse the same.

MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Te Kaunihera shall be composed of the Maori membership or section of any church or Christian body that is in full support of the above aim.
- (b) Admittance to membership shall be by resolution at an Annual or General Meeting on the recommendation of the Executive.
- (c) Resignation shall be submitted in writing to the Executive, its acceptance notified to member churches and Christian bodies, and shall take effect from the commencement of the following Annual or General Meeting.

ANNUAL OR GENERAL MEETING

- (a) Te Kaunihera shall normally hold an Annual General Meeting in the month of February or March at which attendance shall be open to any member of an affiliated church or Christian body.
- (b) Whenever possible the Annual General Meeting shall be held on a marae and be hosted in rotation by member churches and Christian bodies as decided by the Executive.
- (c) The Annual General Meeting shall review the activities of Te Kaunihera for the past twelve months and propose further programme directions for the ensuing year. Relevant reports and resolutions shall be shared with the National Council of Churches in New Zealand and other interested agencies.

EXECUTIVE

The Executive of Te Kaunihera shall consist of the following:-

- (a) 4 persons representing the Council of the Bishopric of Aotearoa, one of whom shall be the Bishop of Aotearoa or his appointee.
- (b) 3 persons representing the Methodist Maori Division, one of whom shall be the Tumaki or his appointee.
- (c) 3 persons representing the Presbyterian Hinota, one of whom shall be the Moderator or his appointee.
- (d) 2 persons representing the Baptist Maori Department, one of whom shall be the Tumaki or his appointee.
- (e) Any other church or Christian body admitted to membership shall have representation as recommended by the Executive and approved by the Annual General Meeting at which membership is admitted.
- (f) The National Council of Churches in New Zealand shall be entitled to appoint one member to the executive.
- (g) As long as, at least, four of the affiliated bodies are represented, seven persons shall form a quorum.

OFFICERS

1. The officers of Te Kaunihera shall consist of:-

- (a) A General Secretary
- (b) Assistant Honorary Secretaries as may be required.
- (c) A President, Vice-President and Honorary Treasurer.

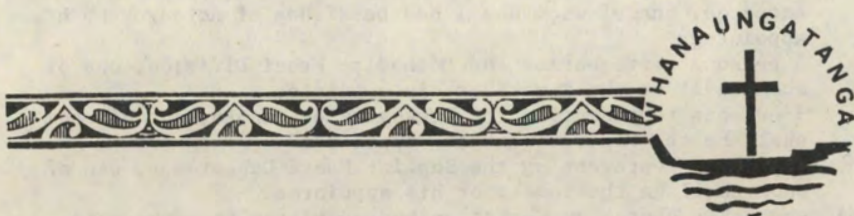
2. The General Secretary shall be appointed for a term of up to five years and be eligible for re-appointment. The remaining officers shall hold office for one year from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next following.
3. The President shall not hold office for more than two years in succession, but shall be eligible for re-election after the lapse of one year.

FINANCE

Provision shall be made by grants from the affiliated churches and bodies in such proportions and by such amounts as the Executive shall determine at a meeting when due notice of this matter is given and which is held not later than six months before the beginning of the financial year. In determining the level of contributions due regard will be had to the amount of previous grants fixed on proportionate membership as well as any significant change in circumstances.

ALTERATION OF RULES

A proposal to alter any of these rules shall be brought in the first instance to a meeting of the Executive. If proposals to alter, add to, or rescind any rule or rules are approved by the Executive they shall be referred to the member churches and bodies. If they are approved by a substantial majority of the member churches, they may be altered at any Annual General Meeting of which at least twenty-one days notice has been given and changes specified.



T. DESIGNATION OF GENERAL SECRETARY

The Board of the Administration Division has reviewed the work undertaken since the appointment of the Rev. Alan Woodley as General Secretary. We believe that the confidence that the Church placed in his ability has been amply justified.

Major reshaping of Administration procedures has taken place and the long term benefits of this are beginning to be felt in the whole life of the Church. We believe that Mr Woodley will continue to provide courageous and dedicated leadership to the Division and the Conference and accordingly forwards the following resolution which was passed unanimously.

RECOMMENATION:

1. That the Rev. Alan K. Woodley B.A. be designated for reappointment as General Secretary by Conference 1980 for a term of up to six years.

METHODIST CHURCH INVESTMENT BOARD

During the year ended 30th June, 1979 the Investment Board made considerable progress in the promotion of co-ordinated property management and development, especially in the Auckland area.

It also continued its involvement in advising various Trusts in Investment matters. In particular, it assisted the Connexional Board of Administration and Wesley Church Trust, Taranaki Street, Wellington in Investment decisions.

A Schedule of N.Z. Methodist Trust Association Investments was tabled and reviewed at every meeting, as are lately Probert Trust Investments.

Holdings of aging property especially by the Probert Trust, the Prince Albert College Trust and Trinity College have posed the problems of redevelopment and/or other measures to be taken to ensure future income. This income is necessary to provide for Theological Education as well as for the wider work of the Church.

The constant attention to be given and professional knowledge required to progress towards satisfactory solutions made the Board recommend the appointment of a Property Development Manager. Mr. John Fleming, a registered Architect with considerable experience in project development in previous employment by wellknown Development Companies, commenced work in November 1978. He is on the Staff of the Administration Division and available to the Church for advisory and development work. Initially he is mainly engaged in investigations for the Investment Board. To achieve results in the proposed area of activity it seemed more than ever necessary to promote a high degree of co-operation and co-ordination.

The Investment Board, therefore initiated discussions with the Trusts with the most pressing problems and records with appreciation the utmost co-operation received from the Probert Trust, Prince Albert College and Trinity College Boards in the combined efforts to direct property and development oversight to Members of the Investment Board.

Property Management and Accounting for the Trusts mentioned will, as from 30th September 1979, be co-ordinated within the Administration Division, which has the use of some office space in the Prince Albert College building, Auckland, as a base for the Property Development Manager.

It is expected that before long specific proposals for site use and development will be studied by the Investment Board for recommendation to the respective Trust(s).

By the application of their combined expertise and experience, Members of the Investment Board hope to be of further service to the Church in the important area which is the subject of this report.

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 1980 be as submitted to and approved by Conference and as printed in the 1979/80 Year Book.



NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1979

The objectives of the Association have a connexional focus and are:

- * To amalgamate the Church's resources by channelling funds of Trusts into a Common Fund.
- * To invest these pooled resources to obtain optimum financial results for the purposes of these Trusts and the mission of the Church.
- * To safeguard the ability of the Trusts to obtain sufficient support from their resources.
- * To counteract inflation as much as possible by combined investment in growth assets.
- * Generally - To make secure and rewarding investments consistent with Christian ethics, to manage the various investments made by or entrusted to the Association and to share the financial results equitably for the purposes of the Church and the participating Trusts and Funds.

At the end of its first full year of operation the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association, established in August 1977, proved to be already well accepted by the Church. This is borne out by the increase in deposits in twelve months from \$1,116,100 31 March 1978 to \$2,482,805 on 31 March 1979.

These were spread as follows: (Last year in brackets.)

			Growth
Short Term Fund "A"	\$674,424	(\$360,101)	87.3%
- under 1 year - (including Board of Administration Short Term Deposits)			
Short Term Fund "B"	\$191,501	(\$ 49,393)	287.7%
- 1 to 2 years -			
Long Term Fund "A"	\$702,709	(\$328,791)	113.7%
- 2 to 5 years -			
Long Term Fund "B"	\$914,172	(\$147,815)	518.5%
- over 5 years & perpetual -			
	\$2,482,805	(\$1,116,100)	

an overall increase of 122%.

The development of the Long Term Fund "B" (over 5 years or perpetual) is especially gratifying, as it enables investment in real estate to be considered.

In December 1978 a further purchase of Commercial property was made, this time in Hamilton. This brought the investment in buildings to \$587,000. Both properties have been leased to sound tenants on long term contracts, with three yearly rent reviews.

The net return was 10.19%. In years to come these properties are expected to increase in value and provide a higher rental income. On sale a capital gain will be obtained. All this will benefit depositors.

The remainder of the accumulated funds were invested in a range of Trustee Investments, such as Short Term deposits with official Money Market dealers, Trading Banks Term Deposits, Transferable Certificates of Deposits (T.C.D.'s) and Secured Stock. Some investment was made in shares in first class Companies, as recommended by the Investment Board.

Individual Trusts with limited amounts to invest, even if these amounts are sizeable by itself, do not have the bargaining power which goes with the possible investment of large sums.

When the Methodist Trust Association invests \$100,000, made up of smaller amounts (e.g. 10,000 and 5,000 dollars) deposited in the Methodist Trust Association by a number of Trusts, it can obtain a far better rate of interest than any of these Trusts can expect when they "go it alone". Trusts with larger sums to invest are invited before "going it alone" to consider the assistance their participation could be for Trusts with smaller sums who would benefit by being part of a substantial investment.

Earnings for the year ended 31 March 1979 were \$168,788 (last year \$35,119) of which \$70,951 was applicable to the first half year and \$97,837 to the second half.

Distributions for each half year were respectively 7.8% and 8% for Short Term Fund "A" and 9% in both periods for Short Term "B" Funds, while investments in the Long Term Funds "A" and "B" were 10.2% and 10%.

In considering these distributions it should be remembered that these reflect interest earnings in periods when market conditions were quite different from those in recent months. During the second half of the 1978 calendar year, interest rates dropped and only late in 1978 and early in 1979 did interest rates rise again with recently short term interest rates gradually exceeding long term rates, a situation not earlier experienced.

The Association was able, thanks to staggered short maturity dates of its various investments, to make full use of changed market conditions. Distribution payments for 1979/80 will, therefore, show a different picture with much increased returns on the Short Term Funds. The Long Term Funds will only partly participate in this change, but being long term have the advantage of participation in capital accretion of shares and commercial property.

By using the facility which Conference has created and recommended to Trusts, the N.Z. Methodist Trust Association depositors not only secure the best possible return but share in the advantages of pooled investment (their individual investment would not as easily have benefitted from changed market conditions), knowledge of day to day movements in interest rates and investment opportunities, and in spread of risks.

The New Zealand Methodist Trust Association works closely with the Investment Board which has development projects under investigation for various Trusts, supporting the wider work of the Church, as well as Theological education.

Continued good support of the Methodist Trust Association will make substantial support of these developments possible. That these come to fruition is in the best interests of the Church as a whole.

The funds of the Methodist Trust Association will hopefully soon reach the 3 million dollars mark.

The Inland Revenue Department has advised that for the Association to be exempt from Stamp Duty and be accepted as a Charity, it will be necessary to delete the words "benevolent" and "social" from Clause 3 of the constitution, which clause reads: "The objects for which the Association is established are for the furtherance in New Zealand of the religious, charitable, benevolent, educational and social work of the Church etc." Clause 11 which reads: "any provision of this constitution may from time to time be rescinded, amended, altered or added to by the Conference" requires the addition of a proviso to the effect that no rescission, amendment, alteration or addition shall be made which would alter the exclusively charitable nature of the Association.

It is therefore recommended that Conference resolves that the Clauses 3 and 11 in the present constitution be substituted by the amended Clauses 3 and 11 as set out in Recommendation 4.

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 1980 be the members of the Investment Board for 1980.
3. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
4. That Clause 3 and 11 of the Constitution of the N.Z. Methodist Trust Association be amended as follows:
Clause 3. THE objects for which the Association is established are for the furtherance in New Zealand of the religious, charitable, and educational work of the Church and to that end: - etc.
Clause 11. ANY provision of this Constitution may from time to time be rescinded, amended, altered or added to by the Conference provided no rescission, amendment, alteration or addition alters the exclusively charitable nature of the Association.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD (INC.)

The year ended 30th June 1979 provided a net surplus of \$72,822.10 (last year \$63,692).

As in previous years \$30,000 was allocated to the Trinity Theological College. The sum of \$20,000 was noted for development expenses.

Last year's Report mentioned the change in Trustees which are now the same as the Members of the Investment Board. This took effect on 31st July 1978.

Thanks are due to the Trustees who 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, for their long and devoted services as Members of the Board. Their contribution, over the years to Theological Education, the purpose of the Trust, and in this way to the Church, cannot be termed otherwise than very considerable.

With the appointment of a Property Development Manager by the Board of Administration, the possibilities of an early development of the Probert site are now under investigation.

The Management of the Property and Accounting have been gradually transferred to the Administration Division. This transfer was completed immediately after June 30th, 1978.

Buddle, Weir and Company have acted as Solicitors to the Board since its inception. They have advised the Board on the steps to be taken to implement the decision of Conference 1977 (page 43, Minutes) and have prepared the necessary Resolutions to transfer the Assets of the Trust to the Beneficiary, enabling the Trust itself to be wound up.

G.H. Peak, Chairman
A.K. Woodley, Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. Whereas the Will of the late John Probert of Auckland provided that the remainder of his estate should be held by the Trustees of his will "upon trust for the Wesleyan Methodist Church in New Zealand" and that the receipt of the President and Secretary for the time being of the New Zealand Conference should be a sufficient discharge to the Trustees.

AND WHEREAS the said New Zealand Conference was directed by the said will to appropriate (after payment of specified sums for the Foreign Mission to New Guinea and for the support of the Home Mission in the Provincial District of Auckland) the remainder "in or towards the advancement benefit and support of any Wesleyan Theological and Training Institution in the Provincial District of Auckland."

AND WHEREAS the executors and Trustees under the said will hav-

ing completed their administration reported to the 1895 Conference that the residue of the estate was now available for the purpose as aforesaid and such Conference appointed Trustees in whom such estate became vested for such purposes. AND WHEREAS Trinity Methodist Theological College has been and is the only institution which fulfils the requirements of a "Wesleyan Theological and Training Institutions in the Provincial District of Auckland" and such college is controlled and administered by a council incorporated under "The Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act 1908" AND WHEREAS the Trustees of the Probert Trust Board of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (hereinafter called "the Probert Trust Board") incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 is the successor of the Trustees appointed by such Conference in 1895 and such Board now holds property investments and moneys for the said ultimate purpose of the said will.

NOW THIS CONFERENCE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT it is satisfied that the whole of the capital and income of the real and personal property held by the Probert Trust Board in terms of the will of the late John Probert should hereafter be held for the exclusive benefit of the Trinity Methodist Theological College at Auckland.
2. THAT the Trustees of the Probert Trust Board be requested and directed to transfer in specie all of the properties investments and moneys now held by them directly to the Council of the Trinity Methodist Theological College.
3. THAT upon being satisfied that such transfers have been duly completed the President and Secretary of the Conference are authorised to sign a receipt and discharge of the Probert Trust Board.

THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON
BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD
BIENNIAL REPORT

During the year all Ministers in the active work in Methodist appointments, and Ministers in Union or Co-operating Parishes were supplied with a circular setting out the objects of the Trust. As a result, in addition to our usual Christmas gifts we received several applications for special assistance. These were considered in consultation with the General Secretary and the Director of the Development Division, and we made grants as needed, within our regulations. Last year our Balance Sheet was presented to Conference and appeared in the printed Minutes.

This year our accounts show a Capital Fund of \$23,620 and a Revenue Account of \$8,320. Grants of a total of \$1,662 were made, and \$1,216.38 was the excess of income over expenditure for the twelve months.

Owing to failing health, Rev. E.E. Sage, a former secretary of the Board for seventeen years, resigned as a member after twenty one years service. We record our special thanks to him.

Rev. Barry E. Jones has been appointed to replace Mr. Sage. In his position as administrator of the Rev. and Mrs. T.G. Brooke Memorial Fund, his membership in this Trounson Trust should facilitate closer liaison in certain aspects of our common responsibility.

The Board Members are:- Mr. L.W. Peak (Chairman), Rev's. E.W. Hames, A.K. Petch, A.R. Penn, G.R. Thompson, B.E. Jones, G.I. Laurenson (Secretary), Messrs. J.S. Caughey, G.H. Lindsey, C.W. Firth and H.M. Denton.

L.W. Peak, CHAIRMAN.

G.I. Laurenson, SECRETARY.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

POWDERHAM STREET PROPERTY TRUST

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1979

This year has shown few demands being made upon the resources of this Trust. The only application being one from the National Council of the Methodist Women's Fellowship. The Council this year being selected from among the Women's Fellowships of Taranaki had applied to this Trust for some assistance with their administration as this had been the practice in other centres. Other Church Trusts with the authority to do so had offered assistance to the Fellowship as it was felt that this organisation made a substantial contribution to the Church throughout New Zealand and deserved the support necessary to encourage and assist it in fulfilling the administration of programmes.

The Trust had also applied to the Church Building & Loan Fund Committee for consideration of a programme to offer the freehold titles of land to lessees. As shown in the Accounts the return from this land, by way of ground rent, was minimal in relation to the value of funds invested. The income received from land valued at \$206,750 amounted to \$1251.00 in ground rent, whereas interest received from little more than \$12,000 amounted to \$642.00. Even though a substantial part of this, about \$4500.00, was held in the Trading Bank working account and earned interest only at 3%, it was substantially a better return than income received from ground rent. For this reason the Trustees believe that the funds invested in land should be realised and with a more positive investment policy, would produce a greater return for the Trust in particular, and thereby the Church in general.

During the year this Trust accepted the responsibilities for the maintenance of the old Methodist Church land at Bell Block, including the cemetery area. The Bell Block Trust had no assets, apart from the property itself, nor income, apart from a small amount of interest received on the cash held in the Bank. As a result of agreement between the two Trusts the Powderham Street Trust accepted responsibility for the land at Bell Block and received the funds from that Trust, \$787.00, which amount was incorporated into this Trust's funds.

These will be a welcome addition to cash balances for future assistance of local Circuits. Preliminary notice has already been received of a possible request for some assistance in South Taranaki and these funds will make it possible for Trustees to listen to such applications with some prospect of positive help. With falling Church attendances it will be necessary for Trusts such as this around the country to make the best possible use of their funds, whereby they might provide backing to assist small congregations to maintain the services of Ministers in their local areas. Changes in community habits, shortages of automotive fuel and little pockets of devoted Christians scattered probably in wide areas, are all going to create greater demands for help in order to maintain the services as well as the philosophy of the Christian ethic which we believe is a basic essential to a civilized community.

In these circumstances all Trusts with the potential to assist will need to gear themselves to support the work of the Church in which we believe.

G.T.GILBERT, Chairman:

M.H.BURN, Secretary.

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

The property continues to be well farmed and the buildings pastures and fences are in good order. The Trust has no difficulties with its lessee. Rental under the lease is to be reviewed on 15 July 1981.

Discussions are still being carried out with the Maori Division as to the future investments of the Trust. The future of Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel has now been settled but there are other matters concerning the Maori Division. There does not seem to be a need for a Maori Boys' Hostel on the West Coast of the North Island in the foreseeable future and the next 2 years should clarify the matter. The Maori Division proposes to extend its work full time to the Wellington area and if a house is required to be provided then the Hostel reserve may well be used to help provide a suitable house. However, the Maori Division and the Trustees are still discussing the future and the next report should have a more definite statement.

In the meantime, the Trust continues with its policy of grants to Rangiatea Maori College Trust, the Maori Division and the balance being invested.

W.F.FORD, Chairman.

A.R. WALLIS, Secretary

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Report be received.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 30TH JUNE 1979

The Trustees are pleased to report that they have submitted a plan acceptable to the Church and the local Maori people to freehold the majority of the sections under its control. At the same time they retain such land as has historical or traditional associations. Within these guidelines it is intended that the customary objectives of the Trust will provide greater benefits to those dependant upon it's income.

Increasing returns from cash funds realised from the preliminary steps under this scheme show up in our accounts this year. Additional income from interest has increased receipts in spite of a drop in rents resulting from some land sales. Over the next year we expect modest increases in income to continue but they will be controlled by the use of funds received from land sales; whether they are invested to produce income or whether they are used to purchase lessee's interests in the sections with particular significance to the Maori people.

There have been increases also in overheads of the Trust. The proposed changes in policy have called for increases in administrative charges. Research and planning as well as meetings with representatives of the Maori people and the Church have all created demands not previously experienced; the Trustees expect that this will not ease much. As the income increases under the new policy administration must be effected. Consequently due to a payment to the Secretary's office for duties carried out during this and the previous financial year, there has been a drop in net income. We do not expect this to be repeated as a significant rising cost factor. We are pleased to have available sufficient revenue to enable grants for the ensuing year to equal last year's. We recommend to Conference that a grant be made to the Maori Division as well as allocating the customary grants according to past practice.

Our Balance Sheet reflects the recording in the Trust's books the land at Government valuations of \$980,360. These values are not the most recent as the new valuations are not yet known. They are due for publication in February 1980. The sale of the freehold titles to the Paritutu Bowling Club is also recorded with the surplus over recorded Government value of \$17450 added to the General Fund. The house property shown at \$36,000 is the dwelling purchased from Mr R. L. Lampport a lessee whose section was to be retained for future use of the Maori Division. The opportunity to purchase now was taken in order to avoid inflationary trends effecting the purchase price if action was deferred.

Overall we feel the Trust has had an interesting year with exciting prospects for future progress.

G.T. Gilbert, CHAIRMAN.
M.H. Burn, SECRETARY.

ROBERT GIBSON METHODIST TRUST BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1979

This report will cover the farming operations. The distribution of funds in the form of bursaries and various payments according to our Trust Deed and the investment of funds and other relative matters.

The results achieved from the four dairy farms has been quite outstanding and most satisfactory for this particular year under review.

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	
Lower Riverlea	15,589	22,025	+ 41%
Upper Riverlea	14,201	19,441	+ 37%
Whiteley	14,956	16,814	+ 12%
Wai Iti	14,526	17,079	+ 18%
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	\$ 59,272	\$ 75,359	+ 27%

Productivity

Production from the farms, is as follows.

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	
Lower Riverlea	19,063	24,105	+ 27%
Upper Riverlea	17,246	21,174	+ 23%
Whiteley	17,751	18,179	+ 3%
Wai Iti	17,443	18,598	+ 7%
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	\$ 71,503 - 15%	\$ 82,056	

It must be remembered that last year was a drought year with its attendant effect on farming, but this summary also highlights, surely, the productivity difference that exists between the south and north Taranaki farms, to justify the 1979 figures.

It is an interesting exercise also to summarise the average milkfat production per cow, and this reveals the following information.

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
Lower Riverlea	134	166
Upper Riverlea	123	153
Whiteley	133	151
Wai Iti	132	149
Average k.gs of fat per cow from the four farms	130	155

You will recall that last year we returned the lowest average milk fat production per cow since 1974. This year under review however, we record the highest yield per cow we have ever reached.

Income.

The total income from the production stated above is as follows :

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	
Lower Riverlea	32,179	44,510	+ 38%
Upper Riverlea	28,402	39,371	+ 38%
Whiteley	29,792	34,213	+ 15%
Wai Iti	29,121	34,532	+ 19%
Total Incomes before paying Sharemilkers	\$ <u>119,494</u>	\$ <u>152,626</u>	+ 29%

Expenses.

Total expenses incurred in the production of this income including payments to sharemilkers is as follows

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	
Lower Riverlea	23,249	31,063	
Upper Riverlea	21,400	25,859	
Whiteley	23,873	25,916	
Wai Iti	22,809	28,014	
Totals	\$ <u>91,331</u>	\$ <u>110,852</u>	- 3% + 22%

Work Programme:

Major work carried out on the farms during the year amount to \$5,790.00. Details as follows:

Upper Riverlea Farm - Draining and restoring approximately 4 hectares	\$ 3,655
Milking Shed requirements	117
Lower Riverlea Farm - D.E.Milk Pump	461
Wai Iti - Electric Stove in Dwelling	493
Whiteley - Up-grade Dwelling	1,064
	\$ <u>5,790</u>

Grants and Bursaries.

These have been made under four headings in the same manner as we have done in past years, and I detail them as follows:

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
Wesley College	3,720	3,133	7,566
Section C	800	575	1,150

Grants and Bursaries (cont)

	1977	1978	1979
Section D	2,425	1,802	2,080
<u>Other Grants</u>			
Manaia Trust	800	1,983	989
Masterton Children's Home	3,000	3,600	4,000
Education Division			3,700
	<u>\$ 10,745</u>	<u>\$ 11,093</u>	<u>\$ 19,485</u>

This shows an increase on last year of 75%.

Upper Riverlea Farm.

One of the main jobs yet to be undertaken on this particular farm, other than the concrete race, will be the removal of a line of tall pine trees. I believe it is contemplated to have this work completed during the coming year at an estimated cost of \$3,500. 00.

Staffing on the farms appears to be very settled, and we have no indication of any changes for the coming year.

Major work that will be required to be done during the coming year could amount to approximately \$20,500.00. and in the main consists of three items.

Clearing line of trees (already approved by the Board) \$3,500.00

Concrete race, now completed \$7,000. 00.

Water connection to town supply \$5,000.00.

Water reticulation over two farms \$5,000.00.

J.P. Harding, CHAIRMAN.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. (a) That Grants and the contribution to Reserves be made on the following basis

		estimated to be
Bursaries	35%	\$11,900
Manaia Trust	2½%	850
Child Care	10%	3,400
Youth Work	5%	1,700
Reserves	47½%	16,150
		<u>\$34,000</u>

- (b) That the Education Division consult with the Board to finalise the distribution of the Grant for Youth.
- (c) That the N.Z.M.S.S.A. consult with the Board to finalise the distribuion of the Grant for Child Care.

3. That the Board for 1980 be: The Chairman of the District or his appointee, Minister of the Manaia Circuit, General Secretary, J.P. Harding, B.Busing, S.W.Bailey, R.J. Thomas, H.B. Duthie, N.P. Laursen, Rev. L.V.Willing, Dr. D.J. Janus.
4. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

EMSLY TRUST

The Probert Trust Board has at the request of Conference been administering on behalf of the Conference a bequest of the late Mr. Emsly which, in terms of a resolution of Conference in 1887, was divided equally between the Church Building and Loan Fund and the Theological Institution: the amount passing to each was \$3,000.00 and the capital of the Fund administered by the Probert Trust has been kept intact at that figure. There appears to be no point in maintaining this now relatively small capital sum as a separate endowment, and nor does there seem to be any point in the Probert Trust continuing to administer the Fund when the Church now has the Trinity College Council handling matters relative to theological education. The following resolutions are therefore recommended for passing by Conference, these having been prepared by Messrs. Buddle Weir & Co. as Solicitors to the Probert Trust and approved by the Legal Adviser.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Resolution 4 of the 1887 Conference in respect of the Emsly bequest be revoked in so far as it directed that £ 1,500 allocated to the Theological Institution be invested as an endowment for the training of students for the ministry.
2. That the said sum (now \$3,000.00) presently held for such purpose by the Trustees of the Probert Trust Board be now vested absolutely both as to capital and income in the Board of the Methodist Theological College Council at Auckland and that such Board shall have power to merge the funds representing such bequest in its general funds and shall not be required to account for the same separately hereafter.

REPORT ON THE 1978-79 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 10th August.

PAYMENTS to Divisions and Funds

All "Guaranteed" were paid in full. The "Non-Guaranteed" were paid 97.49%.

Comparative figures of previous years are:

	<u>Guaranteed</u>	<u>Non-Guaranteed</u>	<u>Percentage Paid to</u> <u>Non-Guaranteed</u>
	\$	\$	%
1978-9	259,016	378,063	97.49
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

Receipts from Circuit and Union Parishes (including District Expenses):-

	<u>Allocations</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$	\$	%
1978-9	653,178	626,119	95.86
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

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>
1978-9	82	55	20	28
1977-8	81	56	24	19
1976-7	86	51	17	18
1975-6	88	45	20	19
1974-5	91	39	22	24

(b) Percentage of Budget Allocation Reached:-

	<u>Circuits</u>	<u>Union Parishes</u>
	%	%
1978-9	96.78	89.81
1977-8	97.52	94.02
1976-7	98.70	93.36
1975-6	96.27	88.88
1974-5	97.37	84.46

A.K. WOODLEY, General Secretary, D.J. JANUS, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

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

REPORT ON THE CONNEXIONAL BUDGET 1980-81

1. BACKGROUND

As in previous years a survey was prepared supplying information on circuit income and expenditure, giving levels, church membership and other relevant data - this time for the year ended 30th June 1979. The survey was available to Church Council and the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail when it started its deliberations.

It showed that by increased giving, so necessary to cope with continuous inflation, Church Members have again shown their love for the Church and shared in its Mission.

2. BUDGET EXERCISE

Divisional Management met in advance to exchange views on the programmes and requirements of the Divisions and to work out policy proposals and priority recommendations and/or options for submission to Church Council. Amendments suggested reduced the original requests of \$992,128, which could not be sustained, to \$934,844, an amount still regarded as unreasonable to be expected to be met. Each Division agreed to explore the implications of further reductions. A Budget figure that meets the needs of the Church, even if pruned, but also represents a level that is acceptable and attainable had to be arrived at.

It was considered that the projected Stipend increase should be used as the indicator. On this basis a reduction to around \$873,000 would result.

CHURCH COUNCIL'S CONSULTATIONS

The Divisions' Budget requirements for 1980-81 and the Report of Divisional Consultation were received in the Meeting of Church Council and of the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail held in Wellington on 2nd and 3rd October.

The Finance Manager's Survey of Circuit and Union Parish Financial Statistics 1979-80 was also presented.

The Council acted on the assumption that of the Guaranteed Funds, the Retiring Funds must remain inviolate. Further, that the Removal Expenses Fund, which serves Stationing requirements and the Connexional Expenses Fund which provides for necessary expenses can only be marginally pruned and that unavoidable increases might well undo all good intentions to work within the budget figures.

The available information indicated that compared to the previous year in the year ended 30th June 1979

Giving per member had increased	19.22%
Circuit income went up by	12.33%
Non-offering income increased by	14.01%
Pledged Giving and loose offerings increased	13.84%

The Consumer Price Index - all Groups - for the year ended 30th June 1979 was 12.4% as against 12.2% in the previous year. In 1979 inflation has started to increase again. Council hopes that Church Giving will keep ahead of inflation.

This is more necessary as Membership has again declined last year, and less people contribute to meet the needs of the Church.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE OF DETAIL'S DELIBERATIONS

The Budget applications were fully examined and after much scrutiny a Budget figure of \$857,025 was recommended on the basis that a Grant of \$24,153 was available from the Special Fund. This represents an increase of 17% over the preceding year (\$732,500). Initially District allocations were increased accordingly. However, to meet special circumstances resulting mainly from the difference between Districts in the relative number of Circuits and Union Parishes some adjustments were consented to.

The list of District Allocations as decided by Church Council is attached.

3. BUDGET PRESENTATION TO THE CHURCH

Two copies of the Survey of Circuit and Union Parish Financial Statistics 1978/79 have been sent to each Circuit Superintendent, one of which is for the Circuit Treasurer. It is requested that the Finance Committee has access to this document and that it be studied and used in presentation of the 1980/81 Budget to the Congregations.

More knowledge about the use of funds will result in greater willingness to contribute towards the work of the Church.

1978/79 USE OF CIRCUIT INCOME: per dollar

Cost of Ministry (incl. transport)	51 cents
Other local costs	25 cents
Connexional Budget	24 cents

1978/79 USE OF CONNEXIONAL BUDGET INCOME: per dollar

Retiring Funds Contributions	24 cents
1% Overseas Aid	1 cent
Miscellaneous Funds (N.C.C., etc)	10 cents
Removal Expenses	5 cents
Connexional Publications	4 cents
Divisions (excl. Overseas Division)	36 cents
Overseas Division	20 cents

AVERAGE GIVING PER MEMBER:

The Average Giving per Member for 1978/79 was \$100.84. The target for the current year 1979-80 is \$111 per Member and the target for 1980-81 is \$129.87.

Recent indications are that better understanding of the meaning of stewardship results in greater support for the work of the Church expressed in substantially increased individual giving.

In recent years the impact of inflation has resulted in inability to fully extend the Church's potential. Increased

support means extension of the Church activities financed from the Budget.

J.S. HOSKING (Joint
D.J. JANUS (Conveners

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Connexional Budget for 1980-81 be \$857,025 to be allocated as follows:

<u>1979/80</u> <u>ALLOCATION</u> \$	<u>DIVISION OR FUND</u> <u>GUARANTEED FUNDS</u>	<u>1980/81</u> <u>REQUESTED</u> \$	<u>1980/81</u> <u>RECOMMENDED</u> \$
165,084	Retiring Funds	212,024	212,024
-	Overseas Lay Workers	4,184	4,184
27,573	Removal Expenses Fund	33,956	31,000
66,104	Connexional Expenses Fund	75,504	70,504
	<u>NON-GUARANTEED FUNDS</u>		
63,450	Education Division	70,990	66,490
1,500	(Budget Promotion)	1,500	-
42,950	Board of Administration	50,480	45,480
12,700	Development Fund	9,905	5,905
57,090	Development Division	99,180	77,921
108,937	Maori Division	134,142	115,142
25,000	New Citizen	25,000	17,000
137,987	Overseas Division	219,478	191,858
-	Trinity Theological College	10,000	-
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS</u>		
2,000	World Council of Churches	2,000	2,000
500	Programme to Combat Racism	500	500
1,900	Overseas Travel Programme	2,000	2,000
500	Christian Conference of Asia	500	500
400	Pacific Conference of Churches	400	400
2,000	Overseas Travel Fund	2,000	1,000
8,508	National Council of Churches	10,293	10,293
7,742	N.C.C. University Chaplaincies	9,062	9,062
4,326	Churches Education Commission	4,975	4,975
2,250	J.C.C.U. & J.N.C.C.E.	3,628	3,628
7,462	1% Overseas Aid	9,921	8,812
250	E.C.O.D.	500	500
746,213		992,128	881,178
13,713	LESS Grant from Special A/c Administration Division	-	24,153
732,500		992,128	857,025

3. That the District allocations be:

<u>1979/80</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>1980/81</u>
\$ 17,372	Northland	\$ 21,280
162,764	Auckland	193,823
106,223	Waikato-Bay of Plenty	124,281
56,605	Taranaki-Wanganui	65,002
79,682	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	90,085
85,453	Wellington	99,978
33,527	Nelson	39,681
118,916	North Canterbury	137,664
29,200	South Canterbury	34,327
42,758	Otago-Southland	50,904
<hr/> \$732,500 <hr/>		<hr/> \$857,025 <hr/>

AUCKLAND DISTRICT TONGAN FELLOWSHIP

The satisfactory resolution in March of the Rev. Taniela Moala's residential permit issue which so greatly troubled last Conference is reflected in a very significant strengthening and extending of Auckland Methodist Tongan work, and deepened mutually creative relationships within local churches. The twelve fellowships reported on last year have all grown in numbers and effectiveness, and a new one established at Manurewa. A series of day camps in the Christmas-New Year week were exercises in devotion and re-commitment. The East Camp attended by over 700 people of all ages (half of whom lived on the premises) provided a thorough test for the facilities of the District Tongan Cultural and Community Centre at Dominion Road Church, and with Rev. Dr. 'Aminake Havea, Principal of the Pacific Theological College in Suva as the main speaker, it is not surprising that the Camp was a time of considerable growth. The Centre itself is being used almost daily for a wide variety of cultural, choral and religious activities. The monthly inter-fellowship sports are developing much of a "Bible Class Rally" atmosphere within which young people are able to meet and encourage each other in the Christian way. Local Services are always well attended. No Tongan-language Services are held before 3 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month, Tongans being encouraged to share the Communion Service with the wider congregation. A large deeply committed team of stewards and lay preachers work efficiently in a wide caring ministry. Women meet in meaningful fellowship, and the sustained giving of the people through the annual "misinali" as well as in response to numerous needs in Tonga and New Zealand, is a challenge to the whole Church. Pitt Street Church is generally filled for the monthly District Service at which preachers have included the King and the Prime Minister of Tonga, Princess Siulikutapu, and the Presidents of the Tonga and the N.Z. Methodist Conferences.

The District Tongan Fellowship is very appreciative of the co-operation of many ministers and officials, and especially to the Dominion Road Church for what the provision of such a Centre has made possible. The whole Church gives thanks to God for the personal witness and leadership of Taniela Moala, congratulate him that in his exceedingly busy programme he has persisted with study and now completed his Melbourne Dip.R.E., and wish him, Viena and family well as they continue a great work from a now more settled base. It has rarely been possible for Taniela to visit other New Zealand Centres, but the stability of ministry now achieved makes possible deeper consideration of long-term ministry needs, and developments in this area can be expected in the near future.

ADDITIONAL REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Methodist International Affairs Committee has held eleven monthly meetings during the past year. There is a membership of 14 and an average attendance at meetings of 7. The areas of international concern were divided amongst the membership at the beginning of the year. This has enabled Committee members to specialize to some extent in what, overall, is a wide-ranging field. Three of our meetings were given over to discussions with invited resource people from the University and the diplomatic community. Other areas of concern we have been involved with on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand are as follows.

1. ALTERNATIVE N.Z. FOREIGN POLICY

Submissions were made to Government on behalf of the Conference to "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." (1978 Conference Res. p.544)

In addition Government was informed that the 1978 Conference questioned seriously the advisability of our continued involvement in the Anzus Alliance and asked that Government review its commitment to Anzus.

The reply received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs indicated that the Government is firmly committed to membership of the Anzus Alliance, has no plans to review it and has not found that membership of Anzus has inhibited New Zealand from pursuing an independent foreign policy.

2. CORSO

The 1978 Conference indicated its firm support for the aid philosophy and policies espoused by N.C.C. Christian World Service and Corso and encouraged Methodist people to give whole-hearted support to these agencies.

During this past year Corso has again received a great deal of public criticism and Government showed its disapproval by removing the \$40,000 grant given to Corso for its administrative work and the tax concession advantage for those who wish to donate to Corso.

On 20 September 1979 we made the following media release and conveyed our concern to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

"The Methodist Church of N.Z. International Affairs Committee wishes to protest, in the strongest terms, what we believe is the totally unwarranted and over-hasty action of Government in removing Corso from the list of those charitable organisations for which donations qualify for the taxation rebate.

Corso is not a perfect organisation. No one pretends that mistakes have not been made by Corso, least of all that organisation itself. But Corso is still doing a great deal of good

that can easily be overlooked. Corso is also a courageous organisation that has seen fit to question some of our usual assumptions about the existence of hunger and poverty, and to try to understand the root-causes of worldwide poverty.

It is understandable that people may differ in their opinion of some of Corso's statements. It is understandable that people, not least Government, may feel discomfort with the thought that there is poverty in New Zealand as well as abroad, and that the causes of world poverty lie in the affluent world as well as in the Third World. This, however, is not adequate justification for this unwarranted reaction on the part of Government.

We urge Government to change its mind promptly and restore Corso to the list of charitable organisations, donations to which are eligible for tax rebate."

For many years the Methodist Church of N.Z. has played a vital part as a constituent member organisation of Corso. Our Church has helped shape and develop the policies of Corso at the Corso Annual assemblies. The International Affairs Committee believes that this relationship should continue.

There is still a need for individual Methodist people to become members of Corso at the local level. The Public Questions Committee and the Methodist and Presbyterian International Committees have written a letter to all Ministers of both Churches inviting them to encourage their members to write to their Members of Parliament asking that the recent action against Corso be rescinded. There is still a need for this kind of expression of concern to be made.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER GROUPS - During the year we have had a growing relationship with the Presbyterian International Relations Committee. The Conveners of the two Committees have consulted on a number of occasions. It is expected that this relationship will continue to develop to the advantage of both groups.

In April the Presbyterian International Relations Committee arranged a visit to New Zealand from the Rev. R.F. Wootton, full-time Secretary for the Department of Justice and Human Development of the Uniting Church of Australia. It is clear that we share many concerns in common and have a similarity of outlook with the Uniting Church of Australia. As a result of the visit of Rev. Wootton it was agreed to foster closer links, to consult on matters of mutual interest and to share information and resources where this was felt appropriate.

In October we had a day of consultation between representatives of the Methodist and Presbyterian International Committees and the Methodist/Presbyterian Joint Board for Mission Overseas. It was recognised that questions of the Church's mission overseas and of global justice and international affairs are closely interrelated. It was agreed to foster a closer relationship between the Joint Board and the International Committees, hold further consultations, and that the Joint Secretaries of the

Joint Board should accept places on the International Committees. The Joint Secretaries agreed to try and arrange their visits to Wellington to coincide with one or other of the International Committee meetings.

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, the National Anti-Apartheid Council and the Churches Commission on Human Rights.

The Rev. K.E. Underwood represented us on the Overseas Development Committee and he and Mr Peter Utting represented us on the Corso Annual Assembly. Mr Peter Utting has kept us in touch with the anti-apartheid movements and Rev. H.C. Dixon, Director of U.N.A. in N.Z. and Mrs K. Loncar, President of Wellington Branch of U.N.A. have given us strong links with that organisation.

We look forward to being able to develop our work in 1980 by taking advantage of the new contacts established with the Joint Board on Mission, the Uniting Church in Australia and the Presbyterian International Relations Committee.

Graeme M. McIver, Convener.

ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE 1979

The following issues and actions have taken place since the writing of the report.

CORSO - The Government's action in removing Corso from the list of charitable organisations receiving tax deductions on donations and in discontinuing the annual administrative grant has raised important questions.

With regard to the Government, the questions are on what grounds is tax concession status taken away from an organisation, what form of consultation should have preceded their action, can the giving of aid be divorced from the social, economic and political realities of those receiving it? With regard to Corso, was it working within its policies of overseas aid and development, was its expenditure on administration in New Zealand reasonable, was it becoming "politically orientated"?

The Committee, while not agreeing with all Corso's actions, firmly believes that it is committed both in policy and practice to the relief and development of people in need overseas. Such aid must take into account the social and economic structures which force people and keep them poor and powerless to change their own conditions. Therefore, together with the Presbyterian International Relations Committee and the Methodist International Affairs Committee, the Committee issued a letter to all Circuits and Parishes asking for local action that Government might

reconsider and restore both the tax concession on donations and the annual grant.

The Committee fully endorses the motions of the International Committees asking the Government to restore tax concession status and Corso to reaffirm its traditional role as an overseas aid organisation. Reconciliation of the present issue rather than confrontation is the best course, both for the welfare of those in need and for the continuing of New Zealand's good record of giving help wherever it is needed.

