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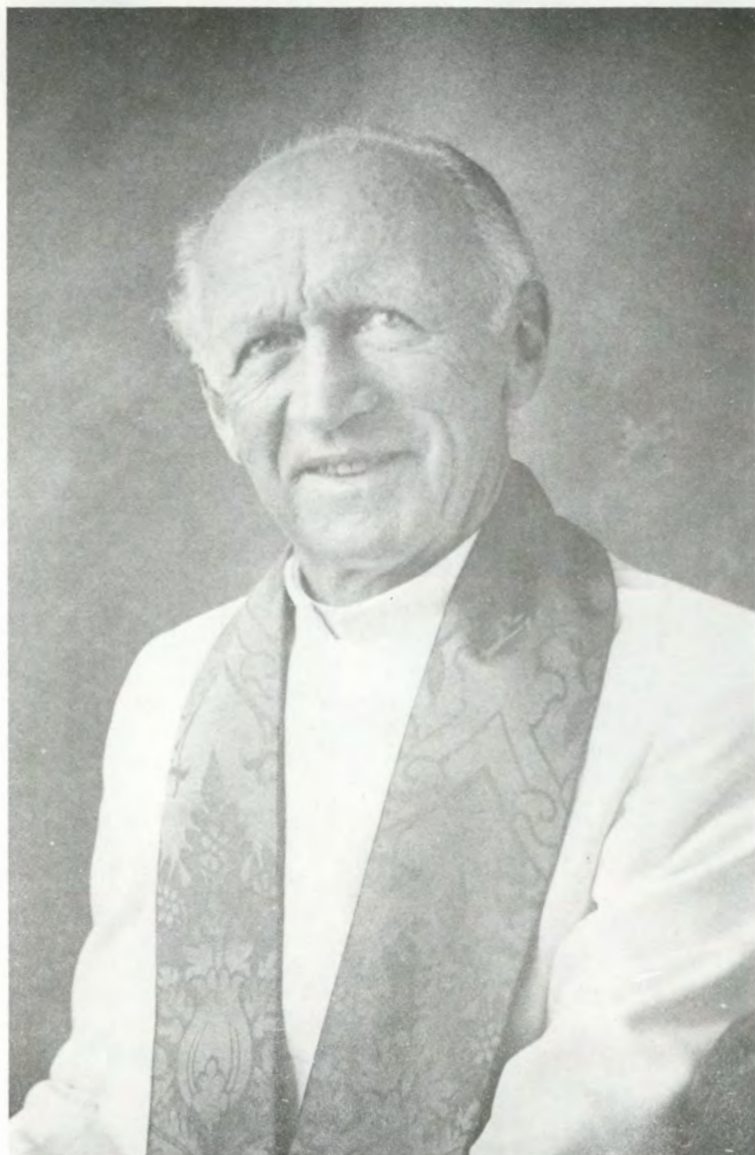
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| | | Aiolupotea, Ala'vivae, 21 Perth St, Otara. (Student) | |
| | | Alcorn, A.Bruce, St John's College, 202 St John's Rd, Auckland 5. (Student) | |
| 1966 | 3 | Alexander, Roy M., 47 Marsden Ave, Mt Eden, Auckland 4. (Chaplain) | 2060 |
| 1968 | 4 | Allan, Robert A., 126 East Belt, Lincoln. | 8160 |
| 1944 | 8 | Allen, Robert H., B.A., 252 Lyttelton St, Christchurch 2. | 8020 |
| 1969 | UFS | Alley, David R., C/- Stout, Hewat, Binnie & Howarth, P.O. Box 11, Invercargill. | 9000 |

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Westmere, Auckland 2. | 2010 |
| | | Anderson, Glenys R., 412 Pukehangi Road, Pomare,
Rotorua. (Student) | |
| 1973 | 3 | Anderson, Ian E.M., 3 Buckland Road, Tuakau. | 2450 |
| 1956 | 8 | Andrews, Robert S., 22 Mersey St, Island Bay,
Wellington 2. | 6030 |
| 1943 | 1977 | Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 84B Kolmar Rd,
Papatoetoe, Auckland | 2410 |
| 1963 | 5 | Ansell, David H., 50 Comrie Rd, Hamilton. | 3110 |
| 1980 | 3 | Arrowsmith, David, M.A., 7 Cleveland Street,
Brooklyn, Wellington 2. | 6010 |
| 1963 | 1979 | Armstrong, David, 23 Durness Pl, Orewa, Auckland. | 2280 |
| 1979 | 1 | Astley, H. Mary, St Pauls Church, 62 London St,
Hamilton. | 3080 |
| 1947 | 1960 | Attwood, A. Francis, 19 Toomey Street, Waihi. | 3040 |
| 1924 | 1956 | Bailey, John H., 6 Lyford Crescent, Takapuna,
Auckland 10. | 2140 |
| 1949 | 1979 | Baker, Edward, 7 Park Ave, Tuakau. | 2240 |
| 1953 | 4 | Baker, Frederick J.K., 61 Wainoni Road, Christchurch 6. | 8030 |
| 1963 | 8 | Ball, Niven G. 314 Ormond Road, Gisborne. | 5050 |
| 1965 | 5 | Barnes, Stanley J., B.A. (Rhodes), 20 Wellington
Street, Hamilton. | 3100 |
| 1936 | 1977 | Beckingsale, George E., 6 Keru St., Onerua,
Waiheke Island. | 2140 |
| 1975 | 4 | Bell, Anthony N., L.Th., 17 Sewell Street, Kaiapoi. | 8180 |
| 1941 | 1967 | Bell, Charles H., B.A., 196 Great North Road, Wanganui | 4090 |
| 1957 | 4 | Bell, G. Basil W., P.O. Box 20, Opononi. | 1060 |
| 1981 | 2 | Bell, David S., B.A., 202 Cambridge Ave, Ashhurst. | 5110 |
| 1944 | 1977 | Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., Theol.M.(Melb.),
6 Wesleydale Place, Papakura. | 2430 |
| 1967 | UFS | Bennett, Enid J., M.A., B.D., P.O. Box 138,
Palmerston North. | 5100 |
| 1956 | 1 | Bennett, George L., 83 Kolmar Rd, Papatoetoe. | 2410 |
| 1981 | 2 | Bennett, John E., Deacon, "Arohanui Family Village",
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| | | Bennett, John E., C/- P.O. Box 68-148, Newton,
Auckland. (Student) | |
| 1955 | 1 | Bennett, Trevor L., 406 Thames St, Morrinsville. | 3060 |
| 1949 | 1967 | Benny, T. Ralph, 7 Hanrahan Street, Ashburton. | 8380 |
| 1951 | 1 | Besant, H. David, B.A., B.D., 79 Arthur St, Timaru. | 8310 |
| 1980 | 3 | Biggs, Donald F., 49 Murphys Road, Blenheim. | 7070 |
| 1954 | 7 | Billinghurst, Noel D., 24 Mouatt Street, Waitara. | 4020 |
| 1965 | 2 | Bilverstone, John, 89 Eton Street, Ashburton. | 8380 |
| 1917 | 1958 | Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.(Melb.), 76 Halton
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| 1971 | 4 | Blundell, Warren H., 100 West Street, Feilding. | 5120 |
| 1975 | ASC8 | Borrie, I. Donald, M.A., S.T.M., 55 Warspite Ave, Porirua.
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| 1959 | CHP2 | Bowen, Lewis A., 67 Kennedy Drive, Levin | 6220 |
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| 1969 | 4 | Brookes, Norman E., M.A., (2nd Class Hons.), 14 St. Vincent Ave, Remuera, Auckland 5. | 2060 |
| 1925 | 1977 | Brown, F.Gardner, 31 Surf Road, Stanmore Bay, Whangaparaoa. | 2280 |
| 1941 | 1980 | Brown, Harold K., 17 Whaka Tce, Huntsbury, Christchurch 2. | 8090 |
| 1976 | 3 | Bruce, Dougal H.C., L.Th., 608 Rolleston St., Thames | 3010 |
| 1964 | 2 | Bruce, Maxwell L., B.Comm, A.C.A., 31 King St, Waiuku
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| 1949 | 1 | Burt, Douglas H., 204 King Street, Rangiora. | 8190 |
| 1974 | 1 | Burton, Restel A., P.O. Box 12, Putaruru | 3150 |
| 1979 | 4 | Bush, David J., B.Sc., 5 Lenihan Street, Northcote, Auckland 9. | 2180 |
| 1944 | 4 | Bycroft, Leslie F., 16 Wheretia Street, Taupo. | 3180 |
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| 1951 | 3 | Carter, George G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 302 West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auckland. | 2100 |
| 1972 | | Cassidy, Tohu, Waima, Hokianga. (MI)
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| 1963 | 7 | Clarke, Ian L., (A.C.A.), 8A Fovant Street, Christchurch. | 8120 |
| 1981 | 1 | Clarke, Lois R.H., B.A., L.T.C.L., 4 Meyers Rd, Manurewa, Auckland | 2420 |
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| 1951 | 5 | Clucas, Ivan J., P.O. Box 2129, Rotorua. | 3170 |
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| 1948 | 36 | Collins, Rona W., Deacon, Methodist Children's Home, 93 Harewood Road, Papanui, Christchurch 5. | 8010 |
| 1960 | 1981 | Conway, James H., 7 Meadowland St, Tauranga. | 3190 |
| 1928 | Ret. | Coombridge, Roy, No. 3 R.D., Otorohanga. (HM) | 3260 |
| 1980 | 3 | Cooper, K. Desmond, 214 High Street, Dannevirke. | 5070 |
| 1969 | SS11 | Corlett, Ashley I., L.Th., No. 4 R.D., Taumaranui. | 3280 |
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| 1968 | 14 | Couch, Moke A.G., B.A., 5 Mission St, New Plymouth. | 4510 |
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| 1980 | 3 | Cumberpatch, Lindsey E., B.A., 31 Beatty Street, Melville, Hamilton. | 3080 |
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| 1943 | 1982 | Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 44 Kupe Street, Orakei, Auckland 5. | 2070 |
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| 1982 | 1 | Ferguson, I.W. Leslie, P.O. Box 166, Kerikeri. | 1040 |
| 1979 | 4 | Ferguson, Robert A., B.A., 61 King Edward Street, Eltham. | 4040 |
| 1966 | UFS | Ferguson, Ronald W., 4 Pa Road, Onerahi, Whangarei. | 1080 |
| 1949 | 1 | Ford, Wilfred F., C.M.G., B.A., St Pauls Church, 62 London St, Hamilton. | 3080 |
| 1957 | 2 | Fowler, Irwin J., 19 Graham Avenue, Te Atatu, Auckland. | 2120 |
| 1982 | 1 | France, Brian N., 33 Johnson St, Milton. | 9080 |
| 1937 | 1974 | Francis, William R., B.A., B.D. (Lond.), 982 Whangaparaoa Road, Whangaparaoa. | 2280 |
| 1981 | 2 | Frith-Upson, Lynne O., 145 Larnach Rd, Waverley, Dunedin. | 9070 |
| | | Fruin, John H., Chertsey, (HM) | |
| | ASC2 | Fulbright, James C., 2 Huntly West Rd, Ngaruawahia. | 3120 |
| 1968 | 1973 | George, Atawhai, Q.S.M., Deacon, C/- P.O. Box, Waihaiha, Bay of Islands. | |
| 1952 | 2 | George, R. Leslie, 4 Hingaia Street, Turangi. | 3290 |
| 1964 | 3 | Gerritsen, Hendrik, B.A., B.D., 30 Gardner Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland 7. | 2300 |
| 1952 | 7 | Gibson, Loyal J., 50 Meadowvale Avenue, Forrest Hill, Auckland 10. till 30/6/82 | |
| | 1 | 1/7/82 104 Manawapou Rd, Hawera. | 4050 |
| | | Gibson, Mark Loyal, P.O. Box 92, Wanganui. (Student) | |
| 1959 | 1 | Gibson, Roger M., C/- P.O. Box 789, Masterton | 6190 |
| 1951 | 1 | Gilbert, Geoffrey T., 31 Ranfurly St, Tamatea, Napier. | 5160 |
| 1958 | 1 | Gilbert, Wilfred S., 4 Oroua St, Te Puke. | 3210 |
| 1940 | 1980 | Gilmore, Leslie R.M., B.A., 8 Tampin Road, Manurewa. | 2420 |
| 1958 | SS2 | Glen, Frank G., Dip. Theol. (Syd.), Golden Hills Road, R.D.1, Richmond, Nelson. | 7010 |
| 1976 | SOC1 | Glensor, Peter E., B.A., 8 Nelson St, Petone | 6120 |
| 1934 | 1969 | Goodman, George H., 8 Paremata Cres, Paremata | 5150 |
| 1950 | 11 | Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A., P.O. Box 5104, Wellesley St, Auckland. | 2020 |
| 1955 | 4 | Goreham, Norman J., B.A. (B'ham), B.D. (Lond.) 104 McAllister St., Whakatane (P.O. Box 164) | 3220 |
| 1959 | 1976 | Goudge, Stanley R., B.A., 46 Muigan St, Avondale, Auckland 7. | 2080 |
| 1956 | 1982 | Grant, Ian D., 219 Ocean Beach Rd, Mt Maunganui. | 3210 |

| Ent. | Years | Name and Address | Circuit |
|------|-------|---|--------------|
| | | Grant, John M., 30 Matai St, Hamilton (Student) | |
| 1980 | 3 | Grant, Paul H., B.Man.Studies, 21 Horoeoka Street,
Stokes Valley. | 6120 |
| 1973 | 4 | Grant, Stuart C., B.A., LL.B., L.Th.(Hons.), 4 Jellicoe
Street, Greytown. | 6160
6170 |
| 1969 | 6 | Graves, Norma M., (P.O.Box 453) 203 Chelmsford St,
Invercargill. | 9110 |
| 1972 | | Gray, Henare Te H., Te Kowhai Road, Horotiu. (MI) | 3510 |
| | | Gray, Robin J.G., St. John's College, 202 St. John's
Road, Auckland 5. (Student) | |
| 1931 | 1971 | Greenslade, William W.H., M.B.E., 5 Everest Street,
Khandallah, Wellington. | 6010 |
| 1979 | 4 | Greenwood, I. Marie, B.Theol., P.G.Dip.(Theol),
153 Kohimarama Road, Auckland 5. | 2060 |
| 1976 | 4 | Greer, Michael W., L.Th., (P.O.Box 51-019, Tawa)
85 Redwood Avenue, Tawa, Wellington. | 6110 |
| 1939 | 1968 | Grice, Reginald, Unit 1, Kelly Rd, Cambridge. | 3070 |
| 1959 | 6 | Griffith, Keith C., 235 Karori Rd, Wellington 5. | 6020 |
| 1969 | 6 | Griffiths, William D., 4 Lincoln Road, Henderson,
Auckland 8. | 2100 |
| 1928 | 1969 | Grocott, John D., B.A., 3 Chislehurst Place,
Christchurch 5. | 8130 |
| 1943 | 4 | Grounds, Edmund D., 5 Paice Avenue, Mt.Eden, Auckland
(phone 687-475) | 2030 |
| 1960 | 5 | Grundy, Albert A., M.A., 18 Chapel Street, Papanui,
Christchurch 5. | 8140 |
| 1960 | 7 | Gust, Warwick, B.A., B.D.(Melb.), 151 Kennedy Road,
Napier. | 5010 |
| 1957 | SOC7 | Guthardt, Phyllis M., M.A., Ph.D., 29 Winchester St,
Christchurch 1. | |
| 1928 | 1968 | Hailwood, Charlie O., Flat 1, 144 Galloway Street,
Hamilton. | 3080 |
| 1947 | UFS | Hall, Allen H., M.A., Dip Tchg, M.A., Ph.D.(Qld),
Dipl.Theol.A.T.C.L., 16 Sir Fred Schonell Drive,
St. Lucia, Brisbane, Queensland, Aust. 4067. | 2010 |
| 1952 | 1981 | Hall, John R., 10 Snell Crescent, Waihi Beach. | 3040 |
| 1923 | 1963 | Hames, Eric W., M.A. (Fellow of Trinity College),
1/23 Lucerne Road, Remuera, Auckland 5. | 2060 |
| 1958 | SOC1 | Hamlin, R. John, Frederick, Wallis House,
12 Military Rd, Lower Hutt | 6120 |
| 1954 | 4 | Hammond, George M., 21 Fox Street, Alexandra. | 9170 |
| 1952 | 1977 | Handyside, Allan J., 29 Seddon St, Te Puke. | 3190 |
| 1960 | 5 | Hanson, E.Francis I., B.A., B.D., 44 Garden Rd,
Lower Hutt, Wellington (P.O.Box 6133) | 6800 |
| | | Harding, David, St. John's College, 202 St. John's
Road, Auckland 5. (Student) | |
| 1969 | 5 | Harkness, Barry G., B.A., B.D., 29 McGregors Road,
Christchurch 6. | 8060 |
| 1938 | 1978 | Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D., 19A Robinson Cres.,
Tamatea, Napier. | 5010 |
| | | Harris, Margaret G., 83 Ashley Rd, Rangiora. (Student) | |

| Ent. | Years | Name and Address | Circuit |
|------|-------|---|---------|
| 1972 | 3 | Hauraki, Hana Pae, 12 Huia Rd, Hataitai, Wellington. | 6510 |
| 1962 | 1 | Hawkey, Graham E., 43 Cowper St, Greymouth | 7110 |
| 1968 | 1 | Hay, J. Cedric, 23 Landscape Rd, Pukekohe | 2440 |
| 1980 | | Hemara, Hemara, Gilbey's Rd, Hikurangi. (MI) | 1510 |
| 1966 | 5 | Hendry, Richard J., 92 Cambridge Street, Levin. | 6220 |
| 1954 | 8 | Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 12 Hockey St, Christchurch 5. (Chaplain) | 8140 |
| 1965 | UFS | Herbert, C.Brice, Medical Centre, Hokianga Rd, Dargaville. | 1090 |
| 1969 | | Heremaia, Hoani J., Pairoa Pa, Kakarama, Patea (MI) | 4510 |
| 1979 | | Heremaia, Tahuu, 34 Greenmeadows St, Manurewa. (MI) | 2510 |
| 1968 | 5 | Hey, Roger J.E., 4 Tahuri Street, Epsom, Auckland 6 | 2060 |
| 1962 | UFS | Hight, Arnold C., 86 Oakdale Rd, Auckland 4. | 2000 |
| 1948 | 5 | Hilder, Basil J., 43 Einstein St, Gisborne. (Chaplain) | 5040 |
| | | Hingano, Sifa, St. John's College, 202 St. John's Road, Auckland 5. (Student) | |
| 1980 | | Hinkley, Grahame (Dr.), 5 Armagh St, Hamilton (MI) | 3520 |
| | | Hill, Desmond A., Hoani Rd, 37 R.D., Okato. (Student) | |
| 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., 67 Stafford St, Shannon. | 5150 |
| 1936 | 1970 | Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., 17 Balmoral Lane, Redcliffs, Christchurch 8. | 8010 |
| 1962 | 10 | Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B., 'Arohanui Family Village', 81 Middle Road, Havelock North. | 5020 |
| 1960 | 1 | Hornblow, Maxwell A., 120 Colombo St, Christchurch 2. | 8090 |
| 1960 | CHP8 | Horrill, C.Seton, 178A Lyttelton St, Christchurch | 8020 |
| 1929 | 1968 | Horwood, Leonard C., 34B La Veta Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3. | 2080 |
| 1959 | 10 | Hosking, John S., M.A., Dip.Mus., P.O. Box 6133, Wellington. | 6800 |
| 1974 | | Hunapo, Raka, 82 Vine St, Mangere East. (MI) | 2510 |
| | | Hunt, Patricia A., 109 Howell Ave, Hamilton. (Student). | |
| 1975 | 2 | Jacobson, Patricia M., B.A., L.Th., 293 Rangatira Road, Beachhaven, Auckland 10. | 2170 |
| 1961 | 8 | James, Russell E., 10A Grange St, Christchurch 2. | 8080 |
| 1967 | 9 | Jamieson, Colin G., Dip.R.E.(Melb.), 43 Ayr Street, Mosgiel, Dunedin. | 9020 |
| 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 Place, Wanganui. | 4090 |
| 1962 | 10 | Jones, Barry E., B.A., 11 Kakariki Ave, Mt Eden, Auckland 3. (P.O.Box 68-148, Auckland) | 2600 |
| 1978 | ASC5 | Jones, Victor G.C., 40 Somerset Cres., Christchurch 2. | 8100 |
| 1977 | | Kahu, Ngaonepu Sidney, 22 Elizabeth St, Patea, South Taranaki. (MI) | 4510 |
| | | Kane, Graham A., 5A William St, Gore. (Student) | |
| 1949 | 1 | Keightley, Clifford J., 67 Shearman St, Waimate. | 8350 |

| Ent. | Years | Name and Address | Circuit |
|------|-------|---|---------|
| 1929 | 1969 | Kent, Arthur T., 13 Esk Street, Tauranga. | 3190 |
| | | Keesing, Neil R., St John's College, 202 St John's Rd,
Auckland 5. (Student) | |
| 1957 | 4 | Kitchingman, Henry W., P.O. Box 196, Dargaville | 1090 |
| 1956 | 1981 | Kitchingman, Owen A., B.A., 26 Charles Upham Avenue,
Hillmorton, Christchurch 2. | 8010 |
| 1978 | SS2 | Kopelani, Falea'ana, 6 Lynton Road, Mt. Wellington,
Auckland 6. | 2040 |
| 1946 | | Kukutai, Waaka, Te Kohanga, via Tuakau, South
Auckland (MI) | 2510 |
| 1961 | 3 | Langley, John E., 20 Yaldhurst Rd, Christchurch 4. | 8120 |
| 1982 | 1 | Langley, Timothy J., 31 Whitby St, Dunedin | 9020 |
| 1927 | 1968 | Laurenson, George I., C.B.E., 15 Ashton Road,
Mt.Eden, Auckland 3. | 2040 |
| 1963 | 1 | Laws, Derek G., F.C.A., A.C.I.S., 4 Hythe Lane, St Martins,
ChCh.8002. (P.O.Box 16271, Hornby, ChCh.8004) | 8150 |
| 1938 | 1977 | Laws, William R., M.A., B.D.(Melb.), 36 Niagara St,
Christchurch 6. | 8030 |
| 1968 | 5 | Leadley, Alan J., M.A., B.D., 12 Lancewood Avenue,
Hamilton. | 3000 |
| 1930 | 1970 | Leadley, E.Clarence, Flat 3, 29 Pupuke Road,
Takapuna, Auckland 9. | 2150 |
| 1977 | 1981 | Leary, Gordon A., M.A., Dip. Ed., J.P.,
Moana, West Coast, | 7100 |
| 1953 | 8 | Le Couteur, E.Raymond, 67A Gloucester Street,
Taradale, Napier. | 5010 |
| | | Lemalu, Sialoga, St. John's College, 202 St. John's
Road, Auckland 5. (Student) | |
| 1958 | 2 | Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A., P.O. Box 453,
Invercargill. | 9110 |
| 1942 | 1981 | Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D.(Melb.), Ph.D.(Lond.)
(Fellow of Trinity College), 2/3 Pupuke Road,
Takapuna, Auckland 9. | 2140 |
| 1978 | SS1 | Little, Edith J., J.P., 8 Saville Row, Johnsonville. | 6070 |
| 1964 | | Livingstone, Para Piripi, Pokere, R.D.12, Moerewa,
Northland. (MI) | 1510 |
| 1968 | SOC4 | 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 M., Waiomia, Kawakawa, Bay of
Islands. | 1510 |
| 1957 | 3 | Mabon, John C.F., P.O. Box 30-570, Lower Hutt
(Chaplain) | 6120 |
| 1981 | 2 | McCullum, Derek R., B.Sc., B.Com., 39 Cleary Street,
Lower Hutt | 6120 |
| 1930 | 1970 | McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D. (Mt.Union U.S.A.),
4 Huia St, Waikanae | 6240 |
| 1968 | 5 | McIver, Graeme, M., B.A., 11 Redwood St, Upper Hutt. | 6140 |
| 1953 | 1981 | McKay, Archibald, W., 1 George St, Geraldine. | 8360 |
| 1960 | 2 | McKenzie, Ian H., M.Sc., B.D., 17 Pukehana Ave, Epsom,
Auckland. | 2040 |

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|------|-------|---|---------|
| 1982 | 1 | McNicol, Derek V., 44 Ottawa Rd, Ngaio, Wellington 4. | 6060 |
| 1965 | UFS | Mackie, Bruce E., P.O. Box 5104, Auckland. | 2010 |
| 1972 | 2 | MacLeod, D.Ian, 11 Eginton Street, Motueka. | 7040 |
| 1978 | | Mahara, Alan, 15 Kent St, Ngaruawahia. (MI) | 3510 |
| 1968 | UFS | Malcouronne, Brian J., B.A., P.O.Box 20-236, Glen Eden, Auckland. | 2100 |
| 1966 | 6 | Manihera, John I., Chaplain's Office, Linton Camp, Manawatu. (Chaplain) | 4090 |
| 1961 | UFS | Marshall, C. Russell, M.P., 283 St. Hill Street, Wanganui. | 4090 |
| 1948 | 1971 | Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip. Ed., 88 Ardern Avenue, Whangaparaoa. | 2280 |
| 1974 | | Martin, Huia, 74 Franklyne Road, Otara. (MI) | 2510 |
| 1934 | 1974 | Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 57 Wycliffe Street, Onekawa, Napier. | 5010 |
| 1968 | UFS | Meredith, John D., 38 Marlborough St, Greymouth. | 7110 |
| 1963 | 5 | Miller, Barbara I., Unit 2, 73 Eskdale Road, Birkdale, Auckland 10. | 2510 |
| 1945 | 1967 | Miller, Jean A., Deacon, Everil Orr Village, Private Bag, Auckland 3. | |
| 1978 | 1 | Milner, Colin A., 3 de Merle St, Kaikohe. | 1020 |
| 1977 | ASC | Moala, Taniela T., L.Th., Dip.R.E., 118 Grange Road, Mt.Eden, Auckland 4. | 2001 |
| 1947 | SOC | Money, Lucy H., Deacon, United Church, Choiseul, Solomon Islands. | |
| 1946 | 1971 | Moore, Harry, Flat 1, 3 Esmonde Road, Takapuna, Auckland 9. | 2140 |
| 1959 | 1 | Morrison, William, 77 Grey St, Onehunga. | 2040 |
| 1942 | 1982 | Morrison, William J., M.A., 18A Mizpah Rd, Browns Bay, Auckland 10. | 2140 |
| 1972 | | Morunga, Mack, Whirinaki, Rawene, Hokianga, Northland. (MI) | 1510 |
| 1972 | | Morunga, Winiata, 4 Griffin Street, Kamo, Northland. (MI) | 1510 |
| 1960 | 1 | Mullan, David S., M.A., Dip.Ed., 2 College Rd, Auckland. | 2060 |
| 1980 | 3 | Murray, John S., The Manse, Nightcaps. | 9140 |
| 1964 | 5 | Neal, Barry W., C.F., M.A., Dip.Ed., 37 Murdoch Crescent Whangarei | 1080 |
| 1953 | 5 | Newman, Alan, 22 Goodwyn Cres, Palmerston North. | 5100 |
| 1954 | UFS | Newton, Alan H.V., C/- Church of the the Redeemer, 4411 Dallas, Houston T.X., 770-23 U.S.A. | 3080 |
| | | Noa, Nomani, 308 Portsmouth Rd, Flaxmere, Hastings. (Student) | |
| 1959 | 1982 | Noble, Dorothea M., B.A., 113 Oroua Street, Eastbourne, Wellington | 6120 |
| 1968 | 5 | Norwell, Ian C., The Terrace Centre, Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville, Wellington 4. | 6070 |
| 1937 | 1974 | Norwell, Leslie T., 36 Raleigh St, Cambridge | 3070 |
| 1949 | 1982 | Nuttall, A. Roger G., B.A., 103A Ohaupo Rd, Hamilton. | 3080 |
| 1939 | 1977 | Oldfield, Charles B., 35 Dale Rd, Raumati South. | 6240 |
| 1946 | 1981 | Olds, Norman W., 1255 Whangaparaoa Rd, Whangaparaoa, North Auckland. | 2280 |

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|------|-------|--|---------|
| 1951 | 1977 | Olds, O. McLennan, 19 Beach Rd, Omokoroa,
Tauranga R.D.2. | 3190 |
| | | Oliver, J. Allan, St John's College, 202 St John's Road,
Auckland 5. (Student) | |
| 1964 | UFS | Olsen, Brian L., B.Ed., Dip.S.L.T., C/- Queen Victoria School,
27 Glanville Tce, Parnell, Auckland 1. | 2060 |
| 1953 | 2 | Osborne, John H., M.A., 97 Birkenhead Ave, Birkenhead,
Auckland 10. | 2150 |
| 1947 | 1979 | Parker, Francis H., 34b Racecourse Rd, Te Awamutu. | 3250 |
| 1931 | 1972 | Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D.(Lond.), Whitianga,
Coromandel Peninsula. | |
| 1930 | 1971 | Parker, J. Wesley, E.D., M.A., B.D., 8 Ranui Road, Remuera,
Auckland 5. | 2060 |
| 1929 | 1965 | Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Road, Epsom, Auckland | 2010 |
| 1933 | 1965 | Patchett, Ralph E., 118 Knowles St, Christchurch 5. | 8010 |
| 1969 | 4 | Pate, Henry H., 12 John Street, Tokoroa. (MR) | 3510 |
| 1931 | 1967 | Payne, Herbert W., 995 Beach Road, Torbay, Auckland. | 2140 |
| 1955 | 1974 | Peart, Cuthbert F., 79 Clarkin Road, Clarkin, Hamilton | 3100 |
| 1982 | 1 | Peat, J. Murray, Mus.B., 112 High St, Masterton | 6200 |
| 1952 | 3 | 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 Place,
Birkenhead, Auckland 10. | 2140 |
| 1960 | 1974 | Peterson, Frederick D., 270 Whangaparaoa Road,
Whangaparaoa, Auckland. | 2280 |
| 1925 | 1968 | Peterson, Gordon R.H., 1 Randwick Road, Northland,
Wellington 5. | 6020 |
| 1968 | 1 | Phillips, Donald J., B.A., B.D., P.O. Box 5076 ,
Dunedin. | 9020 |
| 1972 | | Pickering, Alan S., Portland, Whangarei, Northland. (MI) | 1510 |
| 1939 | 1973 | Pointon, Dorothy, Deacon, 102 Sandspit Road, Howick,
Auckland. | |
| 1962 | 5 | Pomeroy, Harold C., B.A., B.D., A.C.A., C.M.A., A.C.I.S.,
2166 Great North Road, Auckland 7. | 2090 |
| 1980 | | Popata, Wiki, 112 Galway St, Onehunga, Auckland 6. (MI) | 2510 |
| 1967 | 1 | Pratt, David C., (P.O. Box 4195), 8 Ingestre St, Wanganui | 4090 |
| 1975 | 2 | Pratt, G. Douglas, M.A., B.D., L.Th., A.S.B., 52 Queens Drive,
St Kilda, Dunedin. | 9020 |
| 1966 | 9 | Prince, Donald F., 7 Ilfracombe Pl, Burnside,
Christchurch 5. (Chaplain) | 8140 |
| 1954 | 21 | Rakena, Ruawai D., B.A., 28 Mt Albert Road, Auckland.
(P.O. Box 68-148, Auckland) | 2500 |
| 1949 | 6 | Ramage, Ian C.E., M.A., 82 Murray Pl, Christchurch 1. | 8130 |
| 1951 | | Rangitutia, Pukerau, Aotearoa, R.D. 7., Te Awamutu. (MI) | 3510 |
| 1980 | | Raunatiri, Rua, 73 Opaheke Rd, Papakura. (MI) | 2510 |
| 1957 | 1972 | Reid, Andrew G., Everil Orr Homes, 63 Allandale Rd,
Auckland. | 2020 |
| 1982 | 1 | Richards, Gillian M., 202 Kohimarama Rd, Auckland 5. | 2070 |
| 1969 | 2 | Rigby, Russell G., B.A. (Hons.), 3 Carver Place,
New Plymouth. | 4010 |

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|------|-------|---|------------------------------|
| 1955 | 9 | Rigg, Frank S., P.O. Box 120, Silverdale. | 2280 |
| 1974 | 4 | Roberts, John H., B.A., L.Th., Dip.Crim.(Hons.),
54 Chester Street, Christchurch 1. | 8010 |
| | ASC1 | Rogers, Derick C., 24 Eden St, Oamaru. (Supply) | 8400 |
| 1963 | 3 | 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 |
| 1951 | 1966 | Ruck, Idris J., 48 Nixon Street, Hamilton. | 3100 |
| 1954 | 9 | Rushton, Percy P., B.A., B.D., 9 Rhodes St, Timaru. | 8320 |
| 1957 | 2 | Russell, Kenneth H., 149 Kamo Rd, Whangarei. | 1080 |
| 1962 | UFS | Rutherford, Maynard G., Orama Christian Centre, Karaka
Bay, via Port Fitzroy, Great Barrier Island. | 2000 |
| 1964 | 1972 | Sage, Constance, Deacon, 1 Willis St, Auckland 3. | |
| 1982 | 1 | Salepolu, Aso, 20 Kensington Ave, Petone. | 6120 |
| 1971 | 6 | Salmon, John B., M.A., Th.M. (Princeton), Ph.D., L.Th., S.Th.,
A.C.A., A.C.I.S., 1 Chivalry Road, Glenfield,
Auckland 10. | 2160 |
| 1959 | UFS. | Salter, Lawrence E., 11 Fletcher Street, Taupo. | 3180 |
| 1982 | 1 | Sanders, Jeffrey W., 179 Regan St, Stratford. | 4030 |
| 1981 | SS2 | Sa'o, Tanielu T., 801 Queen St E., Hastings
Sealey, H. Vic, Ngarua, R.D., Waitoa. (Student)
Sedon, Ashley J., St. John's College, 202 St. John's
Road, Auckland 5. (Student)
Sefuiva, Iosua, 27 Grosvenor St., Auckland (Student) | 5020 |
| 1956 | 4 | Scammell, Bruce, 463 Gladstone Road, Gisborne. | 5040 |
| | ASC1 | Schranz, Hans U., 44 McLean St, Woodville. | 5080 |
| 1950 | SOC1 | Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., B.D.(Melb.), (From May 1982
P.O. Box 130, Maun, Botswana.) | 2030 |
| 1976 | | Searancke, Paddy, 56 Bader St, Hamilton. (MI) | 3510 |
| 1945 | 1977 | Shapcott, Leonard, 42 Bowen St, Cambridge. | 3070 |
| 1975 | 4 | Sharp, Gavin B., B.Sc., 193 Victoria Road, Devonport,
Auckland 9. | 2130 |
| 1952 | 3 | Shaw, Harry L., 23 Alpha Street, Cambridge. | 3070 |
| 1946 | 1982 | Shepherd, Trevor, 175 Kings Ave, Matua, Tauranga. | 3190 |
| 1944 | 1970 | Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 54 Rangatira Rd, Birkdale,
Auckland 10. | 2150 |
| 1979 | 1 | Short, Robert D., 56 Bann St, Bluff. | 9150 |
| 1961 | 5 | Sides, Brian W., P.O. Box 2019, Tauranga South. | 3190 |
| 1938 | 1978 | Silvester, John, M.A., Flat 3, 28 King Street, Papatoetoe. | 2410 |
| 1971 | 4 | Simpson, Ronald N., 5 Caldwell Street, Brockville,
Dunedin | 9050 |
| 1975 | 3 | Sinclair, Paul F., 70 Duncan Terrace, Kilbirnie,
Wellington 3. | 6040
6050
6250 |
| 1964 | 4 | Slinn, Stuart G., 37 Haerehuka Street,
Otorohanga | 3260
3270
3280
3300 |
| 1979 | 3 | Small, Brian N., 118 Fitzherbert Rd, Hokitika. | 7120 |
| 1970 | 3 | Smith, Clive G., L.Th., The Union Church Manse,
44 Winchester St, Lyttelton.
Smith, Kenneth, St John's College, 202 St John's Rd,
Auckland 5. (Student) | 8070 |

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|------|-------|---|---------|
| 1928 | 1966 | Snowden, Rita, O.B.E., F.I.A.L., Deacon, Flat 1,
16 Bracken Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland 9. | |
| | | Spindler, Susanne M., P.O. Box 92, Wanganui (Student) | |
| 1952 | 1976 | Spindler, Sydney J., 16 Hood Street, Castlecliff,
Wanganui. | 4090 |
| | | Springett, Margaret, St. John's College, 202 St.
John's Road, Auckland 5. (Student) | |
| 1951 | 3 | Stead, Peter A., B.A., P.O.Box 87, Helensville. | 2270 |
| 1973 | 8 | Stringer, John A., Dip.Theol.(Melb.),
60 Lahore St, Wairoa. H.B. | 5060 |
| 1969 | SOC4 | Stringer, Robert G., C/- Synod of Western Australia,
Westminster House, 10 Pier St, Perth, W.A.6000. | |
| 1979 | 1 | Stroobant, Anthony D., L.Th., C.Eng., M.I.E.R.E.,
N.Z.C.E., 19 Rothesay Bay Road, Rothesay Bay,
Auckland 10. | 2140 |
| | ASC3 | Stuart, W. James, B.A., M.Div, D.Theol., C/- St. John's
College, 202 St. John's Rd, Auckland 5. | 2820 |
| 1953 | 8 | Stubbs, David G., 54 Leefield St, Blenheim. | 7070 |
| | | Su, Unasa, Deacon, 64 Ormond Rd, Gisborne. (Student). | 5040 |
| 1970 | | Taha, George, Dawson's Road, Glen Massey,
Ngaruawahia. (MI) | 3510 |
| 1954 | 8 | Tahere, Te Awha W., 446 Innes Road, Ch'ch.5. | 8510 |
| 1962 | | Taka, Robert, 64 Fourth Ave, Whangarei, (MI) | 1510 |
| 1975 | 3 | Tana, Diana A., c/- 4 Bryce St, Hamilton. | 3510 |
| 1961 | 1967 | Tardif, A.E., Deborah Bay, Port Chalmers, Otago. (HM) | 9180 |
| 1955 | 1 | Tauroa, Lane M., B.A., 1 Waterview Rd, Mangere. | 2410 |
| 1979 | | Tawhai, Piriniha S., 41 Meyers Rd, Manurewa. (MI) | 2510 |
| 1961 | UFS | Taylor, A. Kerry, B.A., Dip.Ed., 47 Maughan Drive,
Bucklands Beach, Auckland. | 2470 |
| 1957 | 6 | Taylor, Beverley, 80 Fairburn Road, Otahuhu,
Auckland 6. | 2410 |
| 1966 | 3 | Taylor, Keith J., B.A., 38 McFarlane St, Wellington 1.
Ph. 849-309. Office: 75 Taranaki St,
P.O. Box 6133, Wellington. Ph.: 847-699 | 6010 |
| 1957 | 6 | Taylor, Philip F., 54 Clevedon Rd, Papakura. | 2430 |
| 1968 | | Te Hiko, Wiremu Huirama, 31 Manaia St, Tokoroa. (MI) | 3510 |
| | | Telford, Gillian A., 7 Balfour Cres, Hamilton. (Student) | |
| 1967 | | Te Uira, Phillip, Taharoa, via Te Kuiti. (MI) | 3510 |
| 1968 | 5 | Te Whare, Morehu, 3 Gladstone Rd, Te Kuiti. | 3510 |
| 1966 | UFS | Te Whare, Robert, P.O. Box 9480, Wellington. | 6510 |
| | | Thomas, Ann M., 16 Rata Rd, Akatarawa, Upper Hutt.
(Student) | |
| 1941 | 1978 | Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 3 Pa Road, Pukerua Bay. | 6100 |
| 1946 | 1971 | Thompson, George R., E.D., P.O. Box 19-329, Avondale,
Auckland 7. | |
| | | Thompson, J. Herbert, 15 De Bloge Place, Ch'ch. 6. | 2310 |
| 1952 | 1971 | Thornicroft, Neville, 5 Hexham St, Warkworth | 8030 |
| 1955 | 3 | Thornicroft, Neville, 5 Hexham St, Warkworth | 2290 |
| 1935 | 1975 | Thornley, Robert, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc., 63 Wylie Street,
Rotorua. | 3170 |
| | | Tiapu'e, Malo, 17 Tory St, Petone. (Student) | |
| 1981 | SS2 | Tiatia, Tuau, 20 Hinau St, Hataitai, Wellington. | 6010 |

| Ent. | Years | Name and Address | Circuit |
|------|-------|---|---------|
| 1967 | 8 | Toia, Samson N., J.P., 26 Pirika St, Dargaville. | 1510 |
| 1973 | | Toki, Te Marunui, 26 Whitely Cres., Otara. (MI) | 2510 |
| 1962 | Ret. | Tonga, Te Orahi, P.O. Box 10, Ngaruawahia. (MI) | 3510 |
| 1954 | UFS | Trebilco, David L., 11 Bishoprick Cres., Te Puke. | 3000 |
| 1979 | 4 | Trethowen, Alan L., The Parsonage, Hook Rd,
Paparoa. (Supply) | 1100 |
| | | Tregurtha, Rachel A., 208 King St, Rangiora (Student) | |
| 1963 | 8 | Tucker, W. Geoffrey, P.O. Box 68-148, Auckland | 2700 |
| 1981 | SS2 | Tugia, A. Fa'aoso, 18 Kopeland St, Kingsland | 2010 |
| 1981 | SS2 | Tuimaseve, Fisiga, Deacon, 48 Cobham Crescent,
Otara, Auckland. | 2410 |
| 1969 | SOC5 | Turner, Brian H., M.A.(Hons.) Dip.R.E.(Melb.), 48 Ngaio St,
St.Martins, Christchurch 2. (P.O. Box 297) | 8090 |
| 1973 | | Turner, Charlie, No. 2 R.D., Otorohanga. (MI) | 3510 |
| 1964 | 15 | Ungemuth, Shirley V., Flat 7, 171 Bayview Road,
St. Clair, Dunedin. | 9020 |
| 1978 | UFS | Upson, Alan R., 145 Larnach Road, Waverley, Dunedin | 9070 |
| 1926 | 1959 | Voyce, A. Henry, 17 Prospect Tce, Milford, Auckland | 2140 |
| 1965 | UFS | Waaka, Te Napi T., O.B.E. 11 Union St, Hamilton | 3510 |
| 1962 | 7 | Waine, Frederick E., B.A., 8 Tabak Cres, Palmerston
North | 5100 |
| 1962 | 5 | Wakeling, W.J. Douglas, 3 Goldsbrough Ave,
Raumati Beach. | 6240 |
| 1978 | 5 | Wall, Lynne J., B.A., B.D., 356 Wairakei Rd, Ch'Ch.5 | 8140 |
| 1978 | 4 | Wall, Terence W., M.A., S.T.M., 356 Wairakei Rd,
Christchurch 5. | 8140 |
| 1961 | 1 | Wallace, William L., B.A., 129 Queens Park Drive,
Christchurch 7. | 8030 |
| 1954 | 5 | Watson, Alexander C., 32 Hammersley Avenue,
Christchurch 1. | 8030 |
| | | Waugh, Richard J. St John's College, 202 St John's Rd,
Auckland 5. (Student) | |
| 1977 | UFS | Webster, Alan C., M.A., M.Div., Ed.D., Ph.D., Massey
University, Palmerston North. | 5100 |
| 1982 | 1 | Webster, Edna E., Deacon, 5 Comrie Rd, Chartwell,
Hamilton. | 3080 |
| 1960 | 7 | Wedding, P. Joan, Flat 7, 8 Begbie Pl, Sandringham,
Auckland 3. | 2010 |
| 1966 | 3 | West, Stanley J., 9 Paynters Ave, Fitzroy, New
Plymouth | 4010 |
| 1965 | 7 | West, Norman J., (P.O. Box 4195,) 171 Parsons St,
Wanganui. | 4090 |
| 1981 | 2 | Whaley, Graham H., B.A., 7 Francis Ryan Close,
Mt. Albert, Auckland 3. | 2080 |
| 1936 | 1974 | Wharemaru, Heeni, M.B.E., Deacon, 1 Ngaere Avenue,
Hamilton. | |
| 1976 | 4 | White, Graeme R., L.Th., R.D.3, Ashburton | 8380 |
| 1959 | 5 | Widdup, Robert W., 79 Pretoria St, Lower Hutt | 6120 |
| 1963 | UFS | Wiki, Shirley, Deacon, Derrick Rd, Kawakawa, Bay of
Islands | 1510 |
| 1975 | | Wiki, Waha, 7 Smeath's Road, Kawakawa, Northland. (MI) | 1510 |

| Ent. | Years | Name and Address | Circuit |
|------|-------|--|---------|
| 1952 | | Wilcox, John, 81 Premier Ave, Pt. Chevalier, Auckland 2. (MI) | 2510 |
| 1931 | 1971 | Williams, David O., O.B.E., M.A., Litt.D. (Fellow of Trinity College), C/- 20 Weston Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3. | 2080 |
| 1943 | 1976 | Williams, J.C. Aldwyn, 8 Rata St, Helensville | 2270 |
| 1942 | 1982 | Willing, Leonard V., 8 Murray Avenue, Hawera. | 4510 |
| 1943 | 1973 | Wilson, Anne, Deacon, Flat 6, 58 Allendale Rd, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3. | |
| | ASC1 | Wilson, Ernest E., 4 Lichfield St, Stoke, Nelson. | 7010 |
| 1948 | Ret. | Winikerei, Nguru, Ward St, Te Kuiti. (MI) | 3510 |
| 1935 | 1974 | Witthford, Arthur R., B.A., 113 Nayland St, Sumner, Christchurch 8. | 8050 |
| 1950 | UFS | Woodfield, Frank H., 3 The Crescent, Raumati South. | 6240 |
| 1950 | SOC | Woodfield, Owen T., B.A., 87 Meredith Crescent,, Launceston, 7250, Tasmania. | 8000 |
| 1962 | 6 | Woodley, Alan K., B.A., 32 Ambleside Drive, Burnside, Christchurch 5. (P. Q. Box 931) | 8900 |
| 1941 | 1979 | Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 14 Raleigh Road, Northcote, Auckland 9. | 2180 |
| 1939 | 1960 | Wright, H.R., Tainui Home, P.O.Box 5016, New Plymouth. (HM) | 4010 |
| 1971 | 6 | Wright, Jack, (P.O. Box 136) Mersey St, Rongotea. | 5140 |
| 1949 | 1979 | Yearbury, Betty, Deacon, 10 Willow Avenue, Hannah's Bay, Rotorua. | 3510 |

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MINISTERS IN CO-OPERATING AND UNION PARISHES

NORTHLAND (1000)

- Mangonui County Union Parish: The Manse, Te Reinga Street, Kaitaia. The Manse, 43 Dominion Rd, Kaitaia. (1010)
- Kaikohe Union Parish: Colin A. Milner, 3 de Merle Street, Kaikohe. (1020)
- South Bay of Islands Co-operating Parish: The Parish Secretary, P.O. Box 175, Kawakawa, Northland. (1030)
- Kaeo-Kerikeri Union Parish: I.W. Leslie Ferguson, P.O. Box 166, Kerikeri. (1040)
- North Hokianga Community Church: Christopher Aphthorp, The Manse, P.O. Box 7, Broadwood, Northland. (1050)
- South Hokianga Co-operating Parish: G.Basil W.Bell, Kokohuia Road, Omapere. (P.O. Box 20, Opononi). (1060)
- Hikurangi Union Parish: Frank Boggs, 16 View Road, Hikurangi. (1070)
- Ruawai Co-operating Parish: John Deacon, 92 Freyberg Road, Ruawai, Northland. (1100)
- Wellsford Co-operating Parish: Struan A. Robertson, B.A., 244 Rodney Street, Wellsford. (1120)

AUCKLAND (2000)

- Lynfield Community Church: 37 The Avenue, Waikowhai, Auckland 4. (2030)
- Bucklands Beach Co-operating Parish: J.G. Drummond, B.A., 245 Bucklands Beach Road, Auckland. (2470)
- Glen Innes Co-operating Parish: W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A., 44 Kupe Street, Orakei, Auckland 5. (2070)
- Avondale Union Parish: Harold C. Pomeroy, B.A., B.D., A.C.A., C.M.A., A.C.I.S., 2166 Great North Road, Auckland 7. Leao T. Si'itia, L.Th., (2090)
- Ranui Combined Church: The Secretary, 7 Fitzwater Place, Henderson, Auckland 8. (2110)
- Te Atatu Union Parish: Irwin J. Fowler, 19 Graham Avenue, Te Atatu, Auckland 8. William J. Millward, 272A Te Atatu Road, Auckland 8. (2120)
- Glenfield-Albany Co-operating Parish: John B. Salmon, M.A., Th.M. (Princeton), Ph.D., L.Th., S.Th., A.C.A., A.C.I.S., 1 Chivalry Road, Glenfield, Auckland 10. Peter Beck, 470 Glenfield Rd, Glenfield, Auckland 10. Susan Adams, 57 Ayten Drive, Glenfield 10. (2160)
- Birkdale-Beachhaven Union Parish: Patricia M. Jacobson, B.A., L.Th., 293 Rangatira Rd, Beachhaven, Auckland 10. (2170)
- South Kaipara Co-operating Parish: Peter A. Stead, B.A., P.O. Box 87, Helensville. (2270)
- St. Austell's Co-operating Parish- New Lynn: Hendrik Gerritsen, B.A., B.D., 30 Gardner Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland 7. (2300)

MANUKAU (2400)

- Tuakau Union Parish: Ian E.M. Anderson, 3 Buckland Rd, Tuakau. (2450)
Bucklands Beach Co-operating Parish:
245 Bucklands Beach Road, Auckland. (2470)

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY (3000)

- Thames Union Parish: Dougal H.C. Bruce, L.Th., 608 Rolleston Street, Thames. (3010)
Hauraki Plains Co-operating Parish: Edward W. Body, B.Com., A.C.A., The Manse, Ngatea. (3020)
Te Aroha Co-operating Parish:
M. Alison Gray, M.A., 25 Centennial Ave, Te Aroha. (3050)
Cambridge Union Parish: Harry I. Shaw, 23 Alpha Street, Cambridge. (3070)
Raglan Union Parish:
The Manse, Raglan. (3090)
Chartwell Co-operating Parish: David H. Ansell, P.O. Box 12034, Hamilton.: Vance Vidal, P.O. Box 12034, Hamilton. (3110)
Ngaruawahia Union Parish: James C. Fulbright, 2 Huntly West Rd, Ngaruawahia. (3120)
Huntly Co-operating Parish: Neil W. Johnson, 92 Kimihia Road, Huntly. (3130)
Matamata Union Parish: Roger G. Russ, 2 Hohaia Crescent, Matamata. (3140)
Putaruru Co-operating Parish: Restel A. Burton, P.O. Box 12, Putaruru. (3150)
Taupo Union Parish: Leslie F. Bycroft, 16 Wheretia St, Taupo. (3180)
St James Union Parish, Greerton: Ria Sporry, P.O. Box 3006, Tauranga. (3200)
Whakatane Co-operating Parish: Norman J. Goreham, B.A. (B'ham), B.D.(Lond.), P.O. Box 164 Whakatane.
M. Smart, P.O. Box 164, Whakatane. (3220)
Opotiki Union Parish:
The Manse, St. John's Street, Opotiki. (3240)
Turangi Co-operating Parish: R. Leslie George, 4 Hingaia Street, Turangi. (3290)
Hillcrest Co-operating Parish:
249 Cambridge Road, Hillcrest, Hamilton.
Anthony W. Sutton, LL.B., 4 Eton Drive, Hamilton. (3330)
Pio Pio-Aria Co-operating Parish: Warwick J. Hambleton, St. Albans Vicarage, P.O. Box 119 Pio Pio. (3340)

TARANAKI-WANGANUI (4000)

- Eltham-Kaponga Co-operating Parish: Robert A. Ferguson, B.A., 61 King Edward Street, Eltham. (4040)
Manaia Union Parish:
42 Ngatai Street, Manaia. (4060)
Opunake Co-operating Parish: Ian Millar, 38 Gisborne Terrace, Opunake. (4070)
Okato: J. Mervyn Dickinson, B.A., B.D., Ph.D., The Vicarage, P.O. Box 19, Okato. (4080)

- Inglewood Union Parish:
3 Totara Terrace, Inglewood. (4110)
- HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU (5000)
- Flaxmere Co-operating Parish: Ivan Dunnett, 105 Flaxmere Ave,
Hastings. (5030)
- Mangapapa Union Parish: Niven G. Ball, 314 Ormond Road,
Gisborne. (5050)
- Presbyterian-Methodist Parish of Wairoa: D.W. Earp, 87 Lucknow
Street, Wairoa. John A. Stringer, Dip.Theol.(Melb.),
60 Lahore Street, Wairoa. H.B. (5060)
- Woodville Union Parish: Hans U. Schranz, (Fraternal Worker)
44 McLean Street, Woodville. (5080)
- Pahiatua Union Parish: B. Hellyer, 5 Duke St, Pahiatua. (5090)
- Rongotea-Sanson Co-operating Parish: Jack Wright, Mersey
Street, Rongotea. (P.O. Box 136) (5140)
- Foxton Union Parish: George C. Hopkins (Supply), 8 Hulke
Street, Foxton. (5150)
- Tamatea Community Church: Geoffrey T. Gilbert,
31 Ranfurly St, Tamatea, Napier. (5160)
- Waipawa Co-operating Parish: Contact: R.C. Arnold, Rockybank,
R.D.I. Otane, Hawkes Bay. (5170)
- WELLINGTON (6000)
- Wellington South Union Parish: Robert S. Andrews, 22 Mersey
St, Island Bay, Wellington 2. (6030)
- Miramar Co-operating Parish: Murray F. Hall, 80 Darlington
Road, Miramar, Wellington 3. Paul F. Sinclair, 70 Duncan
Terrace, Kilbirnie, Wellington 3. (6050)
- Ngaio Union Parish: Derek V. McNicol, 44 Ottawa Road, Ngaio,
Wellington 4. (6060)
- Johnsonville Union Parish: Ian C. Norwell, Supply till 30/8/1982
H. Alan Elmore, 12 Dr. Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville,
Wellington 4. Edith J. Little, J.P., 8 Saville Row, Johnson-
ville. (6070)
- Newlands Union Parish:
2 Oswald Crescent, Newlands, Wellington. (6080)
- Tawa Union Parish: Michael W. Greer, L.Th., 85 Redwood Avenue,
Tawa, Wellington. A.E.B. Johnston, B.A., 330 Main Rd,
Linden, Wellington. (6110)
- Taita Union Parish: C/- Rev.R.W.Widdup, 79 Pretoria St,
Lower Hutt. (6130)
- Upper Hutt Co-operating Parish: Graeme M. McIver, B.A., 11 Red-
wood St, Upper Hutt. John A. Howell B.A.,B.Sc.,B.Th.,
45 Aniseed Grove, Upper Hutt. Norman W. Knipe, 460
Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt. (6140)
- Wainuiomata Union Parish:
115 Main Road, Wainuiomata. (6150)
- Greytown St. Andrews Union Parish: Stuart C. Grant, B.A.,LL.B.,
L.Th.(Hons), The Manse, 4 Jellicoe St, Greytown. (6160)
- Featherston Union Parish: Stuart C. Grant, B.A.,LL.B.,L.Th.(Hons),
The Manse, 4 Jellicoe St, Greytown (6170)

- Carterton Union Parish: C.T. Styles, M.A.,B.D.,
 164 High Street South, Carterton. (6180)
 Masterton St Luke's Union Parish: Roger M. Gibson,
 P.O. Box 789, Masterton. Charles H. Naylor, B.A.,
 64 Totara Street, Masterton. (6190)
 St James Masterton Union Parish: J. Murray Peat, B.Mus.,
 112.High St, Masterton. (6200)
 Eketahuna Union Parish: K.D. Allen, B.A.,
 6 Haswell Street, Eketahuna. (6210)
 Hataiti-Kilbirnie Co-operating Parish:
 Paul F. Sinclair, 70 Duncan Terrace, Kilbirnie, Wellington,3.
 Ian Bourne, B.A.,B.D.,L.Th., 94 Hamilton Road, Wellington(6250)

NELSON (7000)

- Nelson St. Luke's Union Parish: Clive G. Dyson, 226 Vanguard
 Street, Nelson. (7020)
 Motueka Uniting Parish: D. Ian MacLeod, 11 Eginton Street,
 Motueka. (7040)
 Moutere Hills Uniting Parish:
 The Manse, Tasman R.D., Upper Moutere. (7050)
 Picton Union Parish: Richard H. Lawrence, 15 Wairau Road,
 Picton. (7080)
 Reefton District Union Parish: Lindsay S.Day, 9 Mace Street,
 Reefton. (7090)
 Buller Union Parish: Mark P. Stephens
 50 Wakefield Street, Westport. (7100)
 Greymouth District Union Parish: Graham E. Hawkey,
 43 Cowper Street, Greymouth. Douglas M. Riddle, O.B.E.,B.A.,
 121 Main South Road, Greymouth. (7110)
 Hokitika Union Parish: Brian N. Small, 118 Fitzherbert Street,
 Hokitika. (7120)

NORTH CANTERBURY (8000)

- New Brighton Union Parish: W. Ivan Bacon, B.A., 24 Collingwood
 St, New Brighton, Christchurch 7. (8040)
 Sumner-Redcliffs Union Parish: R. Coates, M.A., 15 Wiggins
 St, Sumner, Christchurch 8. (8050)
 South East Christchurch Union: Barry G. Harkness, B.A.,B.D.,
 29 McGregors Road, Christchurch 6. (8060)
 Lyttelton Harbour Union Parish: G. Clive Smith, L.Th.,
 Union Church Manse, 44 Winchester Street, Lyttelton. (8070)
 Halswell Union Parish: D.J.McIntyre, 436 Halswell Road,
 Halswell, Christchurch 3. (8110)
 Lincoln Union Parish: Robert A.Allan, 126 East Belt, Lincoln. (8160)
 Leeston Co-operating Parish:
 47 Pennington St, Leeston. (8170)
 Kaiapoi Co-operating Parish: Anthony N. Bell,L.Th., 17 Sewell
 Street, Kaiapoi. (8180)
 Malvern Co-operating Parish: Lionel E. Brown, B.A., 46 Mathias
 Street,Darfield. (8200)
 Oxford District Union Parish: R.B. Tait,
 3 Park Avenue,Oxford. (8210)
 Parklands Co-operating Parish: William L. Wallace,
 129 Queens Park Drive, Christchurch 7. (8220)

SOUTH CANTERBURY (8300)

- St. David's Marchwiell Union Parish: Correspondence to Senior Layman,
Mr. Frank D. Prestidge, 17 Old North Rd, Timaru. (8330)
- Twizel (Ecumenical Appointment): Jon J. van Royen,
43 Jollie Road, Twizel. (8340)
- Geraldine Co-operating Parish: Frank G. Grimshaw, 10 Cox St,
Geraldine. (8360)
- Allenton Union Parish: Robert F. Fendall, B.A., "Church House",
83 Allens Road, Ashburton. (8390)
- Oamaru Union Parish: Supply: Derek C. Rogers,
24 Eden Street, Oamaru. (8400)

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND (9000)

- West Harbour United Parish: Bruce Murray, 19 Ascog St,
Ravensbourne, Dunedin (9040)
- West Dunedin Union Parish: Ronald N. Simpson, 5 Caldwell St,
Brockville, Dunedin. Brian P. Williscroft, 31 Balmain
St, Halfway Bush, Dunedin: William D. Francis,
99 Centennial Ave, Wakari, Dunedin. (9050)
- Corstorphine Concord Union Parish: Alan J. Dunn, B.Com., A.C.A.,
149 Hillhead Road, Corstorphine, Dunedin. (9060)
- Grants Braes Union Parish: Lynne O. Frith-Upson,
145 Larnach Road, Waverley, Dunedin. (9070)
- Tokomairiro Co-operating Parish: Brian N. France, 33 Johnston St,
Milton. Alan Simpson, The Manse, 7 Ajax St, Milton. (9080)
- Riverton Union Parish: N. Cowie,
67 Palmerston St, Riverton. (9120)
- Otautau Union Parish: Alan Shaw, 68 Main St, Otautau. (9130)
- Waiono Union Parish: John S. Murray, The Manse, Nightcaps. (9140)
- Bluff Co-operating Parish: Robert D. Short,
56 Bann St, Bluff. (9150)
- Teviot Union Parish: Peter Wishart, B.A.(Hons.),
75 Scotland St, Roxburgh. (9160)
- Alexandra-Clyde Union Parish: George M. Hammond, 21 Fox St,
Alexandra.: Paul Ranby, 18 Centennial Ave, Alexandra. (9170)
- Port Chalmers Union Parish: Ian W. McIntosh,
1 Currie St., Port Chalmers. (9180)

- HISTORICAL MEMORANDA -

Organised Methodism in Australasia as part of the Foreign Missions under the direction of the British Conference dates from the appointment of the Rev. Samuel Leigh to New South Wales in 1815. (Mins. Bri. Conf. 1814).

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

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

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

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THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist
Church was held in 1874.

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

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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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THE FIRST CONFERENCE
of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (United) was held in 1913. Union between the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand having taken effect on February 6th, 1913.

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A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

and is a record of years of service in
the Methodist Church.

- NOTE: (a) Normally a Deacon and Presbyter's name is listed as from the date of first appointment by the Conference.
(b) The names of Presbyters received from other Conferences appear under the year of their first appointment by their previous Conference.
(c) The names of Presbyters received from other Churches into full connexion is listed from the year of their appointment by the Conference.
(d) See Resolution 2, p.8, 1977.

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| 1917 | BLIGHT, WILLIAM T. (SUP.) | 1934 | GOODMAN, GEORGE H. (SUP.) |
| | | " | JOHNSTON, ANDREW J. (SUP.) |
| | | " | MATTHEWS, HOWARD C. (SUP.) |
| 1923 | HAMES, ERIC W. (SUP.) | | |
| | | 1935 | DUDER, CLIFFORD L. (SUP.) |
| | | " | HOLLAND, MADELINE (Deacon ret.) |
| 1924 | BAILEY, JOHN H. (SUP.) | " | THORNLEY, ROBERT (SUP.) |
| | | " | WITHEFORD, ARTHUR R. (SUP.) |
| 1925 | BROWN, F. GARDNER (SUP.) | | |
| " | PETERSON, GORDON R.H. (SUP.) | 1936 | BECKINGSALE, GEORGE E. (SUP.) |
| | | " | HOPPER, IAN H.K. (SUP.) |
| | | " | WHAREMARU, HEENI (Deacon ret.) |
| 1926 | VOYCE, A. HENRY (SUP.) | 1937 | FRANCIS, WILLIAM R. (SUP.) |
| | | " | NORWELL, LESLIE T. (SUP.) |
| 1927 | LAURENSEN, GEORGE I.,
C.B.E. (SUP.) | 1938 | HARKNESS, HOWARD E. (SUP.) |
| " | PENN, ATHOL R. (SUP.) | " | LAWS, WILLIAM R. (SUP.) |
| | | " | MARSHALL, EDWARD M. (SUP.) |
| 1928 | GROCOTT, JOHN D. (SUP.) | " | PETCH, ASHLEIGH K. (SUP.) |
| " | HAILWOOD, CHARLIE O. (SUP.) | " | SILVESTER, JOHN (SUP.) |
| " | SNOWDEN, RITA (Deacon ret.) | 1939 | COCHRANE, HERBERT A. (SUP.) |
| 1929 | HOBBS, AIRINI (Deacon ret.) | " | GRICE, REGINALD (SUP.) |
| " | HORWOOD, LEONARD C. (SUP.) | " | LUCAS, CAMPBELL P. (SUP.) |
| " | KENT, ARTHUR T. (SUP.) | " | OLDFIELD, CHARLES B. (SUP.) |
| " | PARKER, WALTER (SUP.) | " | POINTON, DOROTHY (Deacon ret.) |
| 1930 | LEADLEY, E. CLARENCE (SUP.) | 1940 | DAWSON, JOHN B. (SUP.) |
| " | McDOWELL, M. ALEXANDER (SUP.) | " | DIXON, HADDON C., O.B.E. (SUP.) |
| " | PARKER, J. WESLEY (SUP.) | " | GILMORE, LESLIE R.M. (SUP.) |
| | | " | JONES, ALAN O. (SUP.) |
| 1931 | CARR, W.E. ALLON (SUP.) | | |
| " | GREENSLADE, WILLIAM W.H.
M.B.E. (SUP.) | 1941 | BELL, CHARLES H. (SUP.) |
| " | PARKER, GORDON (SUP.) | " | BROWN, HAROLD K. (SUP.) |
| " | PAYNE, HERBERT W. (SUP.) | " | DARVILL, HAROLD A. (SUP.) |
| " | WILLIAMS, DAVID O. (SUP.) | " | THOMAS, GORDON V. (SUP.) |
| | | " | WOOLFORD, J. HENRY (SUP.) |
| 1932 | DAY, REGINALD (SUP.) | | |
| " | JENKIN, WILLIAM C. (SUP.) | | |
| 1933 | PATCHETT, RALPH E. (SUP.) | 1942 | CLEMENT, R. FREDERICK (SUP.) |
| | | " | LEWIS, JOHN J. (SUP.) |
| | | " | MORRISON, WILLIAM J. (SUP.) |
| | | " | WILLING, LEONARD V. (SUP.) |

- 1943 ANDREWS, STANLEY G. (SUP.)
 " CRAMOND, GEORGE W. (SUP.)
 " DAWSON, W. SELWYN (SUP.)
 " 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 SHAPCOTT, LEONARD (SUP.)
- 1946 MOORE, HARRY (SUP.)
 " OLDS, NORMAN W. (SUP.)
 " SHEPHERD, TREVOR
 " THOMPSON, GEORGE R. (SUP.)
- 1947 ATTWOOD, A. FRANCIS (SUP.)
 " CAMPBELL, M. JACKSON
 " CLEMENTS, LESLIE C. (SUP.)
 " 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. (SUP.)
 " RAMAGE, IAN C.E.
 " YEARBURY, BETTY (Deacon ret.)
- 1950 CLARK, COLIN D.
 " GORDON, D. BRUCE
 " 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. (SUP.)
 " 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. (SUP.)
 " NEWMAN, ALAN
 " OSBORNE, JOHN H.
 " STUBBS, DAVID G.
- 1954 BILLINGHURST, NOEL D.
 " DICKIE, ARTHUR W.
 " HAMMOND, GEORGE M.
 " HEPPELTHWAITE, ERNEST
 " NEWTON, ALAN H.V.
 " RAKENA, RUAWAI D.
 " RUSHTON, PERCY P.
 " TAHERE, TE AWAHA 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. (SUP.)
 " 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.
 " GLEN, 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.
 " MORRISON, WILLIAM
 " NOBLE, DOROTHEA M. (SUP.)
 " SALTER, LAWRENCE E.
 " WIDDUP, ROBERT W.

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

1978 BOUCHIER, JOHANNA M.
 " KOPELANI, FALEA'ANA
 " MILNER, COLIN A.
 " WALL, LYNNE J.
 " WALL, TERENCE W. *
 " UPSON, ALAN R.

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

1980 ARROWSMITH, DAVID
 " BIGGS, DONALD
 " COOPER, K. DESMOND
 " CUMBERPATCH, LINDSEY E.
 " EGLI, BRUNO
 " GRANT, PAUL H.
 " MURRAY, JOHN S.

1981 BELL, DAVID S.
 " BENNETT, JOHN E. (Deacon)
 " DYSON, CLIVE G.
 " FRITH-UPSON, LYNNE O.
 " McCULLUM, DEREK R.
 " SA'O, TANIELU T.
 " TIATIA, TUUAU
 " TUGIA, A. FA'AOSO
 " TUIMASEVE, FISIGA (Deacon)
 " WHALEY, GRAHAM H.

1982 CLARKE, LOIS R.H.
 " FRANCE, BRIAN N.
 " LANGLEY, TIMOTHY J.
 " McNICOL, DEREK V.
 " FERGUSON, I.W. LESLIE
 " PEAT, J. MURRAY
 " RICHARDS, GILLIAN M.
 " SALEUPOLU, ASO
 " SANDERS, JEFFREY W.
 " WEBSTER, EDNA E. (Deacon)

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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CHRISTCHURCH - NOVEMBER 1981

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| PRESIDENT | : | Rev. Edmund D. Grounds |
| VICE-PRESIDENT | : | Mr. Graham B. Keightley |
| SECRETARY | : | Rev. Alan K. Woodley, B.A. |

CONFERENCE 1981

THE BUSINESS FROM DAY TO DAY

| Time | Day-Activity | Business and Comments |
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WEDNESDAY, 28TH OCT.

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| 1.30 p.m. | R, Law Revision Committee - | Convener: Mr. Geoff Peak
at St. Albans Church, Rugby St |
| 3.00 p.m. | Afternoon Tea | |
| 3.30 p.m. | Law Revision Committee | |
| 5.30 p.m. | Dinner (own arrangements) | |
| 7.30 p.m. | Law Revision Committee | |
| 9.30 p.m. | | |

THURSDAY, 29TH OCT.

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| 10.30 a.m. | C. Committee on Ministry - | Convener: Rev. John Osborne
at St. Albans Church, Rugby St
Committee on Ministry
Trinity College |
| 12.30 p.m. | Lunch (own arrangements) | |
| 1.30 p.m. | Committee on Ministry | |
| 3.00 p.m. | Afternoon Tea | |
| 3.30 p.m. | Committee on Ministry | |
| 5.30 p.m. | Dinner (own arrangements) | |
| 7.30 p.m. | Committee on Ministry | |
| 9.30 p.m. | | |

FRIDAY, 30TH OCT.

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| 9.00 a.m. | A. General Purposes Committee - | Convener: General Secretary
at St. Albans Church, Rugby St |
| 10.15 a.m. | Morning Tea | |
| 10.45 a.m. | General Purposes Committee | |
| 12.30 p.m. | Lunch (own arrangements) | |
| 1.30 p.m. | General Purposes Committee | |
| 3.00 p.m. | Afternoon Tea | |
| 3.30 p.m. | D. Stationing Committee - | Convener: General Secretary |
| 5.30 p.m. | | at St Albans Church, Rugby St |
| 5.45 p.m. | Conference is welcomed to the Rehua Marae | |
| 7.30 p.m. | Stationing Committee | |
| 9.30 p.m. | | |

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SATURDAY, 31ST OCT.

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| 8.45 a.m. | Stationing Committee | |
| 10.30 a.m. | Morning Tea | |
| 11.00 a.m. | Stationing Committee | |
| 12.00 noon | | |
| 11.30 a.m. | Wesley Historical Society (N.Z.) Annual Meeting with
Lunch, Central Mission - Cambridge Terrace | |
| 11.30 a.m. | Registration Enquiries - Durham Street, Lounge 'A' | |
| 12.00 noon | Conveners of Committees of Detail meet with General
Secretary and President - Durham Street, Lounge 'B' | |
| 12.30 p.m. | Lunch (own arrangements) | |
| 2.00 p.m. | Conference Members meet in Committees of Detail
gathering in the Durham Street Church | |
| | E, Development | - Kasbah Lounge, Aldersgate 1st
Floor |
| | F, Church Welfare | - Hall |
| | G, Education | - Social Hall, Salvation Army |
| | H, Administration | - No. 2 Vestry Church |
| | J, Social Services | - Bible Class Room 2 Salvation Army |
| | K, Public Questions | - Intermediate Section - Salv. Army |
| | M, Faith & Order | - No. 1 Vestry, Church |
| | N, International Affairs | - Primary Room, Salvation Army |
| | O, Overseas Missions | - Upper Room Aldersgate 1st Floor |
| | P, Maori | - Bible Class Room 1, Salvation
Army |
| 4.00 p.m. | OPENING SERVICE | - Induction of Rev. Edmund D. Grounds
as President and Mr. Graham B. Keightley as Vice-
President. Durham Street Church |
| 4.45 p.m. | A welcome to Conference from the Mayor of Christchurch | |
| 5.15 p.m. | Conference Meal served (by ticket only) at
Christchurch Girls' High School | |
| 7.00 p.m. | The Conference Service - President's Address, Durham St. | |

SUNDAY, 1ST OCT.

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| Morning | Conference Members share in Worship in Durham Street
or with Local Congregations | |
| 2.10 p.m. | Session 2 | Qns 6 - 7 Durham Street Church
"Reception into Full Connexion of the Conference"
of the Ordinands. |
| 2.30 p.m. | Conference Ordination Service Holy Communion:
Preacher: The Ex-President, Rev. Loyal J. Gibson | |

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| 5.00 p.m. | Conference Meal (Bring food for sharing, Tea and Coffee provided) | Durham Street |
| 6.00 p.m. | "A Festival of Ordinary People", during which time Conference makes tribute to the Deceased. | |

MONDAY, 2ND NOV.

- AT KNOX CHURCH -

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| 8.45 a.m. | Session 3 | Conference Devotions led by Rev. James Stuart |
| | | A, General Purposes |
| | | D, Stationing Committee - 2nd Reading |
| | | R, Law Revision |
| | | 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.