The Committee also supports the motion that the question of poverty in New Zealand which is part of the present issue, should be taken seriously by the Churches on an ecumenical basis. If it exists and what is causing it, is of real concern to all.

ELECTORAL ACT - Following the last General Election and the disputed results in Hunua and Kapiti, it became clear that in the different interpretations of the law ending with a strict ruling by the Court, some New Zealand citizens were robbed of their basic democratic rights - to vote. A special Committee of Inquiry under Sir James Wicks was set up to make recommendations.

The particular issues in question are the method of voting whether by "X" or by striking out the name, the confusion of different methods in general and local elections, the question of enrolment and re-enrolment, the need for clarification with regard to Maori rolls.

Submissions (copies available) have been made to the Select Committee on the Electoral Act, proposing that the normal method of voting should be a "/", that the same method be used in all elections, that following a general enrolment in 1980, the need to re-enrol be only when a person moves from one electorate to another and that these things should be made clear through an intensive education programme in the media. Above all, however, "the law must provide that, where a voter's intention is clear and unequivocal, that vote should be allowed, regardless of whether the person has filled in the form correctly and strictly in accordance with the Act".

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BILL - This bill presently before a Select Committee has given rise to much public questioning. Groups as varied as the New Zealand Planning Council, the Council for Civil Liberties, Law Societies, the New Zealand Association of Scientists, Local Authorities, Women's Electoral Lobby, the New Zealand Canoeing Association and Environmental organisations are opposing it. It has given rise also to a new group, the Coalition for Open Government, supported by respected leaders in the community. The Committee believes that the Church should join its voice to the voices of those groups.

The purpose of the bill is to allow the Government to speed up development projects of "national importance" by rationalizing planning procedures. This aim in itself is acceptable but the way in which it is done and the implications of the bill for the

democratic process of Government are highly questionable.

The Committee would make the following points in opposition to the bill.

(i) The concentration of power and decision making is entirely in the hands of the Executive and finally of the Minister. It is yet another example of Government by regulation and order-in-council. The bill allows for the Minister to override the present legislative authority of a number of established institutions whose statutory duty it is to protect local rights and the "public good". Thus the bill supersedes 28 such Acts.

(ii) The criteria for "national interest", "national importance" are broad, vague and finally subject only to the interpretation of the Governor General on the advice of the Minister.

(iii) Provided that the Minister has received the recommendation of the Planning Tribunal, he may proceed to disregard the recommendation in coming to his decision. He need give no reason for his decision. The Tribunal's report need not be made public until a month after it has reported to the Minister during which time he may well have in the interests of "no delay", made his decision. This restriction on the freedom of information must run counter to open Government.

(iv) The Minister's decisions, embodied in Orders in Council can not be challenged or called into court. The Courts have no authority to review the Minister's decision, as to whether it is within the law. "This centuries-old power is now excluded leaving the Minister to make decisions without any judicial checks and balances." (Coalition for open Government report).

(v) The Minister may later alter or modify conditions and requirements, as he thinks fit, by orders-in-council. There are no checks to this action.

(vi) Public participation is minimised by the strict time limits imposed for other bodies to make their submissions in. The cost of being party to the proceedings could also prove prohibitive, particularly to individuals and voluntary groups. Only individuals "directly affected" and organisations "representing some relevant aspect of the public interest" may make submission. This could bar such groups as the Church from participation and erodes the whole principle and concept of participatory democracy.

While allowing the need for action in major development projects, no bill is introduced except to meet specific situations. There is some disquiet as to what these situations may be and the possible effect on the society and the environment. The bill also raises questions of whether in fact New Zealand wishes extensive industrial development as is foreshadowed by it.

The other matter of objection is the hurrying of the bill

through the legislative processes. Only three weeks have been given to make submissions, too short a time for the Committee to do so. For such far reaching legislation, more time not less should have been allowed for its consideration before enactment.

PROPOSED TAKEOVER BY L.D. NATHAN OF McKENZIES - The Committee was asked to take up this issue and agreed to do so. It therefore applied to the Commerce Commission to be made a party to the proceedings and was accepted. The application was made on the grounds of being a "third party", that is one not directly involved in the issue as representing either management or workers, but rather the general public in the matter of the possible social and economic consequences of the proposed takeover.

The following submission has been prepared by the Committee and presented to the Commission.

SUBMISSIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TAKEOVER
BY L.D. NATHAN & CO. LTD OF McKENZIES (N.Z.) LTD

INTRODUCTION - The Joint Public Questions Committee is the group officially authorised by the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, to deal with the social and political concern of the Churches.

Our concern is for the welfare of people in our society, which includes their economic welfare, and the closely related matters of work, wages and the cost of living. In the present worsening economic situation and the already high level of unemployment, this concern becomes acute.

The Churches are not opposed to takeovers as such, but affirm the need to weigh any good that may arise from them with the possible detrimental effects they may have on the lives of any in the community.

Therefore, from a Christian point of view, any moves within the economy which could worsen or threaten the livelihood of those who are most vulnerable to any economic downturn, should be averted or stopped. On the other hand, any moves which potentially increase the wealth of one group within the society at the expense of another, are to be avoided both in principle and practice.

It is for these reasons and especially for the sake of individuals and families who may suffer from the proposed takeover, that our Committee presents these submissions.

ARGUMENT - The Committee fully supports the conclusion arrived at by the Examiner of Commercial Practice that the proposed takeover is contrary to the public interest.

It wants to object in the strongest possible way to the proposed takeover and lists the following reasons in support of its objection.

1. EMPLOYMENT

The Committee objects to this takeover on the grounds that it will result in hardship for those who, after years of service, will lose their employment and in many cases will become dependent on support by the State.

Nathans, when first providing information on the expected redundancies, gave the figure as being between 120 - 150, but later amended that figure to 70 - 90, and then to 25. Nathans say they intend to offer alternative employment to workers in the Wellington area, at their operations centre in Auckland. Many of the workers facing relocation of employment, are middle-aged, married women, who would not be in a position to accept such an alternative offer.

There is no certainty that the vacancies offered to redundant employees will suit those people.

The Examiner of Commercial Practices estimates that it can be expected that the redundancies would be nearer to 200. There are a total of 237 appointments being eliminated from the labour market, with small prospects of many of them gaining alternative employment within the companies concerned.

2. CONSUMER INTERESTS

The Committee objects to this takeover on the grounds that it will result in the reduction of competition in the marketplace, which in turn will result in:-

(a) a reduction in the quality and variety of goods and services supplied to the consumer.

McKenzies and Woolworths specialise in the Convenience/Variety type store, where a wide variety of goods are offered for sale, at low prices. With the reduction of competition, the need to offer for sale such a wide variety of goods would be eliminated.

(b) a reduced incentive to reduce prices, and even an eventual tendency to increase prices to increase the profit margin of the monopoly. Nathans have suggested that after the takeover, there would be reductions in costs such as advertising, and increased efficiency in management.

It is not necessarily correct to assume that the larger company can operate more efficiently. It is also incorrect to assume, that if savings are made on running costs, they will necessarily be handed onto the consumer. It is correct to assume that the legitimate aim of any business is to increase profits.

3. COMMERCIAL INTERESTS

This Committee objects to this takeover on the grounds that it will result in a reduction of competition in the production and manufacture of goods and services, which in turn will result in:-

(a) a reduced demand for goods from the present wide variety of

suppliers to both Woolworths and McKenzies.

Manufacturers supplying McKenzies, may well be forced out of business if the takeover is successful, as Nathans specialise in their own suppliers. This would have the snowballing effects of unemployment, and reduction in competitive pricing systems.

(b) once monopoly is established, the likelihood of another soundly based company entering into the market of the Convenience/Variety Store type, is very small. Such a monopoly would discourage most possible competitors.

It is clear to this Committee, that the concept of competition so jealously guarded by the advocates of Free Enterprise Economy, will not be served well by the resulting loss of competition that would result if this takeover bid is permitted to go ahead.

John Mabon and John Murray
5th November, 1979.

UNEMPLOYMENT - The numbers of registered unemployed and those on special work continue at about the 50,000 mark. There are no signs that the level will be significantly reduced. In fact all opinions point to a considerable increase during the coming decade. "Full employment" seems to be a dream.

Apart from temporary relief and employment schemes, there seems to be little action taken to cope with the situation. On the one hand negative attitudes towards the unemployed, as being "lazy", occur and on the other hand there are increasing signs of frustration and social alienation among the unemployed, especially the young and the unskilled.

The impact of micro technology with the probable increase of unemployed among "white collar" workers: A new social situation is appearing, when it could well be that, alongside growing unemployment, a growing number of workers would work a reduced number of hours a week. These new factors raise important questions for the Church's understanding of work, leisure and the sharing of the resources and rewards of society.

In the immediate situation, the Church's task lies in encouraging the development of community based care and self support schemes for individuals and families suffering from unemployment. In the middle term the Church can join with other groups in trying to understand the causes of unemployment, to develop constructive schemes for retraining and re-employment to ensure that the unemployed are not victimised. In the long term the Church can explore new models for a just and equitable society.

The Committee intends to continue to study this topic in conjunction with similar work being done by Christian and other groups.

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the addendum be received.

2. That the submissions made to the Electoral Act be approved.
3. That Assembly/Conference approve the statement on the National Development Bill and that it be conveyed to the Prime Minister, the Minister of National Development and to members of the appropriate Select Committee.
4. That Assembly/Conference confirm the action of the Committee in becoming party to the proceedings of the proposed takeover of McKenzies by L.D. Nathans under the Commerce Act and approve the submission included in the addendum.

SUBMISSION OF

PRESBYTERIAN - METHODIST PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE TO PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE ELECTORAL ACT

1. Where a voter's intention is clear and unequivocal his vote should be allowed. The Hunua Electoral Court interpreted Sections 106 (1) and 115 (2) (a) (ii) of the Electoral Act very strictly. As a result many thousands of New Zealanders whose intention on the ballot paper had been clearly expressed had their votes disallowed. The Returning Officers had been instructed to give these sections a liberal interpretation. Quite clearly the Government in 1978 thought that where voters had made their intention clear their votes should be valid. Because the Court has now ruled that this is not the case, the law must be changed. The law must provide that where a voter's intention is clear and unequivocal his vote should be allowed, regardless of whether he has filled in the form correctly and strictly in accordance with the Act. It may be in the National Party's interest to leave the law as it is because quite clearly on the results of the Kapiti and Hunua petitions, more Labour voters than National failed to complete the form correctly. Failure to amend the Act could be interpreted as a decision based on political considerations. This matter is basic to democracy. It must be viewed and dealt with objectively and honestly.

2. In general we support the Committee of Enquiry's recommendation as to the new form of the ballot paper (see appendix C on page 179). The one reservation we have is that in our view a tick indicated an affirmative response better than does a cross. Consideration should therefore be given to the use of a tick in both General and Local Body elections.

3. We support the Committee's suggestion as to the need for a massive public education programme emphasizing the need to enrol. (see for example page 68 of the report). There should be similar public education programmes as to the method of casting a correct vote and as to the legal position with regard to the Maori rolls.

4. We support the Committee's recommendation that there should be a complete re-enrolment in 1980. Only in this way will public confidence as to the state of the electoral rolls be regained. We refer for example to pages 68 and 78 of the Committee's report. We also support the proposal that once a person is on the electoral roll he should remain on it without the need to re-enrol, until he dies or leaves New Zealand permanently. (see page 68 and 78). Where electorate boundaries are changed this should not mean that a person had to re-enrol if his own personal address has not changed, i.e. if his electorate has changed due to no action on his part. If however a person voluntarily moves out of one electorate and into another he should be required to notify the electoral office of his change of address so that he can be re-enrolled in the new electorate. Once again people should be made aware of this requirement to re-enrol by frequent advertisements in newspapers and on Television. The special 1980 re-enrolment should again be the subject of a very extensive public education programme.

5. We support in general the proposals of the Committee for changes in the law relating to special votes. In particular we endorse the proposal at page 147 of the report that party workers collecting special votes should be carefully selected and accredited by the candidate concerned who should accept responsibility for any abuses by his agents.

We also endorse the proposal at page 147 that a special voter should be notified if his vote has been disallowed and should be informed of the reason therefore. Indeed we would go further and submit that any voter, ordinary or special, whose vote is disallowed should be notified within five days of the date of the election and should have a further period of five days to appeal against the disallowing of his vote. It is clear from the Hunua petition, and from our own experience, that some persons have had their votes wrongly disallowed and it seems only just that they should have the opportunity of correcting the situation without the need to apply to the Electoral Court. The initial appeal should be to the Returning Officer or alternatively to specially appointed one man tribunals who would ideally be suitably qualified Barristers and Solicitors.

6. We shall be happy to appear before the Committee to discuss this submission further.

J.L. Marshall and A.G. Sherriff

CHURCH UNION COMMITTEE

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1979

As all the Churches have not as yet given their final decisions concerning the Covenant and Unification of the Ministries, this year has again been a time of waiting.

THE PRESENT POSITION:

The Methodist Conference 1978 gave approval to the Covenant and Unification of the Ministries and the Presbyterian Assembly 1978 did likewise.

The other partners in negotiation, the Anglican, Associated Churches of Christ and the Congregational Churches have yet to give their decisions.

During the year the Anglican Church held a special General Synod which enabled it to present the Covenant and Unification proposals in a new Bill to the Diocesan Synods. This enables their decision to be known in 1980.

In negotiations of this nature each Church has to make its decisions according to its own constitution and procedures. The fact that some, through no fault of their own, take longer than others can be a cause of frustration and misunderstanding. The Committee is very much aware of this but we must extend the courtesy of understanding to all our negotiating partners.

THE METHODIST POSITION:

During the year, in response to the uncertainties that surround the outcome of our negotiations, the Committee sought to define the Methodist understanding of the basic issues of our continuing negotiations. In this we sought to speak to ourselves and to our partners. The Statement produced by the Committee was sent to the negotiating Churches. This Statement is embodied in the 15th Report of the J.C.C.U. in the section dealing with the Methodist Church.

THE FUTURE:

While decision making procedures engender so much uncertainty there is nevertheless another side to our growing interdependence. The Act of Commitment encouraged moving together in so many areas. At Circuit and Parish level there is continuing development in various forms of co-operation and joint activity. In a real sense the Churches are moving into an area where matters of faith, order and procedures are no longer matters for agreement in prepared documents, but are practical concerns in the pastoral care and oversight of the Churches. Because of this there can be no return to positions of isolation. There is only one direction in which we can move.

THE METHODIST DECISION:

The Law Book, page 370 paragraph 11 requires that any matter affecting the rights of the Ministry and Laity be confirmed at the succeeding Conference. Hence the necessity to confirm the resolution concerning the Covenant and Unification of last

Conference. It should be noted that the resolution has already been voted upon by the Synods.

THE SECRETARY OF THE J.C.C.U.

Following the retirement of the Rev. J.E. Stewart, the Rev. Dennis M. Povey was appointed full time Secretary of the J.C.C.U., and the J.N.C.C.E. We welcome Mr Povey and offer our support and encouragement as he takes up his new responsibilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report printed herein be received.
2. That this Conference confirms its 1978 decision to accept 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.

ADDITIONAL REPORT FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

THE CONNEXIONAL BUDGET - ITS FORMAT, ITS FUNCTION AND ITS TIMING

INTRODUCTION

At its meeting in October 1978 the Conference Committee of Detail on Finance and Stewardship (Budget Committee) asked that the timing of the preparation and allocation of the Connexional Budget be investigated.

This request rose from the difficulty of gathering and examining, in a short time, the material necessary for the detailed preparation of the Connexional Budget. Often priorities were established more by financial constraints than because of deliberate policy. Another serious problem was planning a detailed budget for a period commencing 9 - 10 months later and concluding 21 - 22 months after preparation.

The questions which the Committee, set up to look into the problems, had to deal with were:

- 1 Should the Supernumerary Fund contributions be part of the Connexional Budget or become a direct charge on the Circuit/ Division/Mission or other employer.
- 11 How can the timetable be improved for the benefit of:
 1. Local Churches, Trusts, Circuits and Districts.
 2. Boards and Divisions.
 3. Administration Division office.
 4. Church Courts.
- 111 How can the Budget be:
 1. "Owned" at Congregational level.
 2. Presented as a "Mission" Budget.
 3. Made "understandable" in that it sets out what is actually does.
 4. Focussed on overall goals and priorities.

The outcome of the Committee's study was laid down in a report to the May 1979 Church Council, which agreed with the

general direction of the proposed changes and also requested it to be considered in conjunction with another related report. Further study followed. This resulted in a report and questionnaire to Synods, Circuits, Union and Co-operating Parishes.

Church Council, meeting in the first week of October, received a report which summarised the responses. These showed a strong measure of support for the proposals but raised, at certain points, specific questions and issues.

1 RETIRING FUND SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

In the light of the positive responses from Circuits and Synods Church Council endorsed the recommendation that as from July 1st 1981 all subsidy contributions to the Retiring Funds be paid at the appropriate rate direct by the employing body.

This would bring Circuits into line with the current practice in Union and Co-operating Parishes. It is recognised that each District will need to examine its allocations to Circuits carefully in order to ensure that the requirement to fund in full the subsidy (at the rate of 10% of stipend) does not become an insuperable burden. The total Mission Budget figure will be reduced by the subsidy portion payable by Circuits.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That from July 1st 1981, all subsidy contributions to the Retiring Funds be paid at the appropriate rate direct by the employing body (e.g. A Circuit with two full time Ministers would pay 2 x 10% of current Stipend.)

11 REVISED TIMETABLE FOR BUDGET PREPARATION AND ALLOCATION

Church Council also endorsed a recommendation for a change to a new timetable. A major difficulty in any proposed change proved to be the relationship of the timing of Conference, the start and finish dates of the Connexional Financial Year and the Stationing and/or Calendar year. The Conference is either too late or too early, it does not seem to be just right. Several Synods, Circuits etc. suggested various timing changes but the present attempt has been to work within the existing structures and timings. Any structure has a series of built in checks and balances. Sometimes these are more illusory than real. The proposal removes some existing control points and replaces them with others. It is felt that nothing is lost in real terms and benefits are gained.

Proposed Timetable

1. Connexional Divisions, Boards and Funds prepare their priorities (Programme, financial and staffing) for the following connexional year, and report these via the Divisional Consultation on Mission to the October meeting of the Church Council.
2. The October meeting of Church Council considers the reports and recommends to Conference priorities and values for the next Connexional Budget.
3. Conference in November considers these recommendations thus

allowing an opportunity for Circuits and Parishes to make known their priorities and concerns. Conference thus sets priorities, establishes strategy and places a value on the Connexional Budget.

4. Administration Division or a Finance Sub-Committee assesses the response to the current Connexional Budget and assembles other relevant material as at present. The Budget Committee of Detail meets immediately prior to Church Council (May), considers the report of the Administration Division, takes into account matters such as the stipend level for the new financial year and establishes the detailed Connexional Budget, having regard to the Conference strategy and priorities. It then allocates the Budget to the Districts.
5. Church Council, if required, can review proposals and either approve or amend them for implementation.
6. The new timing procedure to commence with the preparation of the Connexional Budget for the year commencing 1 July, 1981.

Advantages:

The changes recommended may appear far reaching. However, the fundamental difference is that Conference establishes the priorities and guidelines as to policy and value and a re-constituted Budget Committee of Detail later translates these into a detailed Connexional Budget in line with these guidelines.

The benefits of a more orderly and timely approach to accounting and budgeting would soon be felt as well as a more considered approach to the new Budget as more of a "Strategy" exercise. Stipends would be known for the budget period and also District Financial Secretaries returning from the May meeting of the Finance Committee would be able to proceed straight into the allocation of the budget to Circuits and Union Parishes in a fresh approach without losing impetus because of the time delay waiting for Conference, Christmas and the start of a new Connexional financial year. Methodist/Presbyterian Union and Co-operating Parishes would then receive their allocation in the same period.

The approach recommended is more logical and realistic and should be more effective and workable as an instrument of service to the Church, than is the present system.

Work continues in order to find a way whereby people (Circuits and Parishes) more readily can assist in introducing new ideas and establish trends thus ensuring the policy embodied in the Connexional Budget is relevant to their needs.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the timetable as set out above (1 - 6) be approved.

111 PROGRAMMATIC BUDGETING

Some difficulty in understanding this proposal was experienced by Circuits in that no examples were given of what a Programme Budget looks like. However, the principle was accepted as being of importance in assisting the Church at large to understand what the goals and functions of the Divisions are. This proposal was endorsed by Church Council.

RECOMMENDATION

3. That the Education Division be encouraged to pursue its restructuring of its Budget and Accounts in programmatic terms; that the other Divisions and Trinity Theological Council be encouraged to begin similar work in the 1979/80 year with a view to the 1981/82 Budget being built on programmatic lines.

IV TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET

Under a scheme where priorities and goals are all important, it is necessary to include all those Divisions, Councils, Committees, etc. who do not rely on Connexional Budget support either totally or partially. Consequently it is suggested that the Budget be a Total Expenditure Budget to include the total spending of all the Divisions, the Trinity College Council, the N.Z.M.S.S.A. (but not regional expenses). The amount allocated to Circuits/Parishes would be the total less the amount funded by such items as Fees, Trusts, Charges and other non Circuit Income. This would enable the work of the Church to be seen in total - both its breadth and its cost.

Church Council supported this proposal on the understanding that it applied to the five Divisions, and the Trinity College Council. It does not apply to Connexional Trusts, NZMSSA, local Circuits or Trusts.

RECOMMENDATION

4. That as from July 1981 a Mission Budget be written to include total Budgeted expenditure of the Divisions, Councils, Committees included in it, but that the amount allocated to Circuits, Union and Co-operating Parishes be that remaining after income from non Circuit sources has been taken into account.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

During Church Council's discussions several matters affecting the Budget were raised.

- A. Concern was expressed about the level of stipends. It was felt appropriate that the following observations be further studied:
1. That stipend minima are now more than adequate for some staff and consequently some staff may opt to be paid on a partially "self-supporting" basis under approved guidelines.
 2. That it may be desirable to convene a special Committee to review the basis and level of remuneration for Deacons and Presbyters with a view to moving towards a more flexible and appropriate system including, if necessary, a component of centralised payments in respect of such possible factors as:
 - (a) dependant spouse and children
 - (b) area, nature and length of service, etc.

RECOMMENDATION

5. That Mr G.E. Hill, convene a special Committee to study the basis and level of stipends and report to Church Council, Synods and Conference 1980.

B. Concern was expressed about the cost to the Church of the Divisions and Theological Education.

RECOMMENDATION

6. That the Divisions and the Theological College Council be asked to consider ways by which functions can be delegated or changed in such a way as to reduce the cost to the Church and report to Church Council 1980 with a view to a report to Quarterly Meetings, Synods and Conference 1980. Terms of reference to be prepared by a Committee convened by Rev. D.S. Mullan.

C. Basis of Allocation of the Budget to Districts.

It was considered that a review of the re-occurring question of a fair basis of allocating the Budget to Districts would be appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

7. That in the light of a Budget change a Wellington based Committee review the basis for the allocation of the Mission Budget to Districts (Convener Rev. J.S. Hosking).

A REVIEW

Recent changes in stationing procedures and the proposed changes relating to the Connexional Budget make desirable a review of several aspects of the Budget, General Purposes and Stationing Committees of Conference together with Church Council. This review would include consideration of the function, structures, membership, their relationship to each other, a possible reduction in the membership, appointment/election of members and other related matters.

RECOMMENDATION

8. That the Welfare of the Church Committee in consultation with the Administration Division review, the function, structure, membership, relationship to each other, possible reduction in membership, appointment/election of members and other related matters resulting from recent changes in stationing procedures and the new proposals for the Connexional Budget, of the General Purposes, Stationing and Budget Committees of Conference and Church Council and report to Church Council, Synods and Conference 1980.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1979

Significant matters affecting the administration of the Trust's property during the year have been:

- The re-letting of the major portion of the Turner Street building.
 - Discussions with the M.T.A. with the object of bringing the Trust within its administration.
 - Repayment of property mortgages.
1. It was with regret on both sides that IBM vacated most of the space they had leased since the building was erected on March 31, 1978. It has taken virtually the full year to re-let this space, causing a substantial drop in revenue. As of April 30 1979 the building was fully tenanted.
 2. A fall in patronage of the Rembrandt Hotel was experienced following the opening of the re-developed YWCA as a private hotel. Rental income from the Rembrandt has been reduced as a result.
 3. Shops have been fully let and lease agreements renewed with a rental increase as at January 1, 1979. The combined improvement programme by both tenants and Trust has brought this block to a good standard of appearance. Considerable replacement of roofing has been carried out during the year. Carparks have yielded a small increase in rental over the past year but this has been more than offset by very substantial rate increases.
 4. Discussions with M.T.A. Board members were entered into with agreement being achieved by the end of the year to appoint all M.T.A. Board members to membership of this Trust. It is the hope of both the continuing members of the Trust and the M.T.A. Board that this action will assist the wider development of the Church's assets.
 5. Appreciation is expressed to those Trustees resigning from our Board who have given a considerable commitment to its activities over recent years.
 6. Mortgages in favour of National Mutual Life Association taken over the Turner Street Building and amounting to \$77,205 were retired during the year.
The sinking fund set up for this purpose yielded a surplus of \$26,983 after covering the mortgage outstanding. This has been brought into the accounts.
Interest costs of \$5,100 p.a. for these mortgages will be avoided.
 7. Gross Rental increase was \$72,192 for the year, \$16,340 down on the previous year, most of which related to vacant space in the Turner Street Building. Expenses normally recoverable from tenants on this vacant space further reduced income by

\$4,030. Increased maintenance costs on both the shops and the Turner Street Building were \$5,600 above the previous year and further work has been authorised as at the year end. Depreciation of \$33,022 has been provided for the buildings in the accounts.

Gross interest receipts were \$64,130 which after deduction of expenses and interest paid to depositors, left a surplus of \$14,078.

The final Finance establishment charge of \$456 has also been written off in the accounts, leaving a surplus for the year's operations of \$51,787 which includes the surplus referred to under Para. 6.

8. Funds on deposit and debentures held with the trust have been reduced by \$127,184 during the year leaving a balance of \$341,306.

All surplus funds held by the Trust are invested in first class Trustee approved mortgages or short term deposits.

9. General

Grants made during the year amounted to \$2,284.

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

DEACONESS BOARD

ADDITIONAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1979

Since the preparation of the Report of the Deaconess Board there have been developments which call for a change in our approach to the question of the future of the Deaconess Board. The work of the Board has traditionally included the oversight of training of deaconesses, and the pastoral care of those in the Order, but it is becoming clear that the training of candidates for the Diaconate must relate closely to the work of the Committee on Ministry, particularly in the development of self supporting and part time ministries. In addition most of the deaconesses in active work are seeking ordination into the Presbyterate this Conference. The perpetuation of a separate Deaconess Board, or the establishing of a Board for the Diaconate with oversight of the training and work of the Diaconate could lead to confusion and a duplication of work. If the Board is to continue in existence it is clear that its work will be limited to the pastoral oversight of a small group of people whose needs may well be more effectively met in other ways.

REPORT OF THE BRIDGING COMMITTEE RE - THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CONNEXIONAL NEWSPAPER

INTRODUCTION

In the final report of the 'New Citizen' Commission, the paper to succeed the 'New Citizen' was described in the following terms:

A fortnightly newspaper with a full-time editor under the oversight of a management committee, appointed either by the Development or Education Division; distributed free to all Members and Adherents; its contents to represent a balance between reporting Church news and critical National/International issues within a theological perspective.

The President, in appointing the Bridging Committee, charged it with the following responsibilities -

- To Nominate an Editor
- To Suggest editorial policy
- To Investigate budgeting, production and management procedures
- To Ascertain the financial resources needed to develop and maintain a Connexional Newspaper
- To Communicate to the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches the intentions of the Methodist Church to re-establish a Newspaper

The Committee recognised that in attempting to re-establish the 'New Citizen', or its successor, there are four major inhibiting factors:

- One: The probable difficulty in securing an editor competent in the field of religious journalism.
- Two: The unexpected discontinuation of the 'New Citizen', thus creating a feeling of insecurity for any new editor.
- Three: The escalating costs of producing a free distribution paper.
- Four: The obvious limitation of the Connexional Budget to absorb increasing production costs.

Given the serious financial implications for the Church if a Connexional Paper was re-established, the Committee chose to concentrate on the budgeting issues before giving attention to the other Terms of Reference.

THE COST OF PRODUCING A NEW PAPER:

If the Methodist Church's focus in Communication is to penetrate to the uncommitted, then highly competent staff will need to be employed. Therefore allowances must be made for substantial increases in Editorial Salaries and Allowances.

The Committee estimated that close to \$50,000 would be required for a monthly publication, and \$77,000 for a fort-

nightly publication, even at the present inadequate eight-page size. Inflation-forced increases in all costs would inevitably occur each successive year. Partners-in-Print has remained a relatively small but stable source of income along with the significant allocation from the Connexional Budget. Advertising revenue has never reached the levels initially predicted when the 'New Zealand Methodist' was first started. However, it is obvious that these relatively static sources of income would be insufficient to recommence publication under a new editor.

The Committee has had no specific assurances of additional significant on-going sources of income that would make the proposition economically viable.

ALTERNATIVES:

Given these inhibiting economic factors the Committee went beyond its basic Terms of Reference and explored the possibility of alternatives.

It believed it is essential to establish some kinds of communication that will;

- a) provide an outlet for the news of the Church.
- b) enable the Church to assess the effectiveness of alternatives to the 'New Citizen' model.

The Committee accordingly reported to August Synods requesting responses to two options concerning a publication to replace the 'New Citizen'.

OPTION ONE - That a newspaper along the lines proposed by the 'New Citizen' Commission be published.

OPTION TWO - That a less expensive paper be published with a more limited range of distribution.

That the Bridging Committee be encouraged to explore the range of alternative forms of publication and report to Conference, 1979, clearly stating the objectives; management/production procedures; and costs for each model proposed.

SYNOD RESPONSES:

Of the ten Synods consulted only Wellington opted for a 'New Citizen' type replacement. It did add a rider; that if costs prevented this, then a monthly ecumenical paper be produced without increased budget support.

Seven Synods (Northland/Auckland/Hawkes Bay-Manawatu/Nelson/South Canterbury/Otago-Southland/Taranaki-Wanganui) favoured option Two. Waikato-Bay of Plenty recommended that the broadsheets be continued for a year while investigations be made as to the possibility of publishing an ecumenical paper.

North Canterbury encouraged the Bridging Committee to work towards an ecumenical paper or joint initiatives with the Presbyterians.

AN ECUMENICAL ALTERNATIVE TO THE 'NEW CITIZEN':

The Anglican Communications Office had written to the 'New Citizen' Commission indicating that it was interested in:

"The Negotiating Churches exploring together the possibility of a joint paper which would meet the needs of denominational interests and at the same time focus on the concerns and issues that the Churches share in common."

The Bridging Committee met with the Rev Peter Davis, Director of the Anglican Communications Office, and it was agreed that the Anglican and Methodist Churches would co-convene a

"Joint Working Committee, to investigate the feasibility of publishing an Ecumenical Newspaper."

The Presbyterian Communications Department agreed to participate, and a meeting was held on the 20 September.

Two things clearly emerged from the initial meeting.

ONE: There is no ecumenical alternative to the 'New Citizen'. Both the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches have a strong mandate to continue the range of existing denominational publications -

- (ANGLICAN - "Anglican News";
- PRESBYTERIAN - "The Outlook" -
- "Presbyterian News and Views"
- "Assembly News")

TWO: There are certain ecumenical options. The Joint Working Committee identified three areas of possible co-operative action.

- a) Co-Ordinated Denominational News Digests to pass on news - information to local Parishes.
- b) An Ongoing Educational Programme to help clergy and laity use the range of printed media outlets that are already available in the community.
- c) The Publishing of a Subscription-based Quarterly Review featuring in-depth articles on long-term Church and Society issues.

The Joint Working Committee meets again on December 6 to assess the feasibility of these three suggestions.

A PROPOSAL:

The Committee believe the Church should proceed in developing a fresh approach to communication. The report of the 'New Citizen' Commission and the response of Synods to our initial findings have encouraged us in formulating the following proposals. We see the need to:

- A: Explore the whole media area as proposed by the Commission's Resolution No 11

"That the study of the total media situation be undertaken as a long-term project.

The area of the mass-media is a complex and rapidly changing field. The Commission recommends that the Church undertakes a long-term study of the media so that a continual use be made of the opportunities that exist now and that can be developed for future use."

- i) This will involve the appointment of a part-time communications officer who would;

- * co-ordinate communications within the Church;
- * develop skills and resources for effective communication;
- * formulate a policy for sound continuing relationships with the media;
- * establish resource centres (i.e. equipment).

Much of this could be done in consultation with the appropriate departments of the Presbyterian and Anglican Churches.

- ii) The exploration of the range of existing communications - within the Church. Our Committee was impressed by the quality and diversity of printed material already produced at various levels within the life of the Church, e.g. weekly/monthly/church bulletins/district newsletters/social service publications etc.

It would be worthwhile to further develop and share these resources, and skills as well as the facilities that are already available in many local communities.

- iii) The Communications Officer would need to be supported by a management committee, the structure and personnel of which, needs further consideration during 1980.

B: Continue the publication of the "occasional" broadsheets commenced in 1979 under the following general objectives:

- i) reporting and commenting on significant issues and events within the New Zealand and the world-wide church.
- ii) focussing on community issues from a Christian perspective.
- iii) informing the church about emerging policies and programmes.

C: Evaluate and distribute communications resources that are available for the church to use.

D: Encourage Divisions and Circuits/Parishes to avail themselves of opportunities for training.

E: Explore methods of providing material for local church publications.

CONCLUSION:

Our work during the year has convinced us that much more needs to be done before the Conference can commit itself to a major project.

It has not been possible to fulfil the brief of establishing a newspaper along the lines proposed by the 'New Citizen' Commission.

We also consider that the structure of our committee is inappropriate for the ongoing study and action that are now necessary. We consider that the appointment of a Communications Committee, based in Dunedin, would enable this work to begin and permit our Committee to be discharged.

Maurice Berry
Laurie Enting
David Mullan
Catherine Short
Barry Jones: Convener

TRIBUTES TO DECEASED
PRESBYTERS, DEACONS
AND LAYPERSONS

CHARLES HUBERT KENDON

The death of Charles Kendon at Inglewood on 18 February last, on his 90th birthday, brought to a close a life of ministry and service to the Methodist Church of New Zealand spanning no less than six decades - almost an epoch. Commencing his preaching in the early years of this century, he saw the Church of which he was a part, gradually emerge from the security and conformity of the ordered Victorian society to take up its more perilous task of serving the present age. Through early precept and teaching, he inclined greatly to the theological certainties of his day and to the tenets of faith and order which reflected them. It was understandable, therefore, that like a number of his contemporaries, he required to be persuaded that changes were indeed necessary and relevant, that they retained substance and were not merely spiritual and theological winnowings scattered on the winds of change. However, by contrast, he acknowledged that the changes of his era had brought a more relaxed and humanised attitude to religion and to its judgement of people, which was realistic and necessary.

Born in Jamaica in 1889, where his father was a Baptist minister, Charles Kendon's childhood and adolescence were spent in Kent, where his grandfather, also a Baptist minister founded a mission to the hop-pickers, and the institution bearing his name still exists today. To those of us who were closer to him in his declining years, he often spoke with great feeling and clarity of those early days and their influence on his formative years. He came to New Zealand at the age of 20, and after working on farms in Northland, before responding to the call of the ministry, began to preach in 1911, and in 1916 entered the Home Mission service of our Church, serving mainly in North Island parishes, with two separate appointments in Taranaki, one in Kaponga in the early 20's and at Manaia in the early 50's. From there he retired to Greenmeadows for some nine years before settling in New Plymouth in 1961 to be nearer his family.

His wife Iona predeceased him by two years. She was a person of considerable charm, a lady of the parsonage, and accomplished musician and organist, and an able and vigorous partner in the care of souls in the country circuits in which they served.

C. Kendon could have been regarded as a theological conservative and may not have been displeased to be thus called, for he was of a solid faith rooted in the fundamentals of his day. He was a preacher of conviction and deliberation. He did not trifle with compromise. He loved Nature and the manifestations of the Creator which he discerned at every hand - a 'green fingers' gardener, a great walker who strode over the countryside, a familiar figure with cap and stick of great physique and distinctive bearing. Those who did not know him well might have been deceived by a slight austerity of manner, but beneath the shell there was much that kindled response and affection - dry and often pungent humour (which matched his pipe!), a directness to man to man, and an outlook bred of a good deal of constancy according to his lights, and as one of our longest serving brethren will be remembered by very many of our folk who he ministered with his gracious wife, over such a goodly span of years.

JOHN KELLETT WATSON, B.A.

The sudden death of John Watson brought to a close a life dedicated to the service of Christ, his Church and Kingdom.

Born in Yorkshire, England in 1911, John came with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs T.F. Watson, to New Zealand at the age of 10. Following his schooling and the death of his father, he worked in the Post Office in Wellington and was associated with Trinity Church, Newtown. At the Conference of 1936 he was chosen for ministerial training and entered Trinity College. Here he blended evangelical zeal with disciplined attention to his studies. In forming a club for wayward boys in his spare time, he revealed a desire to reach out into the byways in Christian service which characterised his later ministry.

A short probationary period in Christchurch was followed by 4½ years in the Armed Services during World War II, firstly as a Private and later as a Chaplain. Unsparing of himself, he earned the deep respect of his fellow servicemen, many of whom came from near and far to his funeral. For distinguished service to his country during the war, he was awarded the Military Cross.

At the close of the war, he returned to serve the church at Cashmere-Somerfield. After his marriage in 1946 he attended Westhill College at Selly Oaks, Birmingham, doing a year's course of study on Christian ministry to youth - this on a serviceman's bursary. Then followed 6 years' service as Methodist Youth Director in the South Island. This was followed by a circuit ministry at Trinity (Dunedin Central), Sanson-Rongotea, Otorohanga, Richmond, New Brighton and Paeroa. After superannuating in 1975, he continued at Paeroa as a 'supply appointment' for a year. Retiring to Thames, he acted as Hospital Chaplain for the Thames Parish up to the time of his death.

Throughout life, John gave himself unreservedly to the Lord's work. In battling for righteousness he showed himself as a valiant soldier of Christ. When war came, he went through a profound change of conviction and entered the Forces as the call of duty to combat the evil of Nazism.

Impatient with trappings and incidentals, John maintained a basic evangelistic emphasis in his preaching and discharged his pastoral duties with great faithfulness, being always there when needed. He showed tenacity to his mission and had courage to speak his mind when occasion required. He developed his love of singing and joyfully used his talent especially in choir service. He became interested in

the healing ministry and joined the Order of St Luke in his latter years. In his early days he was a member of Wesley Harrier Club in Wellington and maintained the practice of running for health throughout his whole life.

John married Stella Russell of Nelson, and theirs has been a happy partnership in the service of the Lord they both loved. The influence of their godly home is seen in the witness of their family, one of whom, Philip, is in the ministry.

With the death of John Watson the church pays tribute to a dedicated minister who was faithful to his calling. John was a battler who vigorously opposed the trinity we know as "the world, the flesh and the devil". Truly he fought the good fight with all his might, and now gains his due reward.

ALBERT BLAKEMORE

Albert Blackmore's ministry never sent a congregation away hungry.

Born in England in 1886, he came to New Zealand in 1921 with his wife Martha Herold and they shared 57 years together.

Albert left school at the age of twelve and apart from four years' service in the Medical Corps, worked in the office of the Walthamstow School Board until he left England.

He was associated with the Primitive Methodist Church. An older brother conducted a Preachers' Class and Albert became the youngest member. The studies undertaken helped shaped his thinking through life.

In New Zealand Rev. L. Minifie, Foxton, suggested Home Mission work. Rev. T.L. Richards was helpful and Albert was sent to Ngatea, but because there was no suitable accommodation he was sent to the Bay of Islands in 1922.

After one year he became a Candidate and was appointed Probationer to Timaru. Two years later he transferred to Kaponga where ill health meant six months off duty.

In 1926 he was ordained at Christchurch, afterwards serving at Temuka, Matamata, Palmerston North, Gisborne and Te Aroha. Trouble with his larynx forced retirement in his 60th year, but he continued to serve God and the Church. He served as Overseas Mission treasurer for 16 years and for 6 years gave oversight to Campbells Bay Church.

In 1960 they moved to a Central Mission flat until Martha died in 1968. Albert moved to the Mens' Home and served the community there. In 1976 he transferred to the Whareama Home in Stoke, at the suggestion of Winifred Venis, who, in the absence of relatives, acted as next of kin. There he enjoyed the friendship and fellowship of Minister and Church members, especially appreciating the opportunity of service.

Albert Blakemore passed to his reward on February 13th, 1979

at the grand age of 92. He is gratefully remembered for his encouragement of young people to become leaders and preachers. He was a faithful efficient pastor, administrator and preacher.

JOHN HOWARD VICKERY

John Vickery was born in Petone 42 years ago, where his father, the Rev Ray Vickery was a Minister of the Associated Churches of Christ. He spent all his schooling in Dunedin before joining the staff of the New Zealand Broadcasting Service in Wellington where he worked prior to his training for the Ministry of the Associated Churches of Christ.

He entered Glenleith Bible College in 1960 and graduated at the end of 1962. Prior to moving to his first appointment at Trentham, he married, in January 1963, Miss Barbara Sherwood of Te Atatu. Barbara was a constant source of strength, encouragement and love to John during the years of his ministry.

After serving in Trentham, John and his family moved to Levin and it was while there that John and Barbara discovered that their elder son, Andrew, had profound deafness. This necessitated a move to be close to a school established to help deaf children, and so it was that John offered himself to the Methodist Church and was appointed to Te Atatu. He served in that Circuit for six years and then moved to Glen Innes. Transportation of Andrew to the School for the Deaf became a very real problem so that in 1974 John sought a position that would enable him to live with his family in the Kelston - Glen Eden area.

He was appointed as Minister of Aged Care to the Methodist Central Mission in 1975, and served in that position until his death on January 26, 1979.

In the Central Mission, John pioneered a specialist ministry among 180 elderly people as well as the staff of 50 to 60 persons. On top of this he had the responsibility for the oversight of admissions to the Everil Orr Homes and the Aldersgate Flats. This gave him contact with many people, some of whom were concerned over the welfare of their elderly relatives and they speak in gratitude of John's helpful attitude.

John's life was comparatively short but he packed much into it by way of service, love and witness in those years. We honour a man of sincerity and integrity, who had courage, determination, love and loyalty as well as vision and faith.

We extend to Barbara, his wife, and Andrew, Mark and Joanne, his children, the sympathy and the thanks of the whole Church.

SISTER LINA JONES

At an Easter Camp in 1923, Lina Jones heard the call of God to go to the Solomons. The need for a Primary School Teacher had been stressed, and from the camp study Lina heard the words, 'Go, and you will know that I am always with you'. A year later she set off for the Mission Field.

Born in 1890 in Christchurch, she attended the Addington Methodist Church, and by 1916 had trained as a school teacher and was working in Christchurch.

On her arrival in the Solomons in 1924, she pioneered the 'kindy' or primary school at Roviana. She was also in charge of the Sisters' Home, where school girls and babies were cared for.

As her knowledge of the Roviana dialect increased, Lina gave much time to translation work....the revision of the Gospels in Roviana and of the hymn book plus the translation of the rest of the New Testament as well as some Old Testament passages.

During World War 2, in 1942, she returned to Auckland with other members of the Mission Staff, and made her home with her sisters in Westmere. She gave assistance in the Epworth Bookroom, and prepared lessons for Solomon Island schools.

In 1945, with two other former staff members, she returned to the Solomons, at first to Bilua and then in 1947 to Roviana (Munda). Much of her time was spent in translation work until her retirement in 1949.

At St Jude's Church, Westmere, she held positions as Bible Class Leader and Superintendent of the Sunday School (1954-1967). She conducted Bible in Schools lessons for 10 years.

Lina was a member of the Dominion Executive of the M.W.M.U. and for two years, President of the Auckland District Council.

From 1967 her home was in Epsom, and she worshipped at the Epsom Methodist Church. A little paper called 'Tell It Again', which she published and sent out to Old Folks' Homes and to individuals every 2 months, brought cheer and homely wisdom to many.

Sister was 89 when she died. The people of the Solomons held a Memorial Service, in which many recalled the debt which they owe to this gallant, tireless little worker, now called to Higher Service.

PEGGY TREGONNING GOODMAN

Christian love and dedication were linked with secretarial skill and administrative ability in the life of Peggy Tregonning Yearbury, who in 1967 married the Rev. George H. Goodman.

Born in Hawera in 1916, home and church nurtured her winsome spirit, and excellent business training was received in a Taranaki Dairy Company office.

Her interests and skills found expression in the Methodist Youth Office from 1946 to 1958, making her the friend and helper of a wide circle of people, not least through being largely responsible for the initial development of Epworth Bookroom (Wellington).

From 1958 to 1963 Peggy was secretary of the Youth Committee of the National Council of Churches and administrative secretary to the Rev. A. A. Brash, the General Secretary of the N.C.C. in N.Z., with special responsibility for relief service to refugees in camps overseas. Her concern for dispossessed people continued during 1963/64 as administrative assistant to the Rev. H. C. Dixon, National Secretary of Corso, after which time she returned to Hawera to care for her ageing parents.

A working holiday overseas was enjoyed in 1956 during which Peggy attended a course at Bossey Ecumenical Institute in Geneva. She made several visits to S.E. Asia, the last for 6 weeks with her husband George just prior to the short illness from which she died in Rotorua on 14th April 1979.

Methodism and the church ecumenical is indebted to Peggy for her organisation of many youth Conferences and other functions, and her contribution to much policy-making through committees of the church,

She was an ever-welcome member of Synods and Conferences.

Her love of children found expression in her marriage, through which she became an "instant" mother and grandmother to children she had known and loved for many years.

Her life reached into the pages of books, on to sports areas, into a love of camping and exploring, but most of all into response to the fathomless love of God.

PHILIP ARTHUR LE BRUN

Philip Le Brun had been a familiar figure around St. Alban's for many years, and till the day he died, took a keen and practical interest in all the affairs of the Church.

Severely wounded in France during the first World War, he was invalided home and shortly afterwards came to Christchurch where he married Annette, daughter of the Revd. William Grigg, and began a wonderful partnership that lasted over fifty five years. For many years a member of the sports good firm of Turner and Le Brun, he was widely respected in business and sporting circles in Christchurch, a Justice of the Peace, and held high office in the Masonic Lodge.

But the great love and loyalty in Philip's life was his Lord and his Church. A man of deep and robust faith, his sometimes gruff exterior could not hide his warm humanity and his great love of people. He became almost a legend at Amberley Camp, and a great encourager of young men. Few people knew the extent of the very human and practical help he gave, for as one old friend remarked, 'doing good by stealth' could have been his motto.

A great friend to a succession of ministers, he had been Circuit Steward for 27 years, a Trustee for much longer, and a Lay Preacher for over half a century. He was Vice-President of Conference in 1957 and characteristically, championed the cause of ministerial stipends as a prior charge on Church income, and the Manifesto on Peace and War, with special reference to the rights of conscientious objectors.

An ardent worshipper to the last, but ready and eager to get on with the next stage of his journey, Philip died on April 24th - a few days before his eighty fifth birthday. Perhaps the hymns we sang for him and Annette - 'All creatures of our God and King', 'In heavenly love abiding' and 'This is the God we adore' summed up the faith and the life of this good 'man in Christ'. We thank God for him.

RUTH M. HAYMAN

Ruth Hayman died on June 9th, 1979, and with her passing the church and the community have lost a loving and thoughtful follower of Jesus Christ. For her life reflected the compassion and concern of Jesus, and as well, a willingness to think deeply about the concerns of the day in the light of faith, so that love and thoughtfulness together could become an active meaningful life.

Ruth lived the early part of her life at Pukekohe. She won a scholarship to Auckland Grammar School, and later graduated to Auckland Teachers College. Many will remember Sister Ruth Grant, teaching sister in the Solomon Islands, and will give thanks. It was in the Solomons that Ruth met Frank her husband, and on her return to New Zealand they were married, Frank was ordained, and they served their Lord in many Circuits with distinction. During the Second World War years Ruth and Frank stood firmly on the side of peace and this pacifist stance was not always understood and appreciated by others. None-the-less they endured the criticism because they believed that peace was a mark of the life of Jesus. Because of their suffering, and that of others like them, the Christian Church today more closely aligns with peace. In recent years Ruth and Frank settled in Waimate, South Canterbury. There Ruth has made a valuable contribution to the life of the Waimate Circuit, especially women's work and youth work. In April 1978 Frank died, after such close partnership Ruth's loss was very great.

Ruth's was a life of thoughtfulness, with a desire to make the gospel a daily living force. She believed that "life should be lived fully today; tomorrow will take care of itself". Her's was a life of deep concern for her neighbours and friends. Her faith was well founded in the love that Christ had shown to her. Ruth's life has enriched us immensely and we are thankful. To her two daughters and their families we offer our love and our prayers.

MARE ROGERS

"Ko nga raarangi maunga tu temu, ke, te tangata e hinga tenu ana, haere engā mate, haere, haere, haere aru.

MARE ROGERS was born in the Hokianga area, educated locally, employed by the Bay of Islands Electric-Power Board for 27 years in various departments of its work. He always had a great interest in the spiritual life, being brought up in a Maori community where service to God and to the Methodist Church was one of the greater interests and values of the people. He and his father were both honorary home missionaries.

Mare began church work as a local preacher in the Omanaia area where he grew up and entered the work as a home missionary in 1969 until his death this year. He was ably supported by his wife in his work, in taking services and doing functions, and exercising a full time ministry on a voluntary basis.

Mare has been a faithful servant of the Church and his passing will mean he will be missed by his people and by the Maori Division. He is survived by his wife and family of 3 sons and 3 daughters and 8 grandchildren. To them we express our deepest sympathy and say, Ma te matua ite te rangi koutou katoa e manaaki, e tiaki."

THOMAS LEONARD HAMES

On 6th December, 1978, his sudden death removed a notable senior citizen and a Methodist leader and lay preacher of seventy years' standing.

Richly endowed with native ability and successful in his business, T.L. Hames will be chiefly remembered for his qualities of life. His character was dependable, his judgement sound, his convictions unshakeable. His mind continually furnished by his reading, he also took a keen interest in men and events. His was a generation for whom loyalty, integrity, discipline and generosity meant much. True, he showed a male brusqueness that ruled out sentimentality and ostentation, but there was an inner sensitivity also, a delight in children and young people, and a courtesy especially toward women.

Of Albertland ancestry, Leonard Hames was born at Takapuna in 1888. Educated in Auckland, he employed his training in accountancy with Amalgamated Dairies, firstly in Hamilton and later again in Auckland. Always, he was deeply involved in church life. Sunday School superintendent, organist and lay preacher at Hamilton East, on his return to Auckland - he was quickly drawn into connexional life. For ten years, as Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Department, he worked with the late Rev. Arthur Scrivin to lift the finances of our overseas work through years of depression and wartime devastation. The Home Mission, Probert Trust, Wesley and Trinity College Boards all benefitted from his wise insights and generous support.

Leonard Hames was twice married. There was a long and helpful partnership with Elizabeth Bayes. Then, after many years as a widower, he married Kathleen Thompson, who has been a wonderful support to him, especially since his illness. Having no children of his own, he showed a loving and lively interest in the welfare of his nephews and nieces.

Throughout his long life, the motivating force was deep personal faith, nourished by the corporate worship of the church. (He was present at Holy Communion on the Sunday before his death). His joy was also the good news of the Gospel which he continued to preach so acceptably and for so long.

GEORGE CYRIL BURTON O.B.E., B.A.

At the end of his secondary education, Cyril Burton was awarded a special dux prize "for general excellence and stirring manliness". At the end of his life, we still affirm that description.

Cyril Burton was born in Hawera in 1898; he died in Wellington in November 1978. He joined the Public Service in Wellington and soon became deeply involved in the church life of Wesley. He quickly assumed a leadership role in the Dominion Y.M.B.C. Movement, then being re-established after the first World War. In 1923, he was appointed first Travelling Secretary, a post he held till 1927. During those years he demonstrated great prowess as a hockey player and athlete until a motorbike accident left him with a permanent leg impairment. Subsequently he committed himself to the wider work of the church in Local, District and Connexional affairs. He served on a number of Connexional committees, notably International affairs, Stipend, Rangiatea Board, Wellington Charitable and Endowments Trust Board and the Commission on Orphanages. He was Vice-President of Conference in 1963.

His career in the Public Service was distinguished. As the Education Department's District Welfare Officer for the East Coast, he assisted many Maori youth into employment and this work was recognised in his appointment as one of the first two Vocational Guidance Officers of the Division. After the War, on loan to U.N.R.R.A., he lived in Sydney and travelled extensively through the East. From there he was appointed Chief Personnel Selection Officer, living in New York and recruiting permanent U.N. staff from under-represented countries. His latter years were spent with the Department of Foreign Affairs, amongst other things in charge of the then rapidly expanding Colombo Plan.

After retirement he continued to play an active part, not only in church, but also in CORSO, United Nations Association, YMCA and Rotary. In more personal ways he and Mrs Burton continued to serve Colombo and other visiting students, opening their home to them and arranging gatherings right up to the time when illness made this impossible. In 1973 he was most deservedly awarded the OBE.

In 1937, Cyril Burton married Miss Dorothy Wood of Eltham who supported him in a most wonderful way through his important and demanding career. She was very active in church, especially Bible Class affairs, and was to embark on a distinguished career in education, so that she was entirely in sympathy with his church, professional and voluntary interests. In spite of their exceedingly busy lives of service and sacrifice - or perhaps because of it - they built, with their two daughters, a family life that was rich and affectionate. Many a person entered the open doors of their home and found inspiration and a haven inside.

Cyril Burton was able better than most to demonstrate his love

for people, and this must surely have been the secret of his greatness. His gifts and skill and experience were dedicated to God for service. He was a Lay Preacher of more than ordinary ability; a regular, sympathetic and appreciative worshipper; an understanding friend of the minister; a generous responder to the church's call; in everything sincere and thorough. He was a loyal and proud Methodist, yet a truly catholic spirit. His faith was alive and firmly grounded in this world. He trusted God and loved people. He approached people with a gentle and sensitive strength. Always thoughtful, considerate and gracious, he thought of people as precious, always affirming the best in them, building them up in self-confidence, encouraging them to discover their own gifts. His life was spent in person-related tasks.

We are profoundly grateful for the life of Cyril Burton and share with Mrs Burton and her family their deep loss. The marks of his service will long remain on the church he loved. Thanks be to God for the grace that shone through His son and servant.

WILLIAM E MOORE

At Kaukapakapa, in the last circuit in which he worked, there stands a grave which marks the passing of the Rev William E Moore, a remarkable and loved minister of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, who died in Auckland on September 6 1979, in his 74th year.

This is a long way from Dunedin where he was born to devout Christian parents, and where he revealed very early his Christian convictions, and his desire to serve the Church.

Encouraged by the Rev T A Pybus, he helped him at the Otakau Centennial Methodist Church, and later did Home Mission work at St Albans, New Plymouth and Broad Bay, Dunedin.

Accepted as a candidate in 1928 he spent one year at Dunholme College and two at Trinity College, the last as Senior Student. It was fitting that he should be ordained at Dunedin in 1935 with seven others. While on probation he had served Ravensborne (31 - 34), and Rakaia-Methven (34 - 35). After ordination he married Miss Amiee Trachan and they were appointed to Geraldine where their son Neil was born. They served then at Pahiatua and Otorohanga where a break occurred in his marriage after which he went to Opawa in Christchurch, (48 - 50) and thence to Hokitika (50 -55). While there his Father died and his Mother, until her death later in Christchurch, and for his household. While in Hokitika he raised money to refurbish the Church building as he did when moved to Lyttelton where he shared its changing fortunes with good results. His son Neil was with him from 1948 to 1958 after which Will moved to Ngatea Circuit where he met and married Martha Shilton who proved a good companion in Opotiki and Kaipara Circuits. They retired to Auckland in 1968, Martha dying in 1975.

In such an official statement it was necessary to have the record straight but the details in no way give a full picture of the man. From the first Will Moore displayed a flare for the historical and helped to cultivate a sense of pride in our past. All his Circuits benefitted from this skill.

From the beginning he was predisposed to the arts and was expert in needle-work and cooking, but his main contribution to the Church was in his considerable musical talent.

Enriching each Church in which he worked he crowned his musical career by being official organist for the Conference for over 20 years. In retirement he was organist for St Stephens Presbyterian Church for 3 years, and St Columbia Anglican Church for 6 years. He preached often over these days, helped the Central Mission and the Pitt Street Circuit. As always his home was 'given to hospitality' and his great love for books was reflected in his large library which he shared generously with institutions and individuals. In his latter days he shared his home with a close friend, a registered fisherman, whose interests Will shared with profit to all concerned.

Will Moore fulfilled his ordination vows to the end and his sensitive hands revealed the dedicated spirit which was his, and the unique kind of ministry which he exercised until the end. His love for Christ and his fellow men and women never waned, and he is remembered with respect, love and admiration.

FREDERICK SANDERSON

Born in Auckland in 1900 Fred was the youngest son of a family of seven. After his early years the family moved to Ohakune where Fred often assisted his father's Bookshop by selling books on the train. From Ohakune the family moved to Te Kuiti. After his brothers returned from World War I he shared with them and his father in an attempt to create a farm from the scrub at Ngaroma. However this enterprise had to be abandoned during the years of the depression.

In 1929 Fred served as a Home Missionary Probationer operating the Methodist Bookvan from Kaihau, Northern Wairoa. His first appointment after probation was at Coromandel (1931-32) where he met his wife-to-be Nora Brocas. The next posting was to Havelock in the Marlborough Sounds (1933-35). It was while he was there that he and Nora were married. From 1936 - 1938 he served at Granity on the West Coast and in 1939 the Sandersons moved to an appointment at Tai Tapu in the Springston Circuit.

However in 1945 Fred was forced to give up the full time Ministry because of laryngitis. The Sandersons settled at Tempelton and Fred began a new phase of his life working as a furniture salesman until his late sixties. Throughout this period and until failing health took its toll, he remained active in the work of the Church as local preacher and Sunday School Superintendent.

A devoted pastor and preacher, his gardening, reading, letter writing and stamp collecting exhibited the same energetic, efficient and conscientious spirit which he displayed in the Church. Behind Fred's reticence there lay a depth of patience, endurance and thoughtfulness, even in the face of misunderstanding and injustice. He was a person whose source of security lay not so much in a developed self confidence as in a deep and total trust in God and in the Church. In short, Fred Sanderson was one of God's humble poor.

HUBERT GRANVILLE BROWN

The Rev. Hubert G. Brown died suddenly on 16 October, 1979, in his 81st year.

He was born on 16 September, 1899, at Murchison. He attended the Murchison Primary School until he was 13 years of age and worked on his father's farm to the age of 21.

His was a christian home and at an early age he felt the call to preach, conducting his first service at the age of 16. In his 18th year he was accredited a Lay Preacher. His experiences as a lay preacher confirmed his call to offer for the ministry.

In February, 1921, he entered Dunholme College for theological training. In 1924, when he finished his college training, the Church requested him to go to the Solomons to pioneer a new mission station at Teop, Bouganville.

While there, he married Irene Crespin of Auckland. In 1927 he returned on furlough and failed to pass medical tests, so was unable to return to the mission field.

But his missionary work continued in New Zealand. He ministered at Tauranga, Paparoa, Roskill-Sandringham in Auckland, Westport, Temuka, Motueka, Caversham-St Clair, Cambridge Terrace and the Christchurch Central Mission and Christchurch East.

At the conclusion of 40 years devoted service, he retired in 1964.

But he continued to serve. For 12 months he supplied at Rugby Street Church. For 8 years he ministered to patients as Chaplain at the Public Hospital followed by a further 5 years as a Chaplain to Sunnyside Hospital.

During his ministry he was Chairman of the Nelson District for 5 years, and the North Canterbury District for 4 years. During his Chairmanship in North Canterbury, he was Chairman of the Church Building and Loan Fund and of the Board of the Children's Home.

He was also a member of the Fire Insurance Board, Supernumary Board and the Central Mission Board, as well as a member of the Mission's Social Services Committees.

His first wife died in 1944. He married Joyce McDonald in 1945. We express our love and sympathy to his wife, daughters and son, and to his sisters and brother. Good relationships in the home and a happy domestic life have been an inspiration to him in his ministry.

How can one sum up his life and work? He was a humble man, possessing gifts of mind that enabled him to speak quietly, confidently and authoritatively not only in the pulpit, but

also in the councils of the Church. He was not a man who talked a lot. He read widely and thought deeply so that when he did speak, he usually managed to get to the heart of the matter.

He was a good listener. People were able to unburden their problems to him. He was a good colleague to work with, and he and his wife gave strong support to ministers and their families when he was Chairman of Nelson and North Canterbury Districts.

He was a man who gave sound and constructive leadership as a Circuit Minister, as a Chairman of Districts, and in the Boards and Committees on which he served.

He has combined a natural sagacity and quickness of wit with an understanding of the common man and his personal problems, making him a helpful preacher, and a welcome pastor and friend throughout his ministry.

He was a practical man who could turn his hand from major work such as helping to build his own retirement home, to bottling fruit. He loved to work in his garden. In fact he was working in his garden when he died.

So we give thanks for a loved husband, father, friend and minister of Christ. We praise God for his faithful and conscientious work and witness over the years.

The day before he died, he wrote a brief history of his life, summing it up in these words :

"A wide and varied experience, with much joy and a small amount of sorrow. I have lived in many places and found good friends and faithful people everywhere. Serene faith in God learned in early childhood, has been my constant experience and pleasure."

RECORD OF SERVICE

RETIRING PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS

LESLIE ROBERT MONTROSE GILMORE, B.A.

Born of staunch Presbyterian parents, Mr Gilmore was born and reared in the Franklin District at Glenbrook. He attended an undenominational Sunday School conducted by his father, and he pays tribute to the strong Christian influence of his home and the Christian community in which he was brought up.

After three years at the Pukekohe Technical High School, Mr Gilmore was employed by the Franklin County Council in the Engineer's Dept in mainly clerical work in the Pukekohe office from 1930 to 1937. He became a candidate for the ministry in 1937 and entered Trinity College for three years, 1937-39, during two of which he attended Auckland University, and he was able to complete his B.A. by extra-mural studies in 1947.

His circuit appointments have been in a variety of fields, in rural and semi-rural as well as city and suburban churches. They were - Taihape 1940-42, Mangonui (Kaitaia) 1942-47, Takapuna 1947-54, Auckland East (Mt Eden) 1954-62, Otahuhu 1962-69, Morrinsville 1969-76, Tauranga (Otumoetai) 1976-79.

Mr Gilmore in all these appointments has been appreciated for his friendly and understanding pastoral contacts and for his sensitive preaching of a gospel which he has commended by his life and example. He has always been a tiger for work and has never spared himself in accepting calls to serve in the Connexional tasks which are to be shared by all, but many have felt that he has possibly accepted more than his share, and at one period of his ministry the strain showed itself. In 1974 he was forced by ill-health to relinquish much of the extra work that he was carrying, and he missed the Conference of that year, a fact that was noticed by many who commented on his absence from the Conference platform in some capacity or another. He has not resumed that burden since but his record is a notable one. He was the secretary of the Board of Publications for 13 years, Secretary of the Auckland Synod for 18 years, on the Conference platform in a variety of capacities including Assistant-Secretary in 1973, and one task in particular which he has fulfilled with such distinction that his name must be everywhere in Methodism in NZ synonymous with the Wesley Historical Society of which he has been the masterly secretary since 1947.

His sympathies have reached beyond the immediate claims of his circuit appointments. While at Mt Eden he served as honorary Chaplain of the Mt Eden Prison at the request of the Auckland Central Mission. He has

been an intelligent and active member of the NZ Temperance Alliance, serving for a term as its Dominion President, City appeal organiser in Tauranga for Save the Children Fund, a member of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child, a member of the Bay of Plenty/East Coast auxiliary of the Bible Society - surely an evidence of unbounding enthusiasm for matters of moral and ethical and social concern. The driving force behind all of this has been the deep personal commitment to the Christian Faith which he has commended by precept and example.

During his ministry he has managed to bridge the proverbial generation gap more than most of us, and many mature young parents of today will be remembering him with affection and gratitude for the contribution he made to their lives when he so generously spent himself in the Beach Missions in the Christmas holidays over a number of years. Young and old have found in him a ready listener, and his counsel has been sought by them in many difficult situations.

Mr Gilmore has found in his wife, formerly Miss Kathleen Belle Crosbie, a staunch partner in his ministry. They were married in the Pukekohe Presbyterian Church on April 11th, 1942 and they have three daughters. Mrs Gilmore has always made the parsonage the centre of her claims on her time and energy, and she has supported her husband in his commitment to the many tasks which have added immensely to his time at meetings, and at the resulting hours of activity at his study table attending to the flood of correspondence that has naturally followed. He has been meticulous in his attendance to the incoming mail and his prompt response to its claims on his experience and knowledge.

It is possible for some men in the ministry to be tempted to "sign off" for all practical purposes in the last year or two in the active work, but this cannot be said of Les Gilmore, for surely he is seeking super-annuation while still finding rich joy in the task of ministry. The Church honours him and Mrs Gilmore for their contribution in so many fields of ministry, sincerely thanks them both for their well-earned place in the esteem of their fellow-workers, and wishes for them many more years of satisfying activity in their retirement.

HAROLD KILFORD BROWN

In the retirement of Harold Brown the Methodist Church loses from the active ministry one of its most loyal and devoted servants. Harold was born at Matamau in Hawkes Bay on August 24th, 1914. His parents were active members of the Methodist Church

and instilled into him their love of their Lord and his Church. He received his formal education at Matamau and Maheno Primary Schools, Waitaki Boys' High School and Wellington Technical College. He then served an apprenticeship as a motor mechanic, a trade which he has put to good use through the years.

Feeling the call to full-time service, Harold accepted a Home Mission Supply appointment at Hawarden during 1936 and 1937. He was accepted as a candidate for the ministry at the Conference of 1937 and placed on the List of Reserve, before becoming a student at Trinity College from 1938 to 1940. The record of his appointments reads, Auckland Central (Dominion Road, two year supply for Rev. F.G. Brown), Whangaroa (4 years), Wanganui North (5 years), Morrinsville (7 years), St. Albans (Edgware Road) (5 years), Christchurch East (Linwood-Wainoni) (7 years), Nelson (9 years).

Harold Brown has exercised a caring ministry in all his circuits. His first priority has always been preaching and pastoral work. He has supported the ecumenical movement, but at the same time has been zealous to preserve the best features of our Methodist tradition.

He has shown a keen interest in property matters and has been involved in new building projects or renovations in most of his appointments. For 20 years he was an examiner in Old Testament and New Testament for the Lay Preachers' course. He has been District Secretary in South Auckland, North Canterbury and Nelson, and District Chairman for the past 5 years in Nelson.

For many years he was a member of the Conference secretarial staff. He has served on numerous ecumenical committees in various districts. Five years ago he was instrumental in establishing Lifeline in Nelson and has been chairman of the committee ever since.

In all his work Harold Brown has been very ably assisted by his wife Mavis, who before her marriage was Mavis Bramley of Johnsonville. She too has exercised a very gracious ministry in the parsonages and Circuits that she has shared with Harold. To Mavis, the church expresses its gratitude.

Harold Brown retires with the thanks of the whole Church for a long and faithful record of service. He has been a faithful pastor to his people and a clear preacher of the Word. He has been an able administrator at local, district and connexional levels. He has been a man of warmth and helpfulness to his brethren in the ministry. The cheerfulness of his personality and the sincerity of his faith have been an encouragement and a challenge to many.

As he moves from the active ranks of the ministry, the Church expresses the hope that the future will provide not only a little more time for leisure, but good health during retirement years in Christchurch.

HAROLD A. DARVILL

Harold A. Darvill (widely known as Jerry) was born in Taihape in June 1914 into a home devoted to the Methodist Church and to the furtherance of wholesome values within the life of the community. Jerry throughout his ministry has shown the qualities of dedication and open-heartedness that he himself experienced in his early years.

After training at Trinity College he served his probation at Putaruru. Following ordination he was appointed European Missionary in the Maori work of the Home and Maori Mission Department. During his twelve years in this post he travelled extensively in all Maori Circuits. In present day language he would be deemed to be a fraternal worker relating particularly to staff and leaders.

In 1957 he was appointed Superintendent of the Taranaki Maori Circuit where he served for ten years and this was followed by eight years as Superintendent of the Auckland Maori Circuit. Then in 1975 he moved to Wellington where he has served part time in the Pooneke Maori Circuit, part time in the Wellington East Circuit, Lyall Bay, and part time in All Saints Co-operating Parish, Hataitai.

During his ministry he has not shirked the responsibilities of wider involvement in the institutional life of the Maori Division. He was, for a time, Assistant Editor of the Maori-English magazine "Maatua Puna" published by the Mission; with his wife Alison supervisor of Te Rahui Hostel for Maori girls; Chairman of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust; secretary for 18 years, and Chairman for a term of the Maori section of the National Council of Churches; Board member and co-chairman of the Maori Division of the Church.

Other important areas of service have been the Chairmanship of the Board of the New Citizen, and membership of the Executive of the Interchurch Commission on Immigration.

Throughout all his ministry Jerry has displayed a real sensitivity and a clear perception of the relevant issues. His vision has remained clear and undimmed. By his quiet thoughtfulness he has influenced the lives of many. Any kind of ostentation has been studiously avoided and leadership for its own sake has never been sought. The solid work behind scenes has been sincere and has the lasting qualities of honesty and integrity. An irrepressible sense of humour and a ready wit have always been on hand to lighten toil and to delight his friends.

The picture would not be complete without reference to his wife, Alison. Throughout the years she has entered enthusiastically into their common ministry. She has borne with cheerfulness the extended travelling and the demands upon family life and time and has made for herself a place of affection and esteem in the life of the church.

As they retire from the active ministry they do so with the

sincere thanks and prayers of the Church - both Maori and Pakeha, and our good wishes for joy and fulfilment in their new home.

GEORGE C. HOPKINS

George Hopkins was born of Methodist parents in Hull Yorkshire. His commitment to Christ with the 'heart-warming' experience, which he has commended to all over the years, took place in 1931.

He became a Fully Accredited Local Preacher in 1934, but inwardly knew of "the Call" of the Ordained Ministry. This he resisted until 1948 when the Loughborough Circuit Staff pressed him to offer under a Special Scheme of the British Conference.

His 32 years in the ministry commenced with ministries in the Eastleigh, Lowestoft, Diss and Stourbridge (Stour Vale) circuits, England. In those places he encouraged many renovations, Missionary giving, and commitments to service and the Church.

The Rev. William Walker, present at Geo. Hopkins' Ordination in London, encouraged his son John to immigrate to New Zealand as a farmer. Later George was encouraged to come 'On Loan' to New Zealand and served for three years in the South Hokianga Circuit, where he prompted W.B. Wotherspoon and Lindsay Parlane to become Stewardship Directors, and Leonie McKenzie (nee Coulter) to offer for Missionary Teaching.

This was followed from 1965 with nine years in the Bahamas where he introduced Christian Stewardship which transformed the financial lot of the Methodist Church there, and where he saw the building of a new church, the renovation of much property, and the commitment of many to Christ and His service.

Anticipating eventual retirement, George came back to New Zealand on transfer from the British Conference six years ago. He was stationed at Opunake where the Maui Chaplaincy and the co-operating Parish with Presbyterians have taken place. A new church complex for Opunake is planned for this, his last year. The renovated Campsite at Rahotu has been his pleasure.

Throughout, George Hopkins has been partnered admirably by his wife Hilda who has not spared herself in all that they have sought to do together - as he says 'A double-barrelled ministry'. The family, actively involved in the church, are living proof of what has been their scripture over many years - Romans 8.28 - with special emphasis on the tough times together with the more pleasant.

George and Hilda retire to Opiki (Shannon) on their son's farm. We rejoice in their measure of health and believe that Christian witness will open out in new ways. Their son-in-law, the Rev. John Bilverstone with their daughter Ruth and children plan to transfer from the Bahamas to our N.Z. Conference next year.

George Hopkins' commitment to Christ and His Church, his ability to encourage the same quality of commitment in all the circuits where he has worked, and his infectious enthusiasm have made a lasting contribution to our Church.

WILF G. EISNER B.A.

A lot of national, social and Church history is compressed in the life and ministry of Wilf Eisner. His first 17 years were in Berlin where he was born in 1922 and his father was secretary of a fruit marketing authority. The Eisner family were refugees from the Nazis. They came to New Zealand in 1939, via the United Kingdom, and were received in Wellington by a group of Methodists and Quakers. The Rev. Percy Paris helped them to find a material and spiritual home at Wesley Church, Taranaki Street. Wilf was soon active in the Wesley Youth Group.

The deep sense of worship and the prophetic and social concern which characterised Wesley Church and the ministries of the Revs. Percy Paris and Ashleigh Petch became an integral part of Wilf Eisner's life. His natural ability and strength of character helped him to overcome the many obstacles which German refugees had to endure in New Zealand during the 2nd World War. He commenced part-time study at the now Victoria University. He was accepted as a candidate for our ministry and was a distinguished student at Trinity Theological College 1945-48. He went on probation to St. Kilda (Broad Bay) where he completed his B.A. Since ordination his appointments have been Westport 1951-56; Porirua 1956-61; N.C.C. Justice Dept. Chaplain 1961-70 at Waikune, Wi Tako, Arohata and Mt. Crawford prisons; P.S.S.A. employed chaplain Tokanui Psychiatric Hospital 1971-5 and since then Psychiatric Social Worker at the same hospital.

Wilf Eisner's ministry has been notable for his ability to identify with the rebellious, the outcasts and the deprived. In this his own, and his family's traumatic experiences have been turned to good effect. This was seen in his work with teenagers and young adults in all his Circuits. In prison chaplaincy he was more comfortable with the prisoners than with the prison and departmental authorities - and they with him. He was quick to sense any sign of oppression or injustice and to bring to it the care of a pastor and the relentless opposition of a prophet. He is held in great affection by many to whom he ministered in those years and who remember the no-end-of-trouble he would go to on their behalf. Prison chaplaincy was a challenge to his ability to communicate at his hearers' level. This did not come to him easily but that it did come was much to Wilf's credit. He also had exceptional ability as a theologian, preacher and leader of worship. His intellectual sharpness and integrity meant that he was never very much at ease. Wilf Eisner was a careful and precise administrator both in Circuit and Connexional responsibilities. He was an active member of the Church's Public Questions Committee and, later, its very able convener. In this capacity the whole Church benefitted from his theological skill and social concern as the committee reports of those years make clear.

A new dimension with deeper attitudes of security and

acceptance came to Wilf's life with his marriage to Noel Brooker in 1967 - a relationship marked by mutual society, help and comfort and a full sharing in ministry.

Insecure health prompts Wilf Eisner's superannuation at this stage. The Church is grateful that, out of the disturbances of the past, Wilf Eisner came to New Zealand and to this ministry. We assure Wilf and Noel of our continuing interest, goodwill and affection.

STATISTICS

CONNEXIONAL RETURN

Ref. No.	DISTRICT	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1978	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1979	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death
1000	Northland	43	10	16	753	779	1
2000	Auckland	311	13	101	5583	5393	78
3000	Waikato - Bay of Plenty	156	11	35	3441	3276	47
4000	Taranaki - Wanganui	76	4	16	1669	1629	18
5000	Hawkes Bay - Manawatu	100	24	36	2291	2136	30
6000	Wellington	117	2	59	2799	2714	47
7000	Nelson	50	2	21	1115	1062	26
8000	North Canterbury	131	19	71	3573	3524	62
8300	South Canterbury	26	2	12	1013	922	16
9000	Otago - Southland	37	4	17	1595	1432	19
	Total	1,047	91	384	23,832	22,867	344

DISTRICT NORTHLAND

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DISTRICT AUCKLAND

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Ref. No.	CIRCUITS/PARISHES	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1978	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1979	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death
2010	AUCKLAND CENTRAL	42	-	11	443	425	5
2020	AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION	1	-	6	184	185	7
2030	BALMORAL-ROSKILL	21	1	4	409	382	5
2040	AUCKLAND EAST	32	-	5	508	516	5
2050	BUCKLANDS BEACH CO-OPERATING PARISH	5	-	1	20	22	-
2060	ORAKEI	2	1	5	261	267	2
2070	GLEN INNES CO-OPERATING PARISH	-	1	-	44	27	-
2080	MT. ALBERT	14	-	10	273	261	3
2090	AVONDALE UNION PARISH	2	Nil	Nil	62	52	1
(2100	HENDERSON	25	-	11	327	350	2
2110	RANUI COMBINED CHURCH	INCLUDED UNDER APPROPRIATE HENDERSON HEADINGS					
2120	TE ATATU UNION PARISH	2	-	8	68	71	-
2130	DEVONPORT	4	-	1	134	127	3
2140	TAKAPUNA	25	1	6	660	611	17
2150	BIRKENHEAD	11	Nil	Nil	167	170	2
2160	GLENFIELD-ALBANY CO-OPERATING PARISH	7	1	-	94	84	1
2170	BIRKDALE-BEACH HAVEN UNION PARISH	-	-	-	36	40	-
2180	NORTHCOTE	6	-	3	112	114	1
2190	ONEHUNGA	22	Nil	6	332	324	6

DISTRICT . . . AUCKLAND

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WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

DISTRICT

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3010	THAMES UNION PARISH	2	-	-	102	104	2
3020	HAURAKI PLAINS CO-OPERATING PARISH	1	-	1	39	37	-
3030	PAEROA	7	-	-	57	45	1
3040	WAIHI	3	-	-	77	53	1
3050	TE AROHA CO-OPERATING PARISH	4	-	2	165	156	1
3060	MORRINSVILLE	9	4	4	191	188	2
3070	CAMBRIDGE UNION PARISH	4	-	-	149	137	5
3080	HAMILTON	23	-	1	434	427	6
3090	RAGLAN UNION PARISH	1	-	-	38	38	1
3100	HAMILTON EAST	4	2	6	212	206	2
3110	CHARTWELL CO-OPERATING PARISH	6	-	-	63	31	-
3120	NGARUAWAHIA UNION PARISH	6	-	-	40	51	-
3130	HUNTLY	8	-	-	72	72	-
3140	MATAMATA UNION PARISH	5	-	-	175	155	-
3150	PUTARURU CO-OPERATING PARISH	8	-	-	62	48	1
3160	TOKOROA	11	1	-	73	71	-
3170	ROTORUA	5	-	9	227	231	4
3180	TAUPO UNION PARISH	1	-	-	43	49	2
3190	WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY	14	2	1	473	488	8

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DISTRICT WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

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3200	ST.JAMES UNION PARISH,GREERTON	1	1	-	51	44	-
3220	WHAKATANE CO-OPERATING PARISH	-	-	3	67	61	2
3230	KAWERAU	-	-	-	20	16	-
3240	OPOTIKI UNION PARISH	4	-	-	37	37	1
3250	TE AWAMUTU	5	-	-	210	173	1
3260	OTOMOHANGA	9	-	4	95	95	-
3270	TE KUITI	-	-	-	12	12	1
3280	TAUMARUNUI	3	-	1	50	51	-
3290	TURANGI UNION PARISH	1	-	-	10	11	-
3300	OHURA	4	-	-	30	24	4
3320	COROMANDEL	-	-	-	10	6	-
3330	HILLCREST CO-OPERATING PARISH	7	-	2	157	149	2
3340	PIO PIO CO-OPERATING PARISH	-	1	1	-	10	-
	TOTALS	156	11	35	3441	3276	47

DISTRICT TARANAKI-WANGANUI

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4010	NEW PLYMOUTH	12	-	11	462	468	7
4020	WAITARA	9	3	-	111	104	1
4030	STRATFORD	11	-	3	128	121	2
4040	ELTHAM-KAPONGA CO-OPERATING	2	-	-	96	96	-
4050	HAWERA	10	-	-	143	126	1
4060	MANAIA UNION	2	-	2	35	37	-
4070	OPUNAKE CO-OPERATING	2	-	-	110	106	-
4080	OKATO CO-OPERATING	8	-	-	85	79	2
4090	WANGANUI	18	-	-	406	398	5
4100	TAIHAPE						
4110	INGLEWOOD UNION	2	-	-	76	75	-
	PATEA (RECIPROCAL)				9	7	
	BROOKLANDS CO-OPERATING	0	1	-	8	12	-
	TOTAL	76	4	16	1669	1629	18

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DISTRICT HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU

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5010	NAPIER	12	16	4	411	320	4
5020	HASTINGS	11	-	14	355	350	7
5030	FLAXMERE	2	-	-	6	6	-
5040	GISBORNE	3	-	-	119	107	2
5050	MANGAPAPA UNION	1	-	-	22	19	-
5060	WAIROA	-	1	-	32	25	-
5070	DANNEVIRKE/NORSEWOOD	1	4	-	137	126	1
5080	WOODVILLE UNION	1	-	-	61	59	1
5090	PAHIATUA UNION	11	-	-	59	45	-
5100	PALMERSTON NORTH	14	-	3	499	476	6
5110	ASHHURST/BUNNYTHORPE	11	1	-	112	105	4
5120	FEILDING/OROUA	17	-	5	242	245	3
5130	MARTON	5	-	4	73	76	-
5140	RONGOTEI/SANSON CO-OPERATING	6	2	6	115	117	1
5150	FOXTON	4	-	-	48	47	1
5160	TAMATEA COMMUNITY CHURCH	1	-	-	-	13	-
	TOTAL	100	24	36	2291	2136	30

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DISTRICT . . . WELLINGTON

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6010	WELLINGTON CENTRAL	12	1	38	237	253	5
6020	WELLINGTON WEST	14	-	-	231	211	11
6030	WELLINGTON SOUTH UNION	-	-	-	56	53	2
6040	WELLINGTON EAST	1	-	-	44	44	1
6050	MIRAMAR CO-OPERATING	5	-	-	68	62	6
6060	NGAIO UNION	3	-	3	67	62	-
6070	JOHNSONVILLE UNION	5	-	1	101	109	-
6080	NEWLANDS UNION	4	-	-	19	17	-
6090	PORIRUA	-	-	-	19	20	-
6100	PLIMMERTON-PAEKAKARIKI	3	-	-	132	135	1
6110	TAWA UNION	3	1	2	195	187	-
6120	LOWER HUTT-PETONE	27	-	7	609	593	13
6130	TAITA UNION	1	-	-	10	5	1
6140	UPPER HUTT CO-OPERATING	11	-	3	180	168	-
6150	WAINUIOMATA UNION	12	-	-	35	37	-
6160	GREYTOWN ST ANDREWS UNION	3	-	-	24	23	2
6170	FEATHERSTON UNION	-	-	-	12	13	-
6180	CARTERTON UNION	1	-	-	64	48	-

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GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1979

DISTRICT . . . NELSON . . . Ref. No 7000. .