- E, DEVELOPMENT: Convener - Rev. Barry Jones
 Development Division (KNOX HALL)
 Church Union
 Samoa Policy
 Auckland District Tongan Fellowship
 Fijian Fellowship
 150th Anniversary of Methodism Scholarship Fund
- F, CHURCH WELFARE: Convener - Rev. Ken Russell
 Welfare of the Church (ROOM 8 & 9 UPSTAIRS)
 Lay Preachers' Assn
 Women's Fellowship
 Media
 Chaplaincies
 Wesley Historical Society
- G, EDUCATION: Convener - Rev. Michael Greer
 Education Division (S.D.A. Hall Upstairs)
 Wesley College
 Robert Gibson Trust
- H, ADMINISTRATION & CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES & FUNDS:
 Convener - Mr. Geoff Hill (KNOX LOUNGE)
 Administration Division
 Ecumenical Committee-N.C.C.
 Investment Board
 Methodist Trust Assn
 Connexional Trusts

| Time | Day-Activity | Business and Comments |
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| | J. SOCIAL SERVICES: Convener - Rev. Norman West
N.Z.M.S.S.A. (ROOM 6 UPSTAIRS)
M.S.S.A. (Branches) | |
| | K. PUBLIC QUESTIONS: Convener - Rev. John Mabon
Public Questions (ROOM 1 & 2 UPSTAIRS) | |
| | L. BUDGET: Conveners - Rev. Jock Hosking and Dr. Denis Janus
Connexional Budget (meets in Oct. & May) | |
| | M. FAITH AND ORDER: Convener - Rev. Dr. John Salmon
Faith and Order (S.D.A. HALL DOWNSTAIRS) | |
| | N. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Convener - Rev. Graeme McIver
International Affairs (ROOM 4 & 5 UPSTAIRS) | |
| | O. OVERSEAS MISSIONS: Convener - Rev. Geoff Tucker
Joint Board for Mission Overseas (ROOM 7
Ecumenical Affairs - Overseas UPSTAIRS)
Consultation - Joint Board etc. | |
| | P. MAORI: Convener - Rev. Morehu TeWhare
Maori Division (REHUA MARAE) | |

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| 12.30 p.m. | Lunch | |
| 1.30 p.m. | Committees of Detail resume | |
| 3.15 p.m. | Afternoon Tea | |
| 3.45 p.m./ | Session 4 | G. Education |
| 5.30 p.m./ | | |
| 5.40 p.m. | Conference Meal | |
| 7.00 p.m./ | Session 5 | F. Church Welfare |
| 9.30 p.m./ | | N. International Affairs |

TUESDAY, 3RD NOV.

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| 8.45 a.m. | Session 6 | Conference Devotions
Notices of Motion
A. Stipends
L. Budget
H. Administration |
| 10.30 a.m. | Morning Tea | |
| 11.00 a.m. | Session 6 resumes | |
| 12.00 noon | D. Stationing Committee
Lunch | St. Albans Rugby Street |
| 12.30 p.m. | Women's Fellowship Reception to the President's wife,
Audrey and Vice-President's wife, Ruth, at Rehua | |
| 2.15 p.m. | Afternoon Tea | |
| 2.45 p.m./ | Session 7 | D. Stationing Third Reading
H. Administration cont'd
J. Social Services |
| 5.30 p.m. | | |

| Time | Day-Activity | Business and Comments |
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| 5.30 p.m. | Dinner (own arrangements) | |
| 5.45 p.m. | Deaconess Assn Tea | at 61 Wainoni Road |
| 7.30 p.m./ | Session 8 | Conference Devotions led by
Rev. James Stuart |
| 9.30 p.m./ | | K, Public Questions |

WEDNESDAY, 4TH NOV.

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| 8.45 a.m. | Session 9 | Ex-Vice-President's Address
M, Faith and Order |
| 10.30 a.m. | Morning Tea | E, Development |
| 10.35 a.m. | Ministers moving meet with Warren Hudson in
Rooms 7 and 8 | |
| 11.00 a.m. | Session 9 resumes | Election of President and
Vice-President |
| 12.30 p.m. | Lunch | |
| 12.15 p.m./ | Organ Recital at St. Albans Church, Rugby Street | |
| 1.15 p.m./ | | |
| 1.30 p.m. | Session 10 | E, Development cont'd
O, Overseas Missions
Report from the consultation
on Joint Board - International
Affairs - Ecumenical Relations - Mrs Joan Anderson |
| 3.30 p.m. | Afternoon Tea | |
| 4.00 p.m./ | Session 10 resumes | Tributes to Supernumeraries |
| 5.30 p.m. | | |
| 5.45 p.m. | Lay Preachers Tea at Knox Lounge | |
| 7.30 p.m. | Session 11 | C, Committee on Ministry |
| 8.30 p.m./ | "Life in the Districts" - Hawkes Bay-Manawatu and
South Canterbury | |
| 9.30 p.m./ | | |

THURSDAY, 5TH NOV.

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| 8.45 a.m. | Session 12 | Conference Devotions led by
Rev. James Stuart
P, Maori Division
Church Council
Election of Chairmen
R, Law Revision
Unfinished Business |
| 10.30 a.m. | Morning Tea | |
| 11.00 a.m. | Session 12 resumes | |

| Time | Day-Activity | Business and Comments |
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| 12.00 noon | Covenant Communion Service | Rehua |
| | Conference Lunch | |
| | Conference concludes | |

The success of the above timetable will depend upon:

- (1) The use of the en bloc procedure.
- (2) A co-operative spirit in the Conference in response to Committees of Detail who have done their work.
- (3) The willingness of Members to commit themselves to the whole of Conference.
- (4) Attention is drawn to the Standing Order of Conference which provide for:

"(25) No member shall leave the Conference before its close without having sought and obtained permission to do so."

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.

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).

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| | Mr. Graham Keightley |
| Ex Vice-Presidents: | Sister Rona Collins |
| | Mr. Stewart J. Collis |

(b) Representatives of Circuits & Parishes:

NORTHLAND DISTRICT - 1000

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| 1010 Mangonui County Un Par. | - |
| 1020 Kaikohe Union Parish | - |
| 1030 Sth Bay of Islands Coop. | - |
| 1040 Kaeo-Kerikeri Un. Parish | Mrs E.R. Keightley |
| 1050 Nth Hokianga Comm. Church | - |
| 1060 Sth Hokianga Coop. Parish | Mrs M. Ambler |
| 1070 Hikurangi Union Parish | - |
| 1080 Whangarei Uniting Church | Mrs. Anne Ramsay |
| | - |
| 1090 Dargaville | Mr. Harry Lendrum |
| 1100 Ruawai Co-op. Parish | - |
| 1110 Paparoa | - |
| 1120 Wellsford Co-op Parish | - |
| 1510 Maori Circuit | Mrs A. Tana |

AUCKLAND DISTRICT - 2000

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2010 Auckland Central | Mr. G.W. Matheson |
| | Mr. Lloyd V. Riesterer |
| | Mr Bryan E. White |
| 2020 Auckland Central Mission | Miss R. McConnell |
| | - |
| 2030 Balmoral-Roskill | Mrs Audrey Grounds |
| | Mrs Hilda Schroeder |
| | - |
| 2040 Auckland East | Mrs. V. Walker |
| | Mrs. E. Norris |
| | - |
| 2050 Bucklands Beach Co-op | - |
| 2060 Orakei | Mr. Bruce Verry |
| | Mr. Stan Brooker |
| 2070 Glen Innes Co-op Parish | Mrs Enid Dawson |
| 2080 Mt. Albert | Mrs Kath Horwood |
| 2090 Avondale Union Parish | - |
| 2100 Henderson | Mr P.D. Hollings |
| | Mrs L. Hollings |
| 2110 Ranui | - |
| 2120 Te Atatu Union Parish | Mr David Grounds |
| 2130 Devonport | - |
| 2140 Takapuna | Mr David Hinds |
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| 2150 Birkenhead | Mr J. Malcolm |

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| 2160 Glenfield-Albany Co-op. | - Mr B. Ellis |
| 2170 Birkdale-Beach Haven U.P. | - Miss Jean Hughes |
| 2180 Northcote | - Mrs Verna Mossong |
| 2190 Onehunga | - Mrs Debbie Norris |
| | - Mr Graham Norris |
| 2200 Ōtahuhu | - |
| 2210 Papatoetoe | - Mrs Frances Winiata |
| 2220 Manurewa | - Innes Clarke, James Watson |
| 2230 Papakura | - |
| 2240 Pukekohe | - Mrs Anna Beaumont |
| 2250 Tuakau Union Parish | - Mr R. McCracken |
| 2260 Waiuku | - |
| 2270 Sth Kaipara Co-op Parish | - |
| 2280 Whangaparaoa | - Mrs D.F. McConkey |
| 2290 Mahurangi | - Mrs Rosalie Thornicroft |
| 2300 St. Austells Co-op Parish | - |
| 2510 Tamaki | - Mrs Wiki Anderson |
| 2310 Waterview | - |

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT - 3000

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| 3010 Thames Union Parish | - |
| 3020 Hauraki Plains Co-op. | - |
| 3030 Paeroa | - |
| 3040 Waihi | - |
| 3050 Te Aroha Co-op. Parish | - Mr H.V. Sealey |
| 3060 Morrinsville | - Mr. Derek Chalmers |
| 3070 Cambridge Union | - Mr Derek Aylett |
| 3080 Hamilton | - Mr. H. Witten |
| | - Mrs L. Coatsworth |
| 3090 Raglan Union Parish | - |
| 3100 Hamilton East | - Mrs Shirley Jensen |
| | - |
| 3110 Chartwell Co-op. Parish | - |
| 3120 Ngaruawahia Union Parish | - |
| 3130 Huntly | - |
| 3140 Matamata Union Parish | - |
| 3150 Putaruru Co-op. Parish | - Mr. K.O. Cleaver |
| 3160 Tokoroa | - Mr. V.A. Letoa |
| 3170 Rotorua | - |
| 3180 Taupo | - Mrs E. Shortis |
| 3190 Western Bay of Plenty | - Mr. Alan Bettany |
| | - |
| 3200 St James Union Parish | - |
| 3210 Te Puke | - Mrs V. Perkins |
| 3220 Whakatane Co-op. Parish | - |
| 3230 Kawerau | - Mr Alan R. Spiers |
| 3240 Opotiki Union Parish | - |
| 3250 Te Awamutu | - Mrs B.J. Higham |
| 3260 Otorohanga | - |

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| 3270 Te Kuiti | - |
| 3280 Taumarunui | - Mrs E. Curd |
| 3290 Turangi Union Parish | - |
| 3300 Ohura | - Mrs F. Blanchard |
| 3310 Kawhia | - |
| 3320 Coromandel | - |
| 3330 Hillcrest Co-op. Parish | - Mrs G.A. Telford |
| 3340 Pio Pio Co-op. Parish | - |
| 3510 Waikato (Maori) Circuit | - |
| 3520 Rohe Potae | - |

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT - 4000

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 4010 New Plymouth | - Mr George Hutton |
| | - Mrs Heather Phillips |
| 4020 Waitara | - Mr A.K. Surrey |
| 4030 Stratford | - |
| 4040 Eltham-Kaponga Co-op. Parish | - Mrs D. Francis |
| 4050 Hawera | - Mr W. Morrison |
| 4060 Manaia Union Parish | - |
| 4070 Opunake Co-op. Parish | - |
| 4080 Okato | - Mrs Jane Francis |
| 4090 Wanganui | - Mrs May Thomas |
| | - Mr Basil Thomas |
| 4110 Inglewood Union Parish | - Mr Bruce Orchard |
| 4510 Taranaki (Maori) | - Miss Ngaio E. McCulloch |
| | - Mrs Heggie Davey |

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT - 5000

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| 5010 Napier | - Miss D. Collister |
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| 5020 Hastings | - M/s Ron Rees, & Peter Hornblow |
| 5030 Flaxmere Co-op. Parish | - |
| 5040 Gisborne | - Mrs G. Cook |
| 5050 Mangapapa Union Parish | - |
| 5060 Presby./Meth.Par.Wairoa | - |
| 5070 Dannevirke-Norsewood | - Mr. T.M. Kirk |
| 5080 Woodville Union Parish | - Mr. J.G. Harding |
| 5090 Pahiatua Union Parish | - Miss P.R. Patrick |
| 5100 Palmerston North | - Mr Ken Fay |
| | - Mrs Robyn Brown |
| | - Mrs Julie Hornblow |
| 5110 Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe | - |
| 5120 Feilding-Oroua | - Mr Lindsay Evans |
| 5130 Marton | - |
| 5140 Sanson-Rongotea Union P. | - Mrs O.M. Smith |

5150 Foxton Union Parish -
 5160 Tamatea Circuit -
 5170 Waipawa Co-op Parish

WELLINGTON DISTRICT - 6000

6010 Wellington Central - Mr Ernie Crane
 -
 6020 Wellington West - Mr Eric Russell
 6030 Wellington Sth Union - Mr D.L. Woolf
 6040 Wellington East - Mr. Len Brown
 6050 Miramar Co-op.Parish - Mr Brian G. Chisholm
 6060 Ngaio Union Parish -
 6070 Johnsonville Union Parish - Mr. Hugh Williams
 6080 Newlands Union Parish -
 6090 Porirua -
 6100 Plimmerton-Paekakariki - Mr Victor H. Creswell
 6110 Tawa Union Parish - M/s H.Russell, B.Duxfield
 6120 Lower Hutt-Petone - Mr Bob Sullivan
 - Mr Salafi Mika
 - Mrs Judith Dunn
 - Mrs Winnie Duggan
 6130 Taita Union Parish -
 6140 Upper Hutt Co-op. Parish - Mrs Gwen 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 H. Wright
 6200 St.James Masterton Union -
 6210 Eketahuna Union Parish -
 6220 Levin -
 6230 Otaki -
 6240 Paraparaumu - Mr A.G. Worboys
 6250 Hataitai-Kilbirnie Co-op. - Mrs Enid Irons
 6510 Poneke Maori - Rev. Robert Te Whare

NELSON DISTRICT - 7000

7010 Nelson - Mr. F.J. Gribble
 - Mr. G.B. Trathen
 7020 Nelson St. Lukes Union -
 7030 Waimea - Mrs Jean Chisnall
 7040 Motueka Uniting Parish -
 7050 Moutere Hills Uniting -
 7060 Murchison - Mrs E. Gold
 7070 Blenheim - Mr L.F.Holdaway
 - Mrs M. Holdaway
 7080 Picton Union Parish - Mrs K.E. Buckner
 7090 Reefton District Union -
 7100 Buller Union -
 7110 Greymouth Dist. Union -
 7120 Hokitika Union Parish -

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT - 8000

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| 8010 Christchurch Cent. Mission | - Mrs Jennifer Moor |
| | - Mrs Diane Pearce |
| | - Mr. N.P. Alcorn |
| 8020 Christchurch South | - Mrs Rosalie Hoddinott |
| 8030 Christchurch East | - Mr G. Whitlam |
| | - Mr M. Tunncliffe |
| | - Mr H.M. Kerr |
| 8040 New Brighton Union Parish | - |
| 8050 Sumner-Redcliffs Union | - Mr E. Brookes |
| 8060 S.E.Christchurch Union | - Betty Roud |
| 8070 Lyttelton Union Parish | - Mr. A.T.R. Couch |
| 8080 Christchurch (Opawa) | - Mrs Pat Greening |
| 8090 Beckenham-Sydenham | - Mrs E.J. Allen |
| 8100 Christchurch (Spreydon) | - Mrs Connie A.McNaughton |
| 8110 Halswell Union Parish | - |
| 8120 Christchurch (Riccarton) | - Mr D. Watson |
| | - Mrs Dorothy Irvine |
| 8130 Christchurch (St.Albans) | - Mrs Cynthia Mellon |
| | - Mr Bruce Caygill |
| 8140 Christchurch (Papanui) | - Mrs P. Teague |
| | - Mr J. Flygenring |
| 8150 Hornby | - Mrs Kitt Wintrup |
| 8160 Lincoln Union Parish | - |
| 8170 Leeston Co-op. Parish | - Mrs Mavis Barnett |
| 8180 Kaiapoi | - Mrs M. McKenzie |
| 8190 Rangiora | - Mr Ernest C. Beauvais |
| 8200 Greendale-Malvern Co-op. | - Mr M.E. Feutz |
| 8210 Oxford District Union | - Mrs Jean Dalley |
| 8220 Parklands Co-op.Parish | - |
| 8510 Otautahi-Te Waipounamu | - Mrs Maera Moke |

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT - 8300

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| 8310 Timaru (Bank Street) | - Mr. I.D.Robinson |
| 8320 Timaru (Woodlands St.) | - Mr D.J. Diack |
| 8330 St. David's Marchwiell Un. | - |
| 8340 Twizel | - |
| 8350 Waimate | - Mrs Christine Bailey |
| 8360 Geraldine Co-op. Parish | - Mr Owen Neutze |
| 8370 Temuka | - |
| 8380 Ashburton | - Mrs Edith Pethick |
| | - Mr Colin Leadley |
| 8390 Allenton Union Parish | - |
| 8400 Oamaru Union Parish | - Miss Mary L. Addison |
| | - Mr H.J. Famliton |

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT - 9000

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| 9020 Dunedin Regional Mission | - Mrs G. Burton |
| | - Mrs B. Mullan |
| | - Mrs Marion Kitchingham |

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| | - Mr. A. Mabon |
| | - Mr E. Smith |
| | - Mrs J. McDonald |
| 9040 West Harbour United Parish | - |
| 9050 West Dunedin Union Parish | - Miss Betty Kite |
| 9060 Corstorphine-Concord Union | - |
| 9070 Grant Braes Union Parish | - |
| 9080 Tokomairiro Co-op | - Mr J.A. Stewart |
| 9090 Balclutha | - |
| 9100 Gore | - Mr Alister Thompson |
| 9110 Invercargill | - Mr E.C. Flyger |
| | - Mrs I. Lankshear |
| | - Mrs D. King |
| 9120 Riverton Union Parish | - Dorothy Willis |
| 9130 Otautau Union Parish | - Mrs Judith Day |
| 9140 Waiono Union Parish | - Mrs H. McRae |
| 9150 Bluff-Greenhills-Stewart | - |
| Is. Co-op. Parish | - C. Ladbrook |
| 9160 Teviot Union Parish | - |
| 9170 Alexandra-Clyde Union Parish- | |
| 9180 Port Chalmers Union Parish | - |

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| Development Division | - Mr Fred Norris |
| | - Mr Alan Oliver |
| Education Division | - Miss Miriam Stoodley |
| | - Deacon Edith Little |
| | - Mrs Miriel Fisher |
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| Maori Division | - Mrs Pari Waaka |
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| Overseas Division | - Mrs Marion Whaley |
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| Theological College | - Mr C.S. Fenwick |
| | - Mr. S. Brooker |
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| Wesley College | - Mr Harold Denton |
| Communications Committee | - Rev. Evan R. Lewis |
| Investment Board | - Mr. G.H. Peak |
| Methodist Trust Assn. | - Mr. G.H. Peak |
| Probert Trust | - Mr. G.H. Peak |

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| Methodist Women's Fellowship | - Mrs Ella M. Trathen |
| | - Mrs B.J. Paine |
| Diaconate | - |
| | - |
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| | - |
| Rangiatea Maori College | - Rev. Russell Rigby |
| Samoan Representatives | - |
| | - |
| Tongan Representatives | - T.K. Heimuli |
| | - S.F. Tonga |
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| President's Legal Adviser | - Mr. G.H. Peak |
| Prince Albert College | - Mr. L.V. Riesterer |

DISTRICT FINANCIAL SECRETARIES:

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| Northland | - |
| Auckland | - |
| Waikato-Bay of Plenty | - Mr Alan Bettany |
| Taranaki-Wanganui | - Mr Ron Day |
| Hawkes Bay-Manawatu | - |
| Wellington | - |
| Nelson | - Mr.H.D.Kelly |
| North Canterbury | - |
| South Canterbury | - |
| Otago-Southland | - |

Belonging to other Conferences/
Churches serving with the
Conference and associated
with this Conference

- Rev. I.D. Borrie
Rev. & Mrs.J.M.Dickinson
Rev. Dr Alan Elmore
Rev. J.C. Fulbright
Rev. V.G.C. Jones
Rev. T.T. Moala
Rev. Dr. W.J. Stuart

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES APPOINTED TO UNION and CO-OPERATING PARISHES:

Rev. K.D. Allen
Rev. R.M. Coates
Rev. Frank Grimshaw
Rev. D.L. McIntyre
Rev. Ian Millar
Rev. C.H. Naylor
Rev. S.A. Robertson
Rev. C.T. Styles
Rev. Bob Tait

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

R E P O R T S

from

CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES

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B O A R D S

CHURCH COUNCIL'S REPORT TO SYNODS 1981

The President, Rev. Loyal J. Gibson, presided at the sessions of the Council from May 5th to May 7th, 1981 at Otaki Bridge Lodge. Forty-two representatives were in attendance.

The President's opening devotions were centred on "Awareness" and the experience of Jacob - "surely the Lord was in this place, and I did not know it." - inviting members to bring "awareness" to the issues and concerns of the agenda.

A. CHURCH UNION

A report of the April meeting of the J.C.C.U. was presented. This detailed the responses to date of member Churches to the Presbyterian Assembly's initiative and the steps taken by each Church. The Presbyterian Church was seeking the views of communicant members through voting on the proposal and Sessions and Presbyteries were asked to study and report on the issue. The Church of Christ's Home Mission Department had been studying the proposal and the response of the Conference would be made at its meeting in October this year. The Congregational Union advised that any decision would be made by individual Congregations. The Church of the Province in New Zealand (Anglican) would respond through decisions of General Synod to be held early in 1982 and to anticipate the response was not appropriate.

The Methodist Church Union Committee had noted and reported a number of concerns, and after these had been considered, Church Council proposed that a Presidential pastoral letter be sent out immediately, which would respond to these concerns, including a sense of freedom for members to respond negatively and strong encouragement for study of the proposal, the Plan, and for all members on the Electoral Roll to vote.

B. DIRECTIONS IN MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

The Council received a report from the Principal of Trinity College, Keith Rowe, on "Future Directions in Ministerial Education". The paper raised a number of issues:

- Education for ministry is the equipment of the whole People of God for a life of witness, service and worship.
- The ordained minister, in particular the Presbyter, has a crucial role to play, assisting the People of God to act out an authentic Christian life.
- The work of ministerial education confronts a number of pressures and promises at the present time: a rising number of candidates; developing diversity in forms of ministry, in particular non-stipendiary and diaconate ministries; the search for effective forms of lay theological education; financial restraints; developing effective educational methodologies; developing of a deeper cultural awareness; helping people discern their shape of Christian faith in a secular society.

Changes in ministerial education need to avoid the merely faddish - "the baby needs to be hung onto while the water is changed". For the Presbyter, for instance, some things remain constant: the need to have Presbyters who are bearers of and witnesses to the Christian tradition, able to work in a team relationship with the laity, are lively and

interesting people, pastoral people and who appreciate the dynamics of New Zealand society.

- The advantages and cost of working with the Anglican Church at St John's College, Meadowbank, were noted.
- The advantages and disadvantages inherent in each of the college and home setting modes of ministerial education were elaborated.
- The need to discern the areas of overlap between pre-ordination education, education for lay ministries and continuing education for ministry.
- The possibility of developing a Methodist centre for lay and ministerial education in the Auckland area.
- Details of the Home Setting programme and the envisaged role of the Field Worker in Ministry.

The Council received the report and affirmed:

- The basic directions outlined in the report.
- The determination of the Trinity College Council to develop a centre for lay and ministerial education, ancillary to St John's College, in the Auckland area, and saw the need to develop a similar facility in other parts of the Connexion.
- The desirability of identifying and focussing on the areas of overlap between pre-ordination education, continuing education for ministry, and education for lay ministries.
- The relationship with the Anglican Church at St John's College along with the need for the Methodist College to respond to the needs of contemporary and historic Methodism.
- The developing relationship between the College Council and the Education Division.

C. DESIGNATION FOR CONNEXIONAL APPOINTMENTS

In considering specific designations for Connexional appointments the Council took opportunity to review several appointments pending over the next few years. Questions of strategy and priority and resource were raised, and the time that such designations were due. The following designations were considered and recommendations concerning these will be made directly to Synod and Conference from the Board/Council concerned:

Trinity College : Field Worker in Ministry

Education Division : Associate Director-Stewardship, & Associate Director

Development Division : Superintendent

Wesley College : Chaplain

Christchurch Central Mission : Superintendent

Dunedin Mission : Superintendent

D. NEW ZEALAND HYMN BOOK

The Council learnt of the progress with this venture. If the Methodist Church and other Churches were agreeable to commending it to congregations and the business and legal arrangements finalised it was possible that the book could be available by the end of the year. Church Council encouraged the President to make positive responses on behalf of the Conference to enable publication of the hymn book.

E. CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT - RELATED ISSUES - EFFECT ON THE METHODIST CHURCH & OUR RESPONSES

The Council began exploring ways in which the Methodist Church might respond to issues raised by the movement. It recognised that it was of global significance, and that the movement was a response to certain human needs. Council sought from Ian Ramage and Percy Rushton a discussion paper for the October meeting which would enable the initial discussion to be extended.

F. MATTERS REFERRED TO CHURCH COUNCIL

(a) The Stipends Committee reported that applying the formula (re-affirmed by Conference 1980) produced a stipend of \$13,200 effective from 1st July.

(b) The Special Committee on Stipends presented information indicating that a "re-packaging" of remuneration could provide ministers with a similar nett income at less cost to the Church.

Church Council encouraged the Special Committee to continue its work and following further discussion and consultation report to Synods and Conference 1981.

G. PROGRAMME OF THE PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENT-ELECT 1981/82

The President-Elect, Rev. Ted Grounds, indicated his wish to assist the Church interpret and respond to the then current issues, including those of special concern in the Auckland area.

Graham Keightley indicated that he was "available to the Church" for the year, and having experienced some terrific times in the life of the Church he hoped to share them back, especially by providing other people with opportunities to do things together in the church.

From the ensuing discussion it was agreed that a way should be provided at each May meeting of the Council for the Ex-President to share "reflections" on the year in office.

H. STRETCHING THE CONNEXIONAL DOLLAR

(From Church Council, Oct. 1980, Conf. Minutes pp.314-5)

Church Council received a report of its sub-Committee which included the findings from a questionnaire. The Council considered the report and the issues raised, and decided that the positive direction for the Connexion to follow was seeking and finding answers to "What does the Church want to do?", "What is the 'Connexion'?", "How can the Church function more resourcefully?".

CONCLUSION

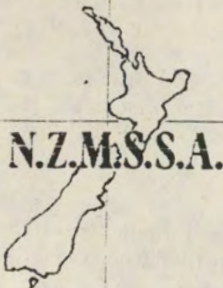
The meeting concluded with members of Church Council sharing Communion, conducted by the President.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received.

N.Z. METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1981



N.Z.M.S.S.A.

The Executive met twice during the year and conducted some of its urgent business by tolls conferences.

ROBERT GIBSON TRUST. The convener attended a meeting of the above Trust to clarify procedures and guidelines to assist the M.S.S.A. in implementing the Conference resolution 1979, p. 659, re the allocation of grants for Child Care work in the North Island.

Criteria has been submitted by the Robert Gibson Trust to guide the M.S.S.A. when it reviews applications for grants.

A total of \$9,800 was disbursed to Church agencies in the North Island whose Child Care work complied with the criteria. It should be noted that the above total represents grants from the Trust for 1979 and 1980.

METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SPECIAL OBJECTIVE

The N.Z.M.S.S.A. congratulates the N.Z.M.W.F. on the success of its 'Money Tree' special objective.

During the year the Methodist Women's Fellowship and the M.S.S.A. Executives approved the following agreement on the principles and administration of the fund :

AGREEMENT

Parties: The parties of this agreement are the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship (N.Z.M.W.F.) and the New Zealand Methodist Social Services Association (N.Z.M.S.S.A.) or their legal successors.

Name: The N.Z.M.W.F. has sponsored a Special Objective for 1980/81 under the name of 'The Money Tree' to raise a capital fund which shall be called the NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FAMILY SUPPORT FUND.

Principles: The Fund shall be to assist Methodist Social Service agencies in supporting needy families. Grants shall be used for meeting expenses in connection with :

1. 'Extras' - to assist parents meet their children's specific needs.

2. Developing special potential that individual children may possess.
3. Enriching or enhancing the quality of life of children.
4. Meeting the costs that cannot be met by the family or the agency out of ordinary income or funds.

Administration: The fund is to be administered as follows :

1. The N.Z.M.W.F. will collect contributions from Fellowships and Districts in the usual manner.
2. When the fund has thus been assembled, it will be handed over to the N.Z.M.S.S.A. and the N.Z.M.W.F. will have no further involvement in its administration, except as provided below.
3. The N.Z.M.S.S.A. shall place the entire capital of the fund on deposit with the Methodist Trust Association subject to later reviews as provided below.
4. The interest shall be disbursed in full each year in the four N.Z.M.S.S.A. areas in such proportions and in such manner as the N.Z.M.S.S.A. shall decide at its discretion, providing that the above principles are observed.
5. Either the N.Z.M.W.F. or the N.Z.M.S.S.A. may initiate a review of the capital basis of the fund and if both parties agree, this may be changed to either :
 - a) wind up the fund immediately or over a period by disbursing the capital as well as earned interest to the N.Z.M.S.S.A. areas, or
 - b) establish the fund as a long-term fund by reinvesting some part of the yearly interest to protect the capital, or
 - c) continuing the present arrangement for an agreed period without specific commitment to a long term.
6. If no such review has taken place by 1986, the N.Z.M.S.S.A. shall initiate discussions as under 5 above.
7. The N.Z.M.S.S.A. and the N.Z.M.W.F. may solicit further contributions for the capital fund, but shall not commit such gifts to perpetual investment for the purpose unless a subsequent review has made such a decision with the agreement of both parties concerned.

GENERAL: The principles of the fund can be served effectively with modest sums of money such as might accrue from interest, but neither party wishes to initiate a perpetual fund which may eventually become relatively insignificant due to attrition by inflation over a long period. The present intention is to use a generous income during the next five years, and to evaluate the fund's performance during that time.

N.Z. METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE ASSN.

CONSTITUTION

The M.S.S.A. has reviewed its constitution during the year.

The annual meeting of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. recommends to Conference that the following constitution replace the existing constitution.

CONSTITUTION

- 1.1.1 There shall be a Methodist Social Service Association under the control of the Conference.

OBJECTS

- 1.2 The objects of the Association shall be:
 - 1.2.1 To initiate develop and co-ordinate such major social work of the Church which is not carried on as part of the ordinary life of the Circuit or Parish.
 - 1.2.2 To facilitate and encourage local churches to develop social and community service.
 - 1.2.3 To stimulate interest and support for the social service work of the whole Church.
 - 1.2.4 To receive, administer and distribute funds and assets given for the general social work of the Church.
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FUNCTIONS

- 1.3 The Association shall:
 - 1.3.1 Provide general oversight to social service agencies established by the Conference and represent these agencies as required.
 - 1.3.2 Provide and initiate consultative assistance to local Churches in the development of appropriate social service programmes.
 - 1.3.3 Consider and recommend on proposals for new major extensions of social service and/or major extension of social service activities by Church Bords or Districts especially when These involve major capital expenditure and/or on going financial support.
 - 1.3.4 Recommend approval of proposals involving property to the Board of Administration for approval on behalf of the Conference.
 - 1.3.5 Take all necessary actions in fulfilling the objectives of the Association.

- 1.3.6 Furnish an annual report and financial statements to each Conference.
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GENERAL COMMITTEE

- 1.4.1 The Association shall be managed by a general committee which will meet at least annually.
- 1.4.2 Membership shall be the President of Conference, the Vice-President of the Conference, the General Secretary, the Superintendent plus four representatives from the Auckland Area Committee, the Chairman of the Wesley Social Services Trust Board plus three representatives from the Central Districts Area Committee, the Superintendent plus three representatives from the Christchurch Area Committee, the Superintendent plus two representatives from the Dunedin Area Committee.
- 1.4.3 The President of Conference or the President's nominee shall be the Chairman of the General Committee.
- 1.4.4 There shall be an Executive comprising the Superintendents of the Missions in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin and the Chairman of the Wesley Social Services Trust Board in Wellington who shall act as representatives of their respective areas.
The convener and official representative, if not a Superintendent of a Mission or the Chairman of the Wesley Social Services Trust Board, shall be ex officio a member of the Executive.
- 1.4.5 The Executive shall meet when necessary and shall act between meetings of the General Committee on its behalf.
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AREA COMMITTEES

- 1.5.1 For the purpose of organising its social work the Conference may, from time to time, divide New Zealand into areas. One or more Synodal District may be joined into one area.
- 1.5.2 In each area there may be an area committee appointed by the Synod(s) which shall generally encourage, develop and co-ordinate social service work in the area. Each area committee shall submit an annual report to the General Committee. Where an area committee has not been appointed the appropriate Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin Social Service Board of Management shall act.
- 1.5.3 Where an area committee has been appointed it shall consist of the District Chairman stationed in the area, one representative from each Synod in the area, four representatives from each Central Mission or Social Service Trust in the area, one representative from any other Social Service

organisation in the area which has been duly approved by the Conference. If no area committee is appointed at least one District Chairman in the area, or nominee, shall be a member of the appropriate Board of Management.

- 1.5.4 Each area committee shall elect its own officers.

STAFF

- 1.6.1 At each Conference the official representative and convener of the Association, who shall be its executive officer, shall be appointed on the nomination of the General Committee.

FUNDS

- 1.7.1 There shall be a general social service fund.
- 1.7.2 The funds of the Association shall be derived from levies, gifts, bequests, and as from time to time authorised by the Conference.
- 1.7.3 To manage the Everill Orr Social Worker's Training Fund.
- 1.7.4 To establish special Funds with the consent of the Conference.
- 1.7.5 To distribute, on the decision of the General Committee, any monies given or bequeathed to the Association or any of its constituent members or bodies.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual meeting recommends to Conference the following appointments :

Convener and Official Representative
Rev. D. Bruce Gordon M.A.

Treasurer: Mr Roger Homes

Executive: Revs. D.B. Gordon, K.J. Taylor, D.J. Phillipps
and W.E. Falkingham.

Representatives to N.Z. Council of Christian Services :
Revs. D.B. Gordon, W.E. Falkingham and D.Mullan.

ANNUAL MEETING OF N.Z.C.C.S.S.

The annual meeting of the Council elected Revs. Bruce Gordon and Wilf. Falkingham to its Executive. Wilf. Falkingham was elected as President of the Council, Father Brian Sherry Vice President, and Rev. Alan Robertson Secretary.

LEVIES for M.S.S.A. Funds:

It was agreed that in future levies be allocated to areas on the basis of their ratio of membership on the general committee.
(Constitution Par. 1.4.2)

The total levy for 1982 was fixed at \$2,000. On the basis of the above ratio the allocation is :

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| | \$ |
| Auckland | 625 |
| Central Districts | 500 |
| Canty., Nelson, Marlborough | 500 |
| Otago - Southland | 375 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CARE OF THE AGED

One hundred representatives from all Churches shared in a four day National Conference in Grafton Hall, Auckland, on the Care of the Aged. The M.S.S.A. was represented by matrons, social workers and administrators from most areas in N.Z. where we are engaged in aged care work.

Papers on the following topics were presented :

'The Role of the Church in Caring for the Aged'; 'The Church and the Welfare State'; 'Funding Services for the Aged'; 'Care in the Community'; 'Administration for Age Care Services'; 'Residential and Hospital Services'; 'Staffing for Age Care'; 'The Needs of the Aged'. These papers are available on application to the M.S.S.A. convener.

AUSTRALIAN - NEW ZEALAND SOCIAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

This bi annual conference was considered by the N.Z.M.S.S.A. and it was agreed to support the Australian proposal that the conference be held in Perth, in September 1982.

WORKSHOPS

The following papers were presented at workshops organised in conjunction with the annual meeting over a two day period:

'Community Development Issues and Local Church Involvement'
Archdeacon Jim Greenaway,
Director Anglican-Methodist Social Service, Auckland.

'Urban Industrial Mission'
Rev. Ron Mitchinson, Director of I.T.I.M. Auckland.

'Towards a Christian Use of Leisure'
Rev. Dave Mullan, Superintendent, Dunedin Mission.

'The Local Church in Social Service'

We thank the Rev. Ashleigh K. Petch who presided at the Conference representing the President.

W.E. FALKINGHAM,
Convener.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the constitution be approved.
3. That the agreement between the N.Z.M.W.F. and the N.Z.M.S.S.A. be endorsed by the Conference.
4. That the Rev. D.B. Gordon M.A. be appointed Convener and Official Representative of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
5. That Mr Roger Hames be appointed treasurer.

UCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1981

In February the Mission said farewell to the Rev. Mervyn and Mrs. Joy Dine and Alan and Peter who moved to Takapuna where Mervyn has been appointed minister. Both Mr. & Mrs. Dine and family made a significant contribution to the life and work of the Mission during their ten years of service. We welcomed as our new Associate minister, Rev. Graham Brazendale, who, with his wife Barbara and family have quickly settled in to their new work. Mr. Brazendale will concentrate on the Mission congregation as its pastor as well as being Chaplain of the Everil Orr Homes. We are grateful to the Rev. Wesley Parker, who retired as Chaplain on Mr. Brazendale's appointment after two years of faithful service.

Miss M.S. Mackenzie who had served for about four years as Matron of the Everil Orr Homes and Hospital, retired in February and was succeeded by the Assistant Matron, Miss E.I.F. McQuillan. Mrs. R.A. Ellis was appointed as the new Assistant Matron.

AGED CARE:

From a financial angle this has been one of our most difficult years in aged care. There has been no significant change in staffing levels or in the number of patients and residents cared for, but the percentage increase in wages in this period in our four Homes and Hospitals in the greater Auckland area has been 28.9% while the increased cost in energy has been 44.06% of which the greater part has been absorbed by fuel oil. The aggregate loss in these four Homes and Hospitals, largely as a result of these increases, is over \$200,000.