Ref. No.	CIRCUITS/PARISHES	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1978	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1979	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death
7010	NELSON	11	2	5	337	327	7
7020	NELSON ST.LUKES UNION PARISH	-	-	-	27	24	-
7030	WAMEA	4	-	8	138	135	4
7040	MOTUEKA UNITING PARISH	-	-	-	78	52	5
7050	MOUTERE HILLS UNITING PARISH	-	-	-	18	14	-
7060	MURCHISON	-	-	-	18	18	-
7070	BLENHEIM	22	-	5	287	280	7
7080	PICTON UNION PARISH	5	-	-	40	42	1
7090	REEFTON DISTRICT UNION PARISH	2	-	-	23	24	-
7100	BULLER UNION PARISH	2	-	2	40	31	-
7110	GREYMOUTH DISTRICT UNION PARISH	3	-	1	77	82	1
7120	HOKITIKA UNION PARISH	1	-	-	32	33	1
	TOTAL	50	2	21	1115	1062	26

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1979

DISTRICT NORTH CANTERBURY

Ref. No.	CIRCUITS/PARISHES	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1978	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1979	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death
8010	Christchurch Central Mission	4	-	1	305	305	4
8020	Christchurch South	4	-	8	207	214	3
8030	Christchurch East	16	9	11	518	520	11
8040	New Brighton Union Parish	6	-	-	63	65	2
8050	Sumner-Redcliffs Union Parish	2	-	2	80	73	2
8060	S.E. Christchurch Union Parish	5	1	-	34	30	-
8070	Lyttelton Union Parish	2	-	-	15	16	1
8080	Christchurch (Opawa)	5	7	1	98	105	2
8090	Beckenham-Sydenham	3	-	9	161	154	3
8100	Christchurch (Spreydon)	5	0	4	92	108	3
8110	Halswell Union Parish	14	-	-	72	73	-
8120	Christchurch (Riccarton)	9	-	9	324	332	5
8130	Christchurch (St. Albans)	9	1	12	467	436	7
8140	Christchurch (Papanui)	10	-	4	354	346	8
8150	Hornby	2	-	-	84	79	-
8160	Lincoln Union Parish	7	-	-	40	45	1
8170	Leeston Co-operating Parish	3	-	4	140	129	2
8180	Kaiapoi Co-operating Parish	10	-	3	142	121	1
8190	Rangiora	9	-	-	217	218	4

DISTRICT . . . NORTH CANTERBURY

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1979

SOUTH CANTERBURY

DISTRICT

Ref. No.	CIRCUITS/PARISHES	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1978	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1979	Number removed from Elect- oral Roll by Death
8310	BANK STREET	3	1	7	81	86	3
8320	WOODLANDS STREET	4	-	-	212	183	3
8330	ST. DAVIDS UNION PARISH	4	-	-	57	56	1
8340	UPPER WAITAKI COMBINED CHAPLAINCY	-	-	-	-	-	-
8350	WAIMATE	-	-	3	123	102	2
8360	GERALDINE CO-OPERATING PARISH	-	-	-	36	28	-
8370	TEMUKA	-	-	-	40	40	-
8380	ASHBURTON	11	1	-	295	260	5
8390	ALLENTON UNION PARISH	-	-	2	43	46	1
8400	OAMARU UNION PARISH	4	Nil	Nil	126	121	1
	TOTAL	26	2	12	1013	922	16

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GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1979

DISTRICT OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

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Ref. No.	CIRCUITS/PARISHES	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1978	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1979	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death
9020	DUNEDIN MISSION	10	2	7	630	497	6
9040	WEST HARBOUR UNITED	1	-	1	21	22	-
9050	WEST DUNEDIN UNION	6	-	-	79	72	1
9060	CORSTORPHINE-CONCORD UNION	-	-	-	9	12	-
9070	GRANTS BRAES UNION	-	-	-	30	30	-
9080	TOKOMAIRIRO CO-OPERATING	-	-	-	46	39	2
9090	BALCLUTHA	-	-	-	67	57	1
9100	GORE	3	-	4	71	69	1
9110	INVERCARGILL	13	1	3	470	467	6
9120	RIVERTON UNION	-	-	-	25	23	-
9130	OTAUTAU UNION	-	-	-	26	22	-
9140	WAIONO UNION	3	1	-	24	24	-
9150	BLUFF				19	19	
9160	TEVIOT	-	-	-	19	18	1
9170	ALEXANDRA-CLYFE	1	-	2	43	45	1
9180	PORT CHALMERS UNITED	-	-	-	16	16	-
	TOTAL	37	4	17	1595	1432	19

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

SUPERNUMERARY FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January, 1979

1978			1979			1979
\$			\$			\$
	<u>CHARGES</u>				<u>FUND CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	
11,958	Administration Charges	15,391.20		90,914	Personal	135,416.87
	Stationery, General			82,093	Subsidies: from Connexional Budget	123,709.77
2,627	Expenses & Audit Fee	3,049.26			" Other Agencies and	
14,585			18,440.46	8,822	individuals	11,707.10
				181,829		270,833.74
	<u>INTEREST PAID</u>				<u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	
36,425	Allied Funds	44,315.01		35,126	Bank and other deposit interest	42,879.19
700	Other	175.00		3,634	Local Body Stock & Debenture interest	4,542.01
37,125			44,490.01	23,194	Mortgage interest	22,819.76
				8,909	Company Dividends & interest	9,978.60
	<u>FUND DISBURSEMENTS</u>			70,863		80,219.56
71,949	Annuities	72,084.65			<u>PROPERTY INCOME</u>	
3,820	Furniture Grants	4,700.00		51,277	Epworth Chambers - Rent	55,011.89
7,038	Refunds of Contributions	12,421.90		-23,723	LESS Expenses	37,278.38
82,807			89,206.55		" Provision for	
				-10,000	Maintenance	- 37,278.38
3,020	Commission paid to Investment Board	3,237.46		17,554		17,733.51
				9,743	Century Property - Rent	9,763.21
155,878	Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Funds	254,109.17				
				20,500	Papatoetoe Property - Rent	35,199.96
				- 3,125	LESS Expenses	3,279.14
				- 3,949	" Interest	987.19
				13,426		4,266.33
				40,723		30,933.63
						58,430.35
293,415			409,483.65	293,415		409,483.65

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1979

1978		1979	1978	1979
\$		\$	\$	\$
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>
	Bank of N.Z. - Current Account	13,040.00	148,377	Bank of N.Z. - Current Account
1,566	Sundry Creditors	2,897.05	63,150	ADD General Purposes Trust - Contra
2,487	Accrued Expenses	3,054.81	211,527	
63,150	ADD General Purposes Trust - Contra	-	90,000	Bank of N.Z. - Term Deposit
67,203			50,000	Methodist Trust Assn. Deposit
-	Rent received in advance	1,830.62		Transferable Certificates
635	Subscriptions Prepaid	250.85	137,276	of Deposit
-	Subsidies to be refunded	2,095.80	50,000	Contributory Mortgage
67,838			8,022	Subscriptions due
		23,169.13	787	Subsidies due
	<u>DEPOSITS BY ALLIED FUNDS</u>		12,963	Interest accrued
5,353	Benevolent Fund	9,256.07	14,987	Sundry Debtors
97,945	Deaconess Retiring Fund	108,696.92	575,562	
24,859	Deferred Stipend Fund	15,008.26		
236,970	Home Acquisition Fund	193,382.88		
19,981	Home Missionaries Retiring Fund	20,620.63	2,058	<u>DEFERRED CHARGES - AT COST</u>
39,400	Lay Workers Retiring Fund	51,087.33		Papatoetoe Property - for maintenance
35,602	Retired Ministerial Housing Fund	40,184.10	4,782	Epworth Chambers - alterations and
60,110			6,840	maintenance
		438,236.19		
	<u>LOANS</u>			<u>INVESTMENTS - AT COST</u>
	<u>GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD</u>		2,647	Local Body Stocks
50,000	-Morley House Loan	-	47,833	Debentures
52,650	-Papatoetoe property Loan	-	217,963	First Mortgages
	<u>CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND</u>			Company Shares & Convertible
10,000	-Papatoetoe property Loan	-	109,236	Notes
112,650			377,679	
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS, RESERVE</u>			<u>FIXED ASSETS - AT COST</u>
	<u>and SPECIAL FUNDS</u>		201,001	Papatoetoe Property (1970)
	<u>PROVISIONS and RESERVES</u>		-	PLUS additions at cost
10,000	Investment Fluctuation Reserve	10,000.00	201,001	
13,000	Provision for Building Maintenance	-		Epworth Chambers @ Valuation (1966)
23,000			213,080	-plus additions at cost
10,255	<u>SPECIAL FUNDS for Widows' Benefits</u>	6,924.31		
669	ADD Interest	519.32		
10,924		7,443.63		
4,000	<u>LESS Payments</u>	-		
6,924				
		7,443.63		

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January, 1979 - continued

1978		1979	1978		1979
\$		\$	\$		\$
	SPECIAL APPEAL \$150,000		50,000	Morley House Property (1973)	50,000.00
97,105	Retirement Housing Fund	125,236.27	2,000	PLUS Architects Fees (1974)	2,000.00
	LESS Special Loans to Supernumeraries on retirement	41,380.00	-	" Demolition Costs	2,000.00
33,380			-	" Car Park Development	2,500.00
63,725				" Rates and Interest on loan	24,317.18
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS		22,590		80,817.18
716,129	Balance at beginning of year	810,715.29	74,590		
	ADD Capital Profit on sale of shares	252.35	430	LESS Rent received to date	460.00
108	" Rent Received for 1977/1978	12,250.00	74,160		80,357.18
-	" Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	254,109.17		Century Property (1968)	
155,878			96,640	-plus additions at cost	96,640.24
872,115		1,077,326.81	584,881		592,078.51
61,400	LESS Annuities Compounded	51,745.85			
810,715		1,025,580.96			
1,544,962		1,588,286.18	1,544,962		1,588,286.18

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, 1979. 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, 1979, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE,
Chartered Accountants.

Christchurch
18th April 1979.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

SUPERNUMERARY FUND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Market Valuation of Company Shares and Convertible notes at Balance Date amounted to \$122,579.
2. Government Valuation at 1974 of Properties

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Capital Value</u>	<u>Value of Improvements</u>	<u>Unimproved Value</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Epworth Chambers (Valuation)	213,081	375,000	163,000	212,000
Century Property	96,640	160,000	90,500	69,500
Morley House	80,357	93,000	3,000	90,000
Papatoetoe	<u>202,000</u>	<u>328,000</u>	162,000	166,000
	592,078	956,000		

3. Contributory Mortgage \$50,000 represents a Registered First Mortgage security through Mortgage Management Ltd. The distribution of the Mortgage is subject to Supreme Court determination under the Chateau Companies Act 1977.
4. Contingent Liability \$5,000 pending litigation associated with Papatoetoe Property Lease.
5. Capital Commitment:
 - (a) Maintenance Programme:-

Epworth Chambers Property	Estimated Cost	\$20,000
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 - (b) Morley House Property:-

Car Park Development	Estimated Cost	7,500
		<u>\$27,500</u>
6. Additional Income of rents from the Papatoetoe Property have been accrued for the current year and previous rentals relating to 1977/1978 year have been credited to Accumulated Funds.
7. It is intended to re-value Fixed Assets to the 1979 Government Valuations.
8. 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:

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

SUPERNUMERARY FUND

- (a) Depreciation - no depreciation has been provided on Buildings owned by the Fund.
- (b) Morley House Property - Net Expenses incurred on this property have been capitalised.
- (c) Fixed Assets have been valued At Cost.
- (d) Contributory Mortgage, Deferred Charges and Investments have been valued At Cost.
- (e) Sundry Debtors - have been valued at expected realisable Value.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

HOME MISSIONARIES RETIRING FUND

CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
4,018	Subscriptions Refunded	7,615.70	15,561	Balance at beginning of year	18,962.05
18,962	Balance at end of year	20,871.95		<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	
			3,298	Personal	4,090.40
			<u>2,908</u>	Subsidy	<u>4,233.88</u>
			6,206		8,324.28
			1,213	Interest Received: Personal Deposits	1,201.32
<u>22,980</u>		<u>\$28,487.65</u>	<u>22,980</u>		<u>\$28,487.65</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1979

170	Administration Expenses	170.00	1,417	Interest Received on Deposit with	1,408.00
1,213	Interest Paid: Personal Deposits	1,201.32		Supernumerary Fund	
20	Stationery & General Expenses	22.10			
14	Excess Income over Expenditure, transferred to Appropriation Account	14.58			
<u>1,417</u>		<u>\$1,408.00</u>	<u>1,417</u>		<u>\$1,408.00</u>

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1979

46	Balance at beginning of year	32.04	14	Transferred from Income & Expenditure Account	14.58
			32	Balance at end of year	17.46
46		<u>\$32.04</u>	46		<u>\$32.04</u>

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HOME MISSIONARIES RETIRING FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>
\$		\$		\$	
18,962	Contributors Account	20,871.95		9 Sundry Debtors	1,294.03
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			19,981 Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	20,620.63
1,060	Capital	1,060.17			
32	Less Appropriation Account	17.46			
1,028		1,042.71			
19,990		\$21,914.66		19,990	\$21,914.66

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, 1979. 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, 1979, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
18th April, 1979

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DEACONESS RETIRING FUND

CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1979

1978		1979	1978	1979
\$		\$	\$	\$
-	Subscriptions refunded	7,879.48	71,446	Balance at beginning of year
87,351	Balance at end of year	97,712.37		87,350.61
				<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED</u>
			4,594	Personal
			4,609	Subsidy
			9,203	5,739.14
			6,702	5,055.27
				10,794.41
				7,446.83
				Interest Received: Personal Deposits
87,351		\$105,591.85	87,351	
				\$105,591.85

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1979

970	Administration Charges	540.00	239	Income from Mabel Morley Trust	240.79
6,702	Interest Paid on Personal Deposits	7,446.83	6,857	Interest received on Deposit	7,978.00
50	Stationery & General Expenses	55.00		Excess Expenditure over Income	
	Excess Income over Expenditure		626	transferred to Appropriation Account	-
-	transferred to Appropriation Account	176.96			
7,722		\$8,218.79	7,722		\$8,218.79

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1979

626	Transferred from Income & Expenditure Account	-	2,170	Balance at beginning of year	1,543.90
1,544	Balance at end of year	1,720.86	-	Transferred from Income & Expenditure Account	176.96
2,170		\$1,720.86	2,170		\$1,720.86

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
DEACONESS RETIRING FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
1,312	Sundry Creditors	1,450.19	97,945	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	108,696.92
87,351	Contributors Account	97,712.37			
650	Grants Reserve Account	650.00			
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>					
7,088	Capital at beginning of year	7,088.50			
--	Add Donation: Feilding Methodist Women's Fellowship	75.00			
7,088		7,163.50			
1,544	Add Appropriation Account	1,720.86			
8,632		8,884.36			
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97,945		\$108,696.92	97,945		\$108,696.92
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Chairman: G.E. Hill

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

We have examined the Books of account and records of the Methodist Church Deaconess Retiring Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1979. 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, 1979, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
18th April, 1979

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DEFERRED STIPEND

DEPOSITORS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January, 1979

978		1979	1978		1979
\$		\$	\$		\$
1,993	Subscriptions Refunded	15,735.83	21,342	Balance at beginning of year	24,986.18
4,986	Balance at end of year	15,040.66	4,067	Deposits Received	4,343.14
			1,570	Interest Received: Personal Deposits	1,447.17
26,979		\$30,776.49	26,979		\$30,776.49

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January, 1979

205	Administration Charges	217.00	1,774	Interest Received: Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	1,776.00
1,570	Interest Paid: Personal Deposits	1,447.17			
15	Stationery and Supplies	17.00		Excess Expenditure over Income transferred to Appropriation Account	-
-	Excess Income over Expenditure transferred to Appropriation Account	94.83	16		
1,790		\$1,776.00	1,790		\$1,776.00

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1979

111	Balance at beginning of year	127.23	-	Transferred from Income & Expenditure Account	94.83
16	Transferred from Income & Expenditure Account	-	127	Balance at end of year	32.40
127		\$127.23	127		\$127.23

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DEFERRED STIPEND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>		<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>
\$		\$		\$		\$
24,986	Contributors Deposits	15,040.66		24,859	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	15,008.26
				127	Appropriation Account	32.40
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24,986		\$15,040.66		24,986		\$15,040.66
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Chairman: G.E. Hill

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Deferred Stipend Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1979. 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, 1979, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
18th April, 1979

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

LAY WORKERS RETIRING FUND

CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1979

1978		1979	1978	1979
\$		\$	\$	\$
8,987	Subscriptions Refunded	2,773.02	33,276	Balance at beginning of year
38,918	Balance at end of year	51,364.92		38,917.72
				<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>
			11,944	Personal and subsidies 11,924.12
				Budget subsidies (staff of Overseas Division) 390.00
			359	
			12,303	
			2,326	Interest Received on Personal Deposits 2,906.10
47,905		54,137.94	47,905	54,137.94

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1979

270	Administration Charges	475.00	2,598	Interest Received: Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	3,384.00
2,325	Interest Paid: Personal Deposits	2,906.10		Excess Expenditure over Income transferred to Appropriation Account	52.10
51	Stationery & General Expenses	55.00	48		
2,646		3,436.10	2,646		3,436.10

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1979

48	Transfer from Income & Expenditure Account	52.10	103	Balance at beginning of year	54.93
55	Balance at end of year	2.83			
103		54.93	103		54.93

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LAY WORKERS RETIRING FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st JANUARY, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
38,918	Contributors Account	51,364.92	39,400	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	51,087.33
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		174	Sundry Debtors	881.42
601	Capital	601.00			
55	<u>ADD</u> Appropriation Account	<u>2.83</u>			
<u>656</u>		<u>603.83</u>			
<u>39,574</u>		<u>\$51,968.75</u>	<u>39,574</u>		<u>\$51,968.75</u>

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Chairman: G.E. Hill

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Lay Workers' Retiring Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1979. 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, 1979 and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & Spence
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
18th April, 1979

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1979

1978		1979	1978	1979
\$		\$	\$	\$
37,918	Subscriptions Refunded	66,361.38	202,350	Balance at beginning of year
234,836	Balance at end of year	189,297.67		234,835.82
			27,485	<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>
				Personal subscriptions
			1,013	Personal additional amounts paid
			27,485	into Fund
			14,421	Subsidies
				Interest Received: Personal Deposits
272,754		\$255,659.05	272,754	19,356.46
				\$255,659.05

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1979

1,385	Administration Charges	730.00		Interest Received on Deposit with	
14,421	Interest Paid: Personal Deposits	19,356.46	16,418	Supernumerary Fund	20,307.26
227	Stationery & General Expenses	210.55			
385	Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Appropriation Account	10.25			
16,418		\$20,307.26	16,418		\$20,307.26

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1979

3,371	Balance at end of year	3,381.84	2,986	Balance at beginning of year	3,371.59
			385	Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	10.25
3,371		\$3,381.84	3,371		\$3,381.84

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
234,836	Contributors Account	189,297.67	236,970	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	193,382.88
-	Sundry Creditors	22.87	1,976	Sundry Debtors	58.25
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>				
739	Capital at beginning of year	738.75			
<u>3,371</u>	Appropriation Account	<u>3,381.84</u>			
4,110		4,120.59			
238,946		\$193,441.13	238,946		\$193,441.13

Chairman: G.E. Hill

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Home Acquirement Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1979. 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, 1979, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE,
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
18th April, 1979

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

BENEVOLENT FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
450	Grants Paid	-		Interest Received on Deposit with	
	Excess Income over Expenditure		408	Supernumerary Fund	561.00
-	transferred to Appropriation A/c	561.00		Excess Expenditure over Income transferred	
			42	to Appropriation A/c	-
<u>450</u>		<u>\$561.00</u>	<u>450</u>		<u>\$561.00</u>

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January, 1979

1,206	Balance at beginning of year	1,248.20	-	Transfer from Income & Expenditure Account	561.00
42	Transfer from Income & Expenditure Account	-	1,248	Balance at end of year	687.20
<u>1,248</u>		<u>\$1,248.20</u>	<u>1,248</u>		<u>\$1,248.20</u>

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January, 1979

6,601	Capital at beginning of year	6,601.05	5,353	Deposit with Supernumerary Fund	9,256.07
-	Add Donation: Putaruru	16.22			
	" Grant: Thorndon Trust	3,326.00			
		<u>9,943.27</u>			
1,248	Less Appropriation Account	687.20	9,256.07		
<u>5,353</u>		<u>\$9,256.07</u>	<u>5,353</u>		<u>\$9,256.07</u>

Chairman: G.E. Hill

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Supernumerary Fund Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1979. 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, 1979, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for year ended 31st March, 1979

1978 9 month period		1979		1978 9 month period		1979
\$		\$		\$		\$
4,067	Administration Fees (Note 2)	19,541.49		--	Dividends Received	1,654.30
200	Audit Fee	800.00		40,098	Interest Received on Investments	165,346.42
--	Maintenance - Buildings	2,162.92		1,266	Rental Received	34,038.52
726	Interest Paid	8,644.66				
153	Legal Fees	--				
49	Property Valuation Fees	20.41				
748	Stationery, Postage & General Expenses	362.74				
27	Telephones & Tolls	92.10				
276	Travelling Expenses	627.13				
35,118	Excess Income over Expenditure	168,787.79				
41,364		201,039.24		41,364		201,039.24

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

for year ended 31st March, 1979

10,351	Dividend Paid - Short Term Depositors (Note 3)	43,572.47	35,118	Income available for Distribution	168,787.79
24,767	Dividend Paid - Long Term Depositors	125,215.32			
35,118		168,787.79	35,118		168,787.79

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET as as 31st MARCH 1979

1978 9 month period		1979		1978 9 month period		1979
\$	CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$		\$	CURRENT ASSETS	\$
6,207	Sundry Creditors	19,678.14		2,249	Bank of New Zealand Ltd	14,918.61
--	Interest Accrued	<u>181.84</u>		<u>13,532</u>	Interest Accrued	<u>28,375.92</u>
6,207		19,859.98		15,781		43,294.53
	<u>TERM DEPOSITS</u>				<u>INVESTMENTS (At Cost)</u>	
414,645	Short Term Deposits	626,740.93			Short Term:-	
736,373	Long Term Deposits	<u>1,856,064.64</u>			Deposits at Call	60,000.00
1,151,018		2,482,805.57		810,356	Transferable Certificates of Deposit	642,795.25
				150,000	Term Deposits - Trading Banks and Others	550,000.00
					Long Term:-	
	<u>FIXED TERM LIABILITIES</u>				Term Deposits - Savings Banks	130,000.00
	Mortgage - Peak, Longland Nominees Ltd			80,000	Shares (Note 4)	50,122.73
	Secured on Matthews Buildings			--	Debentures	<u>441,662.34</u>
100,000	Auckland	10,750.00		--		
				1,040,356		1,874,580.32
					<u>FIXED ASSETS (At Cost) (Note 5)</u>	
	<u>PROVISIONS</u>				Matthews Building -Auckland	
	Maintenance Provision - Buildings	2,162.92		201,088	At Cost	201,087.62
					Hallmark Building -Hamilton	
					At Cost	<u>396,616.00</u>
						597,703.62
1,257,225		<u>2,515,578.47</u>		<u>1,257,225</u>		<u>2,515,578.47</u>

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH 1979

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Chairman: G.H. Peak

We have examined the books of accounts and records of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association (Inc.) for the year ended 31st March, 1979. 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

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

Account, Appropriation 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 New Zealand Methodist Trust Association (Inc.) as at 31st March, 1979, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

15th June 1979

CHRISTCHURCH

McGurk Butler & Spencer
Chartered Accountants

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

Note 1. 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 - Comparative Figures are available for a nine months period only as commencement of operations of this Fund took effect at 1st July 1977.
 - (b) Depreciation - No Depreciation has been provided for on Buildings.
 - (c) Investments - All Investments have been valued At Cost.
 - (d) Fixed Assets - Fixed Assets have been valued At Cost.
 - (e) Maintenance - A provision for Maintenance has been calculated at the rate of 1% on the cost of Buildings.

Note 2. The administration fee charged is related to investment activities and accounting work involved.

Note 3. 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.

Note 4. Market Valuation of Company Shares at Balance Date amounted to \$48,964.00.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH 1979

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Note 5. Land and Buildings

MATTHEWS BUILDING

HALLMARK BUILDING

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Land	\$ 65,354	\$ 76,311
Building	\$135,734	\$320,305
	<u>\$201,088</u>	<u>\$396,616</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1979

1978		1979	1978		1979
\$		\$	\$		\$
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
2,383	Sundry Creditors	1,042.22	62,132	Cash at Bank: Current Account	3,151.37
				on Deposit	20,000.00
	<u>OTHER ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED WITH FUND</u>			Commercial Bills and Deposits	40,000.00
10,634	Sites Fund	11,039.29	-	523 Interest Accrued	2,732.20
	Development Fund (for Church		6,000	General Purposes Trust (Sites)	6,000.00
14,085	Extension)	16,389.07			
11,863	Special Training Sector Fund	10,570.84	68,655		71,883.57
	Deposits: Held on Trust from				
32,399	Church Properties Realisations	55,250.35	439,645	<u>LOANS CURRENT</u>	467,877.50
68,981		93,249.55			
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			<u>INVESTMENTS (At Cost)</u>	
471 430,929	(i) Capital at beginning of year	443,143.30		Shares bequeathed to Fund	
	Add: Legacies and Donations			(a) Preference Shares	
379	M.B. Gilmour Estate 284.13		2,000	(Unlisted Company)	2,000.00
--	A.W. Hall Estate 600.00			(b) Ordinary Shares (Note 1)	
900	A.H. Hayman Estate 350.00		3,300	(Listed Company)	3,300.00
10,795	F.W. Walters Trust 3,509.43		5,300		5,300.00
140	Others -				
12,214		4,743.56			
443,143		447,886.86			
	(ii) Administration Funds				
	Balance at beginning				
- 2,605	of year - 906.82				
1,698	Add Excess for				
	year 3789.26				
- 907		2,882.44			
442,236		450,769.30			
513,600		545,061.07	513,600		545,061.07

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
SPECIAL TRAINING SECTOR FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1979

<u>1978</u> \$		<u>1979</u> \$	<u>1978</u> \$		<u>1979</u> \$	
	Grants made: Hanson, E.F.I.	320.00		8,188	Balance at beginning of year	11,862.50
	Hosking, J.S.	697.66		4,175	Contributions from the Budget	3,285.00
	McNicholl, D.	750.00				
	Pratt, G.D.	1809.00				
	Russell, K.H.	<u>1000.00</u>				
500			4,576.66			
<u>11,863</u>	Balance at end of year	<u>10,570.84</u>				
<u>12,363</u>		<u>15,147.50</u>	<u>12,363</u>			<u>15,147.50</u>

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1979

13,789	Administration Expenses	17,495.00		Working Expenses and interest received	
216	Interest Paid on Deposits	1,764.11	16,244	on Loans	19,841.95
29	Advertising	-	1,270	Interest Received - General	4,573.29
934	Audit and General Expenses	673.00	428	Dividends Received	468.12
153	Postages	133.68			
519	Stationery and Telephone	796.75			
604	Travelling	231.56			
<u>16,244</u>		<u>21,094.10</u>			
	Excess transferred to				
1,698	Accumulated Funds	3,789.26			
<u>17,942</u>		<u>24,883.36</u>	<u>17,942</u>		<u>24,883.36</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
LOANS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
429,093	Loans at beginning of year	439,645.05	80,455	Repayments of Principal, Working Expenses & Interest	119,081.58
16,244	Working Expenses and Interest charged for year	19,841.95	439,645	Loans at end of year	467,877.50
<u>74,763</u>	New Loans Advanced	<u>127,472.08</u>			
<u>520,100</u>		<u>586,959.08</u>	<u>520,100</u>		<u>586,959.08</u>

SITES FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1979

4,000	Grants made	-	14,229	Balance at beginning of year	10,634.29
<u>10,634</u>	Balance at end of year	<u>11,039.29</u>	<u>405</u>	Interest Received	<u>405.00</u>
<u>14,634</u>		<u>11,039.29</u>	<u>14,634</u>		<u>11,039.29</u>

DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1979

	Grants made: Wiri	2751.83	16,740	Balance at beginning of year	14,084.90
	Hornby	4000.00	12,525	Contributions from the Budget	9,856.00
	Kerikeri	<u>800.00</u>			
15,180		7,551.83			
<u>14,085</u>	Balance at end of year	<u>16,389.07</u>			
<u>29,265</u>		<u>23,940.90</u>	<u>29,265</u>		<u>23,940.90</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1979

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Chairman: G.E. Hill

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Building and Loan Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1979. 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, 1979, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

10th August, 1979
Christchurch

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE
Chartered Accountants

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:

1. Investments - Ordinary Shares in a Listed Company estimated Market Value at 31st May, 1979 \$3,314.00
2. 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. (a) Preference shares in an Unlisted Company have been valued at Par.
(b) Ordinary shares in a Listed Company estimated at Market Value.
 - B. Loans - have been valued at expected realisable value.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD INC.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
105,842	Interest Allowed to Trusts and Depositors	115,633.60		<u>INTEREST RECEIVED</u>	
15,250	Administration Charges	14,604.08		Local Body Stock and Company	
1,462	General Expenses	2,701.74	10,946	Debentures	10,082.37
1,351	Commission to Investment Board	555.00	43,750	Mortgages	39,946.06
-	Excess of Income over Expenditure	5,511.05	13,036	Loans	1,364.96
			13,772	Bank and other Deposits	39,897.04
			<u>36,505</u>	Greenock House Property	<u>41,470.28</u>
			118,009		
					132,760.71
			1,760	Commission Received	4,249.83
			1,578	Dividends Received	1,994.93
			651	Greenock House Rents Received	-
			1,907	Excess of Expenditure over Income	-
<u>123,905</u>		<u>139,005.47</u>	<u>123,905</u>		<u>139,005.47</u>

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1979

1,907	Nett excess of Expenditure for year	-	-	Nett excess of Income for year	5,511.05
-	Transferred to Accumulated Funds	<u>5,511.05</u>	<u>1,907</u>	Transferred to Accumulated Funds	-
<u>1,907</u>		<u>5,511.05</u>	<u>1,907</u>		<u>5,511.05</u>

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD INC.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1979

<u>1978</u>			<u>1979</u>		<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>
<u>\$</u>			<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
-	Bank of N.Z. Current Account	16,138.97			97,230	Bank of N.Z. Current Account	-
<u>5,104</u>	Sundry Creditors	<u>6,302.09</u>			36,000	Sundry Loans to Connexional Funds	-
5,104			22,441.06		35,495	Sundry Debtors	80,281.12
					<u>9,361</u>	Interest Accrued	<u>25,825.33</u>
					178,086		106,106.45
6,000	<u>SHORT TERM DEPOSITS</u>					<u>INVESTMENTS AND LOANS (At Cost)</u>	
	Church Sites Fund	6,000.00			372,500	First Mortgages	260,900.00
<u>10,000</u>	S.I. Children's Home Invest-				55,560	Sundry Loans to Church Trusts	55,988.97
16,000	ment Board	-	6,000.00		255,974	Methodist Trust Association	471,936.53
					87,841	Local Body Stock	82,580.00
1,042,150	<u>OTHER LIABILITIES</u>					Debentures in Public	
	Sundry Church and other				53,370	Companies	38,820.00
	Deposits	862,162.45			12,000	Debentures in Dunedin Central	
	Depositors holding specific				21,286	Mission	12,000.00
<u>32,276</u>	investments	<u>39,316.01</u>			32,276	Shares in Public Companies	
1,074,426			901,478.46			(See Note 2)	21,546.33
						Specific Assets held for	
	<u>TRUSTS ADMINISTERED BY GENERAL</u>				525,386	Trusts	39,316.01
	<u>PURPOSES TRUST BOARD</u>				-	Loan: Presbyterian Church	
197,058	Winstone Memorial Trust Fund	207,002.18				Property Trustees	375,385.68
<u>303,399</u>	Sundry other Trusts	<u>330,544.50</u>				House Property (See Note 3)	<u>32,825.00</u>
500,457			537,546.68		1,416,193		1,391,298.52

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD INC.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1979

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<u>1978</u> <u>\$</u>		<u>1979</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1978</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1979</u> <u>\$</u>
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES</u>			
19,999	Accumulated Funds at beginning of year	18,091.64	27,800	1,800.00
-	Add: Profit on sale of Preference Shares	136.08		
- 1,907	Balance from Appropriation Account	5,511.05		
18,092		23,738.77		
8,000	General Reserve	8,000.00		
26,092		31,738.77		
1,622,079		1,499,204.97	1,622,079	1,499,204.97

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Chairman: G.E. Hill

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist General Purposes Trust Board Inc. for the year ended 30th June, 1979. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account, Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Board as at 30th June, 1979, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

CHRISTCHURCH
29th August, 1979

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE
Chartered Accountants

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD INC.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1979

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:

Note 1. 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.

Note 2. The Market Value of Company Shares at Balance Date amounted to \$20,614

Note 3. The property at Larch Place, Christchurch, was acquired through a Mortgagee sale.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND LAYWORKERS LOAN FUND

LOANS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
72,590	Loans at beginning of year	83,417.25	39,093	Loan Repayments	43,456.29
41,600	New Loans Advanced	36,000.00	83,417	Balance at end of year	81,050.17
<u>8,320</u>	Interest charged for full term of loans	<u>5,089.21</u>			
122,510		124,506.46	122,510		124,506.46
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1979

479	2,797	Administration charges	2,648.73	6,714	Interest Received	6,356.96
	3,360	Interest Paid	2,889.90			
	<u>489</u>	General Expenses	<u>595.14</u>			
	6,646		6,133.77			
	<u>68</u>	Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>223.19</u>			
	6,714		6,356.96	6,714		6,356.96
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PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND LAYWORKERS LOAN FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>
9,780	Bank of New Zealand Overdraft	-	-	Bank of New Zealand Current Account 292.46
3,217	Sundry Creditors	<u>1,228.36</u>	120	Sundry Debtors <u>381.39</u>
12,997		1,228.36		673.85
11,861	<u>UNEARNED INTEREST ON LOANS</u>	10,593.39	83,417	<u>LOANS CURRENT</u> 81,050.17
	<u>LOANS:</u>			
10,000	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	-		
6,000	General Purposes Trust			
	General Purposes Trust -			
20,000	Winstone Fund	-		
	General Purposes Trust -			
	Methven Trust	1,800.00		
1,800	Te Awamutu Trust	1,000.00		
1,000	Wellington Methodist Charitable			
	& Education Endowment Trust	1,000.00		
	Board of Administration -			
-	Special Account	31,000.00		
-	Methodist Provident Society	<u>16,000.00</u>	50,800.00	
39,800				
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			
18,611	Balance at beginning of year	18,879.08		
	<u>ADD</u> Donation from P. & E.F.			
200	Rushton Memorial Trust	-		
68	<u>NETT</u> income for year	<u>223.19</u>		
18,879		19,102.27		
83,537		<u>81,724.02</u>	<u>83,537</u>	<u>81,724.02</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND LAYWORKERS LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1979

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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 Presbyters, Deacons, Lay Workers Loan Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1979. 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 Presbyters, Deacons, Lay Workers Loan Fund as at 30th June, 1979, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

14th August, 1979
CHRISTCHURCH

McCULLOCH, BUTLER & SPENCE
Chartered Accountants

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
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for year ended 30th June, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>
536,075	Payments to Divisions and Funds	631,131.43		<u>CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED</u>	
	Expenses collected through Connexional		469,115	Methodist Circuits	516,461.87
21,263	Budget and refunded to Districts	17,981.00		Grant from Special Account:	
			-	Administration Division	12,134.00
			63,744	Union Parishes - General	79,149.57
			<u>22,724</u>	Union Parishes - Retiring Funds	<u>30,507.40</u>
			555,583		638,252.84
				<u>REFUNDS FROM DIVISIONS AND FUNDS</u>	
			380	Supernumerary Fund	15,923.60
			474	Home Acquirement Fund	-
			- 120	Deaconess Retiring Fund	<u>925.52</u>
					16,849.12
			417	Home Missionaries Retiring Fund - 640.98	
			- 211	Layworkers Retiring Fund	<u>-1000.55</u>
					- 1,647.53
			940		15,201.59
				Contributions for previous year	
			815	received this year	1,605.00
557,338		649,112.43	557,338	TOTAL RECEIPTS	655,059.43
-	Administration Charges	5,947.00	286	Bank Interest received	486.19
	Stationery, Postages, Tolls, Travel and		158	Excess of Expenditure over Income	-
444	General Expenses	417.95			
-	Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>68.24</u>			
557,782		655,545.62	557,782		655,545.62

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1979

1978			1979	1978		1979
\$			\$	\$		\$
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>				<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
1,624	Contributions received in advance	740.70		24,286	Cash at Bank of New Zealand	17,635.41
93	Sundry Creditors	133.21		-	Interest Accrued - Bank	135.52
	Final Payments due to Districts and to Non-Guaranteed Funds and			15,443	Payments for this year received after Balance Date	31,860.50
36,894	Divisions	48,571.43				
38,611			49,445.34			
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>					
1,276	Balance at beginning of year	1,117.85				
	Less Payment to Churches					
--	Education Commission	1,000.00				
		117.85				
	Balance from Income and					
- 158	Expenditure Account	68.24				
1,118			186.09			
39,729			49,631.43	39,729		49,631.43

Chairman: G.E. Hill

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the Connexional Budget for the year ended 30th June, 1979, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the Connexional Budget as at this date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

W.E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and report of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.

CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>
	<u>CONFERENCE TRAVEL</u>				
1,576	Equalisation Fund	1,561.80	33,470	Connexional Budget	42,497.00
<u>2,121</u>	Office Representatives	<u>1,167.67</u>	47	Conference Arrangements and Collections	700.10
3,697		2,729.47		Grant to assist Presidential Expenses	-
	<u>CONFERENCE PRINTING & GENERAL EXPENSES</u>		2,000		
	Conference Reports, Resolutions,			Interest Received	201.46
10,617	Station Sheets & Year Book	15,568.41	316		
	Secretarial Platform & other		-	Sale of Printed Matter	72.19
728	Expenses	<u>445.57</u>			
<u>11,345</u>		16,013.98			
	<u>CONNEXIONAL PAYMENTS</u>				
1,277	President's Travel & Expenses	2,510.71			
<u>323</u>	Vice President's Travel and	<u>2,235.10</u>			
1,600	Expenses	4,745.81	3,037	Excess Expenditure over Income	8,289.80
	<u>CONNEXIONAL PRINTING</u>				
	Confirmation Certificates &				
<u>211</u>	Membership Cards	819.65			
	<u>CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES</u>				
3,711	Church Council	4,329.63			
8,569	Chairmens District Expenses	6,334.94			
2,738	Ministerial Synod Travelling	927.60			
<u>3,747</u>	Standing Committees of Conference	<u>12,634.24</u>			
18,765		24,226.41			
	<u>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</u>				
-	Administration Charge	1,200.00			
	Audit Fee - General Expenses,				
1,002	Stationery & Postage	1,158.56			
750	Interest Paid	<u>866.67</u>			
<u>1,752</u>		3,225.23			
1,500	Litigation Costs - "New Citizen"	-			
<u>38,870</u>		<u>51,760.55</u>	<u>38,870</u>		<u>51,760.55</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1979

1978		1979	1978	1979
\$		\$	\$	\$
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
2,757	Sundry Creditors	3,323.32	8,621	Bank of New Zealand - Current Account 2,293.38
			3,634	Sundry Debtors <u>1,332.28</u>
			12,255	3,625.66
<u>LOANS</u>				
-	Board of Administration			
	Special Account	10,000.00		
10,000	General Purposes Trust Fund	-	10,000.00	
<u>BALANCES DUE TO DISTRICTS</u>			<u>BALANCE DUE FROM DISTRICTS</u>	
761	Northland	761.64	135	North Canterbury -
199	Auckland	198.82		
472	Waikato-Bay of Plenty	-		
324	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	-		
852	Taranaki-Wanganui	-	9,164	Deficit Balance of Fund (see Contra) 17,453.97
2,379	Wellington	2,379.15		
1,155	South Canterbury	-		
2,655	Otago-Southland	-		
8,797		3,339.61		
<u>PROVISIONS</u>				
-	President Ministerial Supply	1,483.21		
-	Supply Ministries	963.00		
-	Contingencies	1,970.49		
		4,416.70		
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>				
(6,127)	Deficit Balance at 1/7/1978	9,164.17		
(3,037)	Add Excess Expenditure over Income	8,289.80		
(9,164)	Deficit Balance (see Contra)	17,453.97		
21,554		21,079.63	21,554	21,079.63

CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1979 - continued

Chairman:

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Connexional Expenses Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1979, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Connexional Expenses Fund as at this date.

Secretary:

W.E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.

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 realisable value.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1979

1978		1979	1978		1979
\$		\$	\$		\$
18,597	Removal Costs	23,905.83	11,000	Connexional Budget	33,819.00
-	Administration Charge	850.00			
114	Audit Fee, General & Stationery Expenses	113.07	8,673	Excess Expenditure over Income	-
962	Interest	1,386.67			
-	Excess Income over Expenditure	7,563.43			
19,673		33,819.00	19,673		33,819.00

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1979

CURRENT LIABILITIES			CURRENT ASSETS		
608	Sundry Creditors	330.66	3,580	Sundry Debtors	652.16
64	The Board of Administration	-		Deposit with the Board of	
672		330.66	-	Administration	6,062.59
			3,580		6,714.75
LOANS:-					
-	Board of Administration Special Account	10,000.00			
16,000	General Purposes Trust Fund	-	10,000.00		
	Insurance - Contingencies	1,913.00	13,092	Deficit Balance of Fund (see Contra)	5,528.91
ACCUMULATED FUND					
(4,419)	Deficit Balance 1 July, 1978	13,092.34			
(8,673)	Add Excess Expenditure over Income				
	Less Excess Income over Expenditure	7,563.43			
(13,092)	Deficit (see Contra)	5,528.91			
16,672		12,243.66	16,672		

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1979 - continued

ANALYSIS OF REMOVAL FUND

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>Cost</u>	<u>1977/78</u> <u>Average Cost</u>
North Island	21	\$8,389.82	\$399.52	\$585.45
South Island	4	\$1,674.58	\$418.65	\$ 60.59
Inter Island	10	<u>\$13,841.43</u>	\$1,384.14	\$1,106.19
		<u>\$23,905.83</u>		

Chairman:

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the Removal Expenses Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1979, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the Removal Expenses Fund as at that date.

Secretary:

W.E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.