Our fees for residential care have been rising accordingly and are now higher than the amount received by our residents in National Superannuation. Those who have no other income or assets are able to receive from the Social Welfare Department an additional benefit of up to \$13 a week but this is reduced by \$1 a week for every \$100 held in a bank.

A person's financial assets or lack of them however, is never considered as a criteria for admission to our Homes and Hospitals, consequently the Mission subsidises a number of people who are unable to pay the full fees. We have several investments which have been made from legacies given by generous people in the past for this special purpose, but it is obvious in our next financial year our drain on these funds will far exceed the amount available and subsidies will have to be found from other sources. Our policy however, to care for those in need, irrespective of ability to pay, will not change.

Our main construction work in aged care this year has been in the alteration of Caughey House which was formerly used as a staff home. This work will mean that overall there will be an increase of the bed capacity of the Everil Orr Homes of 16. This will bring our total capacity of the Everil Orr Homes to 216 people.

In our four Homes and Hospitals in greater Auckland and Kamo in Whangarei the Mission will soon be caring for 102 hospital patients, 296 in residential care, 118 in flats, while there are approximately

50 to 60 others who come weekly to our Day Centre at St. Margaret's which is associated with the Everil Orr Homes.

CHILD CARE

This year has been one of steady progress, with strengthening and consolidation of the services we offer of residential, foster and supportive care.

Mr. Keith Hayes continues as Director of Child Care with two full time and three part time Social Workers. The area of volunteer workers in the preventive/supportive work continues to grow and provides an excellent back up to our work.

Foster care is growing and providing a specialised service. The I.Y.C. grant given for Foster Parent Recruitment Training Social worker has been of tremendous help and we have many trained Christian foster parents able to care for children. This has resulted in our being able to take more long term foster care children.

Under a highly qualified Supportive Social Worker we have begun to develop an area of volunteers to support and back up our social workers in preventive work. This is a commitment by Christians through which we hope to build a network of supporters through the Church.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

In August 1980 the Mission established Goodwill Industries as part of its contribution to assist alleviate the unemployment programme. A workshop was set up in Manurewa under the P.E.P. scheme and several young men gained confidence in work skills and successfully obtained work. The programme is continuing with production concentrating on sturdy wooden toys and useful household objects.

At Papakura, in co-operation with Papakura Circuit Goodwill Industries has been set up. In that area six young people are processing used clothing, washing, renovating and acquiring sewing and mending skills. A retail outlet has also been set up. Mr. Des Vince of Papakura has generously made available his factory for the remainder of 1981 for the establishment of this work.

COMBINED SOCIAL WORK

Lifeline and Inter-Church Counselling Service was set up by eight churches fifteen years ago. It still continues to offer a caring service through a large group of telephone and face to face volunteer counsellors.

Mr. Gordon Hambly who has served faithfully and effectively as Director for eight years has recently retired and the Rev. Bruce Mackie has been appointed to succeed him.

Liston Hostel - A home and haven for men is operated and maintained by four churches and the Lions' Clubs. Each night a number of beds are occupied by needy men in the city of Auckland.

Anglican Methodist Social Services - The Rev. Jim Greenaway who took up his position of Director of A.M.S.S. in February 1980 has had a very difficult year. The Auckland City Mission which was one of the parent bodies has stated that its first priority is the re-establishment of the work of the City Mission. We congratulate the City Mission for the work it is seeking to do in its recently acquired

Hobson Street premises. This means, however, that it is no longer possible for the City Mission to fund A.M.S.S. to the extent that it has done so in the past. Consequently, for the year ending 31st. December, 1981, the Anglican City Mission has had to reduce its contribution to A.M.S.S. from \$65,000 to \$50,000 while the Auckland Central Mission's quota has risen from \$65,000 to \$80,000. The City Mission informs us that the amount that it will be able to afford in future years will be much less. This means that both parent bodies are at present examining the future of A.M.S.S. The Board of Management of the Central Mission however, has unanimously affirmed the concept of A.M.S.S. and recently stated, "The Board of Management of the Central Mission endorses the theology and community principles that undergird the philosophy of A.M.S.S. and affirms its confidence in the Director, Archdeacon Jim Greenaway and members of his staff who implement the policy". We believe there is a place for both case work and community social work but when resources of money are scarce it is important that we should follow the principle of helping people to help themselves, and challenge the structures that oppress.

In the Midst of the City - The Central Mission complex in the heart of Queen Street which consists of the office block, Central Mission offices, Church Hall and Open Circle, has become an ecumenical centre of social service in Auckland. Besides the offices of the Methodist Central Mission, in the Queen Street office on the ground floor is situated the Interchurch Trade and Industry Mission, Home and Family Society, while in the Open Circle is now found, on the ground floor besides the coffee bar, the Epworth Bookroom and on the first floor, Anglican Methodist Social Services, Lifeline and the Ecumenical Secretariat on Development.

The Open Circle continues to become an important meeting place for many people in the city while our multi-cultural congregation continues with its witness.

FINANCE

With inflation the cost of the Mission's work escalates year by year at a tremendous rate. The gross cost of caring programme for the year ending 31st March 1981 was over \$2,800,000. Of this by far the major part, namely \$2,590,000 was spent on aged care, while child care cost \$123,500.

Our social work which included our share of the cost of A.M.S.S. and funded mainly from surplus rent from our investment building accounted for \$94,000. Last year we reported a magnificent gift of \$150,000. To this the Mission added \$50,000 of its investments and this \$200,000 is being invested in long term investments so that the annual interest may be used exclusively for social service work and for the next two years it will all be spent on assisting unemployed young people in work schemes.

This year we received legacies and gifts of \$168,450. As usual the Auckland Savings Bank gave us generous grants for our work totalling \$7,000. These generous legacies and gifts enable us to carry on our work. Without them capital development would be well nigh impossible.

CONCLUSION

An enterprise the size of the Mission could not hope to make an efficient and effective contribution to the community were it not for the dedicated and faithful service of the members of the Board of Management, staff in all departments, volunteers and helpers.

The words "People matter most" may sound like a cliché but never the less we believe it is true and seek to keep it ever before us. People matter most because they and we are children of the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ in whose name we serve.

D.B. Gordon
Superintendent.

RECOMMENDATIONS: - That the Report be received.
- That the Board of Management of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission for 1982 be:

*The Revs. D.B. Gordon (Chairman), E.D. Grounds,
B.E. Jones, G. Brazendale, Misses J.V. Fowler,
R.K. McConnell, Messrs. I.R. Souster, H.T. Garlick,
W.F. Christian, H.L. Clark, M.C. Copeland,
A. Galuvao, C.W. Firth, N.W. Firth, K.J. Lawry,
G.M. Lawry, K.J. Long, G.H. Peak, F.M. Souster,
D.G. Smith, A.H. Winstone.*

SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

A DIVISION OF THE PALMERSTON NORTH METHODIST PARISH

1980 was a year of rapid expansion in our work and this past year we have been experiencing and evaluating the results of that expansion, certainly in terms of available resources but also in terms of the implications for the future. We have experienced much frustration in some areas, but we are pleased about the promise and potential in others.

COUNSELLING AND GENERAL CASEWORK.

As expected with a general helping agency such as ours, much staff time is spent on meeting the needs of people with a wide range of emotional, interrelational and practical problems. Provision of the simple basics of life (food, clothing, shelter) have increased this past year and we have been grateful for the support of many of our parish people. We are constantly being made aware of the desperate plight of many people, renewing our desire to stand beside them and when necessary to speak on their behalf. This has been particularly in the area of rental accommodation and we know that other centres in the country are having a similar experience.

HOME SUPPORT.

We now have two full-time workers, Mrs Kath Boyle having been appointed in November 1980. This has enabled us to provide a more flexible service particularly for families requiring day-time support and relief, while not neglecting our traditional role of live-in help.

The year's highlight was the raising of sufficient funds (incl. \$2000 from Dept. of Social Welfare) to send Bertha Zurcher to the International Congress on Home Help Services in Sweden, in May. She has had a number of reporting responsibilities particularly to Dept. of Social Welfare, and we are looking to taking a lead in promoting and establishing 'home help' as much more than a mere 'housekeeping' role, rather as a highly valuable and vital means of assisting families under stress. To this end we are hopeful of convening a national conference on home help services.

SOCIAL EDUCATION.

Our current commitment in this preventive area is three education seminars or workshops. This year we have run a day seminar on 'Women and Christianity' and a three session course on 'Coping with Depression' as well as another Creative Listening course. Another series will be held on the subject 'Separation and Remarriage'. There appears to be an increasing demand for education and training in our community and we expect our commitment to increase as resources allow.

In addition staff are frequently requested to assist with other educational events in the city and district.

JAMIESON HOUSE.

Our hostel for adolescents closed in April when the previous supervisors left and despite extensive advertising no replacements have been found. In the meantime the House has been meeting another important need - accommodating university students.

We have evaluated our operation thus far and we are preparing for some long-term decisions about both the needs of adolescents and the use of the House.

STAFF.

Our present complement stands at four - the Director, Family Social Worker and two Home Support Workers. In addition we continue to enjoy the support and involvement of a large team of volunteers. Again this is an area we would like to expand.

FINANCE.

Like most agencies inflation is hitting us hard and so fund-raising is a constant concern. We have been most grateful for the grants from charitable trusts, the gifts from donors and the assistance of many people in our various fund-raising efforts, most importantly our opportunity shop. The year has seen the relocation of the back-up workshop and this has been a profitable move.

CONCLUSION.

This report shows in some small way the scope of the work undertaken by the staff of the Centre. This commitment to a service to the community is very demanding and shows a dedication beyond the normal expectation.

The Management Committee wish to express their appreciation to staff members for their investment of time, skills and energy in the helping field.

KEN FAY, Chairman
PHILIP McCONKEY, Director
MAURICE BONIFACE, Treasurer

RECOMMENDATIONS -

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Management Committee for 1981/82 will be:

Mr P.A.H. McConkey
Miss M. Perowne
Miss B. Zurcher
Mrs K. Boyle
Mr K.M. Fay
Mr M.O. Boniface
Mrs V.M. Osborne
Mr R. Conwell
Mr J. Andrew
Mr S. Good

Mr N. Bird
Mr M.W. Hancock
Mr D. Petersen
Rev E. Trask
Mrs J. Wynn
Miss P. Patrick
Mrs R. Gordon
Mr R. Patteson
Mrs A. Pritchard
Dr N. Watts

WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1981

INTRODUCTORY:

While not a easy year for the Board in a number of respects, the major areas of work have been well sustained. The year has seen the completion of some important projects at Wesleyhaven for the elderly, another Goodwill shop has been opened and the Board has turned its attention to a number of areas with potential for involvement.

The Board has spent considerable time on the question of its historical and ongoing links with Wesley Church, its task as the social services arm of the Methodist Church in the Wellington region and the relationship as between the Board and Management. Two areas of continuing concern which the Board hopes will be clarified in the near future are the future uses of Brougham House and the role of the Board in facilitating Pastoral Care programmes in the district.

STAFFING:

In its overall work, the Board continues to be well served by its staff. It gratefully acknowledges this service and the loyalty with which it is given. During the year Mrs Barbara Sherwood was appointed as Charge at Wesleyhaven Hospital and also extends her services as visiting nurse to the residential homes and flats at Wesleyhaven. Mrs Sally Young also joined the staff there as the Activities and Recreation Officer.

The impending departure of the Rev. Bruce Mackie as Director (at the end of September) presents the Board with a sense of great loss and the task of finding a suitable replacement. Bruce has brought to the office gifts of initiative, imagination and a capacity for hard work. During his four years with the Board much has been achieved and all associated with the Board and its work are grateful for his valuable contribution.

CARE OF THE ELDERLY:

Applications for admission to the various units at Wesleyhaven and the range of care offered continue to grow, reflecting the needs of the elderly in the community at large. The need remains greatest in residential home care.

Strand Home: With the increasing frailty and dependency of residents at Strand Home, steps have been taken to improve ablution and other services, to facilitate the level of care needed. The room set aside for short stay care is in constant use and of appreciable help to relatives and friends caring for an elderly person. Other improvements and upgradings are planned to the Home.

Wesley Hospital: In the provision of a suitably appointed Retiring Room, a much needed facility is now available at the hospital. It serves a wide range of needs, e.g. privacy for patients who wish to discuss business or confidential affairs; and most important - a place where relatives and friends can gather with a dying patient, or in bereavement.

Improvements have been undertaken to hospital services, with a cool room for the kitchen and the addition of an annexe to the laundry room.

Activities and Recreation: Introduced in the latter part of 1980, the Activities and Recreation programme for patients and residents, under the leadership of Mrs Sally Young, is now well established. With its widely based activities, the programme is providing a stimulus for the Wesleyhaven community generally. Assistance from the Lower Hutt City Council under the Recreation and Community Development Scheme is gratefully acknowledged. Proceeds from the sale of articles, entertainment etc., are being applied towards the purchase of a projector for Wesleyhaven.

Villas: In keeping with the policy of assisting the elderly to retain their independence for as long as practicable, a great deal of work has been undertaken within villas to help in this direction. In a number of units, showers have replaced baths, kitchens modified and aids installed. Coupled with regular oversight and assistance where necessary, these measures are proving their worth.

NEW FLATS:

The Board's scheme for providing suitable units at Wesleyhaven for the elderly who have such a need, but are not eligible for housing built with the assistance of Government subsidy, has now been realised. With substantial financial help from the Ricketts' Estate, five 2-bedroom independent flats have just been built and the first two are to be occupied in September. A contribution of \$30 000 is sought from each occupant and is repayable by the Board in the event of withdrawal from Wesleyhaven, or to the estate at death, subject to a write-off of 4% per annum. With the occupancy, go assurances from the Board of continuing care, should occupancy of the unit be no longer possible on account of increasing infirmity or dependence.

The Board gratefully acknowledges the valuable contribution which Mr Percy Clark has made to the overall concept of this project and in particular his insights and sensitivity in determining the form of the occupancy agreement.

LANDSCAPING AND ATTENTION TO WESLEYHAVEN GROUNDS:

Although the Wesleyhaven site presents some difficulties on account of the terrain, there is also the element of challenge in what it offers in landscaping and planting. Much has been done over the past year to achieve more attractive surrounds. In this, the work undertaken by a group from the Rehabilitation League is making a good impact.

BREAKDOWN IN WATER SERVICES:

A recent major failure in water supply and heat reticulation pipes, due apparently to metal failure, caused serious disruptions to the water and heating services to the Hospital and Deckston Home in particular. Interim repairs are maintaining the services satisfactorily while investigations as to the cause are undertaken. The cost of making good is expected to be substantial.

RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE:

The interest shown by Wesleyhaven residents in their community, continues to be well expressed through the Residents' Committee. Much credit to it for the wide variety of activities it organises, the encouragement it generates and the contacts it maintains and develops with the outside community.

WESLEYHAVEN FAIR:

A prodigious amount of planning and effort continues to be put in to this annual event. The Fair in September 1980 resulted in additional funds of \$7252 to the work at Wesleyhaven. The Board gratefully acknowledges this contribution and thanks all concerned.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION:

This section on Wesleyhaven would be incomplete without mention of the contribution made by individuals and organisations from the community at large and churches, throughout the Wellington region. A Street Day in October 1980 drew a public response of \$1906. Per medium of all the giving, a wide range of physical, social and spiritual needs are ministered to.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS - WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY:

Exploratory discussions have been held with representatives from the Paraparaumu Methodist Circuit, where it is felt there is opportunity for the church to make a contribution to the needs of the elderly. Initially it would seem that a suitable location and purpose-designed flats would offer the most effective contribution.

FAMILY and COMMUNITY CARE

Epworth House:

- (a) Claremont Youth Hostel: The release of a staff flat at Claremont House has made it possible to moderately increase the number of places for offer to young people needing accommodation.

- (b) Brougham House: The future of this property remains uncertain pending a response from the Maori Division and the Poneke Maori Circuit as to their likely interest.

Porirua:

Useful work continues to be done in the Porirua situation through the Porirua Methodist Board. Currently, it is active in efforts to re-establish a Family Refuge and giving support to a family beneficiaries' group. Assistance in the form of moderate grants towards establishment costs is being provided by the Trust Board.

International Conference on Family Supportive Services:

The Board has been pleased to contribute towards the cost of Miss Bertha Zurcher, Manawatu Social Services Centre, attending the International Conference on Family Supportive Services and Care at Oslo.

GOODWILL SHOPS:

With a fourth shop in operation (at Island Bay) net income from this source amounted to \$23 609 for the year - an increase of \$2692 (12.87%) on 1980. The scale of these operations now impose a heavy load on the worthy band of voluntary helpers who staff the shops and the stage has been reached where the employment of an organiser for this aspect of our work is necessary.

OUR WIDER LINKS:

Members of the Board and its officers are involved in a wide range of related activities in social services. Chief amongst there are the liaison with other Methodist agencies in the Central Districts MSSA, membership of the Wellington Old People's Welfare Council, the Detached Youth Worker Scheme, the review of health services organisation, and assistance to local parishes in assessing the need and shape of social services needs in their areas.

FINANCIAL:

Despite rising costs at all levels of the Board's operations, it is pleasing to be able to report a satisfactory financial outcome for the year. The net income on all services amounts to \$72 861 and has been achieved with only minimum increases in the fees for the residents and those under care.

Grants, Bequests and Donations: The Board is grateful for the generous help it receives towards its work from several outside trusts, bequests and donations.

Grants totalling \$27 625 are acknowledged as under:

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| | \$ |
| Todd Family Charitable Trust | 1 000 |
| T. G. Macarthy Trust | 10 000 |
| J. R. McKenzie Trust | 3 000 |
| W. H. Denton Trust | 1 000 |
| J. B. S. Dudding Trust | 2 500 |
| Welfare of Aged Persons Distribution
Committee | 8 625 |
| Lower Hutt City Council | 1 000 |
| C. H. Izard Bequest | 500 |

Bequests: Apart from the T.G. Ricketts' Estate monies, which have been applied to the new flats development at Wesleyhaven, the Board has been the recipient of \$26 953 during the year, by way of bequests from several estates. They are the Estates of A. J. Brown, O.A. and A.K. Cox, G. M. Elliott, A. J. Johnston, E. B. Luke, Florence Plant and W. T. Strand.

Donations: Including the Street Day Appeal, a total of \$6058 has been donated - the greater part of it being in respect of Wesleyhaven.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

In the recent death of Mr George Whitlock, the Board has suffered a great loss. A member of the Board since its inception, George shared fully in the development and operational side of Wesleyhaven from the outset. Despite adversities along the way, his faith in the undertaking remained strong and what has been achieved at Wesleyhaven is a tribute to his contribution and commitment. It is the Board's resolve to mark this contribution by a suitable memorial at Wesleyhaven.

CONCLUSION: In conclusion, as we grapple with future challenges in Social Services, a message from the address given by Prof. Hans Spykerboer Th.D. at the Australia New Zealand Social Services Conference in August 1980 is most relevant for our day. Social Services he reminded us are both word and Deed and must incorporate the welfare of the total person. This has significant implications for our ministry.

K.J. Taylor
Chairman

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

The Havelock North Methodist Church has tripled in two years, now having an average congregation of 100. One of the "mission groups" of the congregation is the group of 19 residents in the AROHANUI FAMILY VILLAGE.



The ten houses and holiday accommodation clustered around the Church appear to have given a new visibility, a "shop-window", making the church accessible. There is a bee-hive of daily activity, caring for people in the neighbourhood. The guest rooms have a steady stream of holiday visitors, or people needing emergency care. Every Friday about 40 people usually gather for the evening Community meal, and the daily prayers in the Chapel (7am and 7pm) attract visitors and neighbours as well as residents.

The team of 19 permanent residents voluntarily staffs the facilities, as well as offering budgeting, counselling & home-making skills for the families who come into residence for up to a year ("visiting neighbours") who live in the four Family Homes. Three residential weekends this year attracted wide support, using visiting resource people on "Renewal" (Rev.M.Horn), "Music" (Mr.Brent Chambers) and "Discipleship" (Rev.Keith Rowe). The Family Village has become an easy place to wander into, for "seekers" wanting to chat about the Christian life-style.

Permanent residents jointly made capital contributions of \$100,000 towards the half million dollar project, & the \$75,000 mortgage is being repaid out of rentals from non-capital contribution houses. There are minimal running costs, and a Reserve Fund of \$10,000 so far, is available in case a new permanent family cannot make a capital contribution. The holiday accommodation revenue finances the upgrading and maintenance of those facilities. It is estimated that the Social Welfare grant of \$70,000 will in fact be recouped by them in 8 years because the work of the Family Village in reconciling marriages and more effective one-parent families results in discontinued Domestic Purposes Benefits and budgeted maintenance payments.

Recommendation:

That the report be received.



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CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

ANNUAL REPORT, 1981

REHUA HOSTEL WILL NOT CLOSE

Late in 1980 the Hostel Committee was advised that Rehua would not be required by the Department of Maori Affairs for trade trainees in 1981.

As Rehua was the first Maori Hostel for apprentices and later trade trainees in the South Island and had enabled the Department to introduce the trade training scheme to Christchurch, the Mission and a wide selection of the Maori community were concerned with this decision.

Strong submissions were submitted to the Minister of Maori Affairs, Mr Ben Couch, and he advised that the decision would be reversed and that 26 trade trainees would be allocated to Rehua for 1981. However, he pointed out that it was unlikely that first year trainees would be sent to Rehua in 1982.

The Hostel Committee has recommended that the Hostel continue to operate as a Maori Hostel for trade trainees requiring accommodation beyond their first year. It was also recommended that the Hostel be open to any Maori youth who were approved by the assessment committee. The idea of assessing prospective residents is crucial because the aim is to develop a self-supporting community.

One of the staff flats will be offered to a married couple who are Maori elders. They would oversee activities at the Marae and supervise Hostel staff. A younger couple with the interests of Rehua at heart will be offered another flat. They will have the responsibility of handling the business affairs of the Hostel and of creating a happy living environment.

Part of the building is to be used by the Marae Committee for visiting groups, seminars, language courses, Kikiri (craft) centre.

ALDERSGATE WORKSHOPS

The above heading is a new name for what was formerly the Creative Leisure Centre. The name Aldersgate Workshops more appropriately describes the kind of preventative social work that is the main thrust of this comparatively new development. In the Workshops the Mission is responding to the contemporary needs of unemployed youth and people with personality problems who need the therapy of creative activities and social relationships.

In March a shop which specializes in selling second-hand clothes for young people was opened at 846 Colombo Street under the name of 'Shazen'. It is run by a team of young people three of whom are employed under the Social Welfare Job Creation Scheme and the other funded for a short term with a \$5,000 grant from the Maurice Carter Charitable Trust.

As well as providing employment and developing work skills, the shop will help provide ongoing revenue for the Workshops in the future.

Anne McGregor has been appointed a part-time social worker at the Centre. Six full-time positions have been created for people, funded under the Social Welfare Job Creation Programme.

GOODWILL INDUSTRY

Over the past years our industry has grown steadily, again showing an improved financial return for the year ending March 31, 1981. The recycling of clothing, furniture and household goods provides greatly needed assistance for those who have to purchase within the budget of a pension or benefit, or who face financial hardship. Many people are being helped to untangle some of the problems of life and stories of human pathos are experienced regularly.

A new Mission outreach is currently being investigated with a view to helping the mentally and physically handicapped lead as normal a life as possible in the community. From clothing, furniture and electrical goods donated, those needing repair will be used as material to establish workshops to teach handicapped people new skills and help them develop a new sense of self esteem.

CHILD CARE

During this year we have cared for 275 children in our family units at Harewood Road, our family home in Barrington Street, or in our foster homes from Auckland to Ashburton. There have been great demands for short term placement of children where families are under stress from emotional, physical and financial reasons.

The building of the new Residential Club has meant new playing areas had to be laid. The children also benefited this year with the completion of the swimming pool, thanks to Papanui Rotary Club who have assisted with finance and working bees. Thanks also to Waimairi Lions for financial assistance with the provision of a recreation room equipped with pool tables and table tennis tables, which have proved to be a real asset. Our thanks to many people who have given clothing, produce, books, toys, furniture and household goods and to North Christchurch Zonta who provided carpet for two bedrooms and sponsored 20 children to a camp at Hanmer.

The Day Care Centre has a full roll of 36 children and a waiting list. Our thanks to the women who give one day a week on a regular basis to assist the staff at the Centre in running the programmes and activities with the children.

GENERAL SOCIAL WORK

The Mission has continued to meet some of the needs of people who face emergency situations. People on benefits who are required to change their accommodation often have to meet heavy financial burdens. As we rarely provide direct gifts of money, supplying groceries to tide these people over is one of our functions. Over 200 grocery parcels have been given this year as well as furniture and bedding.

AGED CARE

201 aged people reside in the following institutions run by the Mission: Wesley Lodge and Hospital, Fairhaven Community for the Ageing and Wesley House (Picton).

A further 80 are in Green Gables, Nelson, a joint Presbyterian-Methodist Home and Hospital, and Dixon House, administered by the combined Churches at Greymouth.

SOCIAL WORKERS

The aged care Social Workers, Mrs E. McGlinn and Miss Mary Caygill, have continued to work in the community over the year with the current number of elderly persons on the aged care register being 382. The main focus of their work is :

1. Assessment and arranging of appropriate services to either support the elderly person in their own home with domiciliary support or fuller assessment through the Rehabilitation Unit, or arranging for a move into institutional care at the level required.
2. Supporting families caring for elderly persons.
3. Advising and assisting elderly persons to plan for their future.

Work is taking place in the Addington, Linwood and North Brighton areas with various clergy to plan for community programmes for elderly persons in these areas.

A NEW WAY OF CARING

In 1973 the Mission endeavoured to get Government support to pioneer a new approach to the care of the aged. In that year the Residential Club was recognized as a pilot scheme for the Aged by the Board of Health. However, it was not until late 1980 that the Health Department finally approved the scheme. Building commenced in February, 1981, and the complex will be completed by January, 1982. It will be officially opened by the Governor General, the Hon. David Beattie, on March 13, 1982.

WHAT IS THE RESIDENTIAL CLUB?

It constitutes a new approach to caring for the elderly and has been developed to meet a perceived community need. Its philosophy is rooted in the belief that life should be lived to the full irrespective of age.

It is a community of 50 self-contained flatettes, designed to meet the need for private and individual living, along with the benefits that flow from a supportive community. The Fairhaven community will be able to cater for various levels of aged care, from complete independence in existing flats, to independence within the community of the Residential Club, to accommodation within the Fairhaven Residential Home, to nursing care for the sick and frail in the Fairhaven Geriatric Hospital.

A public appeal is under way to raise \$300,000 which is just over half the amount needed to bridge the gap between the Government subsidy of \$800,000 and the estimated total cost of the project, \$1,300,000.

WESLEY LODGE AND HOSPITAL. Wesley Lodge is now in its 29th year of operation. Wesley Hospital is in its 24th year. Since the hospital was opened in 1957 1,815 patients have been cared for. During the current year a bed occupancy rate of 96% has been achieved. There were 41 admissions for the year, 17 discharges and 19 deaths.

FAIRHAVEN HOME AND HOSPITAL. The Fairhaven Residential Home is in its 12th year of operation and Fairhaven Hospital is in its 6th year. A total of 210 patients has been admitted to the Hospital. 98% of the beds have been occupied for the 1980/81 period. Admissions were 29, including 13 from the Fairhaven Residential Home, discharges were 14, and deaths 16.

ACTIVITIES SUPERVISOR. Pam Hobbs has been appointed Activities Supervisor at Wesley Hospital and Lodge. 'It is challenging and exciting to me to see positive changes in some patients' attitudes, and more especially in a great number of residents, since we have encouraged them to join in craft and activity programmes,' says Pam.

DIXON HOUSE. This Residential Home, administered by the combined Churches, provides accommodation for over 30 residents in Greymouth. There are also eight independent flats. The Matron, Mrs Mavis Vaughan, ably manages the Home and helps to foster a caring community. The Rev. Douglas Riddle gives able leadership to the Management Committee, and Mr Bill Marshall administers the financial affairs of the Home and provides support for staff and residents.

WESLEY HOUSE, PICTON. Lester Holdaway, the new Chairman of the Management Committee, says 'This has been a most successful year for Wesley House - a reflection of good work put in by staff, management committee and friends of the home. The year was saddened by the illness and death of our management committee chairman, Mr Bruce Patchett. Tribute has been paid to him at other places; enough to say that Wesley House lost a good friend and his contribution to the welfare of the home will be long remembered.' The Home continues to be run efficiently and happily under the caring leadership of the Matron, Mrs Mollie Decke.

GREEN GABLES, NELSON. Green Gables is now into its fourth year of operation and has become well established and is meeting a very real need in the community. The Hospital has 20 beds and the residential section 32. In both cases there has been a 100% occupancy rate and there is still an unsatisfied demand for residential care. Our Principal Nurse, Mrs E. Pyfers and her staff have maintained a high standard of care in both home and hospital.

CHRISTCHURCH ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP (CASG)

The C.A.S.G. has met monthly at the Mission. The year has been a busy one for enquiries, reunions and preparing submissions to the Parliamentary Select Committee re Open Access to Adoption Records (the Hunt Bill). The group has been active in education work, giving talks to Parents' Centre courses, Welfare Workers and other groups. Social Worker Murray Cree has played a back-up role to the group, and through its activities, the Mission has developed a social work partnership with Catholic Social Services locally - the largest agency in the adoption field. After 26 years of closed adoption records, much hope hangs on the fate of the Hunt Bill for those in the adoption network.

SOUTH HAVEN

The establishment of South Haven in 1975 was a pilot venture by the Mission in support of disabled youth. As such it has been successful in the opinion of those who work there and outside sources. In the early years of its operation, plans were discussed for a new building to be built which would provide for better staff facilities, and would have raised occupancy numbers to 8. Overall cost would have been \$150,000 and Government subsidy assistance was crucial to the financing of the new complex. When negotiations with the Department of Social Welfare had reached a stage when the approval could be anticipated, Government decided to defer capital subsidies on many projects, including South Haven. This has placed the South Haven operation in jeopardy for now that the concept of South Haven has been successfully introduced, it is not possible to continue on an ad hoc or interim basis. Either new facilities must be found or the present South Haven will close.

LIFE LINE. For the first time in its 17 years of operation, Life Line has recorded a decrease in its annual callers rate from 9,535 last year to 7,560 this year. On the other hand we are increasingly aware of the calls becoming more difficult and demanding greater awareness skills and time from the Counsellors. Further change has come with the computerisation of our statistics which we felt would be helpful not only in recording the number and type of calls, but also would provide immediate data from which we could draw for future research and evaluation of our service. Previously each call was categorized in one problem area only, but we realised that many of our clients present with several concerns, and now calls come under one or more categories. The total number of problems associated with the 7,560 calls was 11,533 - loneliness (1001), Depressed (926), Marital (737) and Family Problems (788) still head the list, with communication difficulties, the break-up of a relationships, problems with friends etc. following with lesser numbers. 960 clients sought face-to-face counselling.

Life Line



WORSHIP AND WORK

This report is mainly about what the Mission does for people. It tells of work that has cost \$1,700,000 in order to serve people. But there is another way that people are served and that is through the Worship that we offer in the heart of the city at Durham Street and Cambridge Terrace Churches. We believe it is not enough to minister to the physical needs of people. In the context of worship we learn to love God, and to feel the love and support of fellow worshippers; we also hear the challenge and demands of a Gospel which sends us from the place of worship to serve our neighbours. We believe that we're called to be a serving, witnessing, prophetic Church in the heart of the city and we believe that our faith must be translated into action.

Future Strategy. A Future Strategy Committee has been working for the past two years on planning the future role of the Mission and its administrative structures. We see the need for a number of Executive appointments, e.g. Executive Director, Goodwill Industries Manager, Director of Residential Care, Senior Social Worker. We will have to be content to move towards these appointments as finance permits. However, a decision has been made to appoint an Executive Director as soon as possible. The Executive Director who will be responsible to the Superintendent, will supervise all heads of Departments under his control. He will also administer all the Mission's activities within its social service region, except for congregational church life.

Superintendency. The Board of Management has given careful consideration to the future Superintendent's role. It believes that the Rev. John H. Roberts has the necessary gifts and qualifications for this position. The Board therefore has unanimously agreed that Conference 1981 be requested to designate Mr Roberts for appointment at the 1982 Conference.

WILF E. FALKINGHAM,
Superintendent.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Rev. John H. Roberts, B.A., L.Th., Dip.Crim.(Hons) be designated at the Conference, 1981, as Superintendent of the Christchurch Central Mission for appointment at the 1982 Conference.
3. That the Board of Management for 1982 be Rev. W.E. Falkingham, (Chairman), Dr I.D. Blair, (Secretary), Mr M.E. Lloyd (Treasurer), Messrs N.P. Alcorn, A.A. Dingwall, R. Flesher, N.G. Hillary, P.E. Hulsman, G.F. Lowry, R. Mitchell, R.K. Price, C.B. Radcliffe, J. Suckling, Revs. A.N. Bell, B.G. Harkness, J.H. Roberts, A.W. Tahere, Mesdames, M. Barnett, C.C. Ford, D.J. Irvine, P.M. Milne, J. Moor.

COMBINED OPERATING STATEMENT

For year ending March 31st 1981

Aged Care — Aldersgate Workshops — Child Care — Cafeterias — Goodwill Stores — Life Line — Prisoners' Rehabilitation — Rehua Maori Hostel — Social Services — Youthline — Youth Hostel.

Total Income received from

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| Aged Care — boarding fees and sundry income from two hospitals and three residential homes | \$754,809 |
| Government Subsidies 9 hospitals | 414,489 |
| Child Care — capitation grants | 132,228 |
| Maintenance, board from parents, family benefits, grants, donations and sundry from two homes and Day Care Centre | 86,704 |
| Share of combined Children's Home Appeal | 10,325 |
| Rehua Maori Hostel | |
| Government Subsidies | 66,914 |
| Boarding fees and sundry | 55,865 |
| Social Services | |
| Grants and donations, Goodwill Stores, Administration received, rents, interest, sundry | 194,944 |
| Prisoners Rehabilitation | |
| Rent | 1,630 |
| Youthline — grants and donations | 2,635 |
| Youth Hostel — boarding fees | 8,890 |
| | \$1,729,423 |

Total costs — all departments

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| Aged Care — homes and hospitals | \$1,143,533 |
| Child Care — Harewood Road and Barrington Street Homes and Day Care | 243,565 |
| Life Line Services — Net Cost | 2,421 |
| Prisoners Rehabilitation — Total expenses | 824 |
| Rehua Maori Hostel — total expenses | 125,416 |
| Social Services | |
| Relief | 3,388 |
| Counselling Services | 21,000 |
| Publicity | 1,500 |
| Property and Plant Maintenance | 7,054 |
| Net deficit — cafeterias, Aldersgate Workshops, Printing and Laundry Depts. | 27,785 |
| Administration costs | 117,406 |
| Depreciation | 6,111 |
| Youthline | 2,470 |
| Youth Hostel | 14,274 |
| | \$1,716,747 |

Net Operating surplus for year \$12,676

The net surplus shown for the past financial year from our combined welfare activities amounted to \$12,676 compared with a net surplus of \$20,199 for the previous year.

This is a slender margin, on a gross income of \$1,700,000. The net surplus from our Goodwill Stores improved considerably on the previous year, but the increased expenses we had to absorb in most sections reduced our net surplus by some \$7,500 on the previous year.

The income and expenditure statement shows an analysis of income and expenses for the past financial year attaching to each of our services.

During the past financial year, all our accounts were adapted to a modern computer programme. This has accelerated financial reporting and information and will assist us in better budget control and economics in expenses. A detailed audited copy of our completed annual accounts and balance sheet is available for inspection at the Mission Office 209 Cambridge Terrace.

Acknowledgements

We have to acknowledge generous donations from many individuals, Church Groups, Local Bodies, Trusts and business firms who supported the various works of the Mission during the year.

We would like to acknowledge assistance received during the year from the following in particular:

The Sutherland Self Help Trust Board, The J.R. McKenzie Trust, Canterbury Savings Bank, J.B.S. Dudding Trust, Robert Clark Trust, Maurice Carter Trust, Phillip Brown Trust, Hyman Marks Trust, Crothall Trust, Christchurch City Council, Heathcote County Council, Riccarton Borough Council, Waimairi County Council, Paparoa County Council, Sargood Bequest, J. and M. Ferrier Trust, Todd Foundation, A.F.W. and J.M. Jones Foundation, Estate of Sir John Hall, Christchurch Childrens Homes Appeal Trust Board, and several large donations from persons who wish to remain anonymous.