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.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

1978		1979		1978		1979
\$		\$		\$		\$
25	Audit Fee	150.00			<u>Administration Charges:-</u>	
-	Auckland Office	15,659.09		-	Board of Administration - Special	
1,005	Cleaning	1,020.28		-	Account	750.00
1,099	General Expenses	1,930.85		13,000	Church Building & Loan Fund	17,495.00
92	Insurance	71.42		-	Connexional Budget	5,947.00
953	Interest	867.17		-	Connexional Expenses Fund	1,200.00
344	Light and Heating	610.63		25,293	Fire Insurance Fund	15,500.00
5,424	Office Rent	6,147.57		15,250	General Purposes Trust Fund	14,604.08
7,960	Printing Costs	9,351.48			Home Mission and Church	
382	Repairs & Maintenance Equipment	1,181.14		-	Extension Funds Board	500.00
88,483	Salaries and Wages	100,787.21		-	Methodist Trust Association	3,997.38
388	Staff Advertising	233.82		-	Presbyters, Deacons and	
-	Staff Training	987.00		2,026	Layworkers Fund	2,648.73
2,205	Telephones, Tolls and Postages	3,065.24		-	Removal Fund	850.00
2,934	Travelling Expenses	3,833.31		3,800	South Island Children's Home	1,562.50
	Depreciation - Equipment, Furnishings			<u>17,500</u>	Supernumerary & Allied Funds	<u>17,500.00</u>
2,657	and Renovations	3,119.00		76,869		82,554.69
2,681	Stationery	3,011.41		40	Bank Interest	214.83
	<u>House Property Account</u>				Commission & Sundry Income -	
	Depreciation Dwelling and			120	Historical Records	168.72
1,018	Furnishings	1,022.00		13,053	Commission - Investment Board	26,246.45
	Mortgage Interest, Insurance,			500	Grant Received - Historical Records	600.00
3,261	Rates and Repairs	<u>3,488.81</u>	4,510.81	-	Grant Received - Investment Board	5,000.00
				-	Property Development Fees	20,000.00
				15,050	Printing Receipts	17,738.90
11,619	Excess Income over Expenditure	15,455.16		26,898	Connexional Budget	19,469.00
132,530		<u>171,992.59</u>		<u>132,530</u>		<u>171,992.59</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
5,816	Balance as at 1 July, 1978	-	11,619	Excess Income over Expenditure	15,455.16
	Provision for Development of			Special Income available for	
	Office Renovations 3,000.00			Distribution to Connexion 30,463.86	
	Accounting Systems 3,000.00			Less Paid to Connexional Budget 12,134.00	
	Printing & Machinery <u>5,500.00</u>	11,500.00	10,811		18,329.86
	Balance Transferred to Balance				
16,614	Sheet as at 30 June, 1979	22,285.02			
<u>22,430</u>		<u>33,785.02</u>	<u>22,430</u>		<u>33,785.02</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1979

<u>1978</u> <u>\$</u>		<u>1979</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1978</u> <u>\$</u>		<u>1979</u> <u>\$</u>
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
13,313	Sundry Creditors	19,516.66	50	Cash on Hand	50.00
409,315	Bank of New Zealand Special Account (Note 4)	405,207.76	1,111	Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	15,483.82
-	Removal Fund	<u>6,062.59</u>	10,264	Sundry Debtors	11,236.71
422,628			<u>64</u>	Removal Fund	-
		430,787.01	11,489		26,770.53
	<u>LOANS</u>			<u>INVESTMENTS</u>	
-	Board of Administration - Special Account	10,000.00	426,065	Special Loans (Note 4)	426,909.67
-	Presbyters, Deacons & Lay- workers Fund	1,976.20	2,500	Printing	5,800.34
10,000	General Purposes Trust Fund	-	-	Methodist Trust Association	
<u>20,000</u>	Supernumerary Fund	-	<u>428,565</u>	Depreciation Investment	<u>11,289.36</u>
30,000		11,976.20			443,999.37
	<u>Mortgages</u>				
-	Canterbury Savings Bank	19,400.06			
	<u>PROVISIONS</u>				
-	Staff Training	987.00			
-	Office Modernisation	<u>11,500.00</u>			
		12,487.00			
	<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>				
36,731	Balance as at 1 July, 1978	42,534.75			
	<u>APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT</u>				
5,803	Transferred from Appropriation Account	3,955.16			
10,811	Income available for Distribution	<u>18,329.86</u>			
<u>53,345</u>		64,819.77			

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1979

<u>1978</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1979</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1978</u> <u>\$</u>		<u>1979</u> <u>\$</u>
			<u>FIXED ASSETS (Note 2)</u>	<u>Cost</u>
			<u>or Valuation</u>	<u>Depreciation</u>
			<u>to date</u>	
			House Property (Note 3)	
			32 Ambleside Drive, Christ-	
		52,153	church	53,500.00 2,290.65 51,209.35
			House Furnishings	
		622	32 Ambleside Drive, Christ-	
			church	802.20 309.17 493.03
			Office Furnishings	
		2,208	Valuation 1/7/1976	3,147.55 1,442.70 1,704.85
			Office Equipment	
			Valuation 1/7/1976/	
			\$9617.83	
			Add:	
		7,456	Additions \$2,848.12	
				12,465.95 4,103.50 8,362.45
			Office Renovations	
			Valuation 1/7/1976	
			\$4,943.81	
			Add:	
		3,480	Additions \$ 237.92	5,181.73 2,289.34 2,892.39
			Office Furniture	
			& Equipment -	
			Auckland	2,499.07 375.00 2,124.07
		-	Holden-Station	
			Wagon -Auckland	2,393.00 479.00 1,914.00
			<u>65,919</u>	<u>68,700.14</u>
<u>505,973</u>	<u>539,470.04</u>	<u>505,973</u>		<u>539,470.04</u>

Chairman: G.E. Hill

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the Board of Administration for the year ended 30th June, 1979, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the Board of Administration as at that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

W.E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1979

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1. 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.

- 2. Fixed Assets: Assets held at 1 July, 1976 have been valued at Book Value
- 3. House Property: Government Valuation of House Property \$50,000
- 4. The Board of Administration - Special Account have been amalgamated in the presentation of these Financial Statements.
- 5. The Investment Board Financial Statements have been amalgamated in the presentation of these Accounts.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
for year ended 31 May, 1979

<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
\$		\$	\$	\$
24,540	Administration Charge	22,607.75		Net Commission Earned before charging
450	Audit Fee	1,150.00	31,400	Cost of Re-insurance borne by the Fund 38,054.62
165	Commission	-		
10,667	Rebate Allowed	9,190.97		Interest Received:-
839	Stationery and General Expenses	987.51	2,326	Bank Deposits 7,703.84
			3,508	Loans to Churches & Departments 1,447.67
	Profit for year before charging out cost		168	Local Body Stock 89.62
12,724	of Re-insurance borne by the Fund	21,767.29	<u>11,983</u>	Mortgages <u>8,407.77</u>
			<u>17,985</u>	17,648.90
49,385		55,703.52	49,385	55,703.52

PROFIT AND LOSS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT
for year ended 31 May, 1979

2,800	Transfer to Capital	37,108.99	18,267	Balance at 31 May, 1978	24,448.26
	Cost of Re-insurance borne by the Fund:		777	Income relative to previous years	
102	Public Liability -		12,724	Profit for year	21,767.29
2,213	Churches, Halls, Preaching Places & Parsonages -			Provision for Rebate	7,461.00
505	Money Insurance -			Provision for Removal Fund Contingencies	1,700.00
2,820					
	Grant to Investment Board 5,000.00				
	Provision for Grant to Investment Board <u>5,000.00</u>	10,000.00			
1,700	Removal Fund Contingencies				
	Provision for Consultary and Establishment Fees - New Fire Fund	8,267.56			
24,448	Balance Carried Forward				
31,768		55,376.55	31,768		55,376.55

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY, 1979

1978			1979	1978		1979
\$			\$	\$		\$
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>				<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
	Sums Due to Re-insurers &				Bank	20,875.95
95,823	Sundry Creditors		20,976.15	22,289	Premiums from Trusts due to	
				101,381	Fund	3597.83
				- 7,461	Less Provision for	
					Rebate	-
29,835	Unearned Commission			93,920		3,597.83
1,700	Removal Fund - Contingencies			6,644	Sundry Debtors	5,000.00
	Grants	5,000.00		4,204	Interest Accrued	3,478.16
	Consultancy & Establishment			127,057		
	Fees - New Fire Fund	5,019.08				32,951.94
31,535			10,019.08			
	<u>Reserves</u>				<u>Investments at Cost</u>	
600	Doubtful Debts	600.00		106,500	Mortgages (including Contributory	
3,118	Natural Calamities Fund	3,117.88		51,556	Mortgage)	55,250.00
8,109	Investment Contingency	8,109.20		1,621	Loans to Churches & Trusts	27,017.17
11,827			11,827.08	46,164	Local Body Stock	1,655.00
				205,841	Methodist Trust Association	132,322.07
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>					216,244.24
166,465	Balance at 31 May, 1978	169,264.88				
	Add transfer from					
2,800	Appropriation Account	37,108.99				
169,265		206,373.87				
	Add Profit & Loss					
24,448	Appropriation Account	-	206,373.87			
193,713						
332,898			249,196.18	332,898		249,196.18

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY, 1979

- continued

Chairman: G.E. Hill

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

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 NEWSPAPER
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30.6.79

1978		1979	1978		1979
\$	<u>Current Liabilities</u>	\$	\$	<u>Current Assets</u>	\$
9,519	Bank Overdraft	-	-	Bank - B.N.Z.	2,238
4,450	Creditors	3,597	2,690	Sundry Debtors	1,088
-	Advertising Prepaid	329	-	Invest. - Broadlands	1,000
			-	Interest accrued	24
<u>13,969</u>		<u>3,926</u>	<u>2,690</u>		<u>4,350</u>
-	<u>Connexional Loan</u>	15,000	-	<u>Connexional Payment</u>	2,680
	<u>Accumulated Funds</u>			<u>Fixed Assets</u>	
10,718	Balance 1.7.78 (10,718)		692	Office Equipment	1,072
-	Plus excess expenditure 589.		(131)	Accumulated Depreciation	222
<u>(10,718)</u>		<u>(11,307)</u>	<u>561</u>		<u>950</u>
	Suspense Balance	261			
<u>\$3,251</u>		<u>\$7,880</u>	<u>\$3,251</u>		<u>\$7,880</u>

(Ewing Stevens)

Managing Editor

(Paul Grant)

Accountant

Auditors Report to the Board of the New Citizen

I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required. In my opinion proper books of account have been kept by the New Citizen so far as appears from my examination of those books. In my opinion, according to the best of my information and explanations given to me and as shown by the books, the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the New Citizen Affairs as at 30th June 1979.

Auckland
25th July 1979

Paul Grant
Hon. Auditor

NEW CITIZEN NEWSPAPER

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 30.6.79

INCOME

<u>30.6.78</u>		<u>30.6.79</u>
9,227	Advertising	9,271
7,136	Partner's in Print	8,044
20,494	Connexional Budget	23,070
1,257	Subscriptions and other	1,482
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38,114		41,867
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EXPENDITURE

9,275	Editor's Salary and Stringers	13,176
4,923	Assistant Editor and Contributors	-
3,107	Office Assistance	4,360
22,369	Printing and Labels	14,070
3,037	Freight and Stamps	4,178
866	Travel	492
1,738	Rent	1,684
120	Accounting	682
-	Finance Charges	1,397
3,884	General expenses and depreciation	2,417
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49,319		42,456
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<u>\$11,205</u>	<u>Excess Expenditure over Income</u>	<u>\$ 589</u>
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THE METHODIST DEACONESS BOARD AUCKLAND

Wardens and Trainees Account for Year Ended 30th June 1979

Wardens Honorarium	150.00	Credit Balance 1.7.78	8,450.20
Wardens Expenses	329.55	Investment Fund Board	210.00
	<hr/>	Prince Albert Trust	240.00
	479.55	Bank of N.Z. Ord. Account	38.65
Trainees Allowances		General Purposes Trust Board -	
Book Allowance	104.51	Interest	3,547.44
Travel Expenses	159.50	Transfer Lily White	94.31
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	264.01		
<u>Special Grants</u>			
Deaconess Assoc. for			
convocation expenses	350.00		
Travel Chairman	110.85		
<u>Secretarial Expenses</u>			
Conference Minutes	6.00		
Typing Annual Accounts	11.80		
Conference Exes Rep.	11.00		
Conference Registration	14.00		
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	1,247.21		
Balance 30.6.79	11,333.39		
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	12,580.60		12,580.60
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TRAINEES EMERGENCY FUND

Training Course	15.00	Balance 1.7.78	1,554.60
Balance 30.6.79	1,638.68	Interest - B.N.Z.	19.08
		Prince Albert Trust	80.00
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	1,653.68		1,653.68
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LENNA BUTTON FUND

Balance 30.6.79	116.44	Balance 1.7.78	106.02
		Interest - B.N.Z.	3.58
		General Purposes Trust	6.84
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	116.44		116.44
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MAORI LIBRARY FUND

Transfer Maori Division	129.62	Balance 1.7.78	127.49
Balance 30.6.79	-	Interest - B.N.Z.	2.13
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	129.62		129.62
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ESTATE LILY WHITE

Transfer General Fund	94.31	Balance 1.7.78	94.31
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METHODIST DEACONESS BOARD AUCKLAND

Balance Sheet As At 30th June 1979

LIABILITIES

Wardens and Trainees Account	11,333.39
Trainees Emergency Fund	1,638.68
Lenna Button Fund	116.44
Accumulated Funds - Share Proceeds Morley House	41,666.67
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	54,755.18

ASSETS

B.N.Z. Current Account	1,171.35
Deposit - Prince Albert Trust	4,000.00
- Home Mission Invest- ment Fund Board	3,000.00
- N.Z. Methodist Trust Association	46,583.83
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	54,755.18

AUDITED AND FOUND CORRECT

D.R. Grounds
B. Com, A.C.A.
Hon. Auditor

Chairman J.H. Osborne M.A.
Treasurer M.R. Robertson

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

JUNE 1979

INCOME

E.W. Blackwell	3,901	(19
Connexional Budget	41,792	53,9
Donations	438	!
Auckland District Chaplaincy	2,498	3,
Interest	1,482	3,
Samoan Ministry (Special Objectives)	5,916	5,6
Outwork (Misc)	381	-
Prayer Manual	135	-
Council of Mission	-	-
Kopelani Ministry	-	1
	<u>\$55,643</u>	<u>\$67.0</u>

LESS: EXPENDITURE

Accident Compensation Levy	113	
Audit	110	1
Bank Charges	405	-
Car Park	84	1
Conference Costs	422	
Council of Mission	25	-
Grants to Circuits	18,488	16,9
Grants to Chaplaincies	11,823	12,6
Auckland District	10	-
Income Tax	35	-
Rev Kopelani Ministry	3,768	-
Long Leave Grant	80	-
Ministerial Supply	501	7
Miscellaneous	74	4,
New Housing Area Project	15	-
Office Expenses	221	-
Office Salaries	3,565	4,2
Petty Cash	150	-
Postage	722	5,
Printing - Stationery and Copying	1,972	9,
Rates	193	5,
Samoan Travel Party	4	-
Samoan Ministry	11,643	11,8
Superintendent	11,387	11,5
Superannuation	23	-
Book Allowance	185	-
Supply Ministry	62	96
Subscriptions	69	-
Task Group	155	18
Telephones	1,497	84
Tongan Ministry	4,499	-
Presidential Supply	-	1,89
Equipment Maintenance	-	2
Light and Power	-	37
MMF Special Objective	-	22
	<u>\$72,630</u>	<u>\$65,23</u>

EXCESS EXPENDITURE

\$16,987 \$ 1,85

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1979

<u>(1978)</u>			<u>(1978)</u>		
<u>CAPITAL & RESERVES</u>			<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
\$		\$	\$		\$
734	Accumulated Funds	498-	764	Office Equipment	1,747
			1,229	Samoan Furniture	1,229
			-	Samoan Car	3,612
			1,993		
					\$6,588
<u>RESERVES</u>			<u>INVESTMENTS</u>		
		\$			
421	Wesley Library	421		Debentures (Legacies)	3,900
3,135	E W Blackwell	-	2,420	A.S. Bank	1,159
200	Bulk Travel	-	628	Epworth Bookroom	421
48	Income Tax	-	421		
\$3,804		421	3,469		\$5,480
<u>LOAN</u>			<u>STOCKS</u>		
-	Samoan Car	3,251		Making Disciples	403
				Going Places	650
		3,251			
			564		\$1,053
			650		
			1,214		
<u>CREDITORS</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
-	Bank of NZ	10,148		Debtors	730
-	Loren Mead Seminar	520	10,668	Bank	-
			4,475		
			4,475		730
\$11,151		\$13,851	\$11,151		\$13,851

NB: Refer to Attached Not to Accounts including Statement of Accounting Policies

B E Jones

SUPERINTENDENT

D Pond

ACCOUNTANT

Ryder Copeland Watson
& Co: 25.9.79

AUDITOR

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
NOTES TO ACCOUNTS - AUDITOR'S REPORT
AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

1. The General Principles Recognised as appropriate for the Measurement and Reporting of Results and Financial Position Under the Historical Cost Method have been Observed in the Preparation of these Accounts.
2. Total Legacies for the Year Amounted to \$6,248 of which \$3,400 was Invested in Trustee Secured Debentures for Three Years, Returning \$463 p.a. Interest at an Average of 13.16%, Plus Brokerage.
3. The cost of the Samoan Car was transferred from Investment Funds Board to Development Division, as was the car itself which is now shown under Fixed Assets at Transfer Value.
4. AUDITOR'S REPORT:

We have Examined the Books and Records of the Development Division for the Year Ended 30 June, 1979, and have Obtained all the Information and Explanations that we have Required. In our Opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account with the above notes are properly Drawn Up so as to give respectively a True and Fair View of the State of Affairs of the Fund as at 30 June, 1979, and of its Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended on that Date.

AUCKLAND 25 September, 1979

RYDER, COPELAND WATSON & CO
Chartered Accountants

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 1979

INCOME

E W Blackwell Distribution	5,273
Interest and Dividends	23,963
Rents	1,437
Sundry Property Income	4,731
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	35,404

EXPENDITURE

Audit	330	
Accounting	3,344	
Insurance	2,227	
New Office Rent	1,000	
New Office Lift Maintenance	22	
New Office Insurance	145	
New Office Legal Fees	620	
Property Maintenance & Expenses	17,276	24,964
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Surplus Income:		10,440
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INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD
BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 1979

(1978)	<u>CAPITAL</u>		(1978)	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u> (at Cost)	
309,161	Accumulated Funds	365,830	-	Land	13,980
			48,849	Centres	105,740
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		263,180	Hostels	263,180
202,153	Hostels	213,371	193,539	Parsonages	230,369
13,270	Parsonages		21,938	Cottages	19,813
5,586	Cottages	5,727	-	Equipment	1,480
19,689	Centres	19,547	24,725	Office Space	24,725
45,549	Kaeo	40,275			
50	Samoan	-	552,231	<u>INVESTMENTS & ADVANCES</u>	659,287
286,297		292,239		Shares (Listed & Unlisted)	31,722
	<u>RESERVES</u>		25,518	Kaeo Debentures	13,600
1,150	Painting	1,825	13,600	Sinking Fund Deb	75,072
-	Hostels	350	55,000	Trust Fund Deb	17,143
54,134	Trusts	17,553	17,500	Short Term Deb (3.7.79)	5,000
75,072	Sinking Funds	75,072	-	Other Debentures	-
130,356		94,800	29,697	Mortgage (Gribble)	6,500
	<u>TERM LIABILITIES</u>		6,500	Furniture Loan	-
52,561	Loans	62,000	930	Car Loans	18,550
-	Mortgages	28,345	16,429	Hamilton Loan	3,927
-	A.S.B.	6	4,927	Youth Conf Loan	420
52,561			420	Circuit Loan	-
135,721	Loans at Call	-	200,646	Franking M/c Loan	-
32,355	Receipts & Payments	-	224		
168,076		-	371,391	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	171,934
			19,246	Cash at Bank	11,754
			243	(P.O.S.B.)	123
			3,340	(B.N.Z.)	122
			22,829	Debtors	-
\$946,451		\$843,220	946,451		11,999

NB: Refer to Attached Notes to Accounts - Including Statement of Accounting Policies.

B E Jones Superintendent D Pond Accountant

For Auditor's Report see Notes to Accounts
Ryder Copeland Watson Auditor

25.9.79

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS - AUDITOR'S REPORT

AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

1. The General Accounting Principles recognised as appropriate for the Measurement and Reporting of Results and Financial Position under the Historical Cost Method have been Observed in the Preparation of these Accounts.
2. Sinking Fund Balances are Held at Last Year's Balances due to Revaluation of Insurance to Replacement Value.
3. Sinking Fund and Trust Fund Balances are Funded by the Consolidation of Debentures. (Excluding Kaeo Property Sale.)
4. All Debentures have been placed with a Maximum Period of Three Years Investment with Trustee Security Protection.
5. Loan at Call, Loans to Circuits and Furniture Loans have been Transferred to Christchurch Administration Division.
6. Fixed Assets have been Re-Grouped under Specific Headings for instance, all Parsonages are shown under a single heading of 'Parsonages' etc.
7. AUDITOR'S REPORT:

We have Examined the Books and Records of the Investment Funds Board for the Year Ended 30 June, 1979, and have Obtained all the Information and Explanations that we have Required. In our Opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account with the above notes are properly Drawn Up so as to give respectively a True and Fair View of the State of Affairs of the Fund as at 30 June, 1979, and of its Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended on that Date.

AUCKLAND 25 September, 1979

RYDER, COPELAND WATSON & CO
Chartered Accountants

THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR 30 JUNE 1979

<u>INCOME</u>		(1978)
Rents	19,221	
		19,221
		12,194

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Audit	55	-
Accounting	1,954	-
Insurance	403	430
Legal	42	
Miscellaneous	509	158
Rates	2,226	1,432
Distribution	-	7,460
		5,189
		9,480
Net Income	14,032	2,714

<u>DISTRIBUTION OF NET INCOME</u>		
Depreciation Reserve	550	550
Maintenance Reserve	300	300
Capital	2,636	1,864
Investment Funds Board	5,273	-
Development Division	1,691	-
Maori Division	3,582	-
		14,032
		2,814

THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1979

(1978)			(1978)		
	<u>RESERVES</u>			<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	
50,642	Capital Reserve	49,212	28,434	Freehold Land & Buildings	28,434
31,889	Depreciation Reserve	34,820			
3,950	Maintenance Reserve	614			
	<u>CREDITORS</u>			<u>INVESTMENTS</u>	
(508)	Investment Funds Board	-	37,000	Short Term Debenture	15,000
(170)	Development Division		9,800	Mortgage (Gribble)	9,800
			5,000	A.R.A. 1.9.80	5,000
			4,850	Broadlands Loan 30.10.80	5,000
			56,650		34,800
				<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
			1,743	Cash at Bank	19,914
			1,375	A.S.B. 1/8466	1,423
			73	P.O.S.B. 816209	75
			3,191		21,412
<u>88,275</u>		<u>84,646</u>	<u>88,275</u>		<u>84,646</u>

B E Jones Superintendent

D Pond Accountant

Ryder Copeland Watson & Co: 25.9.79 Auditor

For Auditor's Report See Notes to Accounts

THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND
NOTES TO ACCOUNTS - AUDITOR'S REPORT
AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

1. The General Accounting Principles recognised as appropriate for the Measurement and Reporting of Results and Financial Position under the Historical Cost Method have been observed in the preparation of these Accounts.
2. Allocations to Reserves are in accordance with the Will of Edith Winstone Blackwell as in former years.
3. Distribution of Net Income is in accordance with the Will of Edith Winstone Blackwell as in former years.
4. AUDITOR'S REPORT:

We have examined the books and records of the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust Fund for the year ended 30 June 1979, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required. In our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account with the above notes are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a True and Fair View of the State of Affairs of the Fund as at 30 June 1979, and of its Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended on that Date.

AUCKLAND 25 September, 1979 RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO
Chartered Accountants

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1979

		(1978)
SALES	95,722	105,466
<u>Less</u> Cost of Sales		
Stock 1.7.78	21,389	20,025
Purchases	71,967	72,565
	93,356	92,530
Less Stock in Hand 30.6.79	27,449	21,389
	65,907	71,141
Gross Profit:	29,815	34,325
<u>Less</u> Expenses		
Accident Compensation Levy	145	63
Accountancy	1,608	2,329
Advertising	448	263
Audit	200	200
Bank Charges	28	28
Bank Interest	455	498
Car Park	238	260
Depreciation	428	468
Freight	31	157
Insurance	338	232
Interest on Deposits	112	239
Miscellaneous	589	545
Power - Light and Cleaning	639	563
Printing and Stationery	246	346
Rent and Rates	8,404	6,929
Grant from Central Mission	(3,891)	(2,700)
Salaries, Wages and Super	21,501	20,276
Subscriptions and Fees	85	76
Superannuation Subsidy	530	732
Telephones and Stamps	1,547	1,278
	33,681	32,775
<u>Net Loss to Accumulated Funds</u>	<u>\$3,866</u>	<u>\$1,550</u>

ACCUMULATED FUNDS ACCOUNT

Balance 1.7.78 (Inc Loan RSVE 5300.00)	14,555.42	8,401
Plus: Transfer Board of Publications	4,087.08	4,084
Less: Loss for Year from Profit/Loss	(3,866.65)	1,550
Balance of Funds 30.6.79 for		
Balance Sheet	<u>\$14,776.00</u>	<u>\$14,035</u>

EPWORTH BOOKROOM

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1979

(1978)	Accumulated Funds		(1978)	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>ACCUM DEPN</u>	<u>BOOK VALUE</u>	
8,401	Balance 1.7.78	14,035						
4,084	PLUS: Adjustments	4,608	4,218	Furniture Fittings	5,059	1,210	3,849	3,849
+ 1,550	LESS: Loss Current Year (3,867)							
14,035								
		14,776						
	<u>TERM LIABILITIES</u>			<u>INVESTMENT AT COST</u>				
-	Secured Loan	5,000	-	Debenture Due 3.8.79 (Trustee Security)			5,000	5,000
2,500	Anglican Loan	2,500						
421	Dev. Division Loan	421						
2,000	Board of Publications	-						
4,921								
		7,921						
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
3,975	Bank Overdraft	5,008	36	Cash in Hand			32	
6,153	Creditors & Accruals	11,103	21,390	Stocks			27,449	
			3,440	Debtors			2,478	
10,128			16,111					29,959
\$29,084			\$38,808					\$38,808

NB: Refer to Attached Notes to Accounts - Including Statement of Accounting Policies.

A Bailey

Manager

D Pond

Accountant

For Auditor's Report see Notes to Accounts.

Ryder Copeland Watson & Co Auditor

25.9.79

EPWORTH BOOKROOM - AUCKLAND
NOTES TO ACCOUNTS - AUDITOR'S REPORT
AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. The General Accounting Principles recognised as appropriate for the Measurement and Reporting of Results and Financial Position under the Historical Cost Method have been Observed in the Preparation of these Accounts.
2. Depreciation has been Charged at 10% of the Previous Year's Book Value. As in previous years.
3. Stock/Inventory: Stock has been valued by the Management at Retail Value Less 35% Average Profit Margin to Reduce to Cost. In previous years an average Profit Margin of 40% was deducted and continuance of that Method would have Recorded a Loss of \$5,978 for 1979. Further the Retail Value Less 35% Average Profit Margin is now in line with Wellington Bookroom.

4. <u>RATIOS:</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
a) Gross Profit Percentage to Sales	31.14	32.54	27.51	30.64
b) Stock Turn	3.92	5.00	3.97	3.35
c) Operating Expenses % to Sales	35.18	31.06	29.43	33.52

5. AUDITOR'S REPORT:

We have Examined the Books and Records of the Epworth Bookroom, Auckland for the Year Ended 30 June, 1979, and have obtained all the Information and Explanations that we have required. In our Opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account with the above notes are properly Drawn Up so as to give Respectively a True and Fair View of the State of Affairs of the Fund as at 30 June, 1979, and of it's Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended on that Date.

AUCKLAND 25 September, 1979 RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO
Chartered Accountants

MAORI DIVISION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 1979

(1978)

INCOME

Board Meeting Costs	195	196
E.W.B. Distribution	6,055	-
Connexional Budget	89,468	60,373
Circuit Contributions	11,069	8,171
Donations	1,407	2,653
Grey Institute Trust	6,500	-
Wesley Mission Estate	1,000	-
Interest	7	-
Legacies	4,722	6,527
Miscellaneous	289	-
Office	195	-
Rebate	78	-
Suspense	40	-
Loans Repaid	-	5,000
A.S.B. Grant	-	300
	<hr/> 121,025	<hr/> 83,220

LESS: EXPENDITURE

Audit	110	110
Acc. Compensation Levy	592	213
Bank Charges and Miscellaneous	1,255	2,578
Circuit Expenses	9,247	12,775
Deaconess Cars	247	139
Car Park	38	90
Income Tax	168	-
Office Cleaning	236	141
Office Salaries	2,034	2,607
Office Rates	366	520
Printing and Stationery	879	1,038
Postage	176	86
Rent	851	600
Stipends (Staff)	80,016	84,773
N.C.C. Subscription	370	670
Telephones	1,013	622
Tumukakai's Stipend etc.	9,508	9,787
	<hr/> 107,106	<hr/> 116,749
Balance to Accumulated Funds	<hr/> +13,919	<hr/> 33,529-

MAORI DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1979

<u>(1978)</u>			<u>(1978)</u>		
<u>CAPITAL</u>			<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
\$		\$	\$		\$
(14,244)	Accumulated Funds	4,397	3,411	Cars (Book Value)	2,766
			436	Equipment (Office)	1,420
	<u>RESERVES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
6,660	Cars	5,826			
(834)	Less Depn	645			
5,826		5,181	9,891	Cash at Bank	8,369
957	Christian Edn	957	60	Auckland S. B.	62
1,981	Hymns & Service		200	Debtor	200
	Books	2,006			8,631
96	History	96	400		
-	Mangere Marae	180		Circuit Suspense	-
		8,420			
<u>(5,384)</u>		<u>12,817</u>	<u>(5,384)</u>		<u>12,817</u>

NB: Refer to Attached Notes to Accounts including Statement of Accounting Policies

R D Rakena

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ACCOUNTANT

Ryder Copeland Watson & Co

AUDITOR

For Auditors Report See Notes to Accounts

25.9.79

MAORI DIVISION
NOTES TO ACCOUNTS, AUDITOR'S REPORT
AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. The General Principles Recognised as appropriate for the Measurement and Reporting of Results and Financial Position Under the Historical Cost Method have been Observed in the Preparation of these Accounts.
2. Depreciation on Vehicles has been Charged at 20% of the Previous Years Book Value as in previous years.
3. Donations received for the Mangere Marae have been placed to Reserve.
4. 50% of Legacies Received for the Year have been placed to Capital and will be Invested for Three Years in a Trustee Secured Debenture.
5. AUDITOR'S REPORT:

We have Examined the Books and Records of the Maori Division for the Year Ended 30 June, 1979, and have Obtained all the Information and Explanations that we have Required. In our Opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account with the above notes are properly Drawn Up so as to give respectively a True and Fair View of the State of Affairs of the Fund as at 30 June, 1979, and of it's Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended on that Date.

AUCKLAND 25 September, 1979

RYDER, COPELAND WATSON & CO
Chartered Accountants

MAORI DIVISION (SEAMER HOUSE)

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 1979

<u>INCOME</u>		(1978)
Board	1,632	1,429
Subsidy (Maori Affairs Dept)	6,972	4,059
Miscellaneous	174	
	<u>8,778</u>	<u>5,488</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Audit	55	55
Accident Compensation Levy	20	7
Accounting	570	600
Bank Interest	660	327
Insurance	194	-
Light, Power and water	1,680	2,051
Maintenance	12	13
Salary	3,194	2,973
Provisions	638	1,170
Rates	1,746	1,102
Telephone	514	65
	<u>9,283</u>	<u>8,363</u>
Excess Expenditure	- 505	- 2,875
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SEAMER HOUSE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1979

(1978)			(1978)		
	<u>CAPITAL & RESERVES</u>			<u>CASH AT BANK</u>	
5,894 -	Accumulated Funds	- 6,400	5,894 -	Overdraft	- 6,400
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THE SEAMER HOUSE HOSTEL

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS, STATEMENT

OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND AUDITOR'S REPORT.

1. The General Accounting Principles recognised as appropriate for the Measurement and Reporting of Results and Financial Position under the Historical Cost Method have been observed in the Preparation of these Accounts.
2. Provisions and Board Allowance are Administered by the Hostel Manager, therefore, these Accounts record only in part these items.
3. AUDITOR'S REPORT:

We have examined the Books and Records of the Seamer House Hostel for the Year Ended 30 June, 1979, and have obtained all the Information and Explanations that we have required. In our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account with the above notes are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a True and Fair View of the State of Affairs of the Fund as at 30 June, 1979, and of its Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended on that Date.

AUCKLAND 25 September, 1979 RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO

Chartered Accountants

JOINT BOARD FOR MISSION OVERSEAS

METHODIST OVERSEAS MISSION FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE : JUNE 1979

<u>INCOME</u>		(1978)
Connexional Budget	119886	113389
Share Dividends	3120	-
Donations	2363	7963
Interest	13374	19656
Legacies (20%)	5132	-
Miscellaneous	61	-
Trusts	659	-
N.P. Fund	41	91
Equipment refund	-	200
Rent	-	452
Super. refund	-	288
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	144636	142039
 <u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>		
Audit	440	440
A.C. levy	225	72
Appointing Commission	421	-
Stationery - printing & publicity	2813	2037
General Secretary Stipend & allowance	8429	7540
" " Travel N.Z.	625	1611
" " " overseas	3914	1717
" " motor cycle costs	1044	-
" " residence	1609	1353
Office salaries	12213	10731
Postage	400	153
Rent	1307	-
Subscriptions	119	67
Telephones	372	624
United Church Block Grant	45000	46957
Staff Grants	10348	8422
Medical	6000	4000
Fares	7652	3953
Freight	8902	1066
N.Z. Allowances	20978	28389
Deferred Stipends	1631	2000
Furniture allowance	192	402
Dr. Scown	1800	-
Miscellaneous	88	6016
Samoa - Tonga	11656	1771
Donations	-	1377
General expenses	1609	1912
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	149787	132610
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OVERSPENT	-5151	9429+

OVERSEAS MISSION FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 1979

<u>(1978)</u>		<u>CAPITAL & RESERVES</u>		<u>(1978)</u>		<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	
138,537	Accumulated funds	130,638		2326	Motor cycle	2325	
				42476	Parsonage	42476	
	<u>RESERVES</u>			19907	Offices	19907	
233	Discretionary Fund	233		2143	Equipment	4810	
181	Solomon Isle History	181					
3,864	Pacific Projects	10781		66852			69,518
5,769	Building & Special Projects	20116			<u>INVESTMENTS</u>		
4,395	Car replacement	5023		-	Building & Special Projects	20000	
6,442	Residence S/Fund	7042		-	Parsonage S/Fund	7042	
92,000	Medical Fund	92000		-	Medical Fund	92000	
6,051	S & A Fund	6006		-	Pacific Projects	10000	
3,898	Sundries	-		19314	Shares & Debentures	40485	
				163800	Term Debentures	-	
122,833		141,382		-	Trusts	4724	
	<u>CREDITORS</u>						
3,600	Loan at call	3600		183114			174,251
-	Joint Board	1566			<u>DEBTORS</u>		
69	Australian Board	69			United Church fares	-	
818	Appeals	-		3988	Dinghy a/c	3869	
382	Gifts and Grants	533		2584	Connexional Office	13610	
10,708	M.W.F. Radios	-		-	Trusts	4728	
				386	Suspense	167	
15,577		5,768					
				6958			22,374
276,947		277,788			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
				19649	Bank	11466	
				374	Sydney a/c	179	
				276947			11,645
	W.G. TUCKER				D.POND		
				ACCOUNTANT		277,788
	GENERAL SECRETARY						

OVERSEAS MISSION FUND

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS - AUDITOR'S REPORT

AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. The General Principles recognised as appropriate for the Measurement and Reporting of Results and Financial Position under the Historical Cost Method have been observed in the Preparation of these Accounts.
2. Term Debentures (with Trustee Security) are now shown as Fund Backing for Current Liabilities and Investments are made with the view that Current Liabilities need to be shown as Funded.
3. Depreciation has been carried out by using the Fixed Rate Method in line with Board Policy, and former years practice.
4. The Parsonage Sinking Fund has been increased, as in former years, by allocating a fixed amount.
5. The Balance Sheet has been recast in line with the request by the Administration Division.
6. AUDITOR'S REPORT:

We have examined the books and records of the Methodist Overseas Mission Fund for the year ended 30th June 1979, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required. In our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account with the above notes are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 30th June 1979, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

AUCKLAND, 25th September 1979

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO.
Chartered Accountants

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1979

Comparative 30.6.78		<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Total</u> 1979	<u>Epworth Bookroom</u> 1978 1979		<u>Stewardship</u> 1978 1979		<u>Planning & Training</u> 1978 1979	
	<u>TRADING:</u>								
176317	Sales - General and Joint Board		178342	176317	178342				
1400	- At Cost		3751	1400	3751				
\$ 177717	TOTAL SALES		182093	177717	182093				
=====			=====	=====	=====				
46401	Stocks on Hand 1 July 1978		29944	46401	29944				
113626	Purchases		137637	113626	137637				
160027	Sub-Total		167581	160027	167581				
29944	less: Stocks on Hand 30 June, 79		39624	29944	39624				
130083	COST OF GOODS SOLD		127957	130083	127957				
=====			=====	=====	=====				
\$ 47634	GROSS PROFIT FROM TRADING		54136	47634	54136				
	<u>OTHER INCOME</u>								
19569	Stewardship Services		22575			19569	22575		
35865	Grants - Connexional Budget		48997			3726	3465	32139	45532
-	St Pauls - Hamilton		8571			-	-	-	8571
-	Robert Gibson Trust		895			-	-	-	895
383	Other		2312			-	-	383	2312
-	Budget Promotion		298			-	298	-	-
-	Holiday Camps - Income & Bank Interest		-			-	-	-	-
-	- Other Expenditure		-			-	-	-	-
-	C.E.H. - Cost Recovery		5			-	-	-	5
3325	Miscellaneous Income		894	3245	8	-	520	80	366
6008	Exchange Variance		4509	6008	4509	-	-	-	-
\$112784	TOTAL INCOME		143192	56887	58653	23295	26858	32602	57681
=====			=====	=====	=====				

TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Comparative 30.6.78	EXPENDITURE	Total 1979	Epworth Bookroom		Stewardship		Planning & Training	
			1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979
86	Advertising	99	83	25	-	74	2	-
-	Budget Promotion	298	-	-	-	298	-	-
114	Bad Debts Provision	193	114	193	-	-	-	-
1265	General Expenses	1581	511	216	307	568	447	797
557	Insurances	415	333	285	34	118	190	12
-	National CYMM Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
470	Packing Materials	355	470	355	-	-	-	-
3933	Postages	4045	3686	3729	41	(15)	206	331
3959	Printing & Stationery	2907	3323	1414	202	(89)	434	1582
-	Promotion Expenses	30	-	30	-	-	-	-
17196	Rent or Property Expenses	19312	4062	4847	3892	3892	9242	10573
189	Resource Materials & subs	457	-	-	18	198	171	259
49061	Salaries	63012	26044	32506	12203	14510	10814	15996
894	Superannuation subsidy	1123	894	1123	-	-	-	-
-	Synod Education Convenors Expenses	300	-	-	-	-	-	300
506	Special Activities Expenses	514	-	-	-	-	506	514
920	Telephone, Tolls & Telegrams	1045	200	176	381	336	339	533
8219	Travelling Expenses	9197	297	211	3698	4665	4224	4321
-	Training Expenses - New Zealand	295	-	-	-	-	-	295
-	- Overseas	3500	-	2000	-	500	-	1000
-	Youth Ministry - General	104	-	-	-	-	-	104
-	Youth Ministry - Hamilton	8571	-	-	-	-	-	8571
-	Youth Ministry - Robert Gibson Trust	895	-	-	-	-	-	895
\$ 87368	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURE	118248	40017	47110	20776	25055	26575	46083
	Office Overhead Allocation (refer attached Administration Office Income & Expenditure Account)	23362	8393	8728	5679	5906	8393	8728
\$ 109833	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$141610	48410	53838	26455	30961	34968	54811
=====		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
\$ 2951	EXCESS INCOME (EXPENDITURE)	\$ 1582	\$ 8477	\$ 2815	\$(3160)	\$(4103)	(2366)	\$ 2870
=====		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1979

Comparative
30.6.78

INCOME

1979

- Donations
30 Interest Received
85 Salaries Recovered
279 Miscellaneous Income

-
518
602
854

394

1974

EXPENDITURE

569 Accounting and Audit Services
438 Depreciation - Equipment
1600 General Expenses
92 Insurances
1139 Postages
849 Printing and Stationery
2183 Rent
15946 Salaries
45 Tolls and Telegrams

1242
490
947
293
1365
1694
2183
17129
(7)

22859

25336

\$ 22465
=====

EXCESS EXPENDITURE - OFFICE OVERHEAD

\$ 23362
=====

ALLOCATION OF OFFICE OVERHEAD

8383 To: Epworth Bookroom (37.36%)
5679 Stewardship (25.28%)
8393 Planning and Training (37.36%)

8728
5906
8728

\$ 22465
=====

\$ 23362

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

PROPERTY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1979

<u>Comparative</u> <u>30.6.78</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>1979</u>	<u>Stewardship</u> <u>Naenae Prop</u>	<u>Planning & Training</u> <u>Avalon Prop.,</u>	<u>Planning & Training</u> <u>Auckland Prop</u>	<u>Office</u>
12198	Parsonage Rents - Provision	13009	3309	5700	4000	-
3637	Office Rents - Epworth Bookroom	3637				3637
582	- Stewardship	582				582
873	- Planning & Training	873				873
2183	- Administration	2183				2183
<u>\$19473</u>	<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>20284</u>	<u>3309</u>	<u>5700</u>	<u>4000</u>	<u>7275</u>
=====		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
600	Office Cleaning	621				621
841	Depreciation	841				841
778	Electricity	975				975
660	Insurances	271	80	91	100	-
2158	Interest	1906	760	-	924	222
850	Rates	1144	349	494	301	-
2613	Repairs & Maintenance	2155	1555	149	27	424
1837	Telephone Rentals	2052	175	151	153	1573
<u>\$10337</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>9965</u>	<u>2919</u>	<u>885</u>	<u>1505</u>	<u>4656</u>
=====		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<u>\$ 9136</u>	<u>EXCESS INCOME TO BALANCE SHEET</u>	<u>\$10319</u>	<u>\$ 390</u>	<u>\$4815</u>	<u>\$ 2495</u>	<u>\$ 2619</u>
=====		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
	To provide for - Loan Repayments					
	- Capital Expenditure					
	- Property Reserves.					