Legacies received for development work were as follows

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| For Child Care | \$9,600 |
| For Mission general purposes | 5,500 |
| For Aged Care | 87,500 |
| For Wesley House, Marlborough | 50,000 |

DUNEDIN METHODIST MISSION

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1981

The Mission's work has proceeded along usual lines since we last reported to Conference. However, some significant features draw attention to themselves:

- * Several new members have joined the Board of Management and are making a significant contribution already.
- * We refinanced over \$100,000 of debentures on a 'do-it-yourself' basis, a special feature of which was a 'donation' element in the interest rate offered. We invited investors to nominate a rate of interest required up to 14% for the two year term; the building department would pay the difference into our welfare work. No less than three quarters of the new investments were made on this donation basis, a very gratifying response.
- * We are assisting the Quarterly Meeting put its accounts on to a simple computer programme that may be of use to other large circuits.
- * A new administration block and Managers' residence has been created at Kawarau Falls Camp. We were able to shift and drastically rebuild an existing house on a large basement and have a fine new building for a very reasonable investment.
- * Aged Care work continues to worry us and this year we circulated a major discussion paper throughout the district. A significant response indicated that many people share our real concern about relationships with the State in this work.
- * A substantial research task has been conducted in the needs of the unemployed in Dunedin and the Board expects to extend this work in some way in the near future.
- * An unusual number of tenancy changes occurred in the Octagon Building but continuing enquiries for space have resulted in full occupancy throughout the year.

NOMINATION OF SUPERINTENDENT:

After the present Superintendent was nominated to Conference for a new position, the Church Council asked the Chairman of the South Canterbury District, Rev P.P. Rushton, to lead the Board in an extensive review of its position regarding a replacement.

We consulted on two occasions with all District Chairmen, Divisional leaders, President and Vice-President, and circulated a brief Job Description to all ministers. We followed up five suggestions that were made to us and then conducted interviews with Rev Donald J. Phillipps who is our nomination.

It is the Board's belief that he brings the necessary skills for the routine elements of the Superintendent's role but also offers significant gifts and knowledge appropriate to the special nature of the Mission. In particular we look to a strengthening of the bond between the pastorates and the social service administration in the single witness of Methodism in all of Dunedin. We are delighted to be able to bring the nomination of a minister who already has considerable understanding of the work of the Mission.

The Board is unanimous in bringing this nomination. It also has the unanimous support of the Quarterly Meeting.

We look forward to the ready endorsement of Conference.

D.S.Mullan,
Superintendent.

F.W.Wilson,
Secretary.

P.P. Rushton,
Actg. Dist. Chairman.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Rev Donald J. Phillipps, B.A., B.D., be appointed Superintendent of the Dunedin Mission, as from 1 February, 1982.
3. That the membership of the Board be as printed in the Year Book.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 1981.

The Council has continued to meet regularly during the year. The Rev. D.B. Gordon resigned the Chairmanship owing to other increasing responsibilities and was replaced by the Rev. J.A. Penman. Mr. Jeff Sanders is the present student representative and his contribution is appreciated.

1. APPOINTMENT OF FIELDWORKER IN MINISTRY

- (a) The Council's report to Conference 1980 referred to the need for the appointment of a person who would give oversight and contribute to the preparation of students studying in their home setting. New styles of ministry and of ministerial education require a new deployment of Methodist staff and this is reflected in this appointment.

Conference 1980 resolved as follows:-

- " (a) That a third staff member be appointed to work in a team relationship with other Methodist staff members and to be responsible to the Conference and College Council through the Principal. Responsibilities shall include:
- (i) Oversight of home-setting students and the development of education for self-supporting ministries and home-setting training.
 - (ii) Sharing in the development of strategies for continuing education for ministry within the Methodist Church, research into clergy needs and the development of specific programmes and publications.
 - (iii) Developing forms of education for lay ministries
- (b) That the Trinity College Council be asked to bring a recommendation for an appointment to Church Council 1981, with a view to an appointment being made at Conference 1981, to take effect from February 1982. "

The Council later expanded this job description as follows. Particular responsibilities of the Fieldworker will include:

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- Development and oversight of the home setting programme of education for ordained ministries. The Fieldworker will be expected to relate to students, parishes and study supervisors and also keep in touch with world developments in extension education for ministry and developing forms of ordained ministry.
 - * Sharing with others in assisting 'beginning clergy' as they develop their ministries in the first years following graduation from theological college.
 - * Developing continuing education opportunities for

ministers, including advice on study leave.

The Council is interested, along with the Methodist Education Division, in identifying and developing educational strategies which will bring together lay and ordained in shared education for ministry, and the appointee will share with others in this development. "

The position was advertised widely within the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of New Zealand. District Chairmen and Divisional staff were invited to suggest names of suitable people. Consideration was given to the claims of a large number of people. Five people were interviewed for the position.

- (b) In seeking a person, the Council was guided by the following criteria:-

- " * A person with theological insight and able to relate the theological and biblical heritage to the practice of contemporary ministry.
- * A person with pastoral capacity.
- * An able communicator.
- * A person with, or able to gain, the confidence of the Connexion.
- * A person able to think creatively and plan effectively.
- * A person with cultural sensitivity.
- * A person able to work in a team with others engaged in ministerial education.
- * A person able to contribute, if required, to teaching with college setting students.
- * A disciplined and innovative thinker.
- * A person who by training and by instinct is an educator.
- * A person able to 'package' educational programmes.
- * A person with a 'feel for ministry' and an ability to articulate a coherent theology of ministry. "

- (c) The Council resolved, "That the Rev. David S. Mullan. M.A., Dip.Ed., be appointed to the position of Fieldworker in Ministry for an initial term of 5 years commencing 1st February, 1982."

Mr. Mullan has indicated his desire to take up the position.

In accordance with the Conference resolution the name of Mr. Mullan was placed before May Church Council which gave its warm approval to the College Council nomination. Subsequently, the recommendation that Mr. Mullan be appointed was also made to Synods and, while responses have indicated that the matter has been well discussed and some questions have been raised, they also indicate that there is strong support throughout the Connexion.

- (d) The Council is enthusiastic about the qualities and experience Mr. Mullan will bring to this new position. His post-graduate University studies were in the area of ministerial selection and education. He has pioneered in the area of candidate selection and, as chairman of a district, has shown an interest in the development of innovative ministries. Mr. Mullan will bring considerable Connexional ability to the position and his communication skills are well known within the Church. The position of Fieldworker is both educational and pastoral. In both aspects, Mr. Mullan brings considerable strength. He is among those people who naturally think "educationally" and is well suited to assist in the development of innovative and imaginative educational strategies. Experience in a Central Mission means he will inevitably bring to this work a deep awareness of the broken nature of our society, of the human and social need which is the given setting of contemporary ministry. David Mullan possesses theological insight, the ability to think theologically and a quality important in this position, an ability to master areas of study or exploration which may be new to him and to others.

The Council is building a team of people who, together, may offer effective leadership in ministerial education. We are confident that Mr. & Mrs. Mullan will be able to work in an effective team relationship with those already working in this area.

- (e) The Council sees this as an appointment crucially related to the future strategy of the church, the search for modes of ministry for our day and the initial and continuing education and support of the ordained ministry. The Council is engaged in a search for styles of ministerial education which are less costly and, hopefully, more effective. For instance, it may not be possible to offer every accepted candidate three years in the theological college and this will involve us in the development of more effective styles of home setting education.

2. COLLEGE COUNCIL IMMEDIATE AND LONG TERM GOALS.

The Council has been looking carefully at the shape of Methodist ministerial education now and in the future. A consultation of the College Council and the Committee on Ministry looked at the nature of Christian ministry and congregational life in our day. Reports by the Principal have noted the desirability of exploring the relationship between education for lay ministries and for ordained ministries, the desirability of a contemporary expression of the School for Christian Workers, the ecumenical relationships within which we work, desirable changes in College based education, new developments in home setting education and continuing education and the effective educational use of properties administered by the Council.

Out of this discussion the Council has adopted the following goals and tasks:-

- (1) Establish Fieldworker in 1982. This will include housing, review of present home setting programme, devising immediate goals for the fieldworker, consolidating home setting finances.
- (2) Development of Study Leave Facilities. An increasing number of ministers are making use of College facilities for their study leave. The Fieldworker and Principal will work on the development of study leave opportunities and there is a need for Methodist accommodation for those on study leave or in need of 'retreat'. Accommodation is also needed for home setting students attending short term College courses.
- (3) Development of Lay Education Centre. Some modest funds for this development are available and a task group is working on firm proposals, possibly related to (2) above.
- (4) Seeking Desirable Changes in College-based Education including a response to the multi-cultural dimensions of New Zealand Methodism, the need for historic and contemporary emphases of Methodism to be honoured, the possibility of a shorter College component of ministerial education in the future.

The Council draws attention to the following as some of the steps being taken towards the achieving of these goals:

- (a) During the year, Buttle House has been sold and the proceeds of the sale will become available for these purposes, thus ensuring that the original intention of the gift to the Church is secured.
- (b) The Council is at present investigating possibilities for the future use of the former staff house at 134 Grafton Road. It is hoped that it might prove possible to enter into an arrangement with city Methodism to facilitate the development of a Christian community which would both contribute to the overall ministry of the Church and offer a growing experience for Christians.
- (c) Plans are in hand for a group to travel to Papua/New Guinea during the first term of 1982. The Council is grateful for the work done by the Joint Board for Mission Overseas and, in particular, by the Rev. Geoff Tucker, in making this venture possible.
- (d) Some useful discussions have been held with the Development Division regarding the placement of ministers whose gifts and cultural background fit them for a significant ministry among Samoan and/or Tongan members.
- (e) The Principal and Dr. Stuart are exploring ways whereby we may provide adequate educational opportunities for Palagi students to develop an appreciation of Polynesian cultures and Polynesian students develop their ability to minister

to their people in our changing society.

3. STUDENT ALLOWANCES:

The Council will be paying student allowances during 1982 as follows for a 40-week College year.

- * Single students: Full board during term time, plus \$975 allowance, plus \$15 per week during May and August vacations.
- * Married students: Free accommodation for the full year, plus \$2924 allowance.
- * Children's allowances:

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| Pre-school | \$495 |
| Primary | \$517 |
| Secondary | \$706 |
- * Book allowances: \$200 first year, \$300 second and third years.
- * Free lunches during term time.
- * No tuition fees are paid.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That the Rev. David S. Mullan, M.A., Dip.Ed., be appointed to the position of Fieldworker in Ministry for an initial term of five years, commencing 1st February, 1982.
- (2) That the Council for 1982 be: Rev. J.A. Penman (Chairman), Rev. B.K. Rowe (Principal), Revs. D.B. Gordon, R.D. Rakena, E.B. Clarke, D.J. Bush, N.E. Brookes, Dr. W.J. Stuart, Miss J.V. Fowler, Dr. C. Small, Messrs. J. Osborn (Secretary), L.V. Riesterer (Treasurer), C.B. Fenwick, a student representative and one layman to be notified to Conference.

J.A. Penman (Chairman)

T.L. Bennett (Secretary)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. During 1981 we have had 35 people preparing for ordination as Presbyters or Deacons in College or Home setting. Twenty have been students at St. John's College. One, Mr. Murray Peat, has spent his first college year at Parkin-Wesley Theological College, Adelaide. Five preparing for the Diaconate and nine preparing to be Presbyters have shared in the Home setting programme. In addition, six who were ordained at the last Conference have continued as part of the home setting group. A number of other people, including an accepted candidate whose college education has been delayed a year, and a number of youth workers, have been involved in the home setting programme.
2. STAFF: The work of ministerial education has been shared by a large number of people during the last year. In particular, we are grateful to ministers and lay persons who have acted as Field Education Supervisors for college students, as study supervisors and members of support groups for home setting students and to those who have shared in leadership at home-setting residential gatherings. Dr. W.J. Stuart has been able to attend conferences in Australia, Tonga and England during the year, and has been able to feed insights gained back into the life of the College and Connexion. Dr. Stuart has a personal and academic interest in the cross-cultural dimensions of theology and church life. Opportunities for him to contribute to the life of the College and the Connexion out of this interest are developing. The appointment of a Fieldworker in Ministry will bring a new dimension to the work of ministerial education. The appointment is a recognition of the need to deploy ministerial education staff in new ways.
3. ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE. 1981 has been a busy and productive year. Fifteen of our students are studying toward the L.Th. Diploma, two are studying for a B.D., one for B.Theol. Examination results at the end of 1980 were good. All second and third year students are involved in supervised Field Education and during 1981, eight will have engaged in vacation supply work. Two significant events have helped shape the College year. The death of Anglican student, Mr. Tony Hurd, towards the end of the first term had a profound effect on our life together and led to a deepening of communal life. An experience of shared grief, tangi and funeral helped the College grasp its potential as a type of extended family. The Springbok Rugby Tour has also had a significant impact upon the life and work of the College. Students and staff have been active in opposition to the visit of the team and to the system of apartheid which it represents. We cannot expect our life as Christians or as a theological college to be unaffected by the events of the day. Throughout the Tour our students have acted in a prayerful and thoughtful

manner while expressing quite forcibly the church's opposition to apartheid. The College has been subject to considerable criticism, both from the political right wing and from Christians who have been genuinely confused over the actions undertaken by fellow Christians.

With two Samoan and one Tongan student among our Methodist student group, the Island Polynesian impact on the College has been strong this year. We are grateful to the Rev. Siauala Amituana'i for sharing in a Polynesian Eucharist and to groups from Otara and Otahuku churches who shared in a Polynesian evening. The graduation of Mr. Aso Saleupolu, a Samoan-New Zealander, and his appointment to a circuit is a significant milestone for the church.

A week long focus on 'unemployment' as social and theological issue, concluded with a day freed from lectures for further discussion on the issues.

During the first term of 1982, a group of Methodist students will visit Papua/New Guinea and Rarongo Theological College for about 8 weeks. This is a significant step in ministerial education, made possible by the Joint Board for Mission Overseas and Rarongo Theological College. We hope this may be the first of future exchanges between the two Colleges. One of our Samoan students will be spending a period in Tonga at the end of this year as part of his preparation for ministry.

The new Library building, built by the St. John's College Trust Board and opened by the Archbishop and President of the Methodist Church in February, has added to the life of the College and could become an asset to the whole church in New Zealand. A number of our ministers have spent their study leave at the College, or used the College as a base from which they have worked. They report that the time for reading, thinking, supervised research, discussion and classes which the College provides, is valuable. The benefits to us are equally great as students and staff enter into the struggles and share the insights of others.

There will be a number of staff changes in the Joint Faculty next year. The Rev. W.J.W. Rosevear has been appointed Assistant Bishop of Wellington and will leave the College after 16 years on the staff as Lecturer in New Testament. Canon Tamahori has continued on for a further year beyond his expected retirement as Lecturer in Maori Studies. At the time of writing it seems unlikely that the resident College lectureship in Maori Studies will be continued by the Anglican Church. The money presently applied to this purpose will, instead, be made available to the Bishopric of Aotearoa for the appointment of a ministry educator who will work under the direction of the Bishop. Two new teachers will join us in 1982. Dr. Alan Davidson, presently on the staff of Rarongo Theological College, will teach church history. Dr. Keith Carley, presently on the faculty of United Theological College, Sydney, will teach Old Testament. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand and graduates of Knox College.

4. HOME-SETTING STUDIES. The development of this style of pre-ordination education is most encouraging and is already an established part of our overall programme for ministerial education. Students undertake a course of study designed to build on their present strengths and to meet deficiencies in knowledge or skill. This year three of the group are preparing for L.Th. examinations. Two residential gatherings have been held during the year, the first at St. John's College and the second on Maketu Marae in the Bay of Plenty. The assistance of the Rev. Napi Waaka in making this second event possible is greatly appreciated. The appointment of the Fieldworker in Ministry will mean we will have a staff person able to give greater attention to this significant development in ministerial education.
5. A MINISTRY DRAWING ON THE PAST AND FACING THE FUTURE.

It seems that the next decade could be a more than usually significant one for New Zealand society and for the church as part of that society yet also herald of God's Kingdom. We will need an ordained ministry who are disciplined, compassionate, imaginative, ethically aware, informed and spiritually sensitive to assist the church remain true to its calling through these years. It is becoming clearer that an increasing number of New Zealand citizens are denied a just share of the nation's wealth. Our place in the world community and in particular whose aspirations we choose to be identified with, must be fully debated and reassessed. Conferences talk of the church identifying with the poor but the way is costly and the steps not always clear when the church is asked to support the status quo. We talk of evangelism but uncertainty about the nature and cost of discipleship hinders us. A marking time in church union means that Methodism has a further period of denominational existence before it. These, and many other issues, provide the background against which ministerial education must take place. Within these issues, God's invitation to discipleship can be discerned and the shape of a new future hinted at. We are not without seeds of hope in this situation. Chief amongst them are a growing group of people, lay and ordained, who are prepared to take risks in discipleship and ministry. An important facet of ministerial education is that of supporting and encouraging these people. The College Council report mentions some of the ways in which we are seeking to provide educational support for these and others. The growing diversity in forms of ministry, the development of the diaconate as a community facing ministry of costly service, the emergence of non-stipendiary Presbyters and Deacons are seeds of hope and renewal. Others are found in the current exploration of resources for renewal within our own Methodist tradition - a sense of mission; a choice for the dispossessed; the summons to be a "field theologian", on the move yet in touch with the tradition; the power of Christian Fellowship;

the need for discipline in discipleship; the essential link between personal and social transformation; a catholic spirit. Other seeds are found in emerging understandings of christian partnership as we seek to minister in a multi-cultural church. In this time of change, we are seeking to respond to the needs of our day yet without becoming prisoners of the merely faddish.

Once again, I express my thanks to the church for its support of staff and students (both home and college setting) during the last year.

B. Keith Rowe,
PRINCIPAL.

WESLEY COLLEGE, PAERATA

REPORT OF THE TRUST BOARD 1981

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In his report, the Principal (Mr J.B. McDougall) said the year began with a full roll of 305 (91 Maoris, 26 Pacific Islanders and 188 Europeans). There were 237 boarders, 61 day boys and seven staff sons. The demand for entry continues strong and places could not be found for all the boys offering.

1980 examination results indicated satisfactory academic standards. In School Certificate 37 boys qualified for Form 6. Thirteen boys were awarded University Entrance, 11 by accrediting. In University Bursary, three boys gained "B" passes. The Form 6 and 7 roll in 1981 is the largest ever (55).

Sporting success included representative honours in Rugby (Counties' Secondary Schools and Northern Region Secondary Schools) and in athletics (North Island Secondary Schools).

Standards in music were high and the Polynesian Club won the coveted haka award at the Polynesian Festival.

The Principal acknowledged the assistance of farmers and employers in allowing Fifth Formers to gain experience in possible areas of future employment. Only two leavers in 1980 did not secure employment and returned to Paerata for temporary employment with the Trust Board.

The Chaplain recorded that 10 boys were confirmed (6 Anglicans, 2 Methodists, 1 Presbyterian and 1 L.M.S. - a Tokelau Island boy). In addition to his Chapel services and Faith and Life Studies, the Rev. W.A. Chessum makes a fine contribution in music both in the College and district.

Next year will see the end of a 10 year term by Mr W.A. Chessum and the Board hopes to have a designation for his successor before Conference.

VISIT OF DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENTS AND CONNEXIONAL OFFICERS

The General Secretary of the Church, together with the Auckland based Connexional Officers and some district officers, attended a meeting at the College on 17th June 1981. It provided an opportunity to improve communication between the Board and the Church and hopefully give those invited a better understanding of the work of the Board and its current thinking.

It was emphasised that Wesley College is a Christian, multi-racial boarding school with special provisions for Maoris, Pacific Islanders and Europeans with social needs. Honesty, love and concern for others are essential elements of the education given. The College is integrated into the State system. An elected Board of Governors (on which the Trust Board has 4 members) manages the school, while the Trust Board continues to be responsible for the operation of the hostel.

As the Principal pointed out in his concept of the philosophy of education at Wesley, the Chapel and its Christian message is the focal point in College life, with the Faith and Life Course preparing boys for their lives ahead.

The understanding of other races, beliefs, traditions and ways of life were extremely important and each race must be taught to be proud of their background, to learn their traditions and be dignified in the concept of their racial ancestry. The Principal noted that each boy must be given the opportunity to develop his individual talents to the full.

The emphasis on agriculture and associated with it horticulture will continue into the future. The College did not teach boys to farm, but aimed to give them a basic scientific understanding of the modern farming process.

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

The President of the Church, Rev. Loyal J. Gibson, visited the College on 15th February 1981, and preached at a morning service in the Chapel. The Board welcomes such visits and is indebted to the President.

GIRLS IN THE SENIOR SCHOOL

Progress has been made by the Board in obtaining the necessary approvals for the admission of girls to the College. The Minister of Education has given his consent to the project, which has the agreement in principle of both the Board of Governors and the Trust Board.

The Board is currently undertaking a review of the Capital resources required to achieve this step, but is proceeding cautiously in view of the changing educational climate in relation to falling rolls, and it is unlikely that girl pupils will be admitted to the College before the 1983 academic year at the earliest.

Admission of some 25 girls to the Senior School will meet a demand for boarding places for both Maori and European girls and will provide advanced study facilities being sought.

ANGLICAN AND PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION

The Trust Board maintains its membership of the Anglican and Presbyterian Schools' Governing Bodies Association and is currently involved in the establishment of an association of integrated schools.

It regards integrated schools, with their special character related to a Christian-based education, and independent Church schools as together constituting a significant alternative in New Zealand education.

The Board's Chairman is a member of the Minister of Education's Integration Advisory Committee. All this enables the Board to contribute to the wider education situation in New Zealand.

COLLEGE FARM

The Board has embarked upon the establishment of a horticultural block of 15 acres on the College Farm, which will be planted in cash crops in the early years while the shelter belt is established and will be used for the growing of export crops in the years to come. This diversification will supplement the income from town milk supply.

A further 10 to 15 acres will be added to this block and projected returns will be substantially in excess of those from solely dairy farming.

URBAN MARAE AND BASIC SKILLS CENTRE

As mentioned in last year's report, the Mt Wellington home of the late Mr Maurice Harding, the generous benefactor of the College, which was let for a number of years to the Education Department, is now leased to the Department of Maori Affairs. The Board has recently negotiated the sale of the residence to the Maori Affairs Department and it is hoped that this Urban Marae and Basic Skills Training Centre will be used by the Community for many years to come.

FINANCIAL

The Board continues to experience the effects of inflation and, although Board Income has increased, the costs of operating the hostel have increased at a faster rate and the excess of Income over Expenditure has reduced significantly.

Conscious of the need to ensure increased investment income, the Board has embarked upon a programme of converting low income earning assets into investments giving a higher return.

The effects of this conversion policy should mean significant additional income in the 1982 and 1983 years.

SHERWOOD TRUST BEQUEST

During the year, the Board was notified of a significant bequest from the Sherwood Trust and the Board acknowledges with grateful thanks the generosity of the late Mr T.L. Hames, not only for his devoted service to the administration of the College and his generous benefactions to the Board and pupils during his more than 25 years membership of the College Trust Board, but also for establishing the Sherwood Trust.

This modest man insisted during his lifetime that his gifts should be anonymous, but the Board feels that recognition of his generosity should now be given.

UPGRADING OF FACILITIES

The College programme of renovation of facilities has continued and considerable amounts have been spent and will continue to be spent on refurbishing of houses and boarding facilities. Upgrading of the water supply at Paerata and driveway tar-sealing were undertaken this year.

HISTORIC DOCUMENTS

Early College records, including a 1905 certified copy of the original Deed of Settlement of the Land Grant at Grafton in 1844, together with other old College minute books etc. from the 1850's to the early 1900's are being lodged on permanent loan with Trinity College Library, St. John's for safe custody.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Mrs M.A. Blakeley and Mr W.K.S. Christiansen have joined the Board. Both members bring specialised talents in the fields of education and property matters respectively and the Board is indebted to them for their ready response.

Mr C.A. Mansell retired during the year after more than 20 years service and the Board acknowledged the significant contribution he made, particularly in the farming sphere. The members of the Board are Mr H.M. Denton (Chairman), Mrs M.A. Blakeley, 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, W.K.S. Christiansen, C.W. Firth, J.W. Hull, A.H. McAulay, C.N. Nicholls, J. Peters, T.G.M. Spooner and A.M. Winstone.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board is very well served by the Principal and his staff at the College and by the Secretary and his administration at the Trust Office in the city. Sincere thanks are extended to all concerned, and to the Friends of Wesley, to the Old Boys' Association and to many supporters throughout the connexion.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the membership of the Board as listed in the Report, be recorded.
3. That the Rev. W.A. Chessum be appointed for a further year as College Chaplain in 1982.

H.M. Denton

Chairman

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The initial intake for 1981 was 60. This was reduced when a number of residents were sent home by Maori Affairs. The Trust protested strongly at this action. In reply, the Minister indicated that all those sent home had found alternative employment. Presently, there are 49 residents.

FINANCE: Present arrangements appear satisfactory. However recovery of losses for period 1978/79 has not eventuated.

HOSTEL LIFE: A good spirit prevails within the Hostel, due in large part to the splendid work of the Matron and Master, Mr. and Mrs. Te Awhe. The Trust is much indebted to them.

MAINTENANCE: Three dormitories have been repainted and repapered. Dining room chairs have been repaired. Lounge curtains and dining room curtains have been renewed. Repainting and papering of the flat is the next job to be done.

The Trust is grateful to Grey Institute Trust, Kai Iwi Trust and Taranaki Polytechnic for grants to cover costs and supervision of work done.

LEASE: The Trust continues to negotiate with the N.P. High School Board. The Trust has suggested the High School Board purchase outright the area already leased for 21 years with perpetual right of renewal, and purchase also an area the School Board desires for extra play-fields.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Mr. W. Connor, Trust Secretary, was granted six months leave of absence. He went overseas in April, and Mrs. M. Kitchingman has been acting secretary. The Trust is grateful for her service, and that of Mr. K. Okey, in relation to the accounting work of the Hostel.

CHAPLAIN: Rev. Couch continues to exercise a pastoral and preaching ministry within the Hostel.

FUTURE OF HOSTEL: This matter concerns the Trust. The view of Maori Division and of other interested parties have been sought and will be considered seriously, when forthcoming. It is hoped a meeting of representatives of all Church Hostels may be arranged, in order that Hostels may approach Government with a united voice on issues concerning operation of such.

GENERAL: Matron and staff are very conscious of need for cost-cutting, and keep a very close watch on expenditure.

The Trust is grateful for voluntary assistance from numbers of persons and organizations e.g. Maori Women's Welfare League. As Chairman I record my appreciation of Matron and Master, and their staff, and the support of Board members. Appreciation also of the efforts of Rev. Woodley and Dr. Janus, who have given time and energy to the Trust's affairs.

L.M. Tauroa Chairman.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST - MATRON and MASTERS REPORT.

The 1981 year commenced with a rush to get the Hostel in order before the boys actually arrived as the go ahead was only given about two weeks before their arrival. Beds were put up, curtains were bought and sewn by the Maori Women's Welfare League, dormitories had to be cleaned and polished, washing machines were all fixed and serviced, so everything possible was done prior to the arrival of the boys.

The actual intake was 56 but after two courses were terminated we were left with 51, including 6 transferred from the N.Z.E.D. Hostel. At the end of the first term two boys were put off the course because of the low marks they were averaging, leaving us with 49. Midway through the 2nd term another left to do his career in the Army, but was replaced with a boy from the terminated course, still leaving us with 49 which is the number of boys at the present time. I find these boys well behaved with the exception of three or four, which we will always have whenever there is a reasonably high intake. They are well thought of around town and at Polytech itself, also quite tidy in their dormitories and around the Hostel.

The boys have fared very well in their sports. At rugby the No.1 Team lost only their first game, having won the rest of them so far. Indoor basketball and volleyball have also brought good results. Some boys have gained honours in the Taranaki Maori Colts and are about to be included in other grades.

They are studying very well. We would also like to note at this stage our priorities for these boys, their study and career first and foremost, anything else must come after or whenever possible.

STAFF: Our staff situation has changed a little since the opening of this year, not because of any dissatisfaction but mainly to suit their home life. We lost Mrs. Tia Tito, a very able and trusting person whom we hope will some day return to the Hostel, she was replaced by Mr. Metua Puru who is very helpful in many other ways around the Hostel. Mrs. S. Walden left because of the change in the working system, which is done by two cleaners in the morning from 9 - 12, and we are finding this very satisfactory. Our new cleaners are Mrs. Bev. Lamb and Mrs. Bella Hansen, both doing very well.

The Hostel has new curtains in all the dormitories, library, office, staff lounge, dining room and a very good job was done by the Maori Women's Welfare League, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Fenton and staff. The chairs and forms have been fitted with new seats and backs.

At the time of doing this report the boys, Mr. Kitchingman and Tutors have completed the renovating,

painting and wallpapering of Takitimu Dormitory and have started on Mataatua Dormitory.

GENERAL: Mr.Koro Hiroki is taking the boys for Maori Culture and Rev.Moke Couch is taking a service monthly.

We would also like to thank the staff, Women's Welfare League, Board Members and Mr.and Mrs.David Connolly for the extra help in doing work around the Hostel.

T. and D.Te Awhe
Matron and Master.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received.
2. That the members of the Board for 1982 be:-
Mrs. J. Armstrong (Chairman), Rev's R. Rigby, M. Couch, R. Te Whare, L. Tauroa, Messrs. W.L. Churchill, L.J. Fordyce, E. Tamati, C.B. Fenwick, G. Koea, Mesdames R. Fenton, M. Rogers, V. Tamati, Misses N. McCulloch, J. Bishop and two representatives from Grey Institute Trust (to be elected).

MISSION OVERSEAS

Joint Board for Mission Overseas

PART I

INTRODUCTION

The Joint Board for Mission Overseas is in no doubt that Jesus wanted his Church to fulfil the mission started by himself. The Church has to spread faith in God by proclaiming the Good News of his action in Jesus Christ, and also to urge the people of faith to live by acts of obedient love in our world.

The needs of overseas Churches and the needs of our New Zealand Churches are continuously changing and so the Board is always facing the challenge to re-examine its strategy in order to be faithful to the missionary task.

A. MISSION IN THE 80's - RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE

1. Consultation with Other Church Committees Assembly and Conference 1980 received a supplementary report on the consultation held just prior to Assembly/Conference. This consultation recommended that further talks should be held between the Joint Board, the International Committees and the Ecumenical Committees to ascertain the areas of mutual concern and to see if there was any way in which all these committees could co-ordinate their activities and concerns.

The 1981 consultation was planned for February but had to be postponed because of a transport strike. The meeting was held in June and at the time this report is being prepared, the communique to the Assembly and Conference is still being prepared. It will come as a supplementary report.

The talks have come about for many reasons. The Joint Board is aware that Churches overseas are looking for a relationship with the New Zealand Church that is not just through the Mission Board, which carries with it some connotation of dependence. We talk about Church to Church relationships and must therefore take seriously all that that kind of relationship implies. We are being challenged to have a more comprehensive understanding of the missionary task and to hold together the proclamation of the Good News with the struggle for justice and human rights.

We are aware that holding such matters together causes some people to claim that we are diluting the Gospel or mixing politics with the Gospel. The Board would want to hold to a comprehensive understanding of the missionary task.

2. Indigenous Church Movements In last year's report, we made brief mention of a visit to New Zealand of Dr. Harold Turner who challenged us to take seriously possible relationships with new religious movements.

The Board has taken this matter seriously and as a first step undertook a study of the Christian Fellowship Church in the Solomon Islands. We were assisted in this study by the Rev. Esau Tuza of the Solomon Islands and the Rev. George Carter who was Chairman of the Methodist District at the time the Christian Fellowship was formed. At the time of writing the Board is considering what should be the next step it should take in any possible relationship with the Christian Fellowship Church.

3. Interchurch Trade and Industry Mission In 1980 the Joint Board explored possible new avenues of working out the practical implications of Partnership in Mission. It was conscious of the need for missionary activity to be a two-way affair, a matter of giving and receiving. The talents of partner Churches should be shared.

An exchange was arranged between the Interchurch Trade and Industry Mission in New Zealand and the Industrial Committee of the Hong Kong Christian Council. Industrial Mission is at the frontier of the Churches' outreach in both countries. The style of operation is different but the ultimate goal is the same.

The Joint Board made provision for two I.T.I.M. staff members to visit Hong Kong in October-November 1980, and for two Hong Kong Industrial staff members to come to New Zealand in April 1982. I.T.I.M. selected the Rev. Ron Mitchinson and Father Dennis O'Connor to represent them.

Father O'Connor, in his report to the Joint Board, said, "The standard of living of Hong Kong wage and salary earners and New Zealand wage and salary earners is similar ... (Hong Kong is no longer a part of the third world and New Zealand is no longer part of the first world) ... Hence the response of the Industrial Committee to the urban industrial situation in the colony is, I believe, worth serious consideration. The response of the Industrial Committee springs out of a biblical reflection that throughout the history of salvation, God has a special care for those who are weak, downtrodden, alienated and exiled."

We look forward to the visit by representatives from Hong Kong early in 1982.

4. Student Exchange The Joint Board recognises that it has a responsibility to assist in creating an awareness of the implications of our Churches' involvement in Mission Overseas among theological students. A Theological Students' Exchange Scheme has been started.

r Kerry Enright, a student from Knox College, spent ten weeks in Thailand over the Christmas vacation. He was based on the McGilvray Seminary where Dr. Maen Pongudom is Principal. Then in April Mr Suwit Damrongpong came from Thailand and spent an equivalent time in New Zealand. His stay in New Zealand was based on Scots Parish, Hamilton. (For report, see Outlook July 1981.)

The Joint Board is now in the process of arranging a visit by three or four students from St John's College to the United Church in Papua New Guinea. Their time will be divided between visits to Tolai villages, urban Port Moresby and Rarongo Theological College. They will be under the supervision of a theological facilitator who will help them to reflect upon their experiences.

B. RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHURCHES

1. Existing Relationships Existing traditional relationships are important to the Board because they have been built up over a long time and thus enable mutual learning to take place in an atmosphere of respect and understanding. It is from our traditional partners that our understanding of the missionary task is so often challenged.

a. India The changing nature of missionary relationships is thrown into sharp relief in North India. With Dr Howie having returned to New Zealand, we have only two long-serving staff and one new appointee in North India. The two are caught up in the changing nature of our partnership with the Church of North India, and the New Zealand Church is endeavouring to come to terms with these changes and what they mean for the Board and our Overseas Staff.

For instance, the buildings at Jagadhri Hospital are in urgent need of repair or replacement. The Director has prepared plans for a major rebuilding programme that will cost at least NZ\$1.5 million. St. Thomas School at Jagadhri is in the midst of an extensive building programme. The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand has a long history of involvement in and concern for these institutions and some would urge that a special appeal be launched on behalf of the Hospital in particular.

However, today we acknowledge that these institutions are under the direction of the Church of North India and it is that Church that must make the vital decision regarding the future of its work.

The C.N.I. has a massive task of establishing priorities for the limited resources at its disposal. The priorities established at meetings held in Delhi in March 1981 were the completion of the Wesley Lodge complex - the Church's administrative centre, and the formation of an endowment fund to assist rural diocese in financial difficulties. When these two priorities have been met, there will be little left over for other capital projects.

The C.N.I. has appealed to its Partner Churches to respect its right to establish priorities and that funds provided by on the understanding that they be devoted to projects in order of the determined priorities. This year Partner Churches offered some 1.5 million dollars whilst total requests to meet all projects submitted were 6.5 million dollars.

The C.N.I. recognises the needs of the Hospital and School at Jagadhri as well as the needs of other similar institutions. The Joint Board is faced by the dilemma of, on the one hand, sympathising with the staff at Jagadhri and the people in New Zealand who urgently plead that something be done to help these institutions and, on the other hand, being faithful to the agreement made with the C.N.I. as a whole.

If a Special Appeal were launched, to be acceptable to the Church of North India, it would have to be on the understanding that it was for the benefit of the Church as a whole, and the funds would be devoted to projects in order of priority as established by that Church.

b. Vanuatu The post-independence period is a time of tremendous challenge both for the State and for the Church in Vanuatu. Vanuatu-French relationships have remained strained. Promised French aid has not been forthcoming and this is having a serious effect on all sectors. The inflation rate at present is 32% and is expected to rise to 40% before the end of the year.

Onesua High School has received no grant from the government this year. The stipends of pastors have been increased from about \$400 per annum to \$1200 and this is placing a great strain on parishes. The appointments of some younger pastors have not been confirmed and this has caused some distress.

The Joint Board has been concerned this year with the question of how best to maintain a lively and fruitful relationship with the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu when we have no missionaries working there. At present Miss Kathleen Gillanders at Vaemali Hospital is the only New Zealand missionary working in Vanuatu. This will be a subject for discussion at a Consultation in Vanuatu in October.

There are opportunities for staff to work at the Bible College, Navota Farm and Onesua High School. We urgently need applicants for these positions.

c. Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands 1981 brought a new era for the United Church. The Rev. Leslie Bosteo, Moderator for eight years, passed the reins of leadership over to the Rev. Albert To Burua, former Principal of Rarongo Theological College. At the same time the important position of Assembly Secretary was localised and the Rev. Dick Avi, former Secretary of the Melanesian Council of Churches was appointed.

Joint Secretary, Geoff Tucker, visited the United Church this year and reported significant changes since his last visit in 1978. Many of these changes put considerable pressure on New Zealand staff working in the Church, in that they often feel isolated from the decision-making and thus a little insecure. For example, a staff person can find the job they are called upon to do changing during the time of their appointment.

The United Church is one Church where there are still considerable opportunities for New Zealanders to serve, and the Board pleads with ministers to challenge their people to serve overseas. Our advertised vacancies are just not getting to the people who have the skills required. We believe a breakdown in communication is between minister and congregation.

d. Relationships with Other Churches In Samoa, Tonga, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand and Burma relationships continue and staff involved in these Churches are engaged in important work. John England (Hong Kong) when he was in New Zealand on furlough, brought an exciting story of the Church in China. We have just been successful in getting another visa for Indonesia, and John and Robyn Hutchinson will take up a difficult assignment among landless people in the village of Namorambe in North Sumatra. Janet McKinlay, after a number of years in Hong Kong and a couple of years back in New Zealand, has returned to Asia to teach in Singapore.

2. New Relationships

(a) Taiwan The General Assembly last year asked the Joint Board for Mission Overseas "to explore opportunities in both South Korea and Taiwan". In response to this, the Joint Secretary, David Evans, visited both countries in March of this year. The visit to Taiwan was reported on in the Outlook of July.

The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan traces its history back to missionaries from Scotland and Canada sent to the island in 1865. During the Second World War all foreign missionaries were withdrawn and this gave the Church an early experience of complete independence.

The Presbyterian Church is the largest Church and comprises about 1% of the population. There are over 11,000 congregations in the Presbyterian Church and services are held in 13 different languages. There are 16 Presbyteries, 87,000 communicant members, total membership 169,000, 561 ordained ministers, 351 preachers, evangelists and catechists.

The Church doubled in membership in the period 1955-65. Growth was most dramatic among the 'mountain people'. There are 10 tribes of mountain people with a population of 265,000 out of a total of 17.14 million.

There are four groups of people in Taiwan. The Mountain people (2%), the Taiwanese Plains people (74%), the Hakka (14%) and the Mainlander Chinese (10%).

The Hakka people came to Taiwan in the 17th century as servants of Koxinga, the last general of the Ming Dynasty. They were mountain people from North China. Many of them remained in Taiwan. Today they number 2.3 million. They have been a largely neglected people. They do not identify with the longer established Taiwanese people, nor with the recent arrivals from the Mainland.

There are at present 45 Hakka congregations with a membership of 5,000 in the Presbyterian Church. They lack resources and leadership. The Church has established outreach to the Hakka people as one of its priorities for the immediate future.

We have been invited to share in this evangelistic outreach and we look for someone who will hear the call to serve the Church in this work. It will require a long term commitment. It is expected that the first two years will have to be devoted to language study. Here is an opportunity to share in a team who will be dedicated to serving the Hakka people and sharing the Good News with a people who are poor by Taiwan standards and who are facing a crisis of identity.

The Joint Board has already contributed \$7,000 to this programme of evangelism. It has also made a donation of \$5,000 to the Tainan Theological College.

(b) South Korea The political situation in South Korea received considerable attention at the Assembly and Conference last year. In the intervening period, although national elections have been held, it would appear that the regime has become even more repressive. Any form of protest against human rights violations has been effectively muzzled.

Hankuk Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK), was closed by the government earlier in the year. This seminary had been noted for the united stand of faculty and students in protests against political irregularities and oppression.

The need for security and stability in the country is so much the over-riding consideration that any questioning of government policies or actions is regarded as treason. It is for this reason that all opposition is dealt with so harshly.

The Churches through the National Council of Churches have established a Human Rights Committee and it is this committee and its associated action groups that have borne the brunt of the government's wrath.

The Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK - the largest of some nine Presbyterian Churches) has a membership of 1 million and has set a target of 1.5 million by 1984-85, the year when they celebrate their centenary.

David Evans, Joint Secretary, made contact also with the Korean Methodist Church and the Korean Evangelical Church. This latter Church is one of the smallest in Korea with only twenty congregations. It is fiercely independent and claims not to have received any assistance whatsoever from foreign mission boards during its entire history.

Both the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK) and the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) expressed a desire to establish a relation-in-mission with the Church in New Zealand. Draft agreements were drawn up. These agreements are set out in the Appendix. The Joint Board has given its approval to these agreements and they have been sent out to the main Assembly Committees and to Presbyteries for their comments.

The Joint Board now asks the Assembly to adopt, and the Conference to support, these agreements as providing the framework within which a partnership relationship in mission can be developed.

The Conference of the Methodist Church is also asked to consider exploring a relationship with the Korean Methodist Church.

(c) New Caledonia The Board is aware that New Caledonia is our nearest neighbour and that the Evangelical Protestant Church of New Caledonia and the Loyalty Islands, because it is involved in the struggle for independence, is a Church in need of friendship and support. The Kanak people of New Caledonia have suffered long under French colonial rule.

The Board has written to the Evangelical Protestant Church in New Caledonia to ask if we can enter into a relationship of friendship and support. This means that we are endeavouring to relate to a French-speaking Church and that is not easy for us or them. Also the Church in New Caledonia has its own traditional missionary links and any relationship we develop must respect these.

(d) Africa - Botswana Late in 1980 we received from the World Council of Churches a request for personnel for an ecumenical team to work in Botswana, among a refugee people in a very remote area. The Board considered the invitation seriously and decided that it would be good for our Churches in New Zealand to have relationships with some part of the African continent. It is felt our two Churches suffer from not having any African connection and Botswana offers us an opportunity to remedy that.

Hence the Board advertised the positions (no response) and also

approached suitable people. We recommended the Rev. Len and Mrs Hilda Schroeder to the Botswana Council of Churches and this offer has been accepted. Len and Hilda will take up their task in 1982 after training with other members of the team.

The Board is enthusiastic about this new relationship and we hope that the Assembly and Conference will share our enthusiasm.

3. Ecumenical Relationships

In 1981 the Christian Conference of Asia held its 7th Assembly in Bangalore, India and the Pacific Conference of Churches held its 4th Assembly in Nuku'alofa, Tonga. At these regional conferences, many of our partner Churches meet together in their context to talk about their common problems and concerns. This makes these regional meetings significant events in the life of the Churches as they together work out their response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is always an advantage for the Board to be present at these Conferences to listen to Churches planning their regional strategy for mission, so the Board always welcomes invitations for observer status. However, we need to be sensitive so that our presence may not be interpreted as a 'mission board to mission field' presence.

C. STAFF

(a) Joint Board Overseas Staff A phenomenon of recent years is the rapid turnover of overseas staff. For many who are wanting to serve overseas, two years is a long term. The Board is concerned about this trend, realising that a two year term is inadequate to come to terms with the new church and culture. We are challenging people to consider doing at least two terms in their overseas appointments and hopefully they may consider a longer period. The Botswana Council of Churches is asking for a six or eight year commitment for their appointees.

Of course, a complicating factor in terms of appointment is Government regulations and it is becoming increasingly difficult not only to get visas but also to retain them for some years. We have had two people waiting to get into Indonesia. A visa for one of these has recently been granted, and it is hoped it will not be too long before the other one is available.

In contrast to the recent trend for short term service, this year brings to a close a period of long service. Dr. Beryl Howie returns to New Zealand this year after 22 years of devoted and skilled service at the Christian Medical College and Brown Memorial Hospital in Ludhiana, India. As Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Beryl has shared in the expert care and attention given to the many people who come to Ludhiana, and has assisted in the training of many Indian doctors and specialist obstetricians. She was instrumental in initiating the building of a new block for Obstetrics and Gynaecology, in which the New Zealand Church shared, and which is

expected to be opened this year.

(b) Overseas Workers The Board set out in its 1980 Report the criteria to determine who qualifies for Overseas Worker status. It has not been easy applying the criteria and so the Board has revised its thinking on Overseas Workers and the Mission Associate Scheme. The Board has agreed to the following in regard to Overseas Workers and Mission Associates:

- i. Overseas Workers People from Methodist and Presbyterian Churches who go overseas to work in any organisation shall be eligible to become Overseas Workers, provided that the Regional Court approves of the application from the Parish/Circuit from which the person comes; that they identify themselves with a local Church and actively support it. These Overseas Workers shall be included on the Board's mailing list and the Board shall endeavour to keep them informed of New Zealand activities.
- ii. Mission Associates The Board shall decide which of the Overseas Workers shall be eligible for the Mission Associate Scheme and in doing so shall use the following criteria:
 - a. Is the person working for a Church in the overseas country that is recognised as being in the main stream of the Christian tradition?
 - b. If the person is working for a non-church agency, the relationship with the local Church is the deciding factor.
 - c. If the person is working for another missionary agency, is the agency in a co-operative relationship with the indigenous Church?
 - d. Does the society or agency through which the person has been sent out have a policy that is consistent with the Board's principles and practice?

D. EDUCATION FOR MISSION

The Board has persevered with "Mission Probe" as it feels that this publication is helping to "raise the consciousness" of congregations to issues facing the world church in the 80's. However, too many ministers 'hand out' the Mission Probe at the church door rather than use it in some creative way in worship or study groups.

Our Area Brochures (4 to date) have proved popular. With a brochure on each area of interest, congregations can learn a little about the country, the Church, its leaders and our staff working in those Churches. We prepare enough of these brochures to allow a congregation to have copies in their pews.

Other resources prepared by the Board are in need of up-dating and we are concerned to get on to that when our staffing situation is settled.

The Board is endeavouring not only to inform our people about what is happening in our partner Churches, but also to help form and change attitudes of New Zealand people to third world people. We feel that many of us have to be jolted out of our paternalistic attitude to the people of Asia and the South Pacific. The Board sees this as part of its responsibility.

The Board also undertook a Study Day (See Section A under Indigenous Church Movements), and invited people from Presbyteries/ Synods and A.P.W./M.W.F. to join us. We feel that was a useful pilot programme and the Board will be looking at preparing similar study days in other areas of New Zealand.

PART II

Obituary During the year the Board has paid tribute to Mrs Lillian Woodnutt (Sister Lillian) who died in March 1981, and who had given 11 years nursing service in the Solomon Islands from 1922-1933.

Board Members The following new members came on to the Board during the year: Rev. W. J. Stuart, Mrs M. Gordon, Mrs S. Holding left the Board during the year.

Overseas Staff New appointments

Miss Catherine Logan to the Solomon Islands
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dunning to India
Miss Janet McKinlay to Singapore
Rev and Mrs. John Hutchinson to Indonesia (Australia)
Mr. and Mrs. Athol Newson to Papua New Guinea
Dr. and Mrs R. Eason to the Solomon Islands
Rev. and Mrs. L. Schroeder to Botswana

Completion of Service

Rev. and Mrs. Neal Whimp from Vanuatu
Mr. Peter Gwynn from Vanuatu
Miss Beryl Gray from Papua New Guinea (Australia)
Rev. and Mrs Ian McKenzie from Samoa
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brooker from Tonga
Dr. Beryl Howie from India
Mr. and Mrs. John Boniface from Papua New Guinea
Mr. and Mrs. Ian Carter from Papua New Guinea
Miss Jennifer Morrison from South India (C.W.M.)

Overseas Workers The following were received as Overseas Workers during the year:

Mrs. Kathryn McDaniel, Thailand
Miss Janet Cathie, Papua New Guinea
Miss Florence Hamilton, Nepal
Miss Diana Caldwell, Pakistan

Dr. Heather Calder, Thailand
Miss Allison Loan, United Arab Emirates
Mr. and Mrs. Colin Richardson, India
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Sunman, Malaysia

Overseas Visitors During the year we have been privileged to welcome the following visitors from overseas:

Dr. Harold Turner from Great Britain
Mr. Mogola Kamiali from Papua New Guinea
Rev. Esau Tuza from Papua New Guinea

Overseas Visits During the year the Joint Secretaries have made the following overseas visits - the Rev. D. C. Evans to Australia, Samoa and Tonga, Taiwan and South Korea and Great Britain; the Rev. W. G. Tucker to Australia, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

Overseas Volunteer Service During the last twelve months the Overseas Volunteer Service sub-committee has continued to process applications for volunteer service overseas, although no-one has gone overseas since last report. An extra effort has been made to advertise the O.V.S. and volunteer positions available, in Presbyterian and Methodist magazines and at youth conferences held at Queen's Birthday weekend. O.V.S. material for publicity and information for volunteers is at present in the process of being up-dated. There continues to be a number of openings for volunteers in Vanuatu, Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Korea which we would like to see filled.

A. F. RAE, W. D. GRIFFITHS
Convenors

D. C. EVANS, W. G. TUCKER
Secretaries

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Assembly/Conference approve of the Board's initiative in establishing a relationship with the Church in Botswana.
3. That Assembly approve/Conference support the Agreements between the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand and the Presbyterian Church of Korea and the Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea.
4. That the Assembly/Conference approve the action of the Board in recruiting staff to work in Taiwan as an expression of a relationship with the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan.

5. That Conference ask the Board to explore the possibility of relating to the Methodist Church of Korea.

APPENDIX

DRAFT OF A PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

In entering into partnership the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea and the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand acknowledge that partnership is basically the calling of all who believe in Christ to serve Him in unity, in His mission of holy love to the whole world recognising that we are members of one another in His Body, living stones in one temple, branches together of the vine. Our partnership springs from communion with the Triune God, and is confirmed in the sacraments of baptism and holy communion. It is the first fruit of the union that God intends to be enjoyed by the whole human race at the coming of the kingdom, and is meant at all times to open us out in an accepting love to all who have still to believe. It is an expression of our desire to serve God together in proclaiming His saving Word to all people and in seeking justice and peace on earth.

The Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea and the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand understand this partnership to be in no way exclusive. The partnership agreement acknowledges the autonomy and integrity of the partners and recognises the freedom of each partner to relate to other churches. The partnership should foster the growing of Churches both in Korea and in New Zealand and strengthen their fellowship.

In order to implement this partner relationship we agree to engage in the following activities:

1. Exchange of information The partners shall regularly exchange information about events and developments within their churches, to better enable the churches to understand and pray for each other.
2. Visits and consultations From time to time representatives of the churches will exchange visits to enable them to become acquainted with all aspects of the life and work of the respective churches. Consultations may be held from time to time which would strengthen the relationship between partners and serve to deepen theological aspects of the relationship. In these consultations plans for joint activities will be prepared for presentation and ratification to the respective church bodies.

3. Mutual Support Both partners would be willing to support joint activities in mission and to exchange personnel.

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OVERSEAS ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Overseas Ecumenical Committee has continued to operate through the Joint Board for Mission Overseas. It has, therefore, been involved in the discussions with the International Committees of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches and the Ecumenical Committee of the Presbyterian Church in the discussions that will hopefully lead to a more integrated and comprehensive approach to the overseas relationships of the Church.

An important task of the Overseas Ecumenical Committee is to report to the Church on our involvement with overseas ecumenical agencies, because it is very largely through this involvement that our Church is challenged to take seriously its global and regional responsibilities. Because of New Zealand's geographical isolation we have to work harder to feel our responsibility to the world-wide mission of the Church.

1. World Council of Churches

(a) The 6th Assembly The World Council of Churches is already preparing for the 6th Assembly in Vancouver in 1983. It is asking member Churches to select their representatives by October of this year so they can help their Churches take part in the preparation studies on the theme, "Jesus Christ - the Life of the World".

The Ecumenical Committee has consulted widely and through October Church Council will be bringing our nominations to Conference.

(b) Significant W.C.C. Events

i. Programme to Combat Racism (P.C.R.) It is this programme, more than any other, that continues to hold the headline, both in the Church and secular Press.

The recent visit of the P.C.R. team to Australia has highlighted the racist laws of some State Governments. The report also clearly showed that legislation very often ignored the needs and aspirations of minority groups and they thus suffer accordingly.

It is worth noting that the P.C.R. visit to Australia was suggested at the W.C.C. Missionary Conference in Melbourne last year. This Conference, out of its concern for the poor who so often do not hear the Good News, asked the W.C.C. to visit and report on the poor and oppressed of Australia.

Our Ecumenical Committee, and indeed the Church, is well informed on the P.C.R. as the Rev. Rua Rakena is one of the Commission members. After every annual meeting of the Commission, he reports to every District and relevant Conference Committees.

This year the P.C.R. Commission met in Zimbabwe and Commission members were given the opportunity to meet the local Church. There was evidence of real gratitude to the P.C.R. for standing alongside the liberation movements prior to independence.

(Similar gratitude has been voiced by the Church in Vanuatu which received P.C.R. support prior to independence.)

The P.C.R. has promised support for the N.Z. National Council of Churches programme on Racism in New Zealand. This programme is now under way and a part-time person has been appointed to help the member Churches of the N.C.C. to embark on a process of education and understanding of the racism that exists in N.Z.

ii. Christian Medical Commission The Christian Medical Commission of the World Council has been conducting a world-wide study enquiry on "The Christian Understanding of Health, Healing and Wholeness". Regional meetings have been held in the Caribbean, Central America, Africa, Egypt and the Indian sub-continent. A further regional meeting is planned for October 1981 in Papua New Guinea and about five New Zealanders will be attending. At the time of writing, the Rev. Alan Leadley, Waikato Hospital Chaplain, is the only Methodist attending.

This significant world-wide consultation should help the Church at the local level re-evaluate its role in the health and wholeness of people.

iii. Consultation on the Community of Women and Men in the Church This consultation, held in Sheffield, United Kingdom, in July was attended by 150 people from 50 countries. Only one person from New Zealand, Mrs. Nerolie Chisholm from Christchurch, was present.

The consultation issued an open letter to Christians speaking of a "world so largely controlled by men in which men suffer war, violence, poverty, exploitation and disparagement". It adds that "lives of men have been trapped by the effects of their having power and a supposed superiority".

Philip Potter called the consultation a "test of our faith and of the ecumenical movement". He challenged the heresy of dualism in Church and society which stereotypically associated women with flesh and men with spirit, women with things private and men with things public, women with meekness and men with power.

iv. Programme on Transnational Corporations (T.N.C.s) The W.C.C. is sponsoring a series of meetings around the world to help Churches understand the role of T.N.C.s in the development process.

A recent meeting in Brussels (April 1981) pointed out that until recently concern was with the impact of T.N.C.s in developing countries. Now we have to confront the alarming impact of big monopolies in western economies. "Major industries were being increasingly swallowed up by a handful of huge companies. The present economic situation was leading to more mergers, more shifting of production and factory closures with disastrous consequences for whole communities", the consultation was told.

There has been a preliminary consultation in the South Pacific on the role of T.N.C.s in our Region. The discussions and learning will continue.

(c) Bossey Ecumenical Institute

i. The Rev. Stuart Grant attended the graduate school from October through to February. A short exposure was arranged in the Philippines before he arrived in Europe and after Bossey he travelled through Europe and also attended study sessions at the Urban Theology Unit in Sheffield.

ii. Miss Miriam Stoodly attended a short course at Bossey entitled, "Signs and Symbols in Communicating the Gospel".

Bossey organises a variety of short seminars throughout the year and people intending to be in or near Geneva during an overseas trip should consult with our Ecumenical Committee (or the N.C.C.) to see if attendance at a seminar might fit into their itinerary.

(d) W.C.C. Youth Committee The Rev. Peter Glensor continues to be Moderator of the Youth Committee and this year attended the Committee meeting in Russia. He also attended the W.C.C. Central Committee meeting in Dresden. Peter keeps the Ecumenical Committee well informed of his involvement in W.C.C youth affairs.

2. Christian Conference of Asia

(a) The 7th Assembly The 7th Assembly was held in Bangalore, India in May and Mrs. Rua Turner was our official delegate. Her report has been circulated extensively through the Church and there was an article in Focus on the Assembly.

The theme chosen for the Assembly was "Living in Christ with People". Bible Study each day focused on the theme, there were keynote addresses on the theme and Section studies brought recommendations forward to help determine C.C.A. programmes in the next five year period.

The highlight of the Assembly was the address by Fr. Edicio de la Torre of the Philippines. He had been imprisoned without charge for more than 5 years and is now unable to return to his country. His crime was to identify with the poor and endeavour to help them discover purpose and self-reliance.

An important function of the Assembly is to approve new staff appointments and elect C.C.A. officers and committee members for the next 5 years. New Zealander Jan Cormack was one of four elected to the Presidium; Angus Macleod is on the General Committee, Russell Marshall is Moderator of the International Affairs Committee, Rua Rakena is on the Urban Rural Mission Committee, Jim Greenaway on Development and Service, Rua Turner on the Women's Committee and Hone Kaa on Theological Concerns Committee.

Two New Zealanders were appointed on to the C.C.A. staff - the Rev. Barbara Stevens as Education Secretary and the Rev. Chris Tremewan as Youth Secretary. The 7th Assembly was the last for the Rev. Ron O'Grady who has been Associate General Secretary for 8 years. After one year sabbatical leave in the United States, Ron will return to New Zealand.

(b) C.C.A. Consultations and N.Z. Involvement Several New Zealanders have attended C.C.A. consultations in the past 12 months. We believe this continuous exposure to the struggle of Asia and the witness of the Church as a minority group is helpful for the life and witness of our own Church in New Zealand. Our membership of the C.C.A. has proved very beneficial over the years and should be even more so in the future.

The Ecumenical Committee would again remind Methodists (both lay and ordained) that if they are planning to travel overseas, they should, very early, let the Committee know so that a proposed itinerary could be adjusted to fit in with a C.C.A. activity that is being organised.

3. Pacific Conference of Churches

The Pacific Conference of Churches held its 4th Assembly in May of this year and it was held in Tonga. Mrs. Lorine Tevi, who has been General Secretary for the last four years, resigned in order to take up a position with the W.C.C. in Geneva. The Rev. Baiteke Nabetari was elected as her successor and he will assume office in January 1982. Baiteke Nabetari is from Kiribati and has been Principal of their Theological College since 1975.

Brian Turner was the official New Zealand person present and he was representing the National Council of Churches. New Zealand churches are not members of the P.C.C. The Rev. Dr. Jim Stuart attended the Assembly as a theological resource person. Four Pacific Island people also attended - the Rev. Tepou, Rev. Eteuati, Mrs. Langatule and Rev. Ripley.

It could well be that in the next 5 years leading up to the 5th Assembly, the P.C.C. will feel able to accept some kind of relationship with the New Zealand churches. The Ecumenical Committee would be willing to work with the P.C.C. in establishing that relationship.

4. Allocation of 1% Overseas Aid from Connexional Budget

The Conference in 1980 resolved that the 1% Overseas Aid should be channelled through Christian World Service.

Christian World Service has advised us that one-third of the allocation will go into the C.W.S. Emergency account and thus be available for emergency grants. Two-thirds will go into a variety of development programmes supported by C.W.S. Some of these programmes could be in areas of the world which are of special concern to New Zealand Methodism.

Now that Retiring Funds have been taken out of the Connexional Budget, the Conference Finance Committee will have to have another look at the percentage of the budget to be made available for overseas aid. The Ecumenical Committee would not want the amount made available for overseas aid to be less, which it would be if we allocated a straight 1% of the new budget figure.

5. Overseas Travel and Study

Since reporting to the 1980 Conference, the following people have worked through the Ecumenical Committee and travelled overseas with some Connexional financial assistance.

- a. Mark Gibson attended a C.C.A. Youth Conference in Hong Kong.
- b. Bill Wallace attended a C.C.A. Music and Liturgy seminar in Manila.
- c. Stuart Grant attended the Bossey Ecumenical Institute and the Urban Theology Unit in Sheffield.
- d. Miriam Stoodley attended the Bossey Ecumenical Institute.
- e. Lloyd Gibson attended the World Methodist Conference in Hawaii.
- f. Rua Turner attended the 7th Assembly of the C.C.A. and the C.C.A. Women's Forum.
- g. Rua Rakena attended the Commission meeting of the P.C.R. and Urban Rural Mission meeting of the C.C.A.
- h. Toa Fasavatu attended the C.C.A. Youth Forum preceding the 7th Assembly.

There are others, of course, who have travelled overseas but have not received funding arranged by the Ecumenical Committee.

6. Ecumenical Publications

The Ecumenical Committee would like to remind Methodist people of the excellent publications produced by the World Council of Churches and the Christian Conference of Asia.

Monthly publications like "One World" from the W.C.C. and "C.C.A. News" would help keep people informed of our ecumenical relationships.

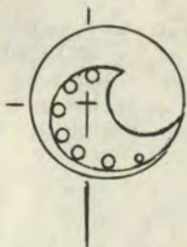
Each unit of the W.C.C. and the C.C.A. produce reports and studies that help Christians keep abreast of their activities.

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RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.



METHODIST MAORI DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT 1981

*E te whānau Weteriana, mai i te hiku
ki te upoko o te ika a Maui, whiti atu
ki te Waipounamu ki Wharekauri me nga
moutere; TENA KOUTOU KATOĀ.*

NGA MATE O TE TAU, HAERE !

We record our condolence to all who have suffered bereavement during the year. Among our own losses we mention in particular, our whaea Raiha Tonga of Waikato; our kaumaatua Tawai Kawiti and Wi Paki Ihaka of Tai Tokerau, and Tuahine Edna Jenkins. We pay them tribute and give thanks for their spiritual leadership, and the life, witness and service each expressed in his and her distinctive way among our people - young and old.

LEADERSHIP

Occasions were again provided for our 10 stipendiary staff, *Minita-a-iwi* (Home & Honorary Home Missionaries), kaikarakia and other lay leaders to meet across Circuit & District during April and June. As well as teaching and learning events, such occasions also offer opportunity to review and assess our overall needs, and to reflect on any changes necessary in emphasis or direction.

This year a focus on such as the following emerged: the need for a more intensive and co-ordinated programme of Christian education at grassroot's members level; a more effective strategy and programme for involving younger members in Regions and Circuit; being equally intentional in recruiting candidates for a "formal-type" theological training and equipping for Ministry, as for the ranks of *Minita-a-iwi* and other forms of lay leadership; providing more regular and sustained support for *Minita-a-iwi*, Kaikarakia and our lay leaders generally.

In respect to the latter, we acknowledge both theological and physical difficulties prevailing, which inhibit our offering far greater and much needed written resources and personalized support to the large numbers of lay members giving leadership and service at critical points of need in our contemporary society.

For *Renata* Willing, retirement at the end of this year will initially be something of a mere technicality. It is appropriate, however, that we take this opportunity to record our thanks and appreciation of the 5 year's ministry and involvement of both *Renata* and *Esther* in the life and work of the Division at all levels. *Renata* had to acquire a working knowledge of our culture, language and different way of doing things "on-the-run". His high level of achievement

is a reflection of the commitment and dedication that was inherent in Renata's initial decision to offer to serve in the Taranaki Circuit and Maori Division. We look forward to many more years of active ministry from him, and more year's still of happy retirement for both Renata and Esther. *Kia piki te ora, te kaha me te maarama-tanga ki a korua mo nga tau maha.*

TUMUAKI

Tamaki Circuit and the Tumuaki himself have posed several questions which have occupied the mind of colleagues and members during the year. One concerns Rua's own hopes of taking his overdue long service leave sometime in 1983. He continues to remind us of the need for a replacement - that his second term as Tumuaki concludes 31st January 1985, or earlier if desired. As well, however, we, and Tamaki Circuit in particular, have remained very conscious of the extra responsibilities that have fallen to Rua's lot. The financial implications of additional staff all round has not helped our reaching a firm decision in respect to relief. Having caused us to pause and reflect on these and other related matters, we presently see considerable merit in Rua extending his long service leave and employing the remainder of 1983 in tasks that have eluded us all for many years, owing to pressure of ongoing demands and staff shortages especially. In the meantime, we are pursuing the question of a replacement in relation to our existing constitution and possible future directions for the church and Maori Division.

TE RŌPU WAHINE

The Huihuinga held 15 - 17 May at the Maungarei, Department of Maori Affairs' *Kokiri* Basic Skill's Centre, Auckland, served as a reflection of the thoughts and activities of our women at Regional and Circuit levels. Again, much is going on that is encouraging.

The Huihuinga theme *NEW DIMENSIONS* prompted a sharing of personal feelings and convictions about God, and in responding to him and the community at large as *the people of God*. Discussion in groups and together helped affirm traditional cultural values and dimensions of God perceived by our *tipuna* out of their close affinity with nature and with each other in community on the marae.

A model for promoting self-help children's Christian education within Circuits was enthusiastically shared. Our women's sense of significance and participation in the decision-making processes, as well as life and work of Circuit and Division were reaffirmed. The presence of M.W.F. President, Ella Trathen, was greatly appreciated.

RANGATAHI

This year it was decided to forgo the all-Circuit young people's event usually held over Queen's Birthday Weekend. Therefore activities have remained local and somewhat spasmodic. Invariably as our young people grow up they join older brothers and sisters or cousins and friends in the regular cultural group activities in their area. At

present, a good number are caught up in a range of programmes and activities promoted by community groups and the Department of Maori Affairs.

We again acknowledge the assistance many of our *Rangatahi* receive with their Secondary and Tertiary education. First through the grants and scholarships provided by the church, and secondly, through our church-run Hostels.

HOSTELS

SEAMER HOUSE

We continue to be well served by Margaret Hui, her husband Kai, supported by a small committee under the convenership of Barbara Miller. Some 30 young women have been able to take advantage of the accommodation provided and in all, relationships have been good throughout the year.

Staying out of overdraft is a constant problem. At a critical stage it was necessary to offset a position that was growing with a \$5000 plus grant that had just come to hand from the Methodist Women's Fellowship. Unfortunately, an oversight some years ago in obtaining a building permit for a section of the fire-proof upgrading ordered, resulted in some further work and costs being incurred in order to rectify it and receive the necessary license to operate the Hostel.

TE RAHUI TĀNE & WĀHINE

Numbers at both Hostels have remained the same as for last year. We continue to be grateful for the oversight given by the Management Committee in Hamilton, under the chairmanship of Charlie Fenwick and Secretary-treasurer, Doreen Bailey. Furthermore, we appreciate the range of internal problems that arise from time to time for the Matrons. This year has not been without exception. We are also grateful therefore to Winnie Katipa and Maraea Barrett respectively for the unenviable role each is called on to fulfill as Matron.

Government subsidies and policy changes.

The Finance Manager, Dr Dennis Janos, has had conversation with and kept us informed of developments. We have as a consequence, initiated some tentative discussions among us of possible future alternative uses for our Auckland and Hamilton properties.

FINANCE

In response to concern expressed by Conference last year, payments have been made to stipendiary staff to ensure Book, Hospitality and the minimum travelling allowances are duly received. They have been included in the Estimates for the next Budget period.

We record our thanks to the M.W.F. & Connexional Trusts (Kai Iwi & Grey Institute) for the grants that, together with the Connexional Budget allocation, help ensure our basic commitments, especially stipends, are adequately covered.

The continuing pressure on our own Circuits is reflected in the fact

that one only returned the allocation set by the Board. Nonetheless, it has been agreed to try and reach an inflationary-based increase in the new year.

Our Accountant for the past six years, David Pond, will be retiring at the end of the year. We record our thanks and appreciation of his services to the Division during this time. There was some straightening out and understanding of our inherited position necessary when David commenced. The happy state of our books and records, among other things, is evidence of both his professionalism and commitment to the task of our Auckland Divisions in Mission. We wish him well in the years ahead.

PROPERTIES

Progress in this area of our concern and responsibility overall, has been unavoidably slow. Our main focus has been on the necessary preparation and planning of the Centre at 298 Massey Road, Mangere; the *Kuia-Kaumaatua* complex proposed for River Rd., Ngaruawahia; accommodation and a Circuit Centre at Wellington, and a replacement parsonage for New Plymouth.

Processing the sale of redundant properties at Dargaville, Te Kuiti and Hawera has been part of the focus also. During the year it was possible to carry out overdue maintenance and painting work on Auckland properties at 28 Mt Albert Rd., 296 and 298 Massey Rd. 38 Bush Rd., Kamo, also received a much needed external painting.

Repayment during the year by the Waikato-Bay of Plenty District of the \$5000 expended on repairs and maintenance to the 11 Union St., Hamilton, parsonage was a timely reminder of the help and concern often expressed in the interest of Circuits and Division, for which we are thankful.

There remain other areas where discussion and clarification continue.

ECUMENICAL

Our marae-based events invariably involve us in ecumenical sharing of one sort or another. In January we again shared with our Ratana *whanawanga* the opening of their large *Manuao* complex followed by their Birthday Anniversary celebrations.

Our membership of the N.C.C.Maori Section ensures a continuing relationship and opportunity to share common Christian concerns. The year saw these focus in areas such as the following:

- + a *Maori* theology and *Maori* Salvation history;
- + urban rural mission;
- + Mission and Evangelism;
- + Racism;
- + the Treaty of Waitangi;
- + land.

The latter has led to involvements other than just Bastion Pt, the Raglan Golf Course, Awhitu and other more publicised issues. Te Rōpū Tomokia and its Director, Pauline Kingi, is encouraged by the

support we as a church continue giving, both to the programme of research and documentation, and in helping meet legal expenses incurred and/or pending.

We were glad of the chance to help sponsor Eva Rickard to a C.C.A. URM *Peoples Forum on Land* held early in March. Also to share a Catholic Evangelization, Justice and Development sponsored Study tour to the Phillippines from late January, our sole member of the group being Robert Te Whare. As a Section, we supported Nanette Wehipeihana of Wellington as a youth representative and steward to the C.C.A. Assembly in Bangalore.

By virtue of his membership of the Ecumenical Secretariate on Development; the N.C.C.; W.C.C. Programme to Combat Racism and the C.C.A. Urban Rural Mission committee there is little in the way of stimulus, information and insight we do not receive from our Tumuaki to help foster our ecumenical perspective.

The current officers of the NCC Maori Section are: Hone T.Kaa, Chairperson; Tame Takao, Vice chairperson; Secretary, George Connor and the Treasurer, Ben Te Haara.

HUI-A-TAU

Our 1981 annual get-together over Labour Weekend takes place at *Te Tokanganui-a-noho*, Te Kuiti. The theme *NGA HUARAHI ANGA WHAKAMUA* offers further opportunity to persue the question of future goals, and to exchange ideas on how achieving them might be better assured. Again, it is the occasion we look forward to sharing with the President, Vice President and any others not otherwise committed elsewhere.

Heoi ano; kia ora koutou !

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| Morehu Te Whare |) | <u>Co-Chairpersons</u> |
| Samson Toia | | |

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| Ruawai D.Rakena | <u>Tumuaki.</u> |
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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference encourage the Board's deliberation and intentions relating to leave by the Tumuaki in 1983 and his future replacement.
3. That the membership of the Board for 1982 be:

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT

The Development Division is charged by the Conference to -

"be responsible for assisting the Church to use its resources for Mission in New Zealand in Outreach, Evangelism, Church Extension and the provision of new Ministries."

In discharging this responsibility the Board and the Staff of the Division give leadership and provide financial support over a wide range of inter-related issues.

However, the major thrusts of the Division can be gathered under the following headings.

PRESENT AND FUTURE CHURCH STRATEGY

* LOCAL AND REGIONAL STRATEGY CONSULTATIONS



Since last September the Superintendent, Rev Barry Jones has acted as 'enabler' in the following Circuit/Parish Strategy Consultations - *St Paul's Hamilton; Western Bay of Plenty; Cambridge Union Parish.*

He has also participated in Strategy Consultations concerning the future of Camp Epworth in the Waikato, and the focus of Ministry and Mission in South Taranaki.

A feature of the St Paul's Consultation was the decision to hold a workshop on Inner-City Ministry to help the leaders and the congregation begin to shape a stance towards the city in which their Church is set.

Rev Jack Penman and Rev Barry Jones were asked to act as resource persons. In their report to the Board of the Division they shared how the workshop had been an exhilarating experience because of;

- * The motivational impact of Biblical Material. *The Book of Jonah was used to gain an insight into God's strategy for cities.*
- * The impact of St Paul's Leaders going out into the city to meet the city residents where they live/work/shop/relax.
- * The discipline of writing City Creeds - *affirming the City and God's positive relation to it.*
- * The offering of the specific action goals to the congregation in the setting of Worship.

* SUPPORTING AND AFFIRMING LAY AND CLERGY LEADERSHIP

At the request of one of its members, the Board earlier this year spent several meetings reflecting on the principle and practice of Ministerial itinerancy.

During the course of this review the Board acknowledged that sometimes Ministers are shifted in order to resolve conflict between themselves and lay members of the church. It was recognised that this strategy provides some immediate reduction of clergy/lay tensions. However, of itself, it does not enable the clergy and laity to reflect on the causes of conflict and their respective contributions to the tensions.

But within Methodism there is not a recognised process whereby Minister and Lay People can reflect objectively on the personal and professional dimensions of their leadership styles and the implications of their theological emphases.

The Board also noted the lack of any positive process whereby the ideas and tentative strategies of Ministers and Lay People, individually or corporately, could be shared with the wider church and constructively supported.

It has now begun to explore the establishment of a modest structure that will both provide a setting for the sharing of conflict and the affirming of creative ideas.

Once the Board has a tentative proposal it will share it with District Synods for their comment.

* DEVELOPMENT FUND - SPECIAL TRAINING OBJECTIVE GRANTS

The Development Fund, which receives its income from the Connexional Budget, has two objectives -

- ONE : The provision of capital for the purchase of land or the erection of buildings in developing residential areas. 75% of the Fund is designated for this capital purpose.
- TWO : The provision of funds to assist with the training of people. 25% of the Fund is reserved for this purpose.

Over the last eighteen months the following people have received grants from the Fund to assist with their study/training costs;

- * Rev Bill Wallace Social Analysis and Theological Reflection Seminar.
- * Rev Max Hornblow Australian Council of Churches Conference on Mission and Evangelism.

- * Rev David Pratt Christian Education Staff and Ministry Training Event - Melbourne.
- * Rev Stuart Grant Bossey Ecumenical Institute Graduate School, 1980/81 - "The Bible in the Life of the Church".
- * Miss Miriam Stoodley Bossey Ecumenical Institute Seminar - "Signs and Symbols in the Communication of the Gospel".
- * Mr Sialoga Lemalu Theological Field Education in Tonga.
- * Rev David Arrowsmith Experiencing Samoan Culture and Lanugage in Samoa.

* STRATEGY - A RESPONSIVE, NOT AN INITIATING PROCESS

Often we look to the formation of new strategy to give shape and purpose to the life of the church. We assumed that the strategy of ecumenical co-operation would provide a new dynamic for mission. That has happened in some places but is by no means a consistent outcome of unity.

We have assumed that the re-arrangement of Circuit/Parish boundaries with the consequent rationalization of staff, finance and property, would free congregations to get on with the real Ministry of the Church. Certainly many congregations have left behind property, financial encumbrances, but rationalization of itself has not provided an energizing motive in church life.

We could go on giving examples. The point is simply that strategy - goals for mission - presuppose the dynamic of God's Spirit. Without the presence of a prior creative energy, strategy is assumed to be an initiating process which it isn't. Rather it is an important responsive tool to help the Church catch the shape and outline of Mission that God is sketching out for his obedient Church.

CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY



The Division actively encourages the development of Ministry among and across the variety of cultures that are represented in contemporary Methodism.

It is sensitive to the tensions that develop as a result of implementing this dual policy.

There is an undeniable need for every cultural group within the life of the Church to experience and express the Gospel in the setting of their own culture.

But because Methodism understands that the Church is called to be an inclusive community, it encourages the sharing of the Gospel between the various cultural groups.

These issues are highlighted as Samoan and Tongan Theological Students become available for appointment.

For example;

- * The Church has accepted Tongan and Samoan Students for Theological Training. It has an obligation to place them in appointments which use their abilities and commitment to minister across the cultures.

- * Many Circuits/Parishes have a mono-cultural view of Ministry and Congregational Life.

It is a denial of cross-cultural ministry for Samoan and Tongan Ministers to meet only mono-cultural expectations, just as it is for Papalagi Ministers.

- * At present the Circuit/Parish structures of Methodism are fundamentally mono-cultural in their design and intention.

The availability of full-time Samoan and Tongan Ministers inevitably means that the Church must re-shape itself to take advantage of the creative cultural diversity of Ministry now becoming ready for appointment.

At the request of the Committee on Ministry, the Board has begun to explore ways of ensuring that once Samoan and Tongan students complete their Theological Training there are appointments available which will make use of their ethnic insights and provide a multi-cultural setting for their ministry.

* FIJIAN MINISTRY

- + Auckland - Auckland's Fijian Methodist Fellowship is seeking to undertake a Pastoral Survey of Fijians within metropolitan Auckland. The Fellowship is aware of the pressures of permissive life-styles and values that disrupt the home and family life of some Fijians living in the city.

The purpose of the survey is to ascertain the number of Fijians residing in Auckland and to establish a network of relationships that will provide them with a supportive and caring community.

Contact has been made with the Fijian Conference, asking if it would be possible to release a theological student or a minister for a limited period to undertake the person-centred survey. The immediate response from the Fijian Conference has been encouraging.

The Division has assured the Auckland Fellowship of its financial support to facilitate the use of an appropriate resource person from Fiji.

+ Wellington - An increase of Fijians living in Wellington, and the growth of the Fijian Methodist congregation at Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, has prompted a request for the appointment of a self-supporting Fijian Minister

The congregation's request has the support of the Wellington Central Circuit and the District Synod.

Currently the Division is seeking to facilitate this appointment in conjunction with the Joint Board for Mission Overseas.

* TONGAN MINISTRY

During the Annual Conference last year in Wellington, ad-hoc consultations involving the Wellington District, Rev Ted Grounds, Rev Taniela Moala and Tongan Lay Leaders from Wellington and Auckland, resulted in arrangements being made for Rev Moala to make occasional visits to Wellington.

However, after an initial two visits there arose a confusion of objectives, which resulted in the Wellington District requesting that no further visits be made by Rev Moala until the District had ascertained;

- a) *How Tongan Ministry can be effectively given in Wellington?*
- b) *If Rev Moala has a role in Ministry to Tongan people in Wellington and Petone in addition to his Ministerial responsibilities in Auckland?*

The Wellington Synod is facilitating discussion among the Wellington and Petone Tongan Fellowships and will report to the Development Division.

* SAMOAN MINISTRY

Following the induction of Rev Amituana'i into a full-time Connexional Ministry in February, the Development Division has been clarifying and confirming the major emphases within his work.

+ Support for Samoan Fellowships - The Board has begun contacting Fellowships where ordained Samoan Self-Supporting Ministers have been appointed, enquiring if they still wish Siauala to continue his occasional visits to support Youth Leaders and Lay Preachers.

From the replies received so far it is clear that the Fellowships feel they have sufficient Ministerial oversight and support. All have indicated that they would request Siauala's Ministry, if and when it was appropriate to meet their needs.

'MAKING DISCIPLES'

* A REPORT FROM THE TASK GROUP



This Report covers three areas of the Task Group's work during the year.

- i) Resources.
- ii) Overseas Evangelism Resource Person.
- iii) Visit to Australian Conferences, and other contacts by the Convener, and the Superintendent of the Development Division.

1. RESOURCES: a) Production and Promotion - We have promoted and monitored the use of the 'Making Disciples Audio-Visual'. Reports indicate an uneven usage throughout the country, as well as confirmation that in many places it has achieved our aim of motivating people to be more active in Making Disciples.

We have also produced a brochure, 'Telling our Story, Sharing our Faith'; (an account of New Zealand Methodism's evangelistic emphases and action). This was produced for distribution in Australia, and at the World Methodist Conference. Copies are being distributed through an issue of "Frontier".

b) Film and Printed Resources - These come to the Task Group, sought and unsought; from within New Zealand and overseas. The Task Group has developed an evaluation procedure for assessing their usefulness within our Church and is now prepared to recommend some for trial use in selected congregations.

2. OVERSEAS RESOURCE PERSON: We have taken the first steps in implementing the decision of last year's Conference to invite a suitable person from overseas to assist us in our mission. This has involved discussions between the Task Group and Development Division Board, and correspondence between the Superintendent of the Development Division and the Rev Dr Emilio Castro of the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism at the World Council of Churches, Geneva.

Dr Castro has made a warm and encouraging response to our enquiry. We have further clarified expectations regarding timing and possible outcomes, and hope to have something more definite to report at Conference.

.. AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCES AND OTHER CONTACTS: The Development Division, in response to an invitation from the Uniting Church in Australia, appointed Barry Jones and Fred Waine to attend the Second Conference on Evangelism, of the UCA, and to travel in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales, in order to investigate - a) *Evangelism*, and b) *the effects of organic Church Union at local and regional levels*.

The visit included;

- * Meeting with South Australian Synod Evangelism Consultants.
- * Melbourne visits to the Synod Consultant on Evangelism and Mission; 'Truth and Liberation Concern'; the House of the Gentle Bunyip; City Life Ministry; and attendance at a weekend conference when the Victorian Synod grappled with its life and plans for the next three years.
- * New South Wales attendance at the Evangelism Conference; visits to the Springwood Parish (Lower Blue Mountains); Belmont Parish (Newcastle); meeting with Hunter Presbytery Committee Conveners; participation in Hunter Presbytery Seminar for Elders and Lay Preachers, at Maitland.

We would want to acknowledge gratitude to the Board of the Development Division for making the visit possible; to the UCA Board of Mission Commission on Evangelism for its kind invitation to its Conference; to many, many people who helped us plan our itinerary, provided transport and hospitality, and showed interest in our New Zealand story.

We experienced affirmation of our own emphasis on the vital importance of the local congregation as the cutting edge of the Church's Evangelism; and of finding ways of expressing the Good News that are relevant to our own specific situations.

In addition we were challenged by the ways in which some 'communities' are able to earth the gospel in their situations; the strong emphasis on grappling with the scriptures and the gospel with 'all our minds' as well as our emotions; the interaction of social justice and responsibility with evangelism; commitment to the uncomfortable business of discovering who Jesus Christ is for Australians; the development and encouragement of small (nurture) groups as means of enabling people to enter the People of God, and to be supported and challenged in their Christian growth within the intimacy of the group; the importance of incorporating/gathering converts/ people into the congregation; the emphasis on the God whom we encounter in conversion, in contrast to concentrating on the techniques by which we make converts; and emphasis on the worship of the congregation as the base for evangelism; the recognition that we Christians need help in sharing our faith with each other, as a way of gaining confidence to witness to others.

We would acknowledge nothing new in those discoveries, and at the same time, are grateful for both the affirmations we received regarding

the emphases and directions of our New Zealand Methodist pilgrimage; as well as the glimpses and hints of matters which it would be profitable for us to take up.

The Board of the Division has before it the following recommendations arising from the visit to Australia -

EVANGELISM

- * That the Development Division, through its 'Making Disciples' Task Group, develop reciprocal relationships with;
 - + *The Uniting Church's Commission on Evangelism.*
 - + *Specific Synod and Presbytery Evangelism Consultants/ Task Groups.*
- * That the Division explore with the Education Division ways of encouraging the formation of Parish-based small groups for the purpose of adult-to-adult nurture, ministry and outreach.
- * That the Division establish an ongoing liaison with the Evangelism Committee of the Presbyterian Parish Development and Mission Committee.
- * That the 'Making Disciples' Task Group consider the holding of a National Conference on Evangelism, in order to highlight the essential dynamics of evangelism, i.e.
 - + Worship - the base for Evangelism
 - + Gospel - resources for Evangelism
 - + The Setting for Evangelism - New Zealand

MISSION

- * That the Division encourage the development of urban Christian Communities as a complementary strategy to implement the Church's servant ministry.

Ted Grounds: CHAIRPERSON

Barry Jones: SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

The Samoan Ministry continues in good heart.

1. SAMOAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

At the beginning of the year, the Development Division gathered together a number of Papalagi Ministers with a view to encourage them to learn the Samoan language and to familiarize them with the Samoan Culture. Although the number of Papalagi Ministers involved is small, it is of encouragement that a number are attending classes at the Pacific Island Resource Centre.

2. LAY PREACHER'S TRAINING, EXAMINATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS

The Education Division, in consultation with the Rev Amituana'i, is responsible for the Training and Examinations for Samoan Lay Preachers. Text books and Courses have been reviewed to meet the needs of the Samoan people.

3. CHURCH UNION

The Samoan Policy Committee discussed Church Union Proposals. The discussion focused on some important matters such as: 'Why Church Union?' 'What are Voting Procedures?'

The Rev Jones outlined and clarified Church Union Proposals. Rev Amituana'i stated that he had translated Church Union material in Samoan to help the Samoan people with their vote.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Consideration has been given to a revised membership of the Committee:

- * *Each Local Samoan Fellowship shall be entitled to have one representative.*
- * *All ordained Samoan Ministers are members.*

The European membership is as follows:

Conference Representatives: President and President-elect.
Superintendent of the Development Division.

One Papalagi representative, Lay or Minister from each of the following Districts:

Wellington
Hawkes Bay - Manawatu
Waikato - Bay of Plenty
Auckland
Manukau

A translator/interpreter and an associated secretary are to be ex-officio.

5. RESPRESENTATIVES TO CONFERENCE, 1981

Mr Mapusua Tufuga
Mr V Fonoti

6. MEMBERSHIP FOR 1982

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- i) That the Report be received.
- ii) That the Membership be:
 - a) One prerepresentative from each local Samoan Fellowship.
 - b) All ordained Samoan Ministers.
 - c) A translator/interpreter and an associated secretary are to be ex-officio.
 - d) Conference Representatives: President and President-elect.
 - e) Superintendent of the Development Division.
 - f) One representative, Lay or Minister, from each of the following Districts:

Wellington
Hawkes Bay - Manawatu
Waikato - Bay of Plenty
Auckland
Manukau

CHAIRMAN: Loyal J Gibson (President)
CONVENER: Siauala Amituana'i

LIVING FAITH

Conference 1980, reaffirmed the partnership of the Methodist Church of New Zealand in the Joint Board of Christian Education. It also reaffirmed their resources as the education curriculum of our church, and encouraged local congregations to make full use of it.

The Christian Life Curriculum (C.L.C. for short) has been a tried and proven resource during the 1970's. There has been strong affirmation of its value and quality from throughout the Connexion. A major review at mid-point brought it into a position where it was even more responsive to current needs, and teachers have, on the whole, known it as a helpful and practical aid. Even at those points where there was criticism of it, these were normally muted and suitably acknowledged the quality of the lessons and the curriculum planning.

It needs to be widely known that criticism of the C.L.C. has been listened to very carefully by staff of the Education Division and the Joint Board. All the comments made over the past few years have been studied with a view to their assisting in future development. In a partnership of seven denominations where financial factors are critical to continued production, it has not been possible to accept them all. But feed-back and criticism from our own church, among others, has helped to shape some of the new directions which LIVING FAITH will represent.

In theoretical terms, whereas Christian Education in the past has tended to be based on a schooling pattern, a significant shift is now taking place. The concept of the church as 'a community of faithful people' is at the basis of much of the new thinking and new patterns. Education in the faith, and the development of values, takes place not only in a class-room setting, but just as importantly in the diversity of meetings and relationships which happen in the local congregation. 'All that the church does teaches'. If a child, youth or adult, is helped to understand, within a class-room setting that 'God accepts you' and is then deliberately ignored in other settings, the church is giving a mixed-message. It is educating on two opposing fronts. Even more the education that is conveyed through informal human relationships can be more significant than the word-of-mouth that comes from a teacher.

One thing LIVING FAITH should do is help us to take more seriously the whole family-of-God-setting within which the church educates.

A new approach has demanded some new terminology. In future the tendency will be to speak about 'educational ministry' rather than 'Christian education'. This will show that education stands alongside other important ministries (e.g. youth ministry, healing ministry, ministry of Word and Sacraments,) as part and parcel of the Church's mission. Educational ministry does not desire to assume undue import-



ance, but it does have a servant role which parallels that of other ministries within the church, and it seeks to help the church equip herself for ministry. Words like 'curriculum' and 'lesson' and even Sunday 'school', have very close associations with the 'schooling model' of Christian Education mentioned above and will give way to terms such as 'learning plan' and 'session plan'.

A number of strategies are being adopted to introduce LIVING FAITH to congregations - publicity, District and Regional events, display kits, sample copies, etc., but the Church Conference will provide a major focus for its introduction to the whole Connexion. The presence at Conference of the Rev. Dr David Merritt, Executive Director of the Joint Board, will accentuate this fact.

HELPING OUR CHURCHES TO REDISCOVER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AS A GOSPEL-BASED MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH.

LIVING FAITH is not just another curriculum. Rather it represents a new approach to educational ministry.

For too many of our people Christian education is on the periphery of Church life. To them it is for the person with a bent or a flare that way! LIVING FAITH seeks to find ways of helping our people rediscover Christian education as a gospel-based ministry of the Church, as essential to its mission, and as a servant of its ongoing life.

The planning for LIVING FAITH has been motivated by the centrality of the gospel. Educational ministry is a vital part of the churches total mission, assisting adults, young people and children to discover and deepen a living-faith.

Only if educational ministry is understood as a basic part of the total life of the church, and as the servant of its mission, will there be adequate planning for effective education locally.

The major necessity is not better print resources - though there will be these - but a changed understanding of educational ministry and renewed enthusiasm for it. This is critical if we are to participate in the Churches mission in the new situation in which we must live and witness.

New insight does not only come from giving books to people. Vision, enthusiasm and deeper understanding also comes when we relate and share in new ways as well as use new printed resources.

How can people in our churches be helped to see and grasp with enthusiasm opportunities to discover and deepen a living faith? There are three levels at which this question needs to be addressed.

- * with those whose decisions affect the way a congregation plans for its educational ministry - ministers, leaders and elders Education Committee members.
- * with those whose teaching and leading affects the quality of what happens in educational programmes.
- * with the people of a congregation whose involvement in working, evangelism, caring for people, and service in the world provide a powerful educative setting for the education/programmes of a congregation.

With this in mind we make the following statement:-

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN IN EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

- * The educational ministry of each local church is vitally important - it is about people responding in faith to God's grace in Jesus Christ, deepening their understanding of Christian faith and growing in Christian discipleship.
 - * Our churches are in an emergency situation about educational ministry. Just letting things go on as they are is not good enough. A faithful response to the gospel requires us to take action to make educational ministry more effective in our churches.
 - * There are no sure-fire formulas for success. Openness to the spirit of God and love for people require a basic humility. But there are time-tested guidelines based on wide experience of Christian people that suggest ways of co-operating with the Spirit in educational ministry.
 - * The following actions are recommended to increase the effectiveness of educational ministry in our churches.
1. The Leaders Meeting (or Parish Council) of each Congregation will give attention at least twice each year to discussing and making decisions about educational ministry within their Congregation and Circuit/Parish.

The matters needing attention include:-

plans for adequate opportunities for educational ministry to adults, young people, and children.

the selection, appointment and encouragement of men and women to be teachers and leaders in educational groups.

ways of expressing to the congregation and to teachers and leaders that they are representatives of the church, teaching the faith of the church, and that the Congregation has an important teaching function through its own life.

arrangements for a commissioning service at the beginning of each year to commission teachers and leaders as servants or ministers of the church in educational ministry.

selection and authorisation of the most appropriate study materials for the church's regular educational activities for adults, youth, and children.

the provision of resources of space, equipment and finance to enable significant and helpful educational ministry to take place.

N.B. In some Congregations a number of these matters will be dealt with in an Education Committee. When this happens it is important that discussion and decisions about educational ministry also come regularly before Leaders' Meetings or Parish Councils.

2. Ministers and teachers will meet together at least twice each year to plan practical ways of linking learning and worship.
 3. Ministers, leaders and teachers should decide on a month early in each year for concerted action by the whole congregation to increase attendance at the educational activities of the church, as educational groups and learning events are among the best opportunities for making disciples and growth in discipleship.
 4. Regular news about the educational activities of the church will be included in local church bulletins, newsletters and Sunday announcements.
 5. At least once each month during the morning worship service there will be an opportunity for one of the church's regular learning groups to tell about their group, share some of their learning discoveries, and show some of their work.
 6. There needs to be two or three meetings each year for teachers and leaders involved in educational leadership in the congregation. These meetings could offer training to teachers and leaders in teaching/learning methods; advice on how to use printed resources flexibly and for lively learning; assistance with ways all-ages might learn together on appropriate occasions to share experiences and to collaborate in planning.
- * A church without a thought-through educational ministry to adults, young people and children is in danger of missing an important dimension of the church's life and weakening the capacity of the people of the church to participate in the church's mission. A dull-hearted or ineffective educational routine is not what educational ministry should be. Making things happen in educational ministry is a challenge to churches: a challenge that is based on the and is about a fundamental aspect of the mission of the church.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WORSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Our 1981 Report contained a Section on 'The Shape of Sunday Morning' (p.o. 156-7). During the year 'Christian Education Leaflets' have been produced to help local congregations work through the issues raised and the following are available through the Division:

- * Sunday Morning's Programme
- * A Consultation on "The Shape of Sunday Morning"
- * What do you do on Sunday?
- * The Worshipping Congregation

As we have grappled with the issues within the Division, it has become obvious that one of the important areas to be recognised is the relationship between worship and educational ministry.

Worship can take place in many settings - the Church building, a class or group, a camp, a Church lounge, a uniformed group parade etc. and in many types of groupings - private, family, small group, ecumenical, congregational etc.

Likewise Christian Education can be conceived as broadly or as narrowly as we care to define it. Educating forces and insights are at work in all the formal and informal relationships and settings which make up the Churches life, and has the potential for positive or negative results. Even the mute declarations of buildings, notice boards, surroundings etc. have an educating influence.

However, in this section the terms "Worship" and "Christian Education" are meant to apply to the more formal and deliberative activities people undertake when they purposely meet either for worship or Christian education. It does not deny that worship settings have educational possibilities or that educational settings have opportunities for worship content. However, it does make the assumption that worship events are basically for the purposes of worship, and educational events basically for the purposes of education.

What then is the relationship between Worship and Christian Education? There are at least six models which identify different kinds of relations.

1. Combined Worship Followed By Separate Groups For Worship and Christian Education. (or vice versa)

Here there is a common meeting point for the whole community of faith for a portion of time, followed by a division which results in part of the community undertaking education, and the remainder continuing at worship. Because of the way the division takes place this tends to confirm worship as basically an adult activity and Christian education as basically for children.

2. Separated Groups For Worship and Christian Education meeting at the same time and on the same site. This relationship confirms the above attitudes even more strongly. The earlier architectural style which placed the two activities in quite separate buildings made this all the more obvious.

3. Worship and Christian Education In The Same Place at the Same Time. This relationship affirms that both activities belong rightly to persons of all age groups. However, it could well blur the lines between "What is Worship?" and "What is Education?"

4. Worship and Christian Education, following one another on the same site. Two options are available with either worship first and Christian Education second, or vice versa.

5. Worship and Christian Education on the same site but at different times during the week. The spatial distance that they have from one another could well confirm that Christian education can exist in its own right and need not be related to worship at all.

6. Worship and Christian Education on different sites, and at different times during the week. This could tend to make the divorce between worship and Christian Education even greater.

Obviously practical considerations are going to enter into the varied ways in which congregations decide to undertake their worship and/or education. Factors such as building, leadership, time available etc. cannot be ignored. Any Church must work within the limits of what is available. However, there are some affirmations which need to be taken seriously.

- * Worship Is The Central And Focal Point of Christian Meeting. Accounts of the New Testament Church point to this, and Christian practice points to worship as the most significant act in which the Church is involved. At least it has the potential for this, even if it is not always the reality.
- * Christian Education Needs To Complement Worship, Not Oppose It. The rise of the Sunday School movement during the past 200 years has seen the evolution of what was originally intended to give elementary education based on Bible Stories into an organization in its own right. The result has often been, that instead of education being supplementary or complementary to worship, it has been in opposition to it. It has competed for worship's time and for some of its personnel, both teachers and children. It has enabled worship to be confirmed as an adult-oriented event, and has set up conflicts in the minds of people asked to teach.
- * Both Worship And Christian Education Are Activities Of The Whole Community Of Faith. Too often we have operated in the belief that once children have been educated to a certain level then they will be ready to commit themselves to the adult activity of worship. The results belie this attitude. Christian education does not automatically - or even usually - lead people into an active and regular worship commitment at a certain age. Indeed, it probably seldom can. Rather a sense of belonging to, and acceptance within the Community of Faith can then lead to a commitment to worship and education. Do we need to have a different starting point, rather than thinking we can educate persons into worship?
- * Both Worship And Christian Education Belong to Persons of Every Level of Age And Christian Experience Within The Community of Faith. Although we have given this intellectual assent now for at least two decades, have we structurally allowed it to happen? Or have we allowed it to happen for small separated groups rather than for the whole people of God within the local congregation?

Christian education is not a substitute for worship. And certainly in any trial of strength or priority rating, worship needs to come first and Christian education second.

Ideally, both Worship and Christian education should feed each other, enlighten each other, complement each other - not compete with each other.

YOUTH MINISTRY

A Methodist Youth Consultation was held at Camp Epworth over Queen's Birthday Weekend with over 50 people attending.

In his opening statement Hamilton Youth Worker, John Grant made the following points:-

- * we need to work at achieving and sustaining a greater sense of identity.
- * we need to keep handling the responsibilities and opportunities to 'younger youth'.
- * ecumenism and 'union' is part of our ethos.
- * we are a multi-cultural church.
- * we need to promote the Order of St. Stephen.
- * the necessity of financial support if we are to live out our vision.

During the weekend the Consultation divided into four sub-groups to discuss areas of major concern:

Identity - personal and corporate
Mission - personal and social
Worship - All-Age and participation
Training - models of leadership

The Connexional Youth Task Group continues to guide the development of youth ministry on a national level, and Regional Youth Task Groups are now established and operating.

In its findings, the Consultation supported the need for a person to be employed at least half-time, to co-ordinate youth ministry connexionally, with strong support for moving towards a full-time appointment if that is possible.

Two Methodist Youth Conferences are planned for the New Year period - one in New Plymouth, and the other in Dunedin.

Regional Task Groups have accepted the following tasks for the coming year:-

Waikato

- Establish the format for a basic leadership skills workshops.
- Revision of songs for use in churches and youth groups.

Wanganui

- Prepare course for youth leaders involved in churches in rural areas.

Northland

- Assist Wanganui, bringing in Union Parish perspectives.

South Auckland

- In association with Education Division to plan an elective on 'Youth Ministry' for inclusion in LAOS programme.
- Assist Waikato with music/song revision.

Hawke's Bay

- contribute to new selection of songs.

North Shore

- Reflect upon new ways of participation in worship.
- invite some Methodist students (St. John's) to share in planning and leading a worship event.

North Canterbury

- to prepare a Publication including - Directory of Resources
- Buzz Book
- help Wellington with National/Regional Newsletters.

Dunedin

- Assist North Canterbury with Publication of Resource and Buzz Books.

Wellington

- explore the possibility of a National/Regional Newsletter.
- ### Connexional Youth Task Group
- Discuss with the Principal the possibility of initiating Youth Ministry training for St. John's students.
 - Arrange a delegation to Methodists at St. John's in October.

DESIGNATIONS - CONNEXIONAL STAFF

The present law of the Methodist Church requires that persons to be appointed to Divisions shall be designated at the Conference twelve months preceding their eventual appointment (Sec.141,p.19).

There is provision for an appointment by Conference, without designation, where a vacancy occurs for any reason e.g. death, resignation etc. (Section 144, p. 19).

The Board of the Division wishes to question the continuing validity of the designation procedures.

Within the experience of the Division of recent years, the designation requirement has led to protracted and lengthy processes which have demanded time and energy by Staff and Board members which could well have been used in other ways.

In favour of the removal of the designation clause we would argue:-

- * that most Connexional appointments of recent years have not used them;
- * that adequate processes of consultation through Synods and Church Council are available;
- * that there needs to be a closer link between stationing procedures generally, and Divisional appointments, with the Church able to have a maximum flexibility regarding all its appointments;
- * that the trend is towards a more flexible ministry, with Ministers feeling freer to respond to other options a few months ahead rather than at least 18 months.

- * that there needs to be a separation between the review of the job specification of a Connexional position and the actual appointment. Designation procedures make it more difficult to review an appointment when the position has to be argued in the light of a person's name. It may well be more creative for a position to have to be reviewed and justified at the point where a designation is now required, and for appointment procedures only to be necessary where Connexional positions are being filled.

TITLES - DIVISIONAL STAFF

The present law of the Methodist Church provides that:

"There shall be a Director of Christian Education appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. He shall be the Chief executive and administrative officer and advisor to the Division. He if a Minister shall be appointed in pursuance of Part II, Section 10 of the Laws and Regulations of the Church" (Section 504 (3)).

"Associate and Field Directors, as required for the Division's work, shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board" (Section 504 (7)).

In the case of the Directors the Board can recommend an initial term of up to six years. In the case of other Ministers appointed to the Division, the initial term is three years.

The Board is aware that:-

- * there is a desire by staff to continue developing a leadership style characterised by shared decision making, responsibility and accountability;
- * the word "Associate" as commonly used, can have unhelpful connotations, e.g. how does an "Associate Director of Stewardship" relate to the Presbyterian Church?
- * the task of the Bookroom Manager has changed to the degree that much of his responsibility is in the area of educational resources and not just books; e.g. Living Faith, Religion in Life, etc.
- * there is a continuing need for a reference person to whom our Church and other agencies can relate officially, appointed as such by the Conference.

As the word "Director" has historical association for the Division and the Methodist Church, it is felt that it ought to be retained in some form or other.

In the light of this the Board wishes to make the following changes in the title of its full-time staff:

"Director" becomes "Executive Director"; "Associate Director (Planning and Training)" becomes "Director, (Planning and Training)"; "Associate Director (Stewardship)" becomes "Director (Stewardship)" and "Bookroom Manager" becomes "Director (Bookroom & Resources)".

With the consent of the Board, the practice of using these changed titles has commenced. The Board now seeks Conference approval for this.

APPENDIX to the REPORT of the EDUCATION DIVISION PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCHES EDUCATION COMMISSION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2

That the object of the Commission shall be to stimulate service and co-ordinate the concern of the member churches and related organisations for Christian and general education in New Zealand.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3

(a) The following shall be members of the Commission with full voting rights

(i) Members from the following churches appointed by these respective churches as follows:

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| Anglican | (5) |
| Presbyterian | (4) |
| Methodist | (3) |
| Baptist | (2) |
| Churches of Christ | (1) |
| Salvation Army | (1) |
| Congregational | (1) |
| Friends | (1) |
| Brethren | (1) |
| Apostolic | (1) |

in choosing their members, churches, particularly the larger churches, are requested to have regard to geographical spread, experience of Christian education and particularly the local work of the Commission. They are also requested to consider New Zealand's multi-racial nature, various age groups and both sexes.

(ii) FIFTEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS elected by the constituent District Committees within that region or by the Commission through its Nominating Committee if there is no District Committee.

Priority is given to elected representatives of constituent District Committees. No District Committee may send more than one delegate.

Should elected representatives of District Committees number fewer than 15, the Nominating Committee may invite selected representatives of other regions to attend Commission meetings.

The combined total of District Committee and other regional representatives shall not exceed fifteen persons.

(iii) One member who has liaison opportunities with the NCC Executive appointed by that Executive.

(iv) Up to three members to meet any special purpose co-opted by the Commission from time to time for specific periods.

(v) A Treasurer (see 4 (c)) if not otherwise a Commission member appointed by the Commission.

- b) The following shall be members of the Commission without voting rights
 - (i) Executive national staff
 - (ii) Regional Advisers
- c) The following may attend general Commission meetings as participant-observers:
 - (i) One member who is an educationalist and has liaison opportunity with the Department of Education nominated by the Director-General of Education and one person appointed by the School Committees Federation.
 - (ii) Members from any church or organisation which the Commission may wish to invite. Such members shall be appointed by those bodies they represent.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the amendments be approved.

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
SUPPLEMENTARY CONFERENCE REPORT 1981

STAFF

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The initial four year term of the Rev. E.F.I. Hanson concludes at the end of the current Connexional year. In line with the designation of last Conference the Board now unanimously recommends Mr Hanson for a further term of up to four years. The Board has full confidence in Mr Hanson's ability to give the necessary educational leadership to the Church. We believe that a sound foundation has been established during the past four years and we are now confident that the experience Frank has gained will be of great benefit to individual Congregations and to the whole Church especially with the important questions that arise for each Congregation through the introduction of "LIVING FAITH".

DIRECTOR (STEWARDSHIP)

During the year strenuous and sustained efforts have been made to find a suitable appointee to replace the Rev. J.S. Hosking. The Board regards the appointment as crucial to the future of every Circuit and Parish in the Connexion and is willing only to recommend a person when one with the kind of skills and competency required is discovered. Such is not yet the position.

In the meantime the Board requests the extension of the term of the Rev. J.S. Hosking by one year to the end of January 1983. Among the reasons for this are:

- * the appointment of a full-time Presbyterian Field Worker in February, 1982 who will require initial help and training.
- * the full load of Stewardship programmes already arranged for much of 1982 requires staffing and organising well ahead of when they will take place.
- * there needs to be an appointee to continue to undertake the necessary administrative and consultative work. The work cannot be satisfactorily undertaken by any other staff member.
- * Jock's continuing commitment to this task and his wide acceptability within both denominations.

DIRECTOR (PLANNING & TRAINING) .

In response to advertisements, six people have applied for this Auckland based position, and interviews will be proceeding in December towards a recommendation to Synods and Church Council in 1982. The appointment is due to commence in February, 1983.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report (pp. 184 - 193) be received.
2. That the Supplementary Report be received.
3. Living Faith:

That Conference receives with appreciation information regarding the new educational resource LIVING FAITH incorporating as it does, so many of the felt needs and comments of Methodist people.

4. That Conference affirms LIVING FAITH to be the basic resource to be used for educational ministry, in the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and encourages local Congregations to make full use of it in their educational work.
5. That Conference congratulates Dr. David Merritt and the Staff of the Joint Board of Christian Education for the meticulous nature of the planning which has led to LIVING FAITH and for the quality of the resources.
6. That Conference gives general approval to the strategies for "Making things happen in Educational Ministry" (pp. 186 - 7) and encourages ministers, decision-making bodies, teachers/leaders and congregations to seek to implement them in appropriate ways.
7. That the Education Division be encouraged to pursue its study of "the Relationship Between Worship and Educational Ministry" (p. 187 - 190) and prepare material in a form which can be used helpfully by Congregations.
8. Youth Ministry
That Conference receives the Report on Youth Ministry (pp. 190 - 1) and commends the initiatives of Connexional and Regional Youth Task Groups.
9. Designations - Connexional Staff
That the Section "Designations - Connexional Staff" (pp. 191 - 2) be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee for consideration and report during 1982.
10. Staff Matters
That Conference approves the changes in staff titles referred to on page 192, i.e. that "Director" becomes "Executive Director" that "Associate Director (Stewardship)" becomes "Director (Stewardship)" and that "Associate Director (Planning and Training)" becomes "Director (Planning and Training)".
11. That the Rev. E.F.I. Hanson be appointed Executive Director for a further term of up to four years from February, 1982.
12. That the appointment of the Rev. J.S. Hosking as Director (Stewardship) be extended by one year to the end of January, 1983.
13. Churches Education Commission
That the proposed amendments to the Reports (pp. 193(a) and (b)) be agreed to.
14. Board Membership 1983
Rev.s K.J. Taylor (Chairman), E. Little, R.W. Widdup, M.W. Greer, R.S. Andrews, D. Arrowsmith, L.J. Reid, Mesdames M. Fisher, A. Thomas, J. Watson, Miss M. Stoodley, Messrs C.H. Couch, M.L. Clark, (Hon. Treasurer), and Divisional Directors - L.J. Gibson, E.F.I. Hanson, J.S. Hosking and R.G. Jones.

FINANCES

The finances of the Division are causing some concern. The Bookroom has had two particularly difficult years. The steep increase in the price of books, the loss in exchange dealings of over \$9,000.00 (incurred because of a commitment in the C.L.C. pricing structure), and the end of the 12 year cycle of the C.L.C. material, all make for difficult trading conditions.

In addition, if the Division were to fund its Reserves held for such purposes as Youth work, Youth Conference, Staff Training, Budget Promotion, etc, then the Cash Balance at the 30th June, 1981 would have been \$13,000.00 overdraft, instead of the \$6,000.00 Credit. In other words, we are holding in our day to day account monies totalling \$19,000.00 that are set aside for specific purposes and are not available for the general work of the Division.

The trends are disturbing, but with careful management and prudent use of the resources the Church makes available to us, the Division is confident that it can continue to service the needs of the wider Church.

JOINT STEWARDSHIP SECTION

The appointment during the year under review of the Rev. Bill Vinten as a Presbyterian full-time Field Worker is going to strengthen the staff immeasurably. Mr. Vinten will complete his 12 months exchange in the United Church of Canada in December 1981, and will take up his appointment with the Section in February 1982. He brings with him wide Parish experience, a commitment to the practice of Christian Stewardship, and some considerable skills in leading Stewardship Programmes.

In order to meet the demand for directed programmes, and to assist in commencing the process of building up skills at regional levels, a team of 10 persons, lay and ministerial, Methodist and Presbyterian was recruited and trained in November 1980. These people have directed one Programme each during 1981 with good results. To continue to build such a team is one of the future strategies of the Section.

The impact of inflation is increasingly being felt by Churches, and the Section seeks to meet requests for assistance as quickly as possible. It is obvious that the requests for assistance are increasing, and, in all probability, will continue to do so for some time. Further supplementary staff, a longer waiting period for a directed programme, and a more flexible approach to Programmes may be necessary in the immediate future.

K. J. Taylor - Chairman

E.F.I. Hanson - Director

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A. METHODIST CONCERNS

As approved by Conference 1980, the Methodist International Affairs Committee has been meeting and working jointly with the Presbyterian International Relations Committee during 1981.

This has meant that both committees, but particularly the Methodists' have benefitted from a wider range of viewpoint and expertise. Of significant advantage has been the opportunity to establish six work groups to undertake detailed study and reporting to the whole committee.

METHODIST COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased that the Wellington Synod is at present undertaking a review of membership on the four connexional committees located in the Wellington district, and seeking to discover new people able to serve their church on these committees.

The International Affairs Committee has been seriously under strength for two years, due to the small number of active members, travel overseas, sickness, and in 1981, the extra time demands on busy people made by our joint operation. We owe it to our Presbyterian partners and to the Methodist Church to build up the committee's membership with suitable people. If the committee is to play its part along with promoting a Christian response to the critical international issues that involve peace, justice, and human development, it is important that adequate funding is continued and if at all possible, increased.