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE, 1979

Comparative 30.6.78	LIABILITIES	1979	Comparative 30.6.78	ASSETS	1979
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS.</u>	
44419	Sundry Creditors	7690	21876	Cash on Hand and at Bank	3832
6877	Subscriptions paid in advance	6811	29630	Trade Debtors	21354
3487	Stewardship Deposits paid in advance	520	6872	Miscellaneous Debtors	9944
-	Un-utilized Budget Promotion Receipts	3673			31298
\$ 54783		\$ 18694	100	Less: provision for doubtful debts.	100 31198
=====		=====	36402		35030
	<u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u>				
\$ 39507	Secured Loans & Mortgages	\$ 33422	-	Prepayment and other debtors	417
=====		=====	29944	Stocks on Hand - Trade	39624
	<u>RESERVES</u>		2290	- stationery	3317 43358
67303	Properties - Balance 1.7.78	102567	5000	Short Term Investments	-
-	Plus - Interest earned on Investments.	1139	\$95512		\$ 78388
26129	Increased valuation & Purchase Tawa	-	=====		=====
9135	- Surplus Property A/C	10319 114025	9102	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>	
102567			1526	Reserve Funds - Properties	10241
-	Youth Work - Hamilton	1396	3787	- CYMM	881
-	Youth Projects	2805		- Staff Training Overseas.	769
1526	CYMM	881	14415		\$ 11891
(108)	Staff Training Overseas	4269 9351	=====		=====
\$143492		\$ 156798	3920	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	
=====		=====		Furniture & Equipment (at cost)	4123
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS.</u>		1471	less: Accumulated Deprec.,	1960 2163
48404	Balance 1.7.1978	51355	2449		
2951	Add: Surplus Sectional I & E Accounts.	1582	145635	Properties (at cost & subject to Mortgages)	145210
\$ 51355		\$ 52937	8381	Less: Accumulated Deprec., on office property	9223
			137254		135987
			139703		\$ 138150
			=====		=====

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THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION 1979

ROLL OF MEMBERS 1.9.1979:

Anglican: The Rt Rev P. W. Mann, The Rt Rev P. A. Reeves, The Ven E. G. Buckle, The Rev Canon J. T. Tamahori, The Ven R. J. Witty, Miss M. E. Brown, Mr D. M. Wylie.

Associated Churches of Christ: The Rev E. R. Vickery, The Rev D. E. Hollier, The Rev G. D. Munro, The Rev D. L. Woolf.

Congregational Union: Mrs G. M. Barton.

Methodist: The Rev W. J. Morrison, The Rev B. E. Jones, The Rev R. D. Rakena, The Rev B. K. Rowe, Mr E. G. Heggie, Mr G. H. Peak.

Presbyterian: The Rev T. M. Corkill, The Rev W. A. Best, The Rev G. E. Hall, The Rev S. I. Jacobi, Mr D. Inch, Mrs C. M. Marshall, The Rev Dr H. C. Swadling.

Secretary: The Rev D. M. Povey.

15TH REPORT TO THE NEGOTIATING CHURCHES

The Joint Commission on Church Union in New Zealand submits this its 15th Report to the Negotiating Churches dated 7 September 1979. The report comprises the following sections:

- I THE COMMISSION
- II THE COVENANT AND UNIFICATION OF MINISTRIES
- III OTHER MATTERS
- IV REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
- V FINANCE

1. THE COMMISSION

1. The Commission met at Khandallah Presbyterian Church, Wellington on 24/25 October 1978. The Chairman, the Rev W. A. Best, presided; twenty one members and the interim Secretary, Mr R. J. Weeks, being present. Apologies for absence were received from four members. The Commission noted the death of the former Presbyterian Convener, the Rev Ross K. J. Clarke, and after recalling his contribution to the common task, stood as a mark of respect. The Commission was joined for part of the meeting by members of the J.N.C.C.E. to discuss the future function of the J.N.C.C.E.
2. The Executive met on 8 March 1979 to appoint a new Secretary to the J.C.C.U. and the J.N.C.C.E. and reported fully to the Commission.
3. The Commission met again at St. Matthews Joint Use Church, Brooklyn on the 5th and 6th September, 1979. The Chairman, the Rev W. A. Best, presided, seventeen members and proxies being present. Apologies for absence due to the disruption of travel facilities, were received from eleven members. The main business of the meeting was the reports of conveners as contained in this annual report.

The Commission noted the difficulty it has experienced over the past two years in securing a full attendance at its meetings. This has been largely due to the difficulties in travel with the closure of airports. As the meetings of the Commission represent the churches' dialogue even in this time of waiting, the commission is seeking ways to ensure that full and free dialogue is maintained. The next full meeting of the Commission will take place on 28-30 May 1980 and it is intended that this be residential.

4. Secretary

The new Secretary, the Rev Dennis M. Povey M.A., formerly of the Alexandra-Clyde Union Parish was appointed and inducted on May 31, 1979. Mr Povey is well equipped for this position. He has a clear grasp of the theological implications of the task. His practical experience in a Union Parish, along with his co-operative approach and shrewd judgement augurs well for the future. He will serve both the Joint Commission on Church Union and the Joint National Committee on Church Extension. This latter body with the oversight of Co-operative Ventures and Union Parishes, plus the servicing of Joint Regional Committees, will require a greater proportion of the Secretary's time than had been the case before. Mr Povey has settled into his task with enthusiasm.

5. Office accommodation has been made available in Baptist House, 185 Willis St., in offices surplus to the requirements of The Churches Education Commission. This has provided a convenient and congenial location for the Secretary and the opportunity for the sharing of a number of office facilities.
6. Last year's report in section I(5) mentioned that consideration had been given at a meeting on the 18/19 April 1978 to the future function of the J.N.C.C.E., at which a proposal for a Joint Council of Mission was considered. This proposal was referred to the Church Union Committees for report to the meeting of the Commission on 24 October.

After consideration of replies from the Church Union Committees and considerable discussion by the J.C.C.U. and J.N.C.C.E. meeting together it was decided that the implementation of the proposals as printed in the 1978 Annual Report should wait upon the outcome of the decision on the Unification of Ministries, and that in the meantime it would be better to continue under the present structure.

It was further agreed

- (a) That the J.C.C.U. and J.N.C.C.E. approve in principle the need for their continued role operating under their former orders of reference, but taking into consideration ideas and hopes expressed in the document on the future functioning of the J.N.C.C.E., allowing these to develop, as they become appropriate as we move toward a full working together in terms of the covenant and unification of ministries.
- (b) To approve the appointment of a full time officer to serve both Commissions.
- (c) Request the churches to continue their support at such a level as to enable this to take place.
- (d) Instruct both Executives to accept responsibility for the job description and for the implementation of the proposal.
- (e) Resolve that the term of the appointment be for 5 years in the first instance.
6. The Commission would like to record its appreciation to the Rev R. J. Weeks who has acted as Interim Secretary and to the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand Ministry Committee which made this possible.

II THE COVENANT AND UNIFICATION OF MINISTRIES

1. Decisions of the Churches

During the past year the negotiating churches have been seeking the approval of their respective courts and conferences on the Covenant and the Unification of Ministries. At its September 1979 meeting the Commission was advised of the following progress:—

(a) Associated Churches of Christ

At its 1978 Conference the Churches of Christ was unable to give the covenant and Unification of Ministries complete study and approval and on the basis of a two-

yearly consideration of each department, it would now be scheduled for further discussion in 1980. The Associated Churches of Christ members on the Commission further report that their church has agreed to widen its ecumenical contact through the Council on Christian Unity of the Christian Church in the United States of America, and two representatives, the Rev E. R. Vickery and the Rev David Hollier will be attending a consultation in Jamaica in October 1979.

(b) The Congregational Union in New Zealand

No further decision has been made other than that reported in the Fourteenth Annual Report.

(c) The Church of the Province of New Zealand

General Synod approved the covenant in 1978. In order to meet the legal and constitutional requirements, a special General Synod in April 1979 dealt with a redrafted form of the Bill covering the Unification of Ministries. It has subsequently been recommitted to the Dioceses for their approval and that process is continuing. Without the action of the special Synod a further two years' delay would have ensued.

Be it therefore enacted by the bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Church of the Province of New Zealand in General Synod assembled as follows:—

- (i) The short title of this statute shall be "A Statute to amend the Preface to the Ordinal (1979)".
- (ii) In this statute the word "Ordinal" refers to "The Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests and Deacons, according to the Order of the Church of England".
- (iii) The Preface to the Ordinal, in its application to the Church of the Province of New Zealand, is hereby amended by the insertion of the following words in the first paragraph thereof after the words "the form hereafter following" namely "or according to any 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".
- (iv) The Preface to the Ordinal, in its application to the Church of the Province of New Zealand in New Zealand is hereby further amended by the addition of the following paragraph after the first paragraph thereof, namely:—
"Any person who has been duly ordained and recognised as a minister of the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand, the Congregational Union of New Zealand, the Methodist Church of New Zealand, or the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand and who has thereafter taken part as a presbyter in the Church of God in a Service of Unification of the Ministries 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 shall be accounted or taken to be a lawful Priest and Deacon in the Church of the Province of New Zealand. Likewise, any person who has duly ordained and recognised as a minister of one of the aforesaid four churches, shall be accounted or taken to be a lawful Priest and Deacon of the Church of the Province of New Zealand if at his ordination according to the form of one of the aforesaid churches a Bishop took part in the laying-on-of-hands with prayer."
- (v) The making of the amendment to the Preface as contained in Clause 3 and of the two amendments to the Preface as contained in Clause 4 of this statute shall each be deemed to be the adoption of a specific proposal under the Church of England Empowering Act 1928 with a view to making each of the same known to the several diocesan synods.
- (vi) The Service set out in the Schedule to this statute, "A Service of the Unification of the Ministries", is hereby adopted for use in the Church of the Province

of New Zealand in New Zealand for the purposes of that part of the Preface to the Ordinal as is contained in the first part of Clause 4 hereof.

- (vii) Having regard to the three alternatives in the prayers near the end of the Schedule referring to the offices of bishop, presbyter and deacon respectively, the passing of Clause 6 of this statute shall be deemed to be the adoption of three separate specific proposals under the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, with a view to making each of the same known to the several diocesan synods.

Because the Anglican Church values the comment of its world wide Anglican fellowship on anything that it is doing on connection with unity developments within New Zealand, the Provincial Commission on Church Union submitted its documents on the Covenant and Unification of Ministries to The 4th Anglican Consultative Council held in London, Ontario in May 1979. The report of the consultation points out "that the Unification proposals must be considered in the light of the fact that the general Synod accepted the statement on ministry in the Plan for Union 'as providing an adequate theological basis for such a unification (or reconciliation) of the ministries' and that the other churches were aware of this when they agreed to join in preparing the Covenant and Unification proposals." It also suggests that discussion of the proposals outside the actual churches concerned could assist the process of achieving a sufficient consensus on this proposal—"Informal discussions with the theologians of the Roman Catholic communion might assist in clarifying questions about the proposals arising from consideration of the Agreed Statement on Ministry and Ordination produced by ARCIC. This council certainly sees no conflict between them." The resolutions of the 4th Anglican Consultative Council are as follows:—

The Anglican Consultative Council

1. Commends the intention of the Province to continue towards the goal of visible unity with all Christian Church of New Zealand despite the failure of Plan of Union to gain complete acceptance;
2. Believes the step-by-step approach to visible unity on the basis of a covenant is realistic and well founded, particularly with the assurance that the statement on ministry in the earlier Plan of Union is a sine qua non for its acceptance by the General Synod;
3. Draws attention to the Province's general acceptance of the ARCIC Agreed Statement on Ministry and Ordination as an additional explication of its understanding of ministry;
4. Hopes that in the working out of the Covenant, the essentials for that unity to which the Covenanting Churches are proceeding, will be more clearly enunciated, the historic episcopate and the common necessary elements for ordination being integral parts;
5. affirms that, given the foregoing, the method and intention of the Unification of Ministries should prove to be both adequate and creative in this first stage of the coming together of the participating Churches in worship, life and mission.

(d) Presbyterian

The changes to the text of the Unification of the Ministries, asked for by the Anglican Church and approved by the J.C.C.U. were able to be sent to presbyteries along with the text of the Covenant and the Unification of Ministries before their consideration under the Barrier Act because they involved no significant alteration to the intention of the document or conflict with previous decision of the Presbyterian General Assembly to adopt the Plan for Union. These include all of the amendments set out on pages 6 and 7 of the 14th Annual Report of the Commission.

It is perhaps only necessary to repeat the first of the alterations in paragraph 7: introduced with a new sub-paragraph which states:

"this service shall be for ministers of those of the five churches, namely the Associated Churches of Christ in N.Z., the Church of the Province of New Zealand, the Congregational Union of N.Z., and the Presbyterian Church of N.Z. 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 basis for the unification of ministries."

After receiving the reports of presbyteries of which 21 out of 24 were in favour of the Covenant and Unification of Ministries, the General Assembly agreed by a vote of 179 for, and 49 against, "to adopt the Covenant with its proposals for the unification of ministries as printed in the appendix to the report of the J.C.C.U., and declare its readiness to implement those proposals when other churches have given them their final approval".

(d) Methodist

The report to the 1978 Conference observes:

"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 Co-operating Parishes and other combined ventures. On the other hand it finds difficulty in committing further churches or causes to union or co-operative 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 decision of the Conference was "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, and 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".

In July 1979 the Methodist Church Union Committee felt it appropriate to issue a statement of the current Methodist attitude and commitment. It follows:

- A. The Methodist Church of New Zealand affirms the decisions taken at Congregational, District and Conference level to support and participate in the Act of Commitment 1967 and affirms that it is still its desire that it should lead ultimately to the visible unity of the negotiating Churches.
- B. The Methodist Church of New Zealand affirms again:
 - (i) Its place within the Church catholic, for all people in every situation, and apostolic, sent into all the world with good news of liberation and wholeness;
 - (ii) Its conviction that the Church is called as compellingly as ever before to show its divine character in reconciliation and its given unity as a sign of the future for a divided humanity.
 - (iii) Its intention to stay with every movement within the Church and the world that makes for reconciliation and health.
- C. The Methodist Church further affirms, in the present delay in union negotiations:
 - (iv) Its rejection for itself of any conscious action which leads to further division or to an uncreative isolationism;
 - (v) Its responsibility to press forward with its given task in life and mission, wherever opportunity offers;
 - (vi) Its obligation to challenge or be challenged on any unilateral action within the fellowship of the Churches which is felt to contravene the spirit of the Act of Commitment, and thus to seek discussions of mutual concerns.

- D. Believing that it is time for new ideas and a new momentum to break through, the Methodist Church urges that opportunities be provided for younger leadership and membership within the negotiating Churches to experience and share in the ecumenical vision.

III OTHER MATTERS

1. Consultation on Unity and Mission

The 1977 Methodist Conference passed the following resolution:

- (a) "That the J.C.C.U. be asked to convey a written invitation from the Methodist church to each of the negotiating churches to share in a working consultation widely representative of each church on a theme such as 'The Unity and Mission of the Church in New Zealand in the 1980s'".

In giving consideration to this request, the commission adopted the following statement:

"The need for such a consultation appears more urgent now than when first mooted by the conference in December 1977. It is many years since such a consultation was held. In the meantime a new generation has arisen who are not involved in the process which led to the Plan for Union 1971. In this post 'Plan for Union' stage in our life together as churches there is a need to re-establish our directions and together discover the shape of the obedience and life into which God is calling us. What are seen to many to be long, drawn out discussions and postponed decisions, accompanied by a growth of parish based ecumenism have caused many to develop feelings of cynicism or apathy about church union. Within all this, however, there still remains the imperative contained within the Gospel itself to seek the unity of the church. The context in which union belongs is that of a common call to involvement in God's mission within history. A revived sense of mission and a unity belong together."

The Commission at its September 1979 meeting, agreed "that the Joint Commission on Church Union invite those churches who shared in the Act of Commitment 1967 to send representatives to a national gathering to be held in the second half of 1980 on the theme of 'The Unity and Mission of the Church in New Zealand' and that a planning group be established, its task to include decisions and arrangements regarding venue and time, budget and sources of finance, the relationship between the consultation and regional J.C.C.U. structures, possible overseas and local resource persons, programme details and members to be invited." This invitation will be extended to the churches through the Church Union Committees.

2. Church Union Negotiations Overseas

The Commission has sought to maintain its contact with countries around the world in which sister churches are negotiating for closer church cooperation or union.

Ghana—The Conference of the Methodist Church in Ghana has approved proposals for union thus assuring union with the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and the Ghana Mennonite Church. This had been delayed by the failure of the Methodist Church to achieve a sufficient majority and the 1978 Conference gave Union an overwhelming vote of approval. The Ghana Church Union Committee is negotiating the date for union.

Belgium—Three churches in Belgium voted to form the United Protestant Church in Belgium. This brings together the Reformed Church of Belgium, the Protestant Church of Belgium, and the Gereformeerde Church in Belgium. The United Church will have 40,000 members in 115 parishes and will be served by 110 ordained ministers. The official date for the launching of the United Church was January 1st, 1979.

India—A new measure of unity has been achieved by three major churches in India through the formation of a Joint Council. Representatives of the Church of North India, the Church of South India, and the Malankara Mar Toma Syrian Church stated two primary objectives for the new body:

- (a) To serve as the common organ of the three churches for working towards a visible manifestation of the unity of these three churches and of the whole Church of Jesus Christ in India; and
- (b) To help the churches to fulfill the mission of evangelisation of the people of India and of witnessing to the righteousness of God revealed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ by striving for a just society.

England—The Churches Unity Commission in England has concluded its task and prepared for the creation of a new body to be called the Churches Council for Covenant. The new structure represents a further step towards church union in England. The new body will consist of the Churches of Christ, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the Moravian Church and the United Reformed Church. The Baptist Union, the Congregational Federation and the Roman Catholic Church although unable to enter into the Covenant at this time, send consultant observers to the new body. The churches which appointed the Churches Council for Covenanting did so in full awareness that very large problems had to be faced in the drawing up of a Covenant which resolves the contradictions between the responses of the churches to the Ten Propositions of the Churches Unity Commission.

U.S.A.—COCU seems to have entered a new and revitalised phase of its life and took what their President described as a landmark action in the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the consultation request the Theology Commission to re-edit the version of chapter 7 of 'In Quest of a Church of Christ Uniting' presented at the XIV Plenary, including both editorial and substantive changes in the light of reports from the three sections, further comments by members of the Plenary submitted in writing before June 1 1979, and the reflections of such consultants as are willing to offer them, the revision to be considered at an adjourned meeting of the XIV Plenary session to be scheduled early in 1980, with the hope and expectation that it may at that time adopted and sent to the churches, together with chapters 1-6 as the basis for further work towards the mutual recognition of ministers and the establishment of a united and uniting church."

Other bilateral discussions are going on, particularly between the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ.

3. Joint Board of Theological Studies—New Constitution

The J.C.C.U. along with the partner churches has been asked to give approval to a new Constitution for the New Zealand Association of Theological Colleges with a new Joint Board of Theological Studies subsumed within its structure. While recognizing the desirability of the New Zealand Association of Theological Colleges with all its implications for national and international recognition of particular theological schools, the J.C.C.U. is of the opinion that the Joint Board of Theological Studies has a particular relationship to the negotiating churches. For this reason the Commission is not able at this stage to give its approval to widening the representation on the J.B.T.S. to churches outside the Act of Commitment.

IV REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Hymnbook Supplement

Since the last report the hymnbook supplement, which had been undertaken under the auspices of the J.C.C.U. and failed to achieve sufficient response from the churches to justify publication at that time, is now being redeveloped under new auspices. A Hymnbook Commission is preparing material for a publishing house for inclusion as a supplement within a hymnbook entitled "With One Voice". It is

hoped that this new volume will be published by Penteconst 1980 and available to the churches. This has taken the work of the Hymnbook Commission a little outside the responsibility of the Commission but the Commission welcomes this development and hopes to be able to recommend the whole publication to the churches in due course.

2. Joint Committee on Christian Education (NZ)

This Committee, which is a New Zealand Regional Committee of the Joint Board of Christchurch Education, Melbourne, brings together representatives from the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist Churches, the Churches of Christ, the Salvation Army, and the Churches Education Commission. It reviews issues of common concern between the Churches, and plans joint events.

In this regard it sponsored a Lay Training/Adult Education Seminar at Wallis House on 30-31 July 1979. Twenty persons attended representing the member churches and the Roman Catholic Church. A sharing of currently available resources and plans led to the possibility of joint action in specific areas.

The Committee has reviewed the new intergenerational programme "Growing Together", which links worship and education, and has made some comments, particularly with regard to publicity and arrival dates of material.

The Executive Director of the Joint Board, the Rev Dr David Merritt, will spend one week in New Zealand during September consulting with a cross-section of people regarding the future shape of the Christian Life Curriculum. A major curriculum review will take place early in 1980.

The committee is also involved in discussions concerning likely visitors to New Zealand in 1980 and is particularly interested in the possibility of either John Westerhoff and/or Donald and Patricia Griggs.

Among Agenda items for the next meeting are those of Youth Ministry, and the relationship of the Churches Leadership Resource Committee to our respective denominations.

3. The Joint Committee of Women's Organisations in the Negotiating Churches. Annual Report, August 1979.

I have pleasure in reporting on the J.C.W.O. meeting which was held in the Cathedral Chapter Room, Wellington on Monday, 21 May, 1979 after the planned meeting for 6 May was cancelled due to bad weather affecting the travel arrangements of delegates.

Reports were received from delegates attending, with interest and discussion to follow.

The meeting was interested and encouraged to hear of the progress of the Waikato J.C.W.O. Committee, and to receive the minutes of their Annual Meeting. We are grateful to the Waikato Committee for the preparing of the Annual Return Forms for use in Co-operating and Union Parishes, and as well for general use. These Return Forms have been taken back to National Executives for discussion, and a report on their suitability to be forwarded to the Secretary. The future of the J.C.W.O. was discussed fairly fully, the concern centering on two main topics:--

1. The expense of bringing delegates to meetings.
2. The necessity for involving women in Union and Co-operating situations on to the Committee.

It was agreed that the present representation be maintained, but that the situation be looked at again.

I would like to pay tribute to the work on the Committee of the retiring President Mrs Joan Gregory, and the retiring Secretary Mrs Betty King. We thank Mrs Gregory for her leadership and the contribution she has made over the years, and we thank Mrs King for efficiently carrying out the duties of Secretary.

ISOBEL BURN, President J.C.W.O.

Joint Board of Theological Studies: Annual Report to the J.C.C.U. 1979

The diploma L.Th. continues to gain support as a basic qualification in Theology in New Zealand, with the number of candidates in 1978 rising by ten per cent to 112, the largest increase being in the number of extra-mural students (56). Eleven students completed the Diploma (two with Honours), while two candidates were awarded the more advanced S.Th. the newly instituted Diploma in Ministry has attracted twelve candidates to date.

In order to maintain a financially self-supporting examination system the Board reluctantly raised fees for examination entry in order to meet higher costs of administration. Consideration is currently being given to increasing the number of L.Th. papers to 16, with 'Honours' requiring additional work as well as higher grades.

The Board's two sub-committees, the Joint National Committee on Continuing Education for Ministry (see separate Report) and the Joint Assessment Committee continue to make a creative contribution to the Churches' concern for ministry. The Joint Assessment Committee has continued its policy of fostering regional assessment Committee has continued its policy of fostering regional assessment courses (three being planned in 1979 for Dunedin, Wellington and Hamilton) and imparting the necessary leadership skills to a wider pool of staff.

Inter-College co-operation continues to find a place on the Board's agenda and investigation is being undertaken to assess interest in a Theological Education Consultation which might be held in 1980 or 1981.

Further discussions have been held on the establishment of a New Zealand Association of Theological Colleges and a revised draft of a Constitution has been submitted to Church Courts for approval. Under this proposed Constitution the Joint Board of Theological Studies would continue to have an independent life within the broader framework of the proposed Association and remain fully accountable to the member Churches. Membership of the Joint Board would be extended to include the Roman Catholic and the Baptist Churches.

Since June 1979 the Rt Rev P. W. Mann has been Acting Chairman in the absence of the Very Rev Professor Ian Breward. The Rev W. J. W. Rosevear continues to act as Registrar of the Board in matters relating to examinations.

W. E. LIMBRICK, Secretary.

JOINT NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

The Committee continues to support the Fieldworker in his work and to seek ways whereby the clergy of the negotiating churches may be encouraged and assisted to develop their ministries. The Diploma of Ministry of the Joint Board of Theological Studies provides a structured approach to continuing education and we were greatly encouraged when 12 persons began work towards this diploma in 1979. The work on the Fieldworker has continued on lines established over the last 5 years. Mr Rowe concludes a 5-year period as half-time Fieldworker at the end of 1979, the other half of his work in St. John's College expanding into a full-time position.

During June and July the Fieldworker was able during study leave in the U.S.A., to make useful contacts with leaders in continuing education in that country.

Much of the committee's time has been taken up in planning for a successor to Mr Rowe. Earlier plans to seek two half-time fieldworkers, one in each Island to commence work in 1980, have had to be laid aside, and at the time of writing the Committee is planning to appoint a full-time national fieldworker. This appointment should enable the Committee to develop further the work begun by Mr Rowe in a half-time capacity.

The Committee remains convinced of the importance of the work of continuing education among clergy. The church has a continuing responsibility to sustain the

vitality and increase the insight and skill of those who are ordained if the whole ministry of the church is to be effective.

DAVID J. COLES, chairman.

J.N.C.C.E. ANNUAL REPORT TO THE NEGOTIATING CHURCHES AND THE J.C.C.U. 1979

1. The Committee

The Committee met on 25/26 October 1978, 28 February, 13 June and 3/4 September, 1979. Membership of the Committee at 1 September 1979 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 A. K. Woodley, The Rev B. E. Jones, Mr E. G. Heggie.

Presbyterian: The Very Rev W. B. Watt, The Rev. W. A. Best, The Rev E. W. Body, The Rev R. J. Weeks, Mr A. B. Robertson.

J.C.W.O.: Mrs I. Burn.

Secretary: The Rev D. M. Povey.

Appointment of Secretary

It was with genuine pleasure and a sense of relief that the Committee welcomed the appointment of the Rev D. M. Povey M.A. as Secretary to the J.C.C.U. and J.N.C.C.E. Mr Povey brings to his task a lively mind, considerable experience of ministry in a Union parish and a positive interest in Union and Co-operation and the Committee is confident that the negotiating churches will be well served in the years that lie ahead.

Due to a variety of circumstances the part-time appointment of the Rev R. J. Weeks had to be continued for almost a year instead of the six months originally planned. This involved considerable additional pressure for Mr Weeks and some further re-arrangement of the work of the Ministry Committee staff, and the Committee is most grateful for the willing co-operation of all concerned.

2. Co-operative Development in New Areas

The Committee has continued its work in preparing a modified joint use agreement providing for cooperative venture to promote development toward united action in all aspects of parish life and mission in areas where traditional denominational patterns and structures are not present. A statement has been forwarded to church union committees for their information and comment. It has been redrafted and is now submitted to the churches for their adoption.

3. Guide to Procedures—Third Edition

Preparation of the third edition of the Guide to Procedures in Co-operative Ventures has been an extended task. It is now nearly complete and will be published in the format which will allow for the inclusion of new sections and the modification of old. Because of small but significant clarifications of wording in this new edition it will supercede all previous editions and all agreements should be read in the light of the revised wording.

New sections include papers on denominational ethos, orientation of clergy, financial matters, housing provisions, property development, women's groups, appointments to co-operative ventures, services of Inauguration and Induction, terms of reference for Joint Regional Committees and visitation questionnaires. All sections of the new Guide to Procedures will be available separately for group study or other special purposes, e.g. visitations. An initial distribution will be made and additional copies will be available from secretaries and clerks or church courts.

4. Procedures in Visitations

In 1976 the Committee prepared a new visitation questionnaire for use in Union and co-operating Parishes along with some suggestions as to procedure. It has been found necessary to give further guidance on procedures and the Committee has approved the following memorandum:

That in visitations to Union and Co-operating Parishes the Joint Regional Committee should, wherever practicable, be responsible for arranging visits, seeing that every appropriate church court is adequately represented and received in due course a copy of the report and recommendations for submission to local church courts.

5. Team Ministries

The matter of team ministries in Union and co-operating Parishes was raised with the committee with particular reference to two aspects—the way in which appointments are made, and the actual support of the team and its members. The committee has become aware that the structure and relationships in new group and team ministries is one of concern to all of the denominations, particularly when ministers of more than one denomination are working together. The committee has decided that it should continue to develop consultation on these matters with particular relation to the work of the Joint Committee on Continuing Education for Ministry and on the making of ecumenical appointments.

6. Local Authorities and Church Development

Provision of buildings for church and community use in new areas is considered to be an area where closer cooperation between local authorities and the churches could be mutually beneficial. After consulting with a town planning consultant the committee wishes to bring to the attention of local courts and planning committees that a revision to the 1977 Reserves Act makes it possible for reserved land to be designated under a district planning scheme as set aside for "other community purposes". It is a matter for each local authority to be persuaded to include within its district scheme reserve land that could be used for the erection of buildings for worship and other community activities.

7. Areas where Cooperation has been Deferred

A survey was carried out where inter-church cooperation had been modified, deferred, or discontinued, with the purpose of discovering the factors involved and any significant learnings that would help minimise difficulties in forming or sustaining co-operative ventures. The Committee notes that all of the factors and learnings are covered by the appropriate guidelines. They are:

- (a) The importance of checking early on the diverse expectations about the shape and extent of cooperation.
- (b) Informal communication without minutes or commitments should always accompany formal written communications.
- (c) Adequate representation of parishioners on the drafting committee helps to broaden the base of consultation and acceptance.
- (d) The role of the Joint Regional Committee—consultative, judicial and pastoral, is critical, whether a parish says "yes" or "no" to a particular proposal.
- (e) Taking parishioners into confidence regarding cooperative action and moving at an agreed pace can avoid disasters of premature cooperation.
- (f) Appropriate ministerial appointments of people able to adapt without compromising their integrity can be vital.
- (g) Avoiding legalism, trust and good communications can do more positive good than legalistic clauses, sub-clauses and contingency clauses in agreements. Proposed agreements need to be vetted by the appropriate church bodies so that the experience of the churches can be brought to bear on a particular local situation.

8. Planning and Facilitating Property Developments

Union and Co-operating Parishes are marked by the readiness by which they take up the difficult and sensitive task of the rationalisation of church property and the development of new buildings which adequately express the new life of the church. A paper on this subject has been included in the new Guide to Procedures which gives the background to the recommendation approved by the J.N.C.C.E. in May 1979.

That when a Union Parish/co-operative venture is considering a major building project, the Joint Regional Committee shall arrange for the participating churches to appoint an appropriate number of skilled representatives who can assist the parish in the areas of:

- preparing an adequate brief for the architect
- denominational procedures for the authorisation of plans
- procedures for obtaining capital grants, loans etc.

such members to be seconded to the Building Committee for as long as necessary.

The committee hopes that this will be a useful first step at sorting out many of the complex difficulties at the place where they start for the local area.

The committee has further agreed to arrange a consultation on many of the outstanding questions relating to property development for the purpose of clarifying areas of responsibility for parishes, Joint Regional Committees, District Church Courts, denominational property trustees and architectural advisory committees. We expect this to take place in 1980.

9. Terms of Appointment in Union and Co-operating Parishes

Previous reports indicate that this has been under discussion for some years and is likely to remain an uncomfortable area of joint work. The committee has been made aware of the position of ministers who normally work within a "call system" when they place themselves under a terminating appointment. In attempting to clarify one area of possible confusion in relation to the review of ministry in a Union or Co-operating Parish the committee has agreed to this expanded wording of the appropriate clauses in Union and Co-operating Parish agreements.

Normally not earlier than twelve months and not less than six months before the minister's term of appointment ends the District Court of the minister shall review the situation in consultation with the Joint Regional Committee . . .

The committee is also investigating the denominational assumptions relating to the normal term of ministry in a Co-operating Parish.

10. New Forms of Cooperation and Ministry

New forms of cooperation are evolving in local areas and the J.N.C.C.E. has the responsibility of finding guidelines that both facilitate developments and keep the whole church informed. Shared ministries, self-supporting ministries, lay workers, deacons, honorary assistants and husband and wife teams are all now established parts of a great diversity of ministries within the negotiating churches. The existing agreements were formed before many of these had evolved and the committee is seeking to frame new guidelines for these new situations where appropriate.

It has also been resolved that, without prejudice to the rights of churches to develop self-supporting ministries according to their policies and needs, the J.N.C.C.E. requests churches contemplating such appointments in cooperative ventures to consult their partners through the local Joint Regional Committee.

11. Deeds of Trust

The committee has been made aware that the existing Deed of Trust for property in cooperative ventures is deficient in a number of respects and is seeking a way to have modifications made to the form of the Deed of Trust as expeditiously as possible.

A consultation of legal advisors and other appropriate officials is being called as soon as possible so that an appropriate and acceptable form of deed can be prepared for approval by the churches. In the meantime parishes undertaking property development or entering into new agreements are asked to give a written guarantee that they will complete a Deed of Trust when an acceptable form is adopted.

12. J.N.C.C.E. Newsletter

In order to improve communications between the J.N.C.C.E., J.R.C.'s and local church courts a Newsletter is now being published after each J.N.C.C.E. Meeting. Meetings are held three times a year, usually in early March, May and September. The question of wider distribution of the Newsletter beyond J.R.C.'s and Clerks and Secretaries of church courts is still under discussion by the J.N.C.C.E. and will depend upon the availability of finance. In the meantime we hope that J.R.C.'s regard it as part of their responsibility to see that the material published in the Newsletter has the widest possible publicity.

13. Survey of Denominational Commitment

There are at present 63 Union Parishes, 55 Co-operating Parishes and 27 other cooperative ventures of a joint use, shared ministry or other special type. 65 ministers are at present serving in Union Parishes and 66 in Co-operating Parishes, which with the 16 vacancies, makes a total number of ministries of 147. A further 9 ministers are serving in parishes under other forms of cooperative agreement, making a total of active ministries 140. Below set out in table form is a summary of denominational commitment to these diverse ventures.

SUMMARY OF DENOMINATIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN UNION & CO-OPERATING PARISHES AND OTHER PARISH CO-OPERATIVE VENTURES 30.7.79									
DENOMINATION	MINISTRY			PARISH UNITS			MEMBERSHIP		
	Ministers	% of Denom. Parish Ministry	% of Total in U/Co-op Ventures	Pre co-op Units	% of Denom. Units	% of Total Units	Total in U/C	% of Denom.	% of Total
ANGLICAN	21	4.59	15.00	60	14.77	18.24	N/Av	N/Av	
CHURCH OF									
CHRIST	2	9.09	1.42	12	27.90	3.64	*100	3.31	
CONGREGATIONAL				11		3.35	20	5.63	
METHODIST	54	38.76	38.57	120	59.50	36.48	*5040	21.00	
PRESBYTERIAN	63	17.30	45.00	126	28.83	38.29	10442	14.3	
	140	100.00		329	100.00	100.00	—	—	

*Estimated from available statistics

V FINANCE

1. At the September meeting the Commission received from the Treasurer a statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 31 December 1978. The statement has been duly signed by the auditor Mr P. H. Johnson, and is as follows:

THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION Statement of Receipt and Payments for the Year Ending 31/12/78

RECEIPTS

Contributions from Churches		
Anglican	\$6,718.15	
Churches of Christ	—	
Congregational	—	
Methodist	1,680.00	
Presbyterian	<u>2,898.00</u>	\$11,296.00
Interest		254.42
Sale of Typewriter		22.50
Credit of Balances)Bank	1,293.63	
1/1/78) Air N.Z.		
) Bulk Air	<u>56.50</u>	<u>1,350.13</u>
		<u>\$12,923.20</u>

PAYMENTS

Stipend—Secretary (Part-time)		2,809.70
Beneficiary Fund Assessment		132.23
Secretarial Assistance		308.86
Stationery		274.04
Phone Rentals & Tolls		121.59
Postages & P.O. Box Rental		70.90
Travelling Expenses		131.67
Annual Report	521.25	
Less Sales	<u>159.00</u>	362.25
JCNCC Meeting—Wallis House		190.00
Removal of Office Records		65.55
Rent & Power		118.00
Acting Secretary—Payment to Presbyterian		
Church for time and office costs		516.50
Sundry Payments		66.07
Credit Balances)Bank	7,699.34	
3/12/78) Air N.Z.		
) Bulk Air	<u>56.50</u>	<u>7,755.84</u>
		<u>\$12,923.20</u>

L. I. STEVENS, Hon. Treasurer

I have inspected the books of account and vouchers of The Joint Commission on Church Union for the year ended 31 December 1978 and report that the foregoing Financial Statement gives a true and fair view of the transactions for the year ended 31 December 1978.

P. H. JOHNSON, Chartered Accountant
Honorary Auditor

Notes to Annual Statement of Receipts and Payments

Balance at Bank as at 31/12/78		7,699.34
Add Contribution due but not received:		
Anglican	616.85	
Church of Christ	194.00	
Congregational	11.0	
Methodist	195.00	
Presbyterian	2,898.00	3,914.85
		<u>\$11,614.19</u>

2. Budget 1980-81

With the appointment of a full time Secretary and the establishment of new office facilities, the reserves shown in the 1978 statement of receipts and payments have been quickly depleted. The Commission has kept its allocation to the churches for 79/80 at the same level as 78/79 which were lower than the allocations to the churches for 77/78. The allocation of budget for 1980/81 approved by the Commission at its meeting in September 1979 for submission to the churches is based on the figures available at the time.

Allocation of Budget 1980/81

	Membership	Proportion	Contribution
Anglican	97,000	48.75	14,642
Presbyterian	74,762	37.58	11,287
Methodist	24,032	12.08	3,628
Churches of Christ	3,020	1.52	457
Congregational Churches	150	.07	21
	<u>198,964</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$30,035</u>

D. M. POVEY, Secretary
W. A. BEST, Chairman
1 September 1979.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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CONFERENCE STAFF 1979

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MR. STEWART J. COLLIS

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Ex-Vice-President:

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REV. BEVERLEY TAYLOR

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Convener of Scrutineers:

REV. WARREN H. BLUNDELL

Typistes' Liaison Officer:

MRS. VIN PEARCY

Conference Organists:

MR. ARTHUR REID, L.R.S.M.

REV. JOHN S. HOSKING, M.A., Dip.Mus.

President's Chaplain:

REV. PATRICIA M. JACOBSON, B.A., L.Th.

Media Officer:

REV. MICHAEL W. GREER, L.Th.

QUESTION 1—Who are members of this Conference?

- (a) Members as listed on pages 11 to 14 of the Reports deleting the name of H.G. Brown.
- (b) Representatives as listed on pages 15 to 21 of the Reports, with the additions and deletions as recorded in the Journal.

QUESTION 2—What Members from other Conferences and Churches are associated with this Conference?

As recorded in the Journal.

QUESTION 3—What Candidates are now received for training as Deacon or Presbyter?

- (a) Deacon: Henry V. Sealey (Self-Supporting)
John Su (Self-Supporting)
- (b) Presbyter: A. Bruce Alcorn
Glenys R. Anderson (Self-Supporting)
Lois R.H. Clarke, B.A., L.T.C.L.
Audrey N. Dickinson (Self-Supporting)
William E. Elderton, M.A., A.N.Z.L.A.,
Dip.N.Z.L.S., (Self-Supporting)
Brian N. France
Robin J.G. Gray
David Harding, B.Ag.Sc.
Graham A. Kane (Presbyter-in-training) Q.5
Sialoga Lemalu
Derek V. McNicol
J. Allan Oliver, M.Sc.
G. Mary Richards (Self-Supporting)
Jeffrey W. Sanders
Ashley J. Sedon
Gillian A. Telford (Self-Supporting)
Ann M. Thomas (Self-Supporting)

Note: Ala'ivae Aiolupo, Tanielu T. Sa'o and Tuuau Tiatia were accepted for training as Self-Supporting Presbyters by the President, on the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry after Conference 1978.

QUESTION 4—Who are to continue as Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) in training?

For a second year.

- (a) John E. Bennett See Q.7
Fisiga Tuimaseve (Self-Supporting)
Edna E. Webster (Self-Supporting)
- (b) Ala'ivae Aiolupo (Self-Supporting)
David S. Bell
I.W. Leslie Ferguson

Timothy J. Langley (with permission to study for one year at Knox College)

J. Murray Peat, B.Mus.

Aso Saleupolu

Tuuau Tiatia (Self-Supporting)

Tanielu Sa'o (Self-Supporting)

Fa'aoso Tugia (Self-Supporting)

For a third year.

(a) none

(b) Clive G. Ryson

Derek R. McCullum

Graham H. Whaley (Student Supply)

For a fourth year.

(a) none

(b) Lynette O. Frith-Upson (who has completed College training and is permitted to defer probation for one year)

Note: Allan J. Baker - has spent two years as a Student.

QUESTION 5—Who are to be stationed by the Conference as Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) in training?

(a) none

(b) David Arrowsmith, M.A.

Donald Biggs

K. Desmond Cooper

Lindsay E. Cumberpatch, B.A.

Bruno Egli

Paul H. Grant, B.Man. Studies

Graham A. Kane

John S. Murray

Tanielu Sa'o (Student-Self-Supporting)

Philip L. Watson

QUESTION 6—Who are now ordained Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s)?

(a) none

(b) H. Mary Astley

Robert A. Ferguson, B.A.

I. Marie Greenwood, B.Theol.

Hana Hauraki

Herehere M. Maaka

Barabara I. Miller

Colin A. Milner

Robert D. Short

Brian N. Small

Diana A. Tana

Beverley Taylor

Samson N. Toia

Shirley V. Ungemuth

P. Joan Wedding

QUESTION 7—Who continue to be stationed by the Conference as Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) in training?

- (a) John E. Bennett
Edna E. Webster (Self-Supporting)
- (b) David J. Bush, B.Sc.
Anthony D. Stroobant, C.Eng., M.I.E.R.E., N.Z.C.E.
Falea'ana Kopelani

QUESTION 8—Who is now admitted as Presbyter(s) in full connexion with the Conference?

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| H. Mary Astley | Robert D. Short |
| Robert A. Ferguson, B.A. | Brian N. Small |
| I. Marie Greenwood, B.Theol. | Diana A. Tana |
| Hana Hauraki | Beverley Taylor |
| Herehere M. Maaka | Samson N. Toia |
| Barbara I. Miller | Shirley V. Ungemuth |
| Colin A. Milner | P. Joan Wedding |
| Robert Te Whare (reinstatement) | |

QUESTION 9—Are there any objections to any Deacon, Home Missionary or Presbyter?

none

QUESTION 10—What Presbyter(s) in full connexion now ceases to be recognised as Presbyter(s) of the Conference?

none

QUESTION 11—What Deacon(s) now ceases to be recognised as a Deacon(s) of the Conference?

Pamela V. Beaumont

QUESTION 12—What Deacon(s) and Presbyter(s) are available for part-time or self-supporting ministries?

- (a) Edith J. Little
- (b) Warren Green
William K. Abbott
Ashley I. Corlett

QUESTION 13—What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) is designated for service through the Overseas Division with a Church or Conference overseas?

- (a) none
- (b) none

QUESTION 14—What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) is transferred to or received from any other Conference?

- (a) none
- (b) Note: The transfer of Siauala Amituana'i from the Samoan Conference was completed in August 1979.

QUESTION 15—

- (a) What Presbyterian(s) formerly member(s) of the Conference is now exercising ministry in another Church(es) overseas, such Presbyterian(s) having the right to return to the Conference on the completion of service overseas?

Ian H. McKenzie
William R.G. Loader
Robert G. Stringer

- (b) What Deacon(s) formerly employed by the Conference is now employed in another Church(es) overseas, such Deacon(s) having the right to be re-engaged by the Conference on completion of such service?

Lesley H. Bowen
Lucy H. Money

- (c) What Presbyterian(s) is now released to exercise ministry in another Church(es) overseas with the right to return to the Conference on the completion of such service?

none

- (d) What Deacon(s) is now released to exercise ministry in a Church(es) overseas, such Deacon(s) having the right to be re-engaged by the Conference on completion of such service?

none

- (e) What Presbyterian(s) has the Conference released to exercise ministry in another Church(es) within New Zealand, such Presbyterian(s) having the right to return to the Conference on the completion of such service?

Phyllis M. Guthardt
M. Jackson Campbell

- (f) What Deacon(s) has the Conference released to exercise ministry in another Church(es) within New Zealand, such Deacon(s) having the right to be re-engaged on completion of such service?

none

- (g) What Presbyterian(s) is now released to exercise ministry in another Church(es) within New Zealand, such Presbyterian(s) having the right to return to the Conference on completion of such service?

none

- (h) What Deacon(s) is now released to exercise ministry in another Church(es) within New Zealand, such Deacon(s) having the right to be re-engaged by Conference on completion of such service?

none

- (i) What Presbyterian(s) has been received from another Church(es) in New Zealand to serve under the Conference, such Presbyterian(s) having the right to return to such Church(es) on the completion of such service?

Victor G.C. Jones

I. Donald Borrie

- (j) What Deacon(s) has been received from another Church(es) in New Zealand to serve under the Conference, such Deacon(s) having the right to return to such Church(es) on the completion of such service?

none

- (k) What Presbyterian(s) is now received from another Church(es) within New Zealand to serve under the Conference, such Presbyterian(s) having the right to return to such Church(es) on the completion of such service?

none

- (l) What Deacon(s) is now received from another Church(es) within New Zealand to serve under the Conference, such Deacon(s) having the right to return to such Church(es) on the completion of such service?

none

- (m) What Deacon(s) is reinstated into the Diaconate?

Graewyn H. Hammond, who will prepare for Ordination in 1980.

QUESTION 16—What Deacon(s) and Presbyterian(s), (employed in another Church or Church related position(s), are not available for Stationing this year?

- (a) none

- (b) Edward P. Boyd, N.C.C. Chaplain, Invercargill Borstal
R. Frederick Clement, N.Z. Director, Leprosy Mission
Ernest Heppelthwaite, Ecumenical Chaplain, Templeton Hospital

Roger J.E. Hey, Presbyterian/Methodist Chaplain,
Oakley-Carrington Psychiatric Hospitals

C. Seton Horrill, Director, I.T.I.M. Canterbury

Bruce E. Mackie, Director, Wesley Social Services,
Wellington

John I. Manihera, Chaplain to the Forces

Donald J. Phillipps, Chaplain, Otago University

Donald F. Prince, N.C.C. Chaplain, Rolleston Prison

Brian H. Turner, Director, Christian World Service, N.C.C.

Basil J. Hilder, Ecumenical Chaplain, Gisborne Hospital

John C.F. Mabon, Director, I.T.I.M., Wellington

G. Douglas Pratt, Theological Studies and Research,
St. Andrews University, Fife

QUESTION 17—What Deacon(s) and Presbyter(s), (not employed in another Church or Church related position(s), are not available for Stationing this year?

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| (a) | Shirley Wiki | Edna Jenkin |
| (b) | David R. Alley | Frank G. Glen |
| | Enid J. Bennett | Duncan R. Graham |
| | Amos W. Burrough | Russell J. Greenwood |
| | Hughan M. Craig | Allen H. Hall |
| | John B. Currie | Arnold C. Hight |
| | Laurence H. Currie | Owen A. Kitchingman |
| | Eric R. Eastwood | Brian J. Malcouronne |
| | C. Russell Marshall | John D. Meredith |
| | Ronald W. Ferguson | Alan H.V. Newton |
| | Dorothea M. Noble | A. Kerry Taylor |
| | A. Roger G. Nuttall | David L. Trebilco |
| | Brian L. Olsen | Alan C. Webster |
| | Phillip D. Ramsay | Frank H. Woodfield |
| | Lawrence E. Salter | Owen T. Woodfield |
| | Robert Te Whare | |

QUESTION 18—What Deacon(s) and Presbyter(s) retire at this Conference?

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|-----|---------------------|
| (a) | none |
| (b) | Harold K. Brown |
| | Harold A. Darvill |
| | Wilf G. Eisner |
| | Leslie R.M. Gilmore |
| | George C. Hopkins |

QUESTION 19—What Deacons, Home Missionaries and Presbyters continue in retirement?

- (a) Deacons (Deaconesses)

Grace M. Clement	Rita F. Snowden
Airini Hobbs	Constance Sage
Jean A. Miller	Dorothy Pointon
Madeline Holland	Heeni Wharemaru
Atawhai George	Betty D. Yearbury
Anne Wilson	

- (b) Home Missionaries

Roy Coombridge	H.R. Wright
Frank L. Johnson	A.E. Tardiff

- (c) Presbyters

William Rowe	A.Alexander McDowell
Alfred E. Jefferson	Donald G. Sherson
Ernest E. Sage	W.E.Allon Carr
John H. Bailey	William W.H. Greenslade
Robert E. Fordyce	Edward M. Marshall
William T. Blight	Harry Moore

A. Henry Voyce
 A. Francis Attwood
 Eric W. Hames
 Walter Parker
 Ralph E. Patchett
 G. Raymond Harris
 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
 J.C. Aldwyn Williams
 Stanley G. Andrews
 Leslie T. Norwell
 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

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
 Gordon R.H. Peterson
 George H. Goodman
 John D. Grocott
 William C. Jenkin
 George E. Beckingsale
 R. Graham Bell
 Clifford G. Brown
 F. Gardner Brown
 Gordon A.R. Cornwell
 George W. 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
 David Armstrong
 Edward Baker
 Owen L. Christian
 John B. Dawson
 Haddon C. Dixon
 J. Henry Woolford
 Francis H. Parker

QUESTION 20—What Deacons, Home Missionaries and Presbyters have died since last Conference?

(a) Deacons

Sister Lina Jones

(b) Home Missionaries

Mare Rogers

Frederick Sanderson

(c) Presbyters

Albert Blakemore

Hubert G. Brown

Charles H. Kendon

William E. Moore

John H. Vickery (Associated Churches of Christ)
John K. Watson

QUESTION 21—What Lay Persons who have given leadership in the Conference have died since last Conference?

G. Cyril Burton, O.B.E., B.A.
Peggy T. Goodman
T. Leonard Hames
Ruth M. Hayman
Philip A. Le Brun, J.P.

QUESTION 22—

(a) Are there any congregations where through unavailability of Presbyters, the Sacraments are not being provided?

Yes

(b) Who are now given special authority to administer the Sacraments during the ensuing year?

The Vice-President	G.E. Brown
Stewart J. Collis	R.C. Gardiner
Mack Morunga	C.W. Halliwell
Tawai Kawiti	T. Halliwell
Robert Taka	G. Nelson
Tohu Cassidy	M. Taylor
Para Livingstone	Anthony D. Stroobant
Winiata Morunga	Mary Addison
David J. Bush	Noel L. Radburn
Maru Toki	Cyril A.M. Stevens
Tahuhu Heremaia	R.R. White
Te Orahi Tonga	John H. Fruin
James L. Woodhouse	R.N. Clucas
Henare Pate	Graham A. Kane
Tuteao Manihera	David Arrowsmith
George Taha	Dónald Biggs
Phillip Te Uira	K. Desmond Cooper
W. Horn	Lindsay E. Cumberpatch
Brian Wright	Bruno Egli
Wiremu Te Hiko	Paul H. Grant
Henare Gray	John S. Murray
C. Mary Te Whare	Philip L. Watson
Sister Patricia Cumming	Falea'ana Kopelani
A.B. Beetson	

QUESTION 23—Does the Conference sanction the amalgamation or
(a) division of any District, Circuit, or does it
originate any proposal having reference thereto?

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

That Conference give general approval to the formation of a Co-operating Parish based on the JCCU Guidelines

involving the Huntly Methodist Circuit and the Huntly Presbyterian Parish and that final approval be given by the President on the recommendation of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Synod and the Development Division.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

That Taihape cease to exist as a Circuit. That any pastoral responsibilities in Taihape, Raetihi and Ohakune be undertaken by the Wanganui Circuit.

- (b) What other Agreements affecting Circuits/Parishes and/or use of Building are approved by Conference?

none

QUESTION 24—To what Circuits/Parishes are additional Deacons, Home Missionaries or Presbyters appointed?

AVONDALE UNION PARISH

That the staffing be two Ordained Ministers.

HASTINGS CIRCUIT

That the staffing be one full-time Minister, one Self-Supporting Minister and one Deacon.

QUESTION 25—From what Circuits/Parishes are Deacons, Home Missionaries withdrawn?

none

QUESTION 26—How are the Presbyters, Presbyters in training, Deacons (Deaconesses), Deacons in training and Home Missionaries stationed for the ensuing year?

LIST OF STATIONS
OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

President—Ian C.E. Ramage, M.A.
Vice-President—Stewart J. Collis
Secretary—Alan K. Woodley, B.A.

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PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND
HOME MISSIONARIES 1980

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 admini-

stration any Connexional department, college or institution situated within its bounds.

The Presbyter first named is the Superintendent, except in the case of a Presbyter 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

Owen T. Woodfield, B.A. See Q.17b

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 CO-OPERATING PARISH

Anglican appt: A. Robert Cooper

1040 KAEO-KERIKERI UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt: R. Stewart Anderson, B.A.

1050 NORTH HOKIANGA COMMUNITY CHURCH

One wanted

1060 SOUTH HOKIANGA CO-OPERATING PARISH

G. Basil W. Bell

1070 HIKURANGI UNION PARISH

Maynard G. Rutherford

1080 WHANGAREI UNITING CHURCH

Barry W. Neal, M.A., Dip.Ed.

Ronald W. Ferguson See Q.17b

One wanted

1090 DARGAVILLE

Henry W. Kitchingman

1100 RUAWAI CO-OPERATING PARISH

Darrell R. Curtis, B.A. (who shall supervise the Paparoa
Circuit)

1110 PAPAROA

One wanted. Lay Supply: Alan L. Trethowen

1120 WELLSFORD CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Struan A. Robertson, B.A.
Clifford L. Duder (Sup.)

1510 TAI TOKERAU

Te Wairoa	Samson N. Toia (Tumuaki Rohe)
	Alan S. Pickering: H.H.M.
Hokianga	Mack Morunga: H.H.M.
	Tohu Cassidy: H.H.M.
Peowhairanga	Para Livingstone: H.H.M.
	Waha Wiki: H.H.M.
	Tawai Kawiti: H.H.M.
	Hone Wilcox: H.H.M.
Whangarei	Winiata Morunga: H.H.M.
	Robert Taka: H.H.M.

HENRY W. KITCHINGMAN (Chairman of the District)

2000 AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Brian J. Malcouronne See Q.17b

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 (Joint Secretary)
David C. Evans, B.A. (Joint Secretary)

2800 EDUCATION DIVISION

Loyal J. Gibson (who shall supervise the Northcote Circuit)

2820 THE COLLEGE OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Methodist Staff:

B. Keith Rowe, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., Ranston Lecturer in
Ministry, Education, Homiletics; Principal
W. James Stuart, D.Theol., Wesley Lecturer in Systematic
Theology
John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., Tutor in Old Testament.

2045 AUCKLAND HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Roy M. Alexander

AUCKLAND DISTRICT TONGAN MINISTER

Taniela T. Moala, L.Th., Dip.R.E.

2010 AUCKLAND CENTRAL

John A. Penman, B.A.
 Philip L. Watson
 Siauala Amituana'i, B.D.
 P. Joan Wedding
 Allen H. Hall, M.A., Dip.Tchg., Ph.D. (Qld). See Q.17b
 G. Raymond Harris (Sup.)
 Walter Parker (Sup.)

2020 AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION

D. Bruce Gordon, M.A.
 Mervyn L. Dine
 One wanted
 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., Dip. R.E. - A Minister of the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga serving in the Auckland District under the Auckland District Chairman.
 W.E. Allon Carr (Sup.)

2040 AUCKLAND EAST

Norman W. Olds (Epsom)
 Ronald C. Collingwood (Pakuranga)
 One wanted. Student Supply. (Mt. Eden)
 Falea'ana Kopelani
 Eric R. Eastwood See Q.17b
 Roger J.E. Hey See Q.16b
 R. Frederick Clement, M.A. See Q.16b
 George I. Laurenson, C.B.E. (Sup.)
 Athol R. Penn (Sup.)
 D.I. Alister McDonald (Sup.)

2050 BUCKLANDS BEACH CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian appt: J.G. Drummond, B.A.
 A. Kerry Taylor, B.A., Dip.Ed. See Q.17b

2060 ORAKEI

Norman E. Brookes, M.A.
 I. Marie Greenwood, B.Theol.
 B. Keith Rowe, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. (College of St. John)
 W. James Stuart, D.Theol. (College of St. John)
 Russell J. Greenwood, L.Th., M.A., See Q.17b
 Eric W. Hames, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College (Sup.)
 Lawrence Greenslade (Sup.)

- 2070 GLEN INNES CO-OPERATING PARISH
One wanted: Part time Supply. W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.
- 2080 MT. ALBERT
John H. Osborne, M.A.
Ruawai D. Rakena, B.A. (Maori Division - Tumuaki)
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.
George R. Thompson (Sup.)
Presbyterian appt: Leao T. Si'itia, L.Th.
- 2100 HENDERSON
William D. Griffiths
George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed.
- 2110 RANUI ECUMENICAL MINISTRY
Ludwig Felderhof
- 2120 TE ATATU UNION PARISH
Graham Brazendale, M.A.
Presbyterian appt: William J. Millward
- 2130 DEVONPORT
Gavin B. Sharp, B.Sc.
- 2140 TAKAPUNA
J. Cedric Hay
Leslie C. Clements
One wanted
G. Douglas Pratt, M.A. See Q.16b
Loyal J. Gibson (Education Division)
John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D. (College of St. John)
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.)
- 2150 BIRKENHEAD
Alan R. Upson
Donald G. Sherson, B.A. (Sup.)
- 2160 GLENFIELD-ALBANY CO-OPERATING PARISH
John B. Salmon, M.A., Ph.D., L.Th., S.Th., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.
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.
- 2200 OTAHUHU
Beverley Taylor
- 2210 PAPATOETOE
Roger M. Gibson
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
Leslie R.M. Gilmore, B.A. (Sup.)
- 2230 PAPAKURA
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, B.Ed., Dip. Second Language Teaching (Massey)
See Q.16b
- 2250 TUAKAU UNION PARISH
Ian E.M. Anderson
Edward Baker (Sup.)
- 2260 WAIUKU
John R. Hall
- 2270 SOUTH KAIPARA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Peter A. Stead, B.A.
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
Neville Thornicroft
Andrew G. Reid (Sup.)
- 2300 ST. AUSTELL'S CO-OPERATING PARISH - New Lynn
Hendrik Gerritsen, B.A., B.D.
- 2510 TAMAKI
Runga Ruawai D. Rakena, B.A. (Tumuaki Rohe)
Barbara I. Miller
Harold A. Darvill (Sup.)
Waenganui Herehere M. Maaka
Te Marunui Toki, H.H.M.
Huia Martin, H.H.M.
Wiremu P. Ihaka, H.H.M.
Raro Tahuhi Heremaia, H.H.M.
Priniha Tawhai, H.H.M.

E. Sarchet is a Minister residing in New Zealand who is in Full Connexion with the British Methodist Conference.

EDMUND D. GROUNDS (Chairman of the District)
JOHN H. OSBORNE, M.A. (Deputy Chairman)
GEORGE L. BENNETT (Deputy Chairman)

3000 WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

- Hospital Chaplain: Alan J. Leadley, B.D., M.A.
David L. Trebilco See Q.17b
- 3010 THAMES UNION PARISH
Dougal H.C. Bruce, L.Th.
One wanted
Reginald Day (Sup.)
- 3020 HAURAKI PLAINS CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Edward 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 with pastoral oversight of Coromandel)
- 3050 TE AROHA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Douglas H. Burt
Presbyterian appt: M. Alison Gray, M.A.
- 3060 MORRINSVILLE
Irwin J. Fowler
One wanted
- 3070 CAMBRIDGE UNION PARISH
Harry I. Shaw

- Reginald Grice (Sup.)
 Leslie T. Norwell (Sup.)
 Leonard Shapcott (Sup.)
- 3080 HAMILTON
 One wanted
 Lindsey E. Cumberpatch, B.A.
 Edna E. Webster (Deacon in training) See Q. 7a
 Alan H.V. Newton See Q.17b
 A. Roger G. Nuttall, B.A. See Q.17b
 Charlie O. Hailwood (Sup.)
 Wilf. G. Eisner (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 CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Presbyterian appt: T.C. Sommerville
- 3120 NGARUAWAHIA UNION PARISH
 One wanted
- 3130 HUNTLY
 One wanted
- 3140 MATAMATA UNION PARISH
 Ian D. Grant
 Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th. (Sup.)
- 3150 PUTARURU CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Anglican appt: Michael Jones, L.Th.
- 3160 TOKOROA
 Wilfred S. Gilbert
- 3170 ROTORUA
 Ivan J. Clucas
 One wanted
 Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc. (Sup.)
 John B. Dawson, B.A. (Sup.)
- 3180 TAUPO UNION PARISH
 Leslie F. Bycroft
 Lawrence E. Salter See Q.17b
- 3190 WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY
 Brian W. Sides
 Wesley A. Chambers, M.A.
 Robert D. Short
 Hughan M. Craig See Q.17b
 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: Ria Sporry
- 3220 WHAKATANE CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Norman J. Goreham, B.A. (B'ham), B.D. (Lond.)
 Anglican appt: Michael Smart.
- 3230 KAWERAU
 One wanted
- 3240 OPOTIKI UNION PARISH
 Trevor Shepherd
- 3250 TE AWAMUTU
 Wilfred J. Cable
 Francis H. Parker (Sup.)
- 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.12b - refer Circuit 3260
- 3290 TURANGI UNION PARISH
 Anglican appt: Percy Burns
- 3300 OHURA
 One wanted
- 3310 KAWHIA
 A Home Missionary
- 3320 COROMANDEL
 See 3040
- 3330 HILLCREST CO-OPERATING PARISH
 William J. Morrison, M.A.
 Anglican appt: Anthony W. Sutton, LL.B
- 3340 PIO PIO CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Presbyterian appt:
- 3510 WAIKATO-MANIAPOTO
 Runga Te Napi Waaka, O.B.E. (Tumuaki Rohe)
 Diana A. Tana
 Waaka Kukutai, H.H.M.
 George Taha, H.H.M.
 Te Orahi Tonga, H.H.M.
 Alan Mahara, H.H.M.
 Henare Gray, H.H.M.

Tuteao Manihera, H.H.M.
 Paddy Searancke, H.H.M.
 Tame Pihama, H.H.M.
 Henry H. Pate, H.M.
 Wiremu Te Hiko, H.H.M.
 Pukerau Rangitutia, H.H.M.
 Raro Morehu Te Whare (Tumuaki Rohe)
 Charlie Turner, H.H.M.
 Phillip Te Uira, H.H.M.
 Nguru Winikerei, H.H.M.

IVAN J. CLUCAS (Chairman of the District)
 WILLIAM J. MORRISON, M.A., (Deputy Chairman-Waikato)
 BRIAN W. SIDES (Deputy Chairman -Bay of Plenty)
 4000 TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

4010 NEW PLYMOUTH
 Stanley J. West
 Geoffrey T. Gilbert
 William K. Abbott See Q.12b
 Robert E. Fordyce, S.B., St.J. (Sup.)

4020 WAITARA
 Noel D. Billinghamurst

4030 STRATFORD
 Archibald W. McKay

4040 ELTHAM-KAPONGA CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Robert A. Ferguson, B.A.

4050 HAWERA
 Lane M. Tauroa, B.A.

4060 MANAIA UNION PARISH
 James H. Conway

4070 OPUNAKE CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Presbyterian appt:

4080 OKATO CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Anglican appt: Earl Howe

4090 WANGANUI
 (With pastoral oversight of Taihape, Ohakune and Raetihi)
 Wilfred F. Ford, C.M.G., B.A.
 Norman J. West
 C. Russell Marshall See Q.17b
 John I. Manihera See Q.16b
 Charles H. Bell, B.A. (Sup.)
 Alan O. Jones (Sup.)
 Sydney J. Spindler (Sup.)

4110 INGLEWOOD UNION PARISH
 D. Ian MacLeod

4510 TARANAKI-WAIMARINO

North Moke A.G. Couch, B.A. (Tumuaki Rhoe)
Ruanui North Leonard V. Willing
Ruanui South Hoani Heremaia, H.H.M.
Ngaonepu Kahu, H.H.M.

WILFRED G. FORD, C.M.G., B.A. (Chairman of the District)
LANE M. TAUROA, B.A. (Deputy Chairman)

5000 HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

5010 NAPIER

Warwick Gust, B.A., B.D. (Melb.)
E. Raymond Le Couteur
Howard C. Matthews, B.A. (Sup.)
Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D. (Sup.) - (who shall supervise
Dannevirke Circuit)

5020 HASTINGS

Edgar R. Hornblow, LL.B.
Tanielu Sa'o See Q.3b. Self-Supporting Presbyter in
training.
John E. Bennett: Deacon in training. See Q.7a
John B. Currie, B.A. See Q.17b
Norman P. Larsen (Sup.)

5030 FLAXMERE CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian appt: I. Dunnett

5040 GISBORNE

Bruce Scammell
John Su, See Q.3a Self-Supporting Deacon in training.
Basil J. Hilder. See Q.16b

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

K. Desmond Cooper

5080 WOODVILLE UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt: A.J. Thornburrow
William C. Jenkin (Sup.)

5090 PAHIATUA UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt:

5100 PALMERSTON NORTH

Frederick E. Waine, B.A.
Alan Newman
One wanted
Amos W. Burrough See Q.17b

Enid J. Bennett, M.A., B.D. See Q.17b
Alan C. Webster, M.A., M.Div., Ed.D., Ph.D., A.N.Z.Ps.S.
See Q.17b

- 5110 ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE
Supply: George C. Hopkins (Sup.)
- 5120 FEILDING-OROUA
Warren H. Blundell
- 5130 MARTON
One wanted. Supply: Alan O. Jones (Sup.)
Clifford G. Brown (Sup.)
- 5140 RONGOTEA-SANSON CO-OPERATING PARISH
Jack Wright
- 5150 FOXTON UNION PARISH
Lewis A. Bowen
Frederick J. Climo (Sup.)
George H. Goodman (Sup.)
- 5160 TAMATEA COMMUNITY CHURCH
Anglican appt:
- 5170 WAIPAWA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Neil Johnson

WARWICK GUST, B.A., B.D. (Melb.) (Chairman of the
District)

6000 WELLINGTON DISTRICT

- Duncan R. Graham See Q.17b.
- 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
Keith J. Taylor, B.A.
David Arrowsmith, M.A.
Bruce E. Mackie See Q.16b
William W.H. Greenslade, M.B.E. (Sup.)
- 6020 WELLINGTON WEST
Keith C. Griffith
Gordon R.H. Peterson (Sup.)
- 6030 WELLINGTON SOUTH UNION PARISH
Robert S. Andrews
Associated Churches of Christ appt: Part time: Sister
Patricia Cumming
- 6040 WELLINGTON EAST
Paul F. Sinclair - Part time.

- 6050 MIRAMAR CO-OPERATING PARISH
Paul F. Sinclair - Part time
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. I.Donald Borrie, M.A., S.T.M. See Q.15i
Porirua Hospital Chaplain: Ian Bayliss
- 6100 PLIMMERTON-PAEKAKARIKI
Colin D. Clark, M.A.
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
One wanted
Kenneth Underwood, B.D. (London), Dip.Ed.
Paul H. Grant, B.Man.Studies
E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A., B.D. (Education Division)
John S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus. (Education Division)
Dorothea M. Noble, B.A. See Q.17b
Frank H. Woodfield. See Q.17b
Haddon C. Dixon, O.B.E., M.A., B.D. (Sup.)
John C.F. Mabon, See Q.16b
- 6130 TAITA UNION PARISH
One wanted
- 6140 UPPER HUTT CO-OPERATING PARISH
Graeme M. McIver, B.A.
Presbyterian appt: I.A. Milner
- 6150 WAINUIOMATA UNION PARISH
H. David Besant, B.A., B.D.
- 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
- 6200 ST. JAMES, MASTERTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: A. Ian Hewson
- 6210 EKETAHUNA UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: K. Allen
- 6220 LEVIN
Richard J. Hendry
- 6230 OTAKI
Co-operative Agreement with the Otaki Anglican Parish -
Methodist Liaison, Charles B. Oldfield (Sup.)
- 6240 PARAPARAUMU
W.J. Douglas Wakeling
M. Alexander McDowell, D.D. (Sup.)
Charles B. Oldfield (Sup.)
- 6250 HATAITAI-KILBIRNIE CO-OPERATING PARISH
Paul F. Sinclair
Anglican appt: Ian Bourne, B.A., B.D., L.Th.
- 6510 PONEKE
Hana Hauraki
Robert Te Whare See Q.17b
- E. FRANCIS I. HANSON, B.A., B.D. (Chairman of the
District)
- ROBERT W. WIDDUP (Deputy Chairman)
- 7000 NELSON DISTRICT
- 7010 NELSON
Maxwell A. Hornblow (who shall supervise the Murchison
Circuit)
Wallace. Chapman (who shall supervise the Waimea Circuit)
Frank G. Glen See Q.17b
William Rowe (Sup.)
- 7020 NELSON, ST. LUKE'S UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Harry C. Swadling, B.A., B.D., D.Sc. Rel.
- 7030 WAIMEA
Bruno Egli
- 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
Donald Biggs
Laurence H. Currie See Q.17b
- 7080 PICTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt:
- 7090 REEFTON DISTRICT UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Lindsay Day
- 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.
John D. Meredith See Q.17b
- 7120 HOKITIKA UNION PARISH
Brian N. Small

DAVID G. STUBBS (Chairman of the District)
R. JOHN HAMLIN (Deputy Chairman)

8000 NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

- 8900 ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
Alan K. Woodley, B.A. General Secretary, 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
Owen A.Kitchingman See Q.17b
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 See Q.16b
- 8030 CHRISTCHURCH EAST
Frederick J.K. Baker
Alexander C. Watson
Anthony D. Stroobant, C.Eng., M.I.E.R.E., N.Z.C.E.
J. Herlert 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
G. Clive Smith, L.Th.
- 8080 CHRISTCHURCH (Opawa)
Russell E. James
Arnold C. Hight See Q.17b
- 8090 BECKENHAM-SYDENHAM
Derek G. Laws, F.C.A.
Brian H. Turner, M.A. (Hons.) See Q.16b
Harold K. Brown (Sup.)
- 8100 CHRISTCHURCH (Spreydon)
Victor G.C. Jones, M.A., Mus.B., B.D. See Q.15i
Herbert A. Cochrane (Sup.)
- 8110 HALSWELL UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: D.L. McIntyre
- 8120 CHRISTCHURCH (Riccarton)
John E. Langley
Ian L. Clarke, A.C.A.
- 8130 CHRISTCHURCH (St. Albans)
Ian C.E. Ramage, M.A. President of Conference
Patricia M. Jacobson, B.A., L.Th.
John D. Grocott, B.A. (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. (Administration Division)
Rona Collins - Deacon (Deaconess) See 8010
Ernest Heppelthwaite See Q.16b
- 8150 HORNBY
William L. Wallace, B.A.
Donald F. Prince See Q.16b
- 8160 LINCOLN UNION PARISH
Robert A. Allan
- 8170 LEESTON CO-OPERATING PARISH
Colin A. Milner
- 8180 KAIAPOI CO-OPERATING PARISH
Anthony N. Bell, L.Th.

- 8190 RANGIORA
Clifford J. Keightley
- 8200 MALVERN CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Lionel E. Brown, B.A.
- 8210 OXFORD DISTRICT UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt:
- 8220 PARKLANDS CO-OPERATING PARISH
Anglican appt: W. Childs
- 8510 OTAUTAHU-TE WAIPOUNAMU
Wati Tahere (Tumuaki Rohe)

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
Phillip D. Ramsay See Q.17b
- 8360 GERALDINE CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Frank G. Grimshaw
- 8370 TEMUKA
One wanted
- 8380 ASHBURTON
James F. Cropp
Graeme R. White, L.Th.
T. Ralph Benny (Sup.)
- 8390 ALLENTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Robert P. Fendall, B.A.
- 8400 OAMARU UNION PARISH
Associated Churches of Christ appt: Clifford M. Russ

PERCY P. RUSHTON (Chairman of the District)

9000 OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

9020 DUNEDIN REGIONAL MISSION

David S. Mullan, M.A., Dip.Ed.

Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A. (who shall supervise the
Balclutha Circuit)

Colin G. Jamieson, Dip. R.E. (Melb.)

Restel A. Burton

Shirley V. Ungemuth

Warren Green See Q.12b.

Donald J. Phillipps, B.A., B.D. See Q.16b

Andrew J. Johnston (Sup.)

9040 WEST HARBOUR UNITED PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Bruce Murray

9050 WEST DUNEDIN UNION PARISH

Ronald N. Simpson

Presbyterian appts: William Francis; Brian P. Williscroft

9060 CORSTORPHINE-CONCORD UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Alan J. Dunn, B.Com, A.C.A.

9070 GRANTS BRAES UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Ian R. Merriman, B.A.

9080 TOKOMAIRIRO CO-OPERATING PARISH

One wanted

Presbyterian appt:

9090 BALCLUTHA

Shared Anglican/Methodist Pastoral Ministry

9100 GORE

One wanted: Presbyter in training - Graham A.Kane
See Q.5b

9110 INVERCARGILL

Russell G. Rigby, B.A. (Hons.) (who shall supervise the
Gore Circuit)

Kenneth H. Russell

Norma M. Graves (St. Mark's) - shared ministry North

Presbyterian Parish. (who shall supervise the Waiono
Union Parish)

Edward P. Boyd See Q.16b

9120 RIVERTON UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt:

9130 OTAUTAU UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Alan Shaw

9140 WAIONO UNION PARISH

John S. Murray

9150 BLUFF-GREENHILLS STEWART-ISLAND CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Eric Uden

9160 TEVIOT UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Peter Wishart, B.A. (Hons)

9170 ALEXANDRA-CLYDE UNION PARISH
George M. Hammond
Presbyterian appt:

9180 PORT CHALMERS UNITED PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Ian W. McIntosh

DAVID S. MULLAN, M.A., DIP.ED. (Chairman of the District)
RUSSELL G. RIGBY, B.A. (HONS) (Deputy Chairman)

LIST OF HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

The following list will be a guide to those wishing to notify ministers in the cities 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 Hospital - Rev. Roy M. Alexander

Mater -

Middlemore - Rev. I.G. Pierce (Presbyterian)

Wesley Geriatric - Rev. A.K. Petch

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) -

Tokanui Psychiatric - Rev. W.J. Cable

Tauranga - Rev. J. Kinloch (Ecumenical Chaplain)

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

New Plymouth - Rev. G.T. Gilbert

Wanganui Ecumenical Chaplaincy - Rev. Lincoln F. Paul

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. P.H. Grant
Wesley Hospital, Wesleyhaven - Rev. R.W. Widdup
Porirua - Rev. Ian Bayliss
Bowen - Rev. K.C. Griffith

NELSON DISTRICT

Nelson Public Hospital - Rev. W.C. Chapman
Ngawhatu Psychiatric - Rev. M.A. Hornblow
Seaview Psychiatric (Hokitika) - Rev. B. N. Small
Grey Hospital (Greymouth) - Rev. R.J. Hamlin

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Christchurch Hospital - Revs. R. Millicham (Presbyterian) and
E. Johnston (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)
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 or Rev. C.G. Jamieson
Kew Hospital (Invercargill) - Rev. R.G. Rigby

QUESTION 27—What is the report of the Church Council?

CHURCH COUNCIL

Reports P.101-11 and Additional Report P.378-382

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Reports and additional Report be received.
2. That from July 1st 1981, all subsidy contributions to the Retiring Funds be paid at the appropriate rate direct by the employing body (e.g. A Circuit with two full time Ministers would pay 2 x 10% of current Stipend.)
3. That the timetable as set out in the Additional Report be approved. (Printed below)

PROPOSED TIMETABLE:

- i. Connexional Divisions, Boards and Funds prepare their priorities (Programme, financial and staffing) for the following connexional year, and report these via the

Divisional Consultation on Mission to the October Meeting of the Church Council.

- ii. The October Meeting of Church Council considers the reports and recommends to Conference priorities and values for the next Connexional Budget.
 - iii. Conference in November considers these recommendations thus allowing an opportunity for Circuits and Parishes to make known their priorities and concerns. Conference thus sets priorities, establishes strategy and places a value on the Connexional Budget.
 - iv. Administration Division or a Finance Sub-Committee assesses the response to the current Connexional Budget and assembles other relevant material as at present. The Budget Committee of Detail meets immediately prior to Church Council (May), considers the report of the Administration Division, takes into account matters such as the stipend level for the new financial year and establishes the detailed Connexional Budget, having regard to the Conference strategy and priorities. It then allocates the Budget to the Districts.
 - v. Church Council, if required, can review proposals and either approve or amend them for implementation.
 - vi. The new timing procedure to commence with the preparation of the Connexional Budget for the year commencing 1st July 1981.
4. That the Education Division be encouraged to pursue its restructuring of its Budget and Accounts in terms of programmes; that the other Divisions and Trinity Theological Council be encouraged to begin similar work in the 1979/80 year with a view to the 1981/82 Budget being built on lines of programmes.
 5. That as from July 1981 a Mission Budget be written to include total Budgeted expenditure of the Divisions, Councils, Committees included in it, but that the amount allocated to Circuits, Union and Co-operating Parishes be that remaining after income from non Circuit sources has been taken into account.
 6. That Mr. G.E. Hill, convene a special Committee to study the basis and level of stipends and superannuation payments and report to Church Council, Synods and Conference 1980.
 7. That the Divisions and the Theological College Council be asked to consider ways by which functions can be delegated or changed in such a way as to reduce the cost to the Church and report to Church Council 1980 with a view to a report to Quarterly Meetings, Synods and Conference 1980. Terms of reference to be prepared by a Committee convened by Rev. D.S. Mullan
 8. That in the light of Budget changes a Wellington based Committee review the basis for the allocation of the Mission Budget to Districts. (Convener Rev. J.S. Hosking).

QUESTION 28—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Ministry?

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1979

SELF-SUPPORTING MINISTRY:

A feature of the past year has been the increasing interest in Self-Supporting ministry. Much of the training of this takes place outside the Theological College and is carried out by the College staff, together with the Education Division's assistance.

There is a need for Circuits to examine the possibilities of appointing additional staff in this way.

ORDINATION:

This Conference the Committee has been pleased to recommend for ordination as Presbyter six members of the Deaconess Order and two respected Maori Home Missionaries.

REVISION OF LAW BOOK:

A great deal of time has been spent in revising the section of the Law Book on ministry. This is no easy task and is not yet complete, but for the guidance of the Church part of this is recommended for use in 1980 while the task continues.

J.H. OSBORNE, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the following Ministers be congratulated on obtaining degrees and diplomas and that permission be granted to print these in the Year Book.
 - B.L. Olsen, B.Ed., Dip. Second Language Teaching (Massey)
 - P.M. Jacobson, B.A.,
 - Taniela Moala, L.Th., Dip. R.E.
3. That the Standing Committee for 1980 be those members of the Conference Committee residing in Auckland and Waikato with such additional persons deemed necessary by the President.
4. That the following be the officers of the Committee for 1980:
 - Convener: Rev. J.H. Osborne; Associate Convener: Rev. G. Brazendale; Supervisor of Probationary Studies: Rev. W. Chessum; Assessment Convener: Rev. D.S. Mullan
5. Law Revision Material - Ministry
 - (a) Constitution of the Committee on Ministry.
 1. That sections 1 - 10 be adopted. (Printed below)
 - "1. There shall be a Committee on Ministry, the duties of which shall be:-
 - (a) Selection 1. To establish and implement candidate selection procedures.

2. To receive reports on candidates and make recommendations to Conference relating to acceptance.
- (b) Training To receive reports and assess all matters relating to the course and curriculum of all ministerial trainees.
- (c) Care of the Ministry To consider matters relating to the nature, function and welfare of the ministry.
2. The Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, General Secretary, President-Elect, Convener and Associate Convener, the Assessment Convener, the Principal of the Theological College, one representative each of the Education Division, the Diaconate and the Maori Division, one ministerial representative of each District Synod, two District Chairmen, four lay members and the Oral Examiner. The President may appoint up to 5 additional members to ensure adequate ethnic representation.
3. The Committee shall meet prior to Conference to receive reports related to Candidates, Students, Probationers and Ordinands and bring recommendations on the selection, training and care of the ministry to the Conference. The Convener shall make such provision as is necessary for the adequate examination of all candidates.
4. Oral Examiner: There shall be an oral examiner whose duties shall include dialogue with ordinands and such candidates appearing before the Committee. The Oral Examiner shall in alternative years be: (a) The Principal or a tutor of the Theological College (b) a minister or lay person appointed by the Committee.
5. Standing Committee: There shall be a standing committee consisting of those members appointed annually by the Committee and approved by the Conference.
6. Executive: The Committee may appoint an Executive. If one is appointed the Convener and Associate Convener, the Principal of the Theological College and the Supervisor of Probationary Studies shall be ex officio members.
7. Convener: There shall be a Convener of the Committee on Ministry who shall be its executive officer. The Convener shall act as secretary of the Committee, keep a record of its proceedings and present its findings to Conference.
8. Associate Convener: There shall be an Associate Convener of the Committee on Ministry who shall exercise pastoral care of those in the Diaconate, be involved in training courses, and shall

carry out such other functions or duties as shall from time to time be determined.

9. Supervisor of Probationary Studies: A member of the Committee shall be appointed to supervise probationary studies, and to undertake responsibility as determined by the Committee for the courses and preparation of candidates for ordination.
10. Assessment Convener: A member of the Committee shall be appointed to convene courses for the assessment of candidates for the ministry and to report thereon to the Committee on Ministry. He shall co-ordinate the Church's planning in this area and represent the Church in related ecumenical matters."
2. That sections 384 - 442 inclusive of the Law Book are hereby repealed.
3. That the above sections be inserted in the Law Book as Part VI, Section C, Numbers 384-393 inclusive.
- (b) That Section II the Ministry paragraphs 2:1 to 2:88 be approved for use in 1980 and be further revised and reported to Synods and Conference 1980.

Note: For procedures applicable to all candidates please refer to guidelines available from the Assessment Convener.

- (c) That the Faith and Order Committee, in consultation with the President's Legal Adviser, be asked to prepare a definition of "in full Connexion with the Conference", and that the Faith and Order Committee in consultation with the Committee on Ministry prepare a report setting out the implications.
- (d) That the Section of the Law Book (Ministry 2:89 to 2:111) be adopted for use in 1980 and be further revised and reported to Synods and Conference 1980.
- (e) That the Committee on Ministry in consultation with the Law Revision Committee complete its work on the revision of the Law Book part II during 1980.

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DEACONESS BOARD

Reports P.208-209, Additional Report P.389

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report and Additional Report be received.
2. That in the meantime the Deaconess Board remain as constituted and be responsible for pastoral care of deaconesses.
3. That the Deaconess Board be given authority in 1980, in consultation with the Trinity College Council, the Committee on Ministry and the Administration Division, to use funds designated for training of Deaconesses, to meet the costs of training of people accepted for
 - (a) the Diaconate, and
 - (b) for the Self-Supporting Presbyterate providing funds are available.