1980 CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS (p.636-639)

ANZUS: (Res. 6) The 1980 Conference report and resolutions on withdrawal from ANZUS and the establishment of a neutral or non-aligned New Zealand foreign policy has been received by the committees meeting jointly. The response has been to begin a wide-ranging study on the whole question of Militarism. The results of this study in the form of a background paper will be available to Conference members.

The Education Division's discussion leaflet, "ANZUS, is it time for N.Z. to withdraw?" is a very helpful way into this issue and we hope that local parish groups are making use of this.

The Hamilton Circuit held a Sunday evening dialogue on the issue between two participants with different points of view. We hope this kind of discussion will continue.

ISRAEL AND PALESTINIAN REFUGEES: (Res. 8) Conference 1980 saw "the rights and aspirations of the Palestinian people" and their right to "establish a separate state" as essential ingredients in a lasting peace in the Middle East. These points were conveyed to the Israeli Ambassador who then informed the committee convener of his strong disagreement. The committee however stands by the main findings of its 1980 report.

The joint committees have expressed their concern and disappointment over the Israeli pre-emptive attack on the Iraqi nuclear power installation in June.

KOREA: (Res. 9) After Conference 1980 a deputation visited the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to express our concern for human

rights in Korea and to request the commutation of the death sentence on opposition leader Kim Dae Jung and the release of political prisoners. A delegation also called upon the Deputy Ambassador of U.S.A. to ask that U.S.A. refrain from giving military and economic support to South Korea while that country continues its oppressive policies.

The death sentence on Kim Dae Jung was commuted early in this year, and sentences on other prisoners were reduced. But Kim Dae Jung continues in detention along with other political detainees, held we believe, without sufficient justification.

NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER: (Res. 11) The Joint Committees have begun a study on some of the issues in the report "North-South: A Programme for Survival" prepared by the international commission under the chairmanship of Willy Brandt. The results of this study will be available at Conference, but we hope to be able to do further study to meet the terms of the Conference request.

B. JOINT REPORT:

1. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:

At the annual meeting of the NCC in February, the Committees agreed to act as an International Affairs Committee for the National Council. The NCC has appointed two of their own representatives to sit with the Committee and a small sub-committee has been established to work with the NCC Wellington Liaison Officer in drawing up statements, or in recommending a course of action to the General Secretary. Background papers produced by the Committee will be circulated to the member churches of the NCC through the General Secretary, Rev. A. MacLeod. The Wellington Liaison Officer was appointed in August, but it will be during the next year that the relationship will begin to work. The Liaison Officer is the Rev. Peter Glensor, a Methodist member of the joint Committee. Mr Glensor's responsibilities are mainly concerned with ecumenical youth work, but his job description includes liaising with the Joint Committee and representing Christian World Service in the Wellington region.

2. COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES DURING 1981:

The Committee has continued to handle its affairs through work-groups and this has proved to be efficient and satisfactory. The time members have available for committee work is the only limiting factor in what can be undertaken in International Affairs. The issues continue to multiply, and the Committee can only tackle matters of immediate concern to New Zealand. We wish that we had the resources to have the services of a research officer to back up the work that is being done. There are few passengers on the Committee with all members being able to become involved, and help shape policy. An all-day Saturday gathering was held in addition to normal monthly meetings with a high percentage of attendance being recorded. Committee membership continues to reflect the theological diversity of our respective Churches as well as the main streams of political differences in our society. We are confident that our work is done in the context of an awareness of the range of thinking in International Affairs in our churches as a whole.

The Rev. W.A. Best was able, with the help of the Committee, to visit the Philippines early in the year when he attended the

Centennial celebrations of the Presbyterian Church of Singapore. This visit was arranged in consultation with the Philippines National Council of Churches. Mr Best spent three days in a rural village and two nights in Manila. He was able to see a little of the work of the Human Rights Commission of the National Council and hold discussions with Church leaders. The Committee believes that Mr Best has opened up new possibilities for another church-to-church relationship, and would ask the Joint Board for Mission Overseas to explore ways of relating to churches in the Philippines and in particular, the Methodist Conference.

Mr Bruce Williams was able to pay a private visit to Australia in August, and as a guest of the Australian Council of Churches attended the launching of the World Council of Churches' report on Aboriginal Affairs. Mr Williams had talks with the staff of the Commission for World Mission.

Dr Peter Utting and Ms Jeya Wilson spent some months overseas this year visiting Africa, Asia and Europe. They spent five weeks in South Africa and made valuable contacts.

Mr Ralph Pannett was in Europe during September and made visits to church bodies with which we have relationships.

3. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

In a departure from past practice, but in order to develop a particular subject in some depth, the Committee is making available to commissioners at Assembly and Conference three background papers. These papers will be sent out to Presbyteries and Synods early in the new year. It is hoped that some time will be set aside for the study of the issues highlighted in these papers. The papers will also be circulated to member churches of the NCC.

The papers deal with the following subjects:

(a) SOUTH AFRICA: AN UPDATE ON APARTHEID.

This document was sent out to Presbyteries for comment during the year. Two replies (Taranaki and Bay of Plenty) gave extensive and worthwhile documentation which has been incorporated. The Committee is grateful for this response. After thirty years of monitoring and reporting on Apartheid and South African affairs the committee attempts to bring the church up-to-date with its concerns.

(b) MILITARISATION : THE THREAT TO CIVILIZATION.

Militarism is the distortion of a society where military values and modes of behaviour exert a dominating influence on the political, economic and social affairs within a state, and foreign relationships of a state, and where the military establishment tends to take control over more functions of national life until it rules supreme.

Militarism is found to divert human and material resources from development, and alleviation of suffering. Further, militaristic tendencies lie behind the escalation of the arms race; the maintenance of the strategy of fear, which is counter productive to peace; and leads to the formation of polarising alliances - which in turn feed the oscillatory balance of fear.

Militarism can be seen on both the international stage and in the neighbourhood street. It is believed to be present in the polarising and channelling into action of civilian disquiet as much as in the counterforce arguments between national supremacists. As such

militarism is believed to be close to the source cause of the escalating arms race, the growth of alliances, and the deterioration of civil harmony. Discussions on these topics, it is contended, must first address the growth of militarism in that specific context.

Christians must confront these issues, think clearly through sometimes emotional arguments, and juxtapose unpleasant facts against the gospel call of "love (my) neighbour". It can lead to unpopular choices - the Cross was a step for the first protagonist - can I ignore the same challenge?

Militarism is advanced as an ultimate problem to be solved if man is to have a future. Recognising the characteristics of militarism we are called to examine trends: in the neighbourhood, within the nation, and internationally; and act against its onset.

(c) WITH THE POOR AND OPPRESSED : A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO THE NORTH-SOUTH REPORT

This report has been prepared as a response to selected issues in "North-South : A Programme for Survival" - the report of the Independent Committee on International Development Issues under the Chairmanship of Willy Brandt. Although we have been selective in dealing only with the issues of aid and development, multi-national enterprises, human rights, and violence as a response to oppression, there are many other matters in the North-South Report which we commend to Christians for study and discussion.

From a Christian perspective the central theme of the book is liberation of people from oppression. The North-South Report appeals for change on the basis of a mutuality of interests between North and South - the principal interests being world peace, together with development for South countries and, consequently, continuing prosperity for North countries.

While we strongly endorse much of the North-South Report's advocacy of a New International Economic Order (N.I.E.O.), and its condemnation of massive expenditures on armaments, we find it unacceptable that a continuing prosperity, as represented by the standards of living of many of the North countries, can be an attainable goal for all people, now or in the future. Although the Church, the Body of Christ, might accept that there are indeed two sides to the North-South debate, the Church must accept its pastoral mandate to stand with the poor and the oppressed, and against the rich and the oppressors. "The call is to live the future - to celebrate our awareness that we can make our life today the shape of tomorrow's future." (Illich)

We recommend the development of guidelines for a Christian fellowship in New Zealand, in terms of an individual standard of living, a Church commitment to human rights, and a national response to oppression everywhere.

Accordingly, as individual Christians we confess to the sin of having more than enough to live out the Gospel, but not doing enough to help our neighbours;

in prayer and in discussion, can each individual adopt a lower standard and live simply so that others may simply live?

As members of a Church, in country or in city, we confess the sin of spending more time and money on ourselves than we do on the poor, the unemployed, the deprived and the oppressed who are our

neighbours;

in prayer and in co-operation, can we manage with less for ourselves so that we can do more to redress the inequalities of our society?

As members of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches of New Zealand, we confess the sin of being compromised by complacency, of putting consensus before conviction, of cherishing the church institution rather than the Body of Christ.

In prayer and in commitment to a universal fellowship, can we develop an affirmative action programme that will challenge all manner of political, social and cultural oppression, wherever it is found, in the name of Jesus Christ?

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Through work-groups the Committee has sought to monitor the situation in a number of countries in different parts of the world. Summaries of this work is given below:

1. AUSTRALIA

Uncertainty hangs over trade and economic agreements between Australia and New Zealand. Consultations continue between the two governments. Relationships with the Uniting Church in Australia continue to grow, especially with the flow of information, and the Committee is grateful to the work of Bruce Williams and the Rev. Richard Wootton in facilitating this flow. The Committee conveners continue to receive the minutes of the International Affairs Committee of the Australian Council of Churches and to be aware of concerns which often parallel our own.

From 15th June to 3rd July a five member World Council of Churches team toured Australia (at the invitation of the ACC) visiting aboriginal communities and discussing with the churches the plight of the Aborigines. The team was led by Dr Anwar Barkat, Director of the WCC programme to combat Racism, and formerly Professor of Political Science and President of Lahore College in Pakistan. Other members came from Zaire, Costa Rica, England and the German Democratic Republic. Their report was published late in August and is strongly critical of the way the Aborigines are treated by the State Governments of Queensland and Western Australia. The visiting team has highlighted the gross exploitation of the Aborigines by mining interests and noted the unjust way in which the law is manipulated to discriminate against their rights and privileges. Malnutrition through Government neglect is widespread and a recent report on aboriginal health paints a sad picture - life expectancy is an average of 52 years, infant mortality is three times higher than it is for white Australians, anaemia ten to twelve times more common, and trachoma fifteen times greater. In many places, deprived of traditional food supplies and water, and alienated from their lands, the Aborigines live in sub-standard housing and depend on dole money for their survival.

Before leaving Australia, Dr Barkat asked Australians "not to make light of the burden of justice for Aborigines because you have been given much in the way of resources ... You are a rich country by all standards and yet there are poor people who have never been a part of your community." (quoted in One World No. 69, p. 14)

Already some Aboriginal groups are seeking a boycott of the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane unless claims for justice are met. The A.C.C. and member churches are conscious of the way in which they have failed in the past to stand by the Aboriginal communities and assist their struggles and has set 1988, the bi-centenary of white settlements in Australia, as the deadline for enacting just and effective land-rights legislation in all States.

The committee believes that the Churches must watch the situation in Australia with great care, and where possible support the Uniting Church in its endeavour to seek the redress of injustice for the Aboriginal people.

2. THE PACIFIC

(a) New Caldeonia:

The Committee has begun its study of French interests in the Pacific by preparing a study of New Caledonia. We seek to establish church contacts during the next year, with both the Protestant Church of New Caledonia and France. The committee hopes to complete its study during 1982.

(b) Nuclear Weapons Free-Zone:

The Committee has over a number of years drawn the attention of Conference and Assembly to this policy of the Pacific Council of Churches and its constituent bodies. At regular intervals the Committee makes representations to the Government on this matter. In this election year it plans to take the matter up with the three main political parties.

3. THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA:

(a) South Africa:

Early in 1981 the Committee decided to invite the Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa to send representatives to New Zealand in order to (i) confer over possible church-to-church relationships and (ii) to learn first hand about the mission of the church in South Africa. After some consideration the General Secretary, Mr I.C.Aitken and the wife of a former Moderator of the Assembly, Mrs Jean Jolobe, visited us, and spent time moving around the country talking with Methodist/Presbyterian groups. The Executive Secretary, Rev. W.A. Best, travelled with Mr Aitken and Mrs Jolobe in the South Island - Mr Best and Mr Aitken are personal friends, and Mrs Joan Anderson and her husband accompanied our visitors in the North Island. The Committee feels that the visit was worthwhile and proposes a church-to-church relationship, with the idea that another exchange takes place in either 1983 or 1984 when representatives of the Assembly might visit South Africa at the invitation of the Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa. Our visitors responded warmly to the possibility of a one year scholarship to enable a student in training for the ministry to study at Knox College. The Committee is enthusiastic about this idea and wishes to initiate discussions with the Principal and Staff of Knox College and other relevant committees, about the way in which this proposal might be implemented.

(b) Human Rights Violations in Black Africa:

The Committee has been disturbed to read about extensive violations in Uganda, and at the time of preparing this report is investigating the reports through the World Council of Churches.

(c) New Zealand Representation in Africa:

The Committee has been a consistent advocate of New Zealand representation in strategic countries in Black Africa. We hope that the negotiations for cross creditation will be successfully concluded, and avenues of communication established with New Zealand. Black Africa is not represented in New Zealand, but an African Information Centre in Wellington supplies some of the contact. This centre is supported in part by a grant from Foreign Affairs.

4. ASIA:

a) South Korea:

President Chan has consolidated his power. His visits to the U.S.A. and ASEAN countries has widened the acceptance of his regime. It is to be hoped that this will enable his government to relax some of the restrictions imposed on the people. A number of prisoners have been freed but many are still held in conditions that call for protest. A Presbyterian student leader and a Catholic young workers' leader were beaten unconscious for making such protests.

The closure of the Hankuk Seminary, the principal college of the ROK (Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea), the public suicide of a student on the anniversary of the Kwangju incident point to continuing unrest with problems for churches which try to speak out.

"The real tragedy is the distance between the hopes concealed in the peoples' hearts and the face of contentment they must show to a regime bent on total allegiance and total control. Maintaining this facade each and every day, fearful lest their real sentiments be detected, slowly chips away at the peoples' longing and determination to bring their hopes to fruition. All that's left is a frightening emptiness, and a burning anger."

(b) Taiwan:

The firm courage of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan in refusing to fill the place of their General Secretary now in prison for harbouring a fugitive is a witness to the nation and to the whole Church. The Assembly affirmed that there was and is no vacancy and placed on record their belief that Dr C.M. Kao's action was something which the Gospel commended and the Church approved.

The suspicious death of Professor Chen Wen-cheng after questioning by the Taiwan Garrison Command has highlighted the problems within Taiwan and the concern of the government to suppress attempts to work for greater sharing of power by native born Taiwanese both within Taiwan and among students and citizens overseas. Many mourners at a memorial service in the U.S.A. wore disguise lest they be identified by Taiwan government agents.

(c) Japan:

United States pressure on Japan to increase its military expenditure and capability has aroused concern about Tokyo's defence policies within Japan itself and in the ASEAN and Pacific regions. This is a matter of deep concern for Japanese Christians who fear a distortion of national priorities.

(d) The Philippines:

As indicated earlier in this report, the Rev. W.A. Best visited the Philippines earlier in the year, saw something of the work of the churches, and held consultations with executive officers of the

National Council of Churches. The Committee is grateful to Mr Best for making the visit at its suggestion, and of the contacts he made. Because of the importance of the Philippines to the Association of South East Asian States (ASEAN), and of its strategic significance to the Western Alliance through the United States the Committee has undertaken a special study of the Republic, and this is appended to the report. The Committee believes that our two churches should seek a closer relationship with sister denominations in the Philippines and seek to understand better the situation in the islands of the Republic.

5. THE MIDDLE EAST:

(a) Afghanistan:

The committee notes with concern the intractable situation in Afghanistan in which the Soviet Union is increasing its military commitment with little sign of any political settlement. It is a matter of deep regret that the initiative taken by Britain and other members of the EEC has so far met with a disappointing response from the Soviet Union.

(b) Iran:

One cannot be optimistic about the long term stability of Iran, and like the international community in general, New Zealand can do little but express its concern at the continuing disorder and widespread brutality against dissent of any kind.

(c) Israel and her neighbours:

Although we may not be speaking for the whole church in our stance, the committee remains highly critical of the attitudes and actions of the present government of the State of Israel.

The sympathy engendered by Israel's history, destiny and undoubtedly difficult situation cannot ignore or excuse the belligerent attitude of the Benji administration.

The Israeli government has so abused the provision of American arms intended for defensive purposes that one must seriously question whether there is not any military action upon her neighbours which Israel would not be prepared to execute if she believed it to be in her interests to do so. There is a growing disregard for civilian casualties which suggests that Israel is becoming as heedless of human life and suffering as the terrorists of which she complains.

It has not helped those who would wish to be more supportive of Israel to observe a studied lack of co-operation with those concerned for the human rights of all people. The persistent side-stepping of the painstakingly moderate enquiries of Amnesty International on behalf of maltreated prisoners and suspects is a well documented illustration of this failure (see, Report and Recommendations of an Amnesty International Mission to the Government of the State of Israel, 3-7 June 1979). Neither the Committee, nor Amnesty International would consider themselves unrealistic about the pressures of the situation, but the unwillingness of the Israeli authorities to consider substantial cases of complaint with even a modicum of seriousness is inexcusable.

Israel does have legitimate security needs. It is true that her neighbours do not recognise her right to exist. It is also true that Israel has not been conspicuous in its efforts to make it easy for them to do so. Israel does suffer from wanton attacks. This no doubt makes it difficult for it to respond in a moderate and responsible fashion, but it should not make it impossible.

We wish to see a secure State of Israel at peace with her neighbours. We wish an end to terrorism for whatever cause. We call for the Arab states to indicate their preparedness in principle to recognise the State of Israel, and we would ask that Israel take steps to make this possible. We would call on all countries to ensure that Jewish minorities within their borders receive fair and equal treatment under the law, in housing, education, land ownership regulations and social welfare, and we would ask Israel to do the same for non-Jewish, particularly Arab peoples living within her present borders. The United States is a major influence in the whole area, and we would also express the hope that it will persist in its efforts to find a peaceful solution and that in so doing it will not be intimidated by the more extreme elements in the Jewish vote in America.

6. EUROPE:

(a) Christianity and Communism:

The concern of the Christian Church with Communism and Communist regimes is necessarily expressed at several levels. It includes regard for the situation of religious believers living in Communist countries, responsible dialogue with Communist ideology, and the desire that Christians in the West should have some appreciation of the complexities of that ideology and its implications so that they are less susceptible to manipulation from either pro or anti communist bases.

For some years the International Relations Committee has financially supported the work of Keston College in Britain and also its New Zealand counterpart, the New Zealand Society for the study of Religion and Communism. It believes that the task of obtaining and disseminating reliable information is of vital importance. The picture that emerges from this information is that the authorities in the Soviet Union continue to seek to control the church and undermine its effectiveness. In general the means used are more subtle than in the past, but still notoriously ineffective. It is high time that the Soviet government realised that the Christian Church and the Christian faith are constructive elements in society and that it gave up bending and breaking its own laws in futile attempts to suppress faith in God.

The involvement of the World Council of Churches in formal dialogue with Communism is well known. Since the value of this is not always recognised, it should be noted that at the very least we cannot condemn what we do not understand, and it is only right that ideologies be examined with respect to the intentions expressed by their ideals, as well as with respect to the reality of their practice. Particularly since the Nairobi Conference of 1975, the WCC has begun to take a more active role on behalf of religious believers who have been arrested and sentenced harshly for at best trivial and frequently dubious reasons.

It remains a matter of some concern that some Christians in the West find it difficult to relate to the whole of the Christian spectrum within the Soviet Union and other Communist countries. We need to learn from and support Christians who in response to the peculiar pressures under which they are seeking to live out their faith, have taken different roads in their relationship with the State in order to preserve an authentic witness to Jesus Christ.

(b) Poland:

Like many others we have monitored the events in Poland and the substantial achievements of Solidarity and other movements for reform,

with a mixture of admiration and anxiety. The Committee has expressed publicly its concern that the Soviet Union may seek to take military action as it did in Hungary (1956), in Czechoslovakia (1968) and Afghanistan (1979), and that concern has not diminished. We would wish to be supportive of the Catholic Church in Poland and feel that we have much to learn from their example of faith, courage, suffering and diplomacy. The economic difficulties of the country are deep seated and present their own temptations for totalitarian solutions. The West must do all it can to assist economic recovery and to help preserve the hard won gains of political and religious freedom, however constrained they may still remain.

7. LATIN AMERICA:

El Salvador:

El Salvador is the smallest of the Central American republics, smaller than the size of the North Island, with a population of 5 million. Like the rest of Latin America, El Salvador was colonized by the Spanish, and following independence in the early nineteenth century was ruled by a small local elite. This governing oligarchy known as the "Fourteen Families" has monopolized both economic and political power, and on their behalf the military has ruled with an iron fist. In 1932, the military took over the running of the country and 100,000 Salvadoreans were massacred in what was seen as a necessary step to ensure "social tranquility" and maintenance of a profitable economy.

Since 1932, the powerless have tried every conceivable avenue to win reforms; literacy training, community development, cooperatives, electoral politics. But each attempt, when it seemed to be about to work, was blocked by the oligarchy and crushed by the military. Elections have been fraudulent or reversed by coup d'etat - and sometimes by both. Denied justice through existing institutions, the people turned to extra-parliamentary political activity. Guerilla groups and church sponsored peasant organizations were followed on the broad-based "organizaciones populares" (Popular Organizations). The regime replied with blanket repression.

On 11th January 1980, various groups within the Popular Organizations formed a common front. On 22nd January, 300,000 Salvadoreans demonstrated in support of the new unity. Twenty-one died and 120 were wounded when the military opened fire on the march. Two months later Archbishop Romero was gunned down - in large part for his outspoken belief that the Popular Organizations should play a substantial role in the political management of the country. Over the past year more than 10,000 people have been killed in El Salvador by death squads and the military. Many times that number of people have fled for their lives, to places of refuge within the country, or across the borders.

To add to this evil that already stalks the country, the U.S. government decided to make a test case of the revolutionary war in El Salvador, choosing to see it as a threat of Soviet expansionism, rather than as a war where the people are fighting for their basic human rights. On this basis the U.S. has stepped up military aid to the country and announced that aid to the ruling junta is not conditional on respect for human rights. (The murder of four nuns from the U.S. brought a short suspension of U.S. aid to the junta.)

It is against a background such as this the words of Archbishop

Romero ring true. "Profound religion leads to political commitment and in a country such as ours where injustice reigns, conflict is inevitable When a dictatorship seriously threatens human rights and the common good of the nation, when they become unsupportable and close themselves to all channels of dialogue, understanding and rationality, then the church speaks of the legitimate right to insurrectional violence."

8. AID AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Committee is concerned at the lack of Government aid for development. It now stands at just under 0.3% of the Gross National Product. In this election year the Committee will raise the matter with the Labour, National and Social Credit parties in an effort to secure commitments for a higher level.

G.M. McIver
J.A. Veitch - Conveners

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. The Conference asks the Joint Board for Mission Overseas to investigate a relationship with the churches in the Philippines and to report back results of further contact.
3. The Conference asks the Joint Board for Mission Overseas and the Joint International Relations Committee to develop relations with the Protestant Church in New Caledonia, and to give through that church, whatever support is possible and practical to help that Nation achieve self-government and independence.
4. The Conference recommends that Synods and Circuits/Parishes study the North-South Report and its implications and discusses ways in which these implications could be expressed in personal and corporate church life.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
SUPPLEMENTARY CONFERENCE REPORT 1981

THE MESSAGE OF OBEDIENCE '81

We, Methodist people of Southern Africa who have gathered for the largest and most representative assembly in the 165 years of our Church's history, share with our fellow Methodists what we believe God has been saying in and through the Obedience '81 Conference.

For seven days we met as a people bound by a common covenant, committed to participate fully in all the proceedings and to search our hearts for what the Lordship of Jesus Christ means to us as Methodists in Southern Africa in the eighties.

From the outset we have joy in declaring that we serve a mighty God. Ours was no easy journey together. Yet He was always there, leading us forward to see His truth and to receive His love and power. As we were reminded of our heritage with its roots firmly in the Bible, the Wesleys and Africa, He was there. As we wrestled with our diversity and division, we became angry and hurt, the seeds of our own violence and fear exploded to the surface redoubling our pain. Yet He was there.

God in Christ was in the midst and He brought us to repentance. He opened our eyes to our sin and to the wounds inflicted on each other by our insensitivity, bitterness and fear. We cried out for His forgiveness and redeeming grace.

While there is much for which we still need to repent we now celebrate with you that He did not abandon us but illuminated our way with the light of His living Spirit.

Out of this costly journey, we share the hope we have found together:

1. GOD HAS A VITAL AND IMMEDIATE TASK FOR THE METHODIST CHURCH.

We reaffirmed that within our beliefs are embraced the central elements of the Christian Faith, and within our family belong the broadest spectrum of people. God challenged us to give priority to the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ and to demonstrate His grace in visible social action.

2. GOD EXPECTS US TO BE WHOLE PEOPLE, healed by His forgiveness and filled with His Spirit. He challenges our lack of prayer, our failure to earth our lives in Scripture, and our compromises with personal sin. We accepted His promise of power, where in the past we argued about the Holy Spirit instead of opening our lives to Him. These failings in obedience to Christ's example have imprisoned the Church and we call upon all our people to claim now the 'full, free and present salvation' which is in Jesus Christ and is the mark of every true Methodist.

3. GOD COMMANDS HIS CHURCH TO BE A PATTERN OF HIS WAY OF LOVE, proclaiming salvation, demonstrating unity, expressing acceptance of one another in and beyond our own cultural and racial group. This Church, from its local congregation level, is to be an undivided community practising reconciliation at its deepest and most costly. The whole Church is to proclaim and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ with clarity and conviction, to offer caring ministries which can

recognise and heal the pain of His suffering people. The Church is to be God's living visible Good News in a fragmented society. TRUST between ministers and confidence in the laity is to be the cement of its programme. TRUTH, not expediency is to direct its course, LOVE is to permeate its every structure. Essentially we are a Church of Africa and we must discover afresh the implications of our unique heritage.

4. GOD SEEKS A FREE SOUTH AFRICA, delivered from the violence of oppression, revolution and war. In listening to the cries of those in our body who endure our land's apartheid laws and other discriminatory practices and attitudes, we know that we have touched only the edge of their pain. What we have heard convicts us that every Methodist must witness against this disease which infects all our people and leaves none unscathed in our Church and country. We call upon every Methodist to reject apartheid. We have experienced how hard it is to abandon long-held prejudice and long-felt bitterness. But we have seen God work this miracle in us. It happened because we continued to search for each other even at our time of deepest division and despair.

There has been no mistaking the hand of God in the proceedings of Obedience '81. Individual lives were transformed and resolute views surrendered as the Holy Spirit moved amongst us. Perhaps the greatest sense of foreboding was that in spite of all the painful lessons of the past, we might fail yet again to move from resolution to action. There can be no compromising the immediacy of this message nor its urgency. If we are to be true to Jesus, NOW is the time for us to move forward together to claim this destiny and become obedient followers of Jesus Christ, the Son of Man.

We now declare to all South Africans that there is a better way where people who have discovered their love for each other translate it into justice for all. We believe it to be the way of the Cross. We choose it knowing that we cannot walk it unless we receive from Him through the indwelling Holy Spirit the weapons of courage, compassion and commitment.

Our hearts and attitudes have been touched and changed by the Holy Spirit's work at Obedience '81. We have experienced a healing which has lifted us from the very agony of division and despair to the joy of unity and praise.

We, therefore, promise before Almighty God and each other that we will henceforth live and work to bring into reality the concept of an undivided Church and a free and just Southern Africa.

Recommendation:

1. That Conference commends the message of the Obedience '81 Conference (printed above) and asks representatives to convey it to Circuits and Parishes.

REPORT OF THE JOINT PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONFERENCE 1981

INTRODUCTION

Three major issues have dominated the field of public questions this year - the Springbok Tour, unemployment and matters of energy and development. In the Church as in the community, these issues have caused intense debate and action. The Committee, while deploring many adverse effects, sees also a positive result in making church members think through existing opinions and prejudices and measure contemporary events against the Gospel message.

The rights of people is clearly the fundamental issue - especially the rights of the oppressed, those who are powerless and often voiceless, the victims of our society. The Committee in assessing its response to the questions of the day, affirms first and foremost, respect for the dignity of persons and their right to inviolability to physical and psychological injury, in creating a just and responsible society.

Inevitably this leads to a conflict of rights and it is here that the Gospel clearly points to God's primary concern for the disadvantaged and the need for Christians to accept "sacrifice" of status, money and personal comfort in identifying with Christ and his ministry to them.

While acknowledging that for some in the Church there is a growing desire to identify with the disadvantaged, the attitude of many seems to be one of continuing conservatism, either of indifference to political and social issues as not being the business of the Church, or of open and even hostile reaction to the policies of Assembly and Conference which the Committee carries out.

Whether the fault lies in a lack of training of ministers in questions of social justice or in an unwillingness of ministers to teach and lead their people in matters of social action, is hard to say. It seems, however, that in the understanding of many members and ministers, the Christian faith is more the upholder of the status quo, and the powers that be, than an agent for change towards a better world.

SPRINGBOK TOUR:

(i) Summary of Statements Made

This one issue has absorbed the largest part of the energy and work of the Committee this year. This can be seen from the following list of documents which have been produced.

The Committee initiated interchurch action in opposing the tour. It was instrumental in bringing together the Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, together with the Associated Churches of Christ, the Society of Friends and the National Council of Churches. In common memory there has been no other issue in which so many Churches have witnessed together in unity.

In October 1980, a petition to Parliament was circulated to Methodist and Presbyterian congregations and some in other Churches. The purpose of this "snap" petition was to gain enough support to wait on the Government and present a case. Some 10,000 people signed it and it was presented to the Minister of Foreign Affairs just before last Assembly and Conference.

A fortnight later, a delegation of Church leaders met with members

of the Rugby Union Council and presented a paper (Appendix I) prepared by the Rev. Angus MacLeod. This was the first "outside" delegation received by the Council.

In early December, the Churches were called to present a case supporting the petition, to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives (Appendix II).

Although none of these efforts gained the desired decision to have the tour cancelled, it showed clearly the unequivocal stance of the Churches, based on the moral, social and political issues involved, to be part of the anti-tour movement.

Again in July, the Heads of Churches, at the initiative of the Committee, sent out a message to all church members concerning the tour (Appendix III) and a call to prayer on the eve of the arrival of the Springbok team.

With regard to the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, the Committee issued a leaflet "Why Christians say no! to apartheid". More than 13,000 copies of this leaflet were widely distributed. Also at Easter time, a packet of information of Assembly and Conference decisions concerning South Africa together with special messages from Moderator and President, were sent to every congregation.

Every effort was made to inform members of the main points of the issue and to stimulate open discussion throughout the Churches.

(ii) Theological Issues Raised

The basic issue is apartheid in its denial that before God, all people are of equal worth. In the inequalities and injustices of human society, God's command is "Let my people go!" and the work of our Lord is "to set free the oppressed."

Therefore for all followers of Christ it is imperative to pray and to work for the liberation of the black people of South Africa. This means among other things not to support, directly or indirectly, the white Government of that country until they undertake seriously the dismantling of apartheid. There are no real signs of this at present.

The hosting of an official Springbok team in our country by the decisions of Government and Rugby Union, gives support to the apartheid regime. The opposing of the tour is the Christian way to express our beliefs. This is clear in the message of Bishop Desmond Tutu to Christians in New Zealand:

"On behalf of the Churches in South Africa and many of the Christians here, I want to say that we are very deeply appreciative of your peaceful efforts on our behalf in trying to oppose the system of apartheid and to say straight away that what you are doing in your country is giving very considerable encouragement and support to people who are voiceless."

Attempts were made by the authorities to change the issue from one of apartheid to one of law and order. What is the Christian's duty in this? Normally it must be to uphold the laws of the land and above all not to violate people or property. But there is a higher law for Christians, the law of love, which may supercede other laws, if the need to help and save people demands. Examples of people who have done this are many and include Martin Luther King, Gandhi and Jesus himself.

The question of whether the Church "speaks for me" has been raised many times against the work of this Committee. The true position is

that the Committee acts for Assembly and Conference to implement their decisions and policies and is answerable to them. It is for individual members to test their opinions and beliefs against the statements of the Committee, point out errors in them or be open to change themselves, always keeping the right of individual conscience before God.

The criticism that the Church "should not be involved in politics" is valid if it means non-involvement in "party politics". The Church however cannot abrogate its responsibility for the improvement of the social economic and political life of the country. Those who make this criticism may well be themselves members of a political party, and their reaction may arise from the Committee's criticism of their party's policies.

(iii) Results of the Tour

This tour that was forced on an unwilling country by the decisions of the Government and the Rugby Union, has brought many unwanted results - deep divisions within families and between friends; misunderstanding, racial prejudice and personal abuse; an opportunity for violence in our communities and an escalating use of force by the police; physical and psychological shock and battering of individuals; a sense of sadness, bitterness and disenchantment throughout the land. It was the Prime Minister who, in allowing the tour to proceed, said it would be "a disaster". His words have been proved right. New Zealand has crossed a threshold of pain.

Nevertheless, there are also growing points both for the Church and the society. Hope is an essential companion to division and strife. The issue has made everyone make choices and reassess beliefs. Many have learned a new sensitivity to the needs of the oppressed not just for food but for justice. Many have found a new commitment to be involved in meeting those needs not only in South Africa or the world but also in New Zealand. It is still a question whether society is mature enough to make use of these choices, or try to believe and live as if nothing different has happened.

The credibility of the Church has been put on the line by the tour. In many places and through a number of Christians, ministers and members, the Church has been seen to initiate and uphold the moral, social and political issues. But many have sided with the status quo. The rhetoric of statements and sermons have not always been turned into positive Christian action. The Church itself has become part of the learning experience which brings the Gospel into new relevance, and faces the choice to accept or reject the challenge.

The dilemma of the Church lies in accepting both its prophetic role, to speak and act against everything that is contrary to the will of God, and its pastoral role, to care for the oppressed, for those who oppress them and also for those who, for whatever reason, prejudice or fear, "couldn't care less" - not only in accepting the two roles but in holding them together within the Christian and the secular communities.

To be able to do this is to begin to understand the essential ministry, the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and so be opened to new possibilities of faith.

UNEMPLOYMENT

(i) The Present Situation

It is clear that unemployment is now a national crisis. While the

struggle to understand the economic causes and solutions, however complex, must become a priority, sight must not be lost of the very important human problem involving many individuals and families and indeed the welfare of the whole society.

On the one hand the employment scene is changing at a fast rate and the effects of technology on the next 5 years are difficult to assess. On the other hand, the traditional solutions to unemployment are inadequate even as a stop-gap measure.

The extent of the problem is arguable depending on what scale of measurement is used. The Government's system of adding together registered unemployed and those on special temporary work schemes totals 71,000 while the estimate in the report of the National Research Advisory Committee is 150,000 and includes "hidden statistics" of those not actively seeking but wishing to be employed, many of whom are married women.

The Committee believes that continuing research in the form of regular household surveys, should be funded by Government to keep a close check on the size and extent of the real situation.

What is also clear is that the numbers of unemployed are increasing on whatever scale is used. The N.R.A.C. report notes that from 1974-79 there have been 100,000 added to the work force but only 7,000 new full time jobs created. Registered unemployed in 1977 numbered 4,000 and in 1980, over 40,000. The figure could rise to 300,000 (registered and "hidden") by 1985. While the Government's projected development schemes will provide new jobs, the Committee is sceptical that these will substantially reduce unemployment especially in the short term.

Those^{most} affected by unemployment will probably be school leavers, especially Maori school leavers, and women. Because of the lack of employment, there could well be a backlash against women who compete for jobs.

The impact of unemployment is not just a matter of economics but also affects the health of both individuals and society. Those engaged in welfare and counselling services are aware of the correlation between unemployment and the rapid increase of marital stress, stress between parents and children and the breakdown of the family unit. Studies in the U.S.A. (Brenner Report 1977) show that a 1% rise in unemployment was followed by a 2% rise in total mortality 4% in suicide deaths, 6% in homicides, 3% in first admissions to mental hospitals and 4% in admission to prisons.

In the Wellington region in 1978, the unemployed were found to be 16.5 times more likely to harm themselves according to public and psychiatric hospital admissions.

So far it seems that little attention is being given to the long term effects of unemployment on the health and welfare of the country.

(ii) the Committee's work during the year.

Last Assembly/Conference called on Presbyteries/Synods to "hold regional seminars on unemployment and to prepare specific plans to meet this urgent situation". 12 Presbyteries and Districts replied to this call. 2 held seminars and in 3 others there were discussions or speakers. 3 Presbyteries said that local groups were handling the issue but did not state their own participation or not. 2 said they would hold seminars later and 2 refused to hold one. Other Presbyteries

may have held one but did not report. In view of the urgency and importance of the issue, the Committee believes the response was inadequate and will make another call in the coming year. Also a short working paper "Seven points on unemployment" was circulated, mainly as a starter for discussion. 28 Parishes replied, 25 gave general approval while 3 criticised it for being too political, too negative and too unspiritual. 19 Presbyteries also replied.

During the current year, a working group has produced a kitset with information, suggested