4. That the Board, in consultation with the Committee on Ministry, the Trinity College Council and the Administration Division, consider the implications of:-

- (a) the possible disbanding of the Deaconess Board
- (b) the formation of a sub committee of the Committee on Ministry to be responsible for the pastoral care of members of the Deaconess Order
- (c) to determine the administration of funds at present administered by the Deaconess Board
- (d) to explore the future development of the Diaconate within the Church

and to report to Synods and Conference 1980.

QUESTION 29—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Welfare of the Church?

CHURCH WELFARE

Reports P. 165

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference affirms the principle that lay members may be appointed to chair Leaders Meetings and Quarterly Meetings, and requests the Law Revision Committee to draft the necessary amendments to the Law Book, in consultation with the Welfare of the Church Committee.
3. That the review of stationing procedures be undertaken in 1980, with a view to implementing any changes agreed upon, in 1981.
4. That Quarterly Meetings and Synods take an early opportunity to consider stationing procedures, and report their conclusions to the Welfare of the Church Committee by June 30, 1980, so that this Committee can bring to August Synods and Conference a proposal which adequately reflects the thinking of the Church.
5. That all Connexional material to be discussed by August Synods shall be in the hands of Synod Secretaries not later than July 31st and earlier if possible.
6. That the Church Welfare Committee explore the reasons behind the present Law which states that the Secretary of a Synodal District must be an Ordained Minister, with a view to amending the Law to allow a Lay Person to serve the Church in this office.
7. That Conference recognises the need to remove sexist language from printed word and Church usage, and acknowledges the difficulties therein, it encourages all responsible efforts to overcome these difficulties.

8. That the following matters be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee for consideration and report to Synods and Conference 1980:

(a) The recommendations from the Church Welfare Conference Committee of Detail -

(i) That Conference appoint a commission to investigate the present structures and decision making processes of the Church, especially in relation to:

(a) Appointments to Connexional and Divisional Offices.

(b) Appointments to Standing Committees of Conference.

(c) The need for adequate communication both to and from congregations.

(d) and any other relevant matters.

(ii) That Conference ask the President to appoint the Members of the Commission.

(b) Recommendation 8, reading as under, from the Supplementary Report of the Church Council -

That the Welfare of the Church Committee in consultation with the Administration Division review,

the function, structure, membership, relationship to each other, possible reduction in membership, appointment/election of members and other related matters resulting from recent changes in stationing procedures and the new proposals for the Connexional Budget, of the General Purposes, Stationing and Budget Committees of Conference and Church Council and report to Church Council, Synods and Conference 1980.

(c) Rev. Roger Gibson's notice of motion, reading:

That in the current revision of the Law Book, urgency be given to clarifying where authority lies between Conferences. Particular attention being given to -

(a) the right of the President to initiate decisions (refer Law Book paras. 167d and 473);

(b) the powers and accountability of Conference Standing Committees (refer Law Book para. 377);

(c) the constitution, time of meeting, powers and accountability of the Conference Committees of Detail A. General Purposes, B. Complaints and Appeals, C. Committee on Ministry and L. Finance & Stewardship.

9. That Conference receives the proposal that in July 1981, on an agreed Sunday, a nationwide integrated stewardship programme be held in the Methodist Church with the aim of-

(a) Challenging the constituency to a realistic level of giving.

(b) Building and sense of common purpose and togetherness.

(c) Launching the proposed mission budget.

(d) That Union and Co-operating Parishes be invited to participate.

The programme to be run by the Joint Methodist Presbyterian Stewardship Section meeting with a Representative Committee and the costs to be borne by the Churches on a strict per member basis.

That this proposal be referred to Quarterly Meetings and Synods and that we ask the Stewardship Committee for a definite date and an outline of maximum costs to be sent to Synods by 31st July, 1980.

10. That in view of sharply rising costs the Stipends Committee be requested to prepare guidelines which would enable Supernumerary Ministers and Lay Preachers conducting services of worship on a casual basis to be suitably recompensed for expenses incurred.

11. That the Welfare of the Church Committee for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

QUESTION 30—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Lay Preachers' Association?

N.Z. METHODIST LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Report P. 166

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

QUESTION 31—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Women's Fellowship?

N.Z. METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Report P. 181-184

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

QUESTION 32—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Media?

A. COMMISSION ON THE NEW CITIZEN

Report P. 167-172

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

B. BOARD OF THE NEW CITIZEN

Report P. 173-174

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.

2. That the funds remaining from the 1979-1980 Budget be transferred to the Bridging Committee or its successor.
3. That the assets and records of the Board be transferred to the Development Division for the Church's work in Communication.
4. That Conference express its appreciation for the work of successive Boards and Staff of the New Zealand Methodist/New Citizen in initiating this bold venture in religious journalism. Conference recognises that the Board's task has never been an easy one and appreciates that the escalating costs of recent years have placed great strain on all concerned. It believes the paper has explored the issues of the day in the light of the Gospel and is grateful to all who have given themselves to this enterprise.

REPORT OF THE BRIDGING COMMITTEE RE - THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CONNEXIONAL NEWSPAPER

Report P.385-389

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
 2. That a Communications Committee be appointed to implement the proposals:
 - A: Explore the whole media area as proposed by the Commission's Recommendation No. 11 i.e. "That the study of the total media situation be undertaken as a long term project. The area of the mass-media is a complex and rapidly changing field. The Commission recommends that the Church undertakes a long-term study of the media so that a continual use be made of the opportunities that exist now and that can be developed for future use."
 - i) This will involve the appointment of a part-time communications officer who would;
 - * co-ordinate communications within the Church;
 - * develop skills and resources for effective communication;
 - * formulate a policy for sound continuing relationships with the media;
 - * establish resource centres (i.e. equipment).

Much of this could be done in consultation with the appropriate departments of the Presbyterian and Anglican Churches.
 - ii) The exploration of the range of existing communications - within the Church. Our Committee was impressed by the quality and diversity of printed material already produced at various levels within the life of the Church, e.g. weekly/monthly/church bulletins/district newsletters/social service publications etc.
- It would be worthwhile to further develop and share these resources, and skills as well as the facilities that are already available in many local communities.

iii) The Communications Officer would need to be supported by a management committee, the structure and personnel of which, needs further consideration during 1980.

B: Continue the publication of the "occasional" broad-sheets commenced in 1979 under the following general objectives:

- i) reporting and commenting on significant issues and events within the New Zealand and the world-wide church.
- ii) focussing on community issues from a Christian perspective.
- iii) informing the church about emerging policies and programmes.

C: Evaluate and distribute communications resources that are available for the church to use.

D: Encourage Divisions and Circuits/Parishes to avail themselves of opportunities for training.

E: Explore methods of providing material for local church publications."

D. RADIO & TELEVISION COMMITTEE

Report P.175-6

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. The Conference records its appreciation to Mr. A. Alcorn for his services on the Radio and Television Committee since its inception.
3. That the Radio and Television Committee for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

QUESTION 33—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Chaplaincies?

A. ARMED SERVICES CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

Report P.177-178

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the chaplains for 1980 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,
B.W. Neal.
3. That the Methodist representatives on the Regional Advisory Committees be:

Northern: Rev. R.F. Clement
Central: Rev. J.S. Hosking
Southern: Rev. W.L. Wallace

4. That the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Committee for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 7.

QUESTION 34—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Wesley Historical Society?

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Report P. 179-180

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

QUESTION 35—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Faith and Order?

FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE

Report Pp. 265-278

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
 2. That Conference commend the working papers on Liturgical Dress; the Discipline of the Church; and Children and Holy Communion, to Circuits and Parishes for study.
 3. That the Faith and Order Committee be asked to prepare a short statement on the theological and historical reasons behind the suggested guidelines on liturgical dress.
 4. That Conference give general approval to the report and its proposals, concerning the Presidency and the Vice-Presidency; namely:
 - (a) That the office of President be opened to Lay persons, Deacons and Presbyters in full connexion.
 - (b) That the office of Vice-President be opened to Lay persons, and Deacons and Presbyters in full connexion.
 - (c) That where the President be a Presbyter, the Vice-President be a Lay person or Deacon, and where the President be a Lay person or Deacon, the Vice-President be a Presbyter.
 - (d) That the Vice-President shall be legal deputy to the President.
 - (e) That there be a Planning Committee to guide Presidents and Vice-Presidents in arranging visitation to Circuits and to co-ordinate the pastoral oversight of the whole Church over a period of years.
- and that these proposals be sent to Synods and Quarterly Meetings/Parish Councils for study and response (replies to be channelled through the Faith and Order Committee). The final decision to be made at Conference 1980.

5. That in any consideration of the implementation of the "general principles" in relation to the Presidency and Vice-Presidency the Faith and Order Committee consider expressing the 'five year' guideline in terms of a 'hope' rather than as a mandatory, statement, or alternatively, complete deletion of this guideline. (See 4 (a) page 267).
6. That the Faith and Order Committee be authorised to examine the Ordination Service with a view to possible revision.
7. That the Committee continue its work on the unfinished matters mentioned in the Report: Baptism and Religious Experience; Holy Communion - The Blue Book; The Funeral Service.
8. That in view of the pastoral needs of the Church, ministerial and congregational and in view of the emerging worldwide consensus within Methodism that episcopacy may be a way forward for the life of the Church, Conference establish a Commission on episcopacy and that the Faith and Order Committee in consultation with the Committee on Ministry be given the responsibility of convening this Commission.
9. That Conference ask the Faith and Order Committee, and the Welfare of the Church Committee, to examine the apparent trend towards centralised authority in relation to Methodism's traditional structure and with reference to a renewed emphasis on the local Church.
10. That Conference supports the proposed initiative of the National Council of Churches to convene a major gathering in New Zealand on such a theme as "Theology for the People of God". This to be held early in 1981.
11. That in view of the fact that older and more mature people are now coming into the Ministry and also that the Church can greatly benefit from young leadership:
 - (a) the fifteen year barrier be removed in relation to the election of the President (and Vice-President)
 - (b) that the matter be referred to the Faith and Order Committee for incorporation in the new provisions with regard to the Presidency and Vice-Presidency.
12. That the Faith and Order Committee for 1980 be as printed in Year Book on page 7.

QUESTION 36—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Law Revision?

See Committee on Ministry Resolutions and Report.

QUESTION 37—What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting the laws of the Church including the rulings of the President during the year?

none.

QUESTION 38—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to International Affairs?

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Report Pp.112-126; Additional Report Pp. 367-369

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Additional Report be received.

KOREA:

2. That on the basis of the report, this Conference urge the New Zealand Government to reappraise its relations with Korea and concentrate on the need for an eventual peaceful reunification of North and South Korea.
3. Conference asks the International Affairs Committee to continue to monitor the breaches of human rights in North and South Korea documented by Amnesty International and Church organisations, and as specific instances become known, take these up with the New Zealand Ambassador for the Peoples Republic of Korea and/or the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

RACISM AND THE MEDIA:

4. Conference expresses support for attempts being made to establish a new international information sharing order.

In particular Conference:-

- (a) expresses support for the efforts of Rev. Bob Scott and the International Coalition for Development Action, to establish alternative channels of communication through voluntary agencies throughout the world.
 - (b) commends to the relevant Synod Committees for study and comment, the 1978 report prepared by the World Council of Churches on the need for a new international information sharing order.
5. Conference asks the International Affairs Committee to take up the matters in its report "Racism and the Media" with the New Zealand Newspaper Publishers Association and the journalists' unions in New Zealand.
 6. Conference requests the Education Division to make available to congregations, educational aids that will enable people to monitor racism and other distortions in the news media.

JUSTICE FOR THE POOR AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT:

7. This Conference affirms, with deep feeling, and in solidarity with the poor people of the world -
 - that the widening gap between the rich and poor of the world is an abomination to us;
 - that the priority for world development is to give more economic power and decision-making power to the poor and powerless people;

- that our primary responsibilities, as part of the affluent world are to work as partners with the poor -
 - (a) to provide relief aid in times of natural disaster or man-made calamity;
 - (b) to support the development of communities in the poorer countries by assistance through self-help projects.
 - (c) to work to provide international trading opportunities that favour the people of poorer nations;
 - (d) to oppose the exploitation of the poor people by the rich within New Zealand as well as overseas;
 - (e) to help our own people understand the causes of world poverty and the way these causes may be removed, and to accept the cost that is ours to bear on behalf of the poor people of our world community.

These things we affirm in the name of Jesus Christ who comes "to proclaim good news to the poor,... to set free the oppressed."

8. That Conference ask the International Affairs Committee to consult with the Education Division and the Ecumenical Secretariat on Development to find ways in which to create a greater awareness amongst our people of the causes of world poverty and the practical ways people can respond.

INDO-CHINA:

9. Given our relationship with the Churches in Indo-China, and in the interest of peace and stability in this region, Conference-
 - (a) urges Government to move as quickly as possible to establish full diplomatic relations with the Government of Vietnam;
 - (b) commends Government attempts through the United Nations to achieve a peaceful resolution of political tensions in the Indo-China area and the eventual and planned withdrawal of all foreign troops;
 - (c) whilst recognising the political complexities involved welcomes the Government offer to assist the airfreighting of emergency food and medical supplies from New Zealand to Kampuchea on a joint agency basis.
 - (d) asks Government to refrain from committing New Zealand military support to any party in the Indo-Chinese dispute, because we believe this would only aggravate the situation.
10. In view of the extreme violation of human rights perpetrated by the Pol Pot Government of Kampuchea, in permitting and supporting the deliberate extermination of about 2 million people, Conference registers its disapproval of the New Zealand Government's action in its support for the seating of the Pol Pot Government at the United Nations.

CORSO:

11. That Conference write to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister in charge of the Inland Revenue Department and express its deep concern over the recent action of the Govern-

ment in relation to Corso, and request that the cancellation of the Tax Concession be reconsidered by the Government with a view to restoring Corso to the list of charitable organisations entitled to the concession.

12. That Conference ask Government to spell out clearly the criteria by which a charitable organisation can qualify for tax deductibility status.
13. That Conference request the General Secretary of the National Council of Churches to set up an ecumenical work group to investigate poverty in New Zealand and to report with recommendations to the member Churches and that this matter be treated with urgency.

GENERAL

14. That the International Affairs Committee be asked to consider commissioning a study on the Theological, Biblical and Ecclesiological basis for our involvement in international affairs, with a view to presenting a brief discussion paper to Synods next year.
15. That the International Affairs Committee for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 7.

QUESTION 39—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Public Questions?

Report P.210-259, Additional Reports Pp. 369-376

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Additional Report and submission be received.
2. That the Methodist representatives on the N.Z. Interchurch Council for Public Affairs be Rev. C.D. Clark and Mrs.K.Loncar.
3. That the Methodist Public Questions Committee for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 8.
4. That the statement "The Reform of Parliament" (Appendix I) be sent down to Synods and Quarterly Meetings, and Congregations, for discussion and report by June 30.
5. That the following recommendations be referred to Synods and Quarterly Meetings for discussion during 1980:-
 - (a) Conference affirms that a Christian's attitude towards gambling should be shaped by an acceptance of the principle of Stewardship towards personal and community resources and by a concern for the total welfare of others.
 - (b) Conference recognises that there are various opinions as to the effects of casual gambling on a small scale. However, the acceptance of such casual gambling does create the environment in which reckless or addictive gambling can take place.
 - (c) Conference is opposed to the provision of any further facilities for gambling and reaffirms its opposition to gambling. It expresses the view that Christians may wish to avoid gambling and recommends this as its standard.
 - (d) That Methodist congregations be urged to actively promote a way of life in response to Christ that makes it unneces-

sary to find satisfaction, pleasure and excitement from gambling and at the same time, increasing the spirit of generosity and goodwill as the true motives for giving rather than the acquisitiveness involved in gambling.

6. Conference urges the Government to establish a Gambling Research Unit similar to that proposed by the Royal Commission into Gambling in England. There is a dearth of statistical evidence about the social effects of gambling in N.Z.
7. Conference urges that if the Government is to seek increased revenue, that this be obtained through means other than through the extension of gambling facilities.
8. (a) Conference recognises the great amount of damage and suffering caused by the abuse 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) That the "Position Paper on Alcohol" be sent down to Synods, Quarterly Meetings and Congregations for their serious consideration.
9. That the submission on "The Family Proceedings Bill" (Appendix VI) be approved.
10. That the statement on "Church & Investments" (Appendix III) be sent down to Synods, Quarterly Meetings and congregations for discussion and report by 30 June.
11. That the Conference give general approval for the appointment of a part-time executive secretary to the committee subject to the provision of the necessary finance.
12. That the submissions made to the Electoral Act with the exceptions of lines, pg.375 para. 1. "It may be in the National Party's interest.....with objectively and honestly." be approved.
13. That Conference approve the statement on the National Development Bill and that it be conveyed to the Prime Minister, the Minister of National Development and to members of the appropriate Select Committee. (See Reports Pp. 370-372).
14. (a) That this Conference notes with increasing concern the number of takeovers in New Zealand and resulting limitation of competition and of employment opportunities and submits that the country is not well served by takeover activities which result in wealth accumulating in fewer hands.
(b) That Conference confirm the action of the Committee in becoming party to the proceedings of the proposed takeover of McKenzies by L.D. Nathans under the Commerce Act and approve the submission included in the addendum.

QUESTION 40—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the N.Z.M.S.S.A.?

N.Z. METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION

Report P.279-281

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Annual Report be received and the statement of receipts and payments be received and adopted.
2. That the M.S.S.A. Executive prepare information on Social Service Appeals to Union Parishes for the consideration of the J.C.N.C.C.
3. That the Rev. Wilf E. Falkingham be re-appointed Official Representative and Convener of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
4. That Mr. M.E. Lloyd, A.C.A., be re-appointed Treasurer of the Association.

QUESTION 41—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the M.S.S.A. Branches?

AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION

Report P.282-4

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board of Management of the Central Mission be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

MANAWATU SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

Report P.285-6

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Management Committee for 1979/80 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

MASTERTON CHILDREN'S HOME

Report P.287

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Management Committee for the ensuing year be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES

Report P.288-291

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.
3. Conference notes the retirement of the Rev. J.A. Penman as Chairman of the Wesley Social Services Trust Board and records its gratitude for his significant service over the past 13 years.

CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION

Report P. 292-295

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

DUNEDIN REGIONAL MISSION

Reports P.297-297

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

QUESTION 42—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Trinity Theological College?

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Reports P.188-191

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Rev.Dr.J.J.Lewis,M.A., B.D., Ph.D. complete his term as Methodist Principal on January 31, 1980.
3. That Conference records its gratitude to Dr. Lewis for his outstanding leadership as Principal during an eventful and demanding period in the history of the College and expresses its pleasure that he will be continuing as Lecturer in Old Testament Studies for a further year, at which time he will have completed 39 years in the active ministry.

The Conference is mindful of the heavy demands made on Mrs Lewis during these years and offers her its sincere thanks and appreciation for her unflinching support and for her generous contribution to the life of the College community.

4. That the Rev. Dr. J.J. Lewis continue as Lecturer in Old Testament Studies until his retirement on January 31, 1981.
5. That the Rev. Keith Rowe, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. be appointed Methodist Principal from February 1, 1980, for an initial term of five years.
6. That having been so designated by Conference 1977, the Rev. B.K. Rowe now be appointed Ranston Lecturer in the field of Ministry, Education and Homiletics.
7. That the Rev. J. Silvester, M.A., be thanked for his contribution to the life of the College by lecturing in the Theology Department on two mornings weekly over the last two years.
8. Conference receives with pleasure, notice of the appointment by the President, in accordance with the agreed procedures, of Rev. Dr. W. James Stuart D. Theol. as Wesley Lecturer in Systematic Theology from February 1, 1980 for an initial term of five years, and assures Dr. Stuart of a warm welcome and the Church's support.
9. That the section of the report entitled FUNCTION AND SIZE OF THE COUNCIL be adopted with the following amendment to Section (1) under "Membership of the Council" "That the Council consist of fifteen members, seven lay persons and seven ministers, plus a chairperson."
10. That the Council for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.
11. That the following persons be thanked for their services as members of the Council:
Messrs A.M. McKerras, W.F. Winstone, A.W. Neal, J. Murray, J.R. Osborne, L.W. Peak and F.M. Souster; the Revs. R.F. Clement, E.W. Hames, J. Silvester, D.O. Williams, P.F. Taylor, A.K. Petch, J.H. Osborne, B.E. Jones, W.G. Tucker and J.J. Lewis.

QUESTION 43—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Wesley College?

A.

WESLEY COLLEGE

Report P.195-200

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference record its sincere appreciation of the services of Mr. G.C.B. Minogue as Secretary of the Trust Board Board since 1953 and wish him well in his retirement.
3. That the membership of the Board for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book of Page 10.
4. That a letter of greeting be sent to Mr. Owen Reeve, farm manager, who has suffered ill health related to his work.

B. RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST

Report P.201-7

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the members of the Board for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

QUESTION 44—What are the decisions of Conference on matter relating to the Overseas Division?

OVERSEAS DIVISION

Report Pg. 154-164, 260-264, 578-580

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports of the Overseas Division and the Overseas Ecumenical Committee be received, and the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference ask the Joint Board for Mission Overseas to express its mind on the issues relating to the Corso debate.
3. With a view to clarifying responsibilities for Ecumenical Affairs within New Zealand and outside New Zealand, the Joint Board for Mission Overseas and the Board of Administration consult and jointly report to Synods and Conference 1980.
4. That the Conference re-affirm its commitment to Christian World Service as the official ecumenical aid and development agency of the Methodist Church.
5. That the Methodist membership of the Joint Board for Mission Overseas for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.
6. That the Conference conveys its gratitude to retiring Board members, Viz. Mrs V. Dowie, Revs. D. Bruce and B.K. Rowe.

QUESTION 45—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Development Division?

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Report 127-131

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and the financial statements received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

QUESTION 46—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Samoan Policy Committee?

SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE

Report P.132-133

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That all District Samoan Fellowships be consulted by the Executive of the Samoan Policy Committee as part of their review of the future focus of Rev. Amituana'i's Ministry.
3. That the Committee for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

QUESTION 47—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Tongan Fellowship?

TONGAN FELLOWSHIP

Report P. 367

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

QUESTION 48—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Church Union?

CHURCH UNION

Report P.377-378

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That this Conference confirms its 1978 decision to accept 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 Church Union Committee and the representatives on the J.C.C.U. for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 7.
4. That the 15th Report of the J.C.C.U. be received.

QUESTION 49—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Statistics?

See Report Pages 419-433.

QUESTION 50—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Maori Division?

MAORI DIVISION

Report Pp. 147-153

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference express thanks and appreciation to the Matron of Te Rahu Wahine, Mrs. Maude Nikora and her husband Paddy, for their devoted service to the Hostel and wish them well in their retirement.
3. That Conference express thanks and appreciation to the Matron of Seamer House, Mrs. Robin Peters and her husband Jim for their devoted service to the Hostel and wish them well for the future.
4. That the Board for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.
5. That Samson Toia, Henare Pate, Rua Rakena and Hana Hauraki be the representatives on the N.C.C. Maori Section.
6. That in the event of Te Kaunihera Whakawhanaunga i nga Haahi o Aotearoa being established prior to Conference 1980 the first three be appointed to its Executive.
7. That Conference approach Government for more realistic financial assistance to be given to Trade Trainee Hostels which are administered by the Methodist Church.
8. Conference expresses its sense of joy and good wishes to the Rev's Hana Hauraki, Barabara Miller and Diana Tana on the historic occasion of their Ordination to the Ministry of Word, Sacraments and Pastoral Care.
9. That Conference place on record the Church's deep and grateful appreciation to the members of Te Roopu Wahine for their strong support of the Division in both leadership and finance.

QUESTION 51—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Education Division?

EDUCATION DIVISION

Report Pp. 135-146, 521-525

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Conference encourage Circuits and Parishes to develop inter-generational programmes within the life of the Church so that children and adults can whenever possible learn of Christ and worship together. We commend this direction as a valid Methodist contribution to the International Year of the Child. We also recommend this possibility as a creative way in which our Connexion can celebrate 1980 as the 200th Anniversary of the Sunday School movement.

3. That Board Membership for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.
4. That the financial statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION 52—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Administration Division?

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Report Pp. 298-334, 345-359

RESOLUTION

1. That the Reports A. - T. be received.

C. QUESTION FOR THE CONDUCT OF CONFERENCE BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

1. That the revised Questions for the Conduct of the Conference be used as presented on an experimental basis.

D. CONFERENCE EXPENSES - REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLUTIONS

1. That conference registration fees be met by appointing bodies for all representatives.
2. That, wherever possible, the conference programme be arranged to provide for evening meals at the conference venue.
3. That Conference approve the principle of a 'per Presbyter' levy to provide a reasonable amount of travelling expenses assistance for Conference representatives and request the Board of Administration to bring details to Synods and Conference 1980.

E. LEVY FROM REVENUE PRODUCING TRUSTS FOR THE CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board of Administration advise Synods of deposits in the General Purposes Trust Fund having their source in each District.

F. SPECIAL ACCOUNT

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

G. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and the statement be used in the preparation of annual accounts for Conference.

H. COMMON PROPERTY, FINANCIAL & STATISTICAL
RETURNS FOR USE IN
UNION & CO-OPERATING PARISHES

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

I. INSURANCE

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference draws attention to the Motor Vehicles Scheme and the Provident Society Insurance Scheme.

J. REVIEW OF RETIREMENT PROVISIONS FOR
DEACONS (DEACONESSSES) AND HOME MISSIONARIES

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That from the 1st February 1980, the Supernumerary Fund be one Common pension fund for Presbyters, Deacons and Home Missionaries.
3. Existing depositors in the Deaconess Retiring Fund and Home Missionaries Retiring Fund shall have the option of membership in the Supernumerary Fund or the Lay Workers Retiring Fund.
 - (a) Those transferring to the Supernumerary Fund shall have the years of contribution to their respective fund credited as years of contribution to the Supernumerary Fund.
 - (b) The capital of the Deaconess Retiring Fund and the Home Missionary Retiring Fund shall be transferred to the Supernumerary Fund.
4. Conference amends Resolution No.2, para. 3., Conference 1967, page 158 to now read:

"One quarter of the net annual income to be paid to the Supernumerary Fund." (Mabel Morley Trust)

K. SUPERNUMERARY FUND

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board of Administration be authorised to prepare and execute a Trust Deed for the Supernumerary and Allied Funds and Lay Workers' Fund in a form as closely as possible incorporating the provisions of the present Scheme but with such amendments as may be necessary in order to obtain the approval of the Government Actuary under the Supernumerary Schemes Regulations 1976.
3. That to enable Part-time and Self-Supporting Ministers not receiving a full minimum stipend to avail themselves of supernumerary and related benefits at stipend related premiums and subsidies Conference authorises the Supernumerary Fund

- (a) to establish, in addition to existing full membership of the Fund, a fifty per cent membership, which will provide for benefits in the value of fifty per cent of the benefits received by full members.
 - (b) to effect such changes in the Rules of the Fund as are necessary to provide for fifty per cent membership and for the possibility of part-time and self-supporting ministers, not receiving a full minimum stipend, to elect either full membership or fifty per cent membership or to choose not to be a member of the Supernumerary Fund, with the payments of contributions on the basis set out in the Report.
4. That the Board give further attention to the Examples (ii) and (iii) given on page 316 Agenda, with a view to removing anomalies.
 5. That the provisions of the death benefit of the Supernumerary Fund be amended to provide as follows:
 - (a) That a death benefit of two and a half (2½) times the current minimum stipend shall be paid to the spouse of a full member of the Fund dying prior to retirement who at the date of death was contributing to the Fund.
 - (b) That a death benefit of one and a quarter (1¼) times the current minimum stipend shall be paid to the spouse of a fifty per cent member of the Fund who at the date of death was paying personal contributions to the Fund.
 - (c) That a death benefit of two and a half (2½) per cent for each year of contribution of two and a half (2½) times the current minimum stipend shall be paid to the spouse of a member of the Fund dying prior to retirement who is not contributing to the Fund.
 - (d) The Board may, at its discretion, make a payment of a similar amount as would be paid to the spouse to dependent children of the member of the Fund whose spouse has predeceased the member.
 6. That Section 51 of the Supernumerary Fund's rules and regulations be amended by replacing two per centum per annum with one per centum per annum.
 7. That the Board of Administration review the provisions of the Lay Workers Fund and report to Synods and Conference 1980.
 8. That Agenda, pp. 317-9, Section 5 "Review of Compulsory Membership" be referred to the Committee on Ministry, particularly as it studies matters concerned in "Full Connexion".
 9. That Conference confirms the action of the General Purposes Committee in granting a Presbyterian exemption from Membership in the Supernumerary Fund. (Details as recorded in the Journal).
 10. See also Res. 2 under Church Council, Page 629 i.e. "That from 1st July 1981, all subsidy contributions to the Retiring Fund be paid at the appropriate rate direct by the employing body, (e.g. A Circuit with two full time Ministers would pay 2 x 10% of current Stipend.)"

L. REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE SPECIAL
HOUSING FUND (\$150,000 APPEAL)

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the formula to establish the amount of loan entitlement be amended by reducing the \$100 reduction from the 1975 base to \$50 from the 1975 base, effective from 31st January 1980.

M. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Guidelines for Administration of Property in Union and Co-operating Parishes, be used on a trial basis as from 1st February 1980 and revised with a further report to Synods and Conference 1980.

N. GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST FUND

J.A.Clothier Estate.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That Conference accepts the transfer of the assets forming the residue of the Estate of Jesse Albert Clothier as the nucleus of or a contribution to a fund for the establishment of a Methodist Girls' College in New Zealand.
2. That the said assets be vested in The Methodist General Purposes Trust Board which shall henceforth be responsible to the Conference for the administration of the said fund.
3. That the Conference enter into a formal Deed with the Estate Trustees, such Deed to contain the provisions of these recommendations and such other provisions as shall be deemed reasonable or necessary by the Estate Trustees and the President's Legal Adviser.

Bradley Fund.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the following Grants be approved-
 - (a) Maori Land research, documentation and analysis of continuing case grievances, \$1,000.
 - (b) "Making Disciples" audio visual, \$900.
 - (c) Analysis of present and future camping in North Canterbury up to \$1,000.

Thorndon Deposit.

RESOLUTION

1. That thirtythree and one third per cent of the income of the Thorndon Deposit Account for the year ended 31st January 1980 be paid as a capital contribution to the Benevolent Fund of the Supernumerary Fund.

O. CAR TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

P. HOLDING OF TITLE TO METHODIST PROPERTY
UNDER THE MODEL DEED OF 1887 (EXCEPT
PROPERTY USED IN UNION AND CO-OPERATING
PARISHES AND CO-OPERATIVE VENTURES)

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

Q. METHODIST ARCHIVES

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

R. 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) Presbyters, Deacons and Lay Workers Loan Fund
 - (f) Connexional Expenses Fund
 - (g) Removal Expenses Fund
 - (h) Fire Insurance Fund
 - (i) Connexional Budget
 2. That the Board of Administration for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.
 3. That Conference records its grateful thanks to Mr. A.A. Dingwall for his service to the Board of Administration, and to the the Connexion over many years of service.
 4. That over the next 12 months, consideration be given by the Administration Division in consultation with selected groups and individuals, to the implications of -
 - a. Changing the title of Circuit to Parish
 - b. Replacing Quarterly Meeting with Parish Council.
 - c. Transferring the function of the Trust to a Property Committee of Parish Council.
 - d. Amalgamating Circuit and Trust Accounts to give a total financial picture.
- A Report to be presented to Synod and Conference 1980.

S.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference, having endorsed Christian World Service as the Churches' own aid agency, strongly encourages members and congregations to support the 1979 Christmas Appeal.
3. That Conference approve the establishing of Te Kaunihera Whakawhanaunga i nga Haahi o Aoteroa as outlined in the proposed constitution.
4. That Conference endorse and commend the appeal of the Inter-Church Commission on Immigration and Refugee Resettlement to its members and congregations, and convey its appreciation of the work being undertaken by its officers and those of related agencies, especially in regard to the present Indo-China crises.
5. That Conference convey its thanks to Mr. A. Gnanasunderam for his services to and through the Church and Society Commission over the past nine years or so.
6. That the Methodist representatives on the NCC Women's Committee be: Mesdames Rua Turner; Dianna Roberts, and one appointed by the President.
7. That Conference again draw the attention of its nominating committees to the women, youth, ethnic and lay categories required when considering representatives to ecumenical committees etc.
8. That Conference commends the Christian Action Week Programme 1980 - "New Hope for a New Decade" to congregations as a way of working out Christian involvement in the community.

T.

DESIGNATION OF GENERAL SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

1. That the Rev. Alan K. Woodley, B.A. be designated for re-appointment as General Secretary by Conference 1980 for a term of up to six years.

QUESTION 53—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Investment Board?

INVESTMENT BOARD

Report P.346

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Investment Board for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

QUESTION 54—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Methodist Trust Association?

METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

Report Pp.347-349

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Methodist Trust Association Board for 1980 be the members of the Investment Board for 1980.
3. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
4. That Clause 3 and 11 of the Constitution of the N.Z. Methodist Trust Association be amended as follows:

Clause 3. THE objects for which the Association is established are for the furtherance in New Zealand of the religious, charitable, and educational work of the Church and to that end: - etc.

Clause 11. ANY provision of this Constitution may from time to time be rescinded, amended, altered or added to by the Conference provided no rescission, amendment, alteration or addition alters the exclusively charitable nature of the Association.

QUESTION 55—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Connexional Trusts?

A,

PROBERT TRUST

Report 350

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. Whereas the Will of the late John Probert of Auckland provided that the remainder of his estate should be held by the Trustees of his will "upon trust for the Wesleyan Methodist Church in New Zealand" and that the receipt of the President and Secretary for the time being of the New Zealand Conference should be a sufficient discharge to the Trustees.

AND WHEREAS the said New Zealand Conference was directed by the said Will to appropriate (after payment of specified sums for the Foreign Mission to New Guinea and for the support of the Home Mission in the Provincial District of Auckland) the remainder "in or towards the advancement benefit and support of any Wesleyan Theological and Training Institution in the Provincial District of Auckland."

AND WHEREAS the executors and Trustees under the said Will having completed their administration reported to the 1895 Conference that the residue of the estate was now available for the purpose as aforesaid and such Conference appointed Trust-

ees in whom such estate became vested for such purposes.
AND WHEREAS Trinity Methodist Theological College has been and is the only institution which fulfils the requirements of a "Wesleyan Theological and Training Institutions in the Provincial District of Auckland" and such college is controlled and administered by a council incorporated under "The Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act 1908"
AND WHEREAS the Trustees of the Probert Trust Board of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (hereinafter called "the Probert Trust Board") incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 is the successor of the Trustees appointed by such Conference in 1895 and such Board now holds property investments and moneys for the said ultimate purpose of the said Will.

NOW THIS CONFERENCE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT it is satisfied that the whole of the capital and income of the real and personal property held by the Probert Trust Board in terms of the Will of the late John Probert should hereafter be held for the exclusive benefit of the Trinity Methodist Theological College at Auckland.
2. THAT the Trustees of the Probert Trust Board be requested and directed to transfer in specie all of the properties investments and moneys now held by them directly to the Council of the Trinity Methodist Theological College.
3. THAT upon being satisfied that such transfers have been duly completed the President and Secretary of the Conference are authorised to sign a receipt and discharge of the Probert Trust Board.
4. That Messrs. Buddle, Weir and Company, Mr. P. Buddle and Mr. F. Izzard be thanked for their valued services over many years.

B. JAMES & MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND
TRUST BOARD

Report P.352

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference hereby authorises the Trustees of the James & Martha Trounson Benevolent Fund Trust Board to invest all or any part of the funds of the Board in the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association and indemnifies the Trustees against any liability which they might but for this resolution have in respect of any loss which might occur in respect of any Funds so deposited by them.

C. POWDERHAM STREET PROPERTY TRUST

Report Pp.353-4

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

D. KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

Report P.354

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

E. GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

Report Pp.355-356

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be

F. ROBERT GIBSON METHODIST TRUST BOARD

Report Pp. 358-9

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. (a) That Grants and the contribution to Reserves be made on the following basis

		estimated to be
Bursaries	35%	\$11,900
Manaia Trust	2½%	850
Child Care	10%	3,400
Youth Work	5%	1,700
Reserves	47½%	16,150
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		\$34,000

(b) That the Education Division consult with the Board to finalise the distribution of the Grant for Youth.

(c) That the N.Z.M.S.S.A. consult with the Board to finalise the distribution of the Grant for Child Care.

3. That the Board for 1980 be: The Chairman of the District or his appointee, Minister of the Manaia Circuit, General Secretary, J.P. Harding, B. Busing, S.W.Bailey, R.J. Thomas, H.B. Duthie, N.P. Laursen, Rev. L.V. Willing, Dr. D.J. Janus.
4. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

G.

EMSLY TRUST

Report P.359

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Resolution 4 of the 1887 Conference in respect of the Emsly bequest be revoked in so far as it directed that £1,500 allocated to the Theological Institution be invested as an endowment for the training of students for the ministry.
3. That the said sum (now \$3,000.00) presently held for such purpose by the Trusees of the Probert Trust Board be now vested absolutely both as to capital and income in the Board of the Methodist Theological College Council at Auckland and that such Board shall have power to merge the funds representing such bequest in its general funds and shall not be required to account for the same separately hereafter.

H.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

Reports Pp.383-384

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

I.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

No Report received.

QUESTION 56—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Connexional Budget?

A.

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

Report P. 361

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received.

B.

REPORT ON THE 1980-81

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

Report Pp.362-4

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Connexional Budget for 1980-81 be \$857,025 to be allocated as follows:

<u>1979/80</u> <u>ALLOCATION</u> \$	<u>DIVISION OR FUND</u> <u>GUARANTEED FUNDS</u>	<u>1980/81</u> <u>REQUESTED</u> \$	<u>1980/81</u> <u>RECOMMENDED</u> \$
165,084	Retiring Funds	212,024	212,024
-	Overseas Lay Workers	4,184	4,184
27,573	Removal Expenses Fund	33,956	31,000
66,104	Connexional Expenses Fund	75,504	70,504
<u>NON-GUARANTEED FUNDS</u>			
63,450	Education Division	70,990	66,490
1,500	(Budget Promotion)	1,500	-
42,950	Board of Administration	50,480	45,480
12,700	Development Fund	9,905	5,905
57,090	Development Division	99,180	77,921
108,937	Maori Division	134,142	115,142
25,000	New Citizen	25,000	17,000
137,987	Overseas Division	219,478	191,858
-	Trinity Theological College	10,000	-
<u>MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS</u>			
2,000	World Council of Churches	2,000	2,000
500	Programme to Combat Racism	500	500
1,900	Overseas Travel Programme	2,000	2,000
500	Christian Conference of Asia	500	500
400	Pacific Conference of Churches	400	400
2,000	Overseas Travel Fund	2,000	1,000
8,508	National Council of Churches	10,293	10,293
7,742	N.C.C. University Chaplaincies	9,062	9,062
4,326	Churches Education Commission	4,975	4,975
2,250	J.C.C.U. & J.N.C.C.E.	3,628	3,628
7,462	1% Overseas Aid	9,921	8,812
250	E.C.O.D.	500	500
746,213		992,128	881,178
	LESS Grant from Special A/c		
13,713	Administration Division	-	24,153
732,500		992,128	857,025

3. That the District allocations be:

<u>1979/80</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>1980/81</u>
\$ 17,372	Northland	\$ 21,280
162,764	Auckland	193,823
106,223	Waikato-Bay of Plenty	124,281
56,605	Taranaki-Wanganui	65,002
79,682	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	90,085
85,453	Wellington	99,978
33,527	Nelson	39,681
118,916	North Canterbury	137,664
29,200	South Canterbury	34,327
42,758	Otago-Southland	50,904
<u>\$732,500</u>		<u>\$857,025</u>

QUESTION 57—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Stipends?

CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS

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RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. (a) That the same minimum stipend apply to both Ministers (Presbyters) and Deacons.
(b) That the date of implementation be 1 July 1980.
3. That the Central Committee on Stipends for 1980 be as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

QUESTION 58—Who is elected President of the Church for induction at next Conference?

Loyal J. Gibson

QUESTION 59—Have adequate arrangements been made for the President's supply?

Yes

QUESTION 60—Who is elected the President's Legal Adviser?

Mr. G.H. Peak, LL.B.

QUESTION 61—Who is elected Vice-President for induction at next Conference?

Rona W. Collins

QUESTION 62—Who are elected as District Chairmen for the ensuing year?

The District Chairmen for 1980 are as printed in the Year Book on Page 3.

QUESTION 63—Who are elected as Secretaries of Synods for the ensuing year?

The Secretaries of Synods for 1980 are as printed in the Year Book on page 3.

QUESTION 64—Who are elected as Financial Secretaries of Synods for the ensuing year?

The District Financial Secretaries for 1980 are as printed in the Year Book on page 4.

QUESTION 65—Who are elected as Property Secretaries of Synods for the ensuing Year?

The District Property Secretaries for 1980 are as printed in the Year Book on page 5.

QUESTION 66—Who are appointed as members of the following Standing Committees and their Conveners?

(a) Committee of Privileges
To be appointed as required.

(b) Committee of Exigency
To be appointed as required.

(c) Pastoral Committee
The Pastoral Committee is as printed in the Year Book on Page 8.

(d) President's Committee of Advice
The President's Committee of Advice is as printed in the Year Book on Page 8.

QUESTION 67—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

1st November 1980 at Wellington.

QUESTION 68—When shall the Annual Meeting of Synods be held?

6th - 16th August 1980.

QUESTION 69—What more can be done to promote the work of God?

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- Page 189 line 5/6 In the Section entitled Appointment of the Reverend B.K. Rowe, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. as Principal, insert after the words, "Union Seminary", the following: "New York. He is a graduate of Trinity Theological College. He is at present engaged in a doctoral programme through San Anselmo Seminary".
- Page 279 Wanganui Flat Development: Line 2, should read Central Districts Committee.
- Page 280 N.Z. Council of Christian Social Service not NEW

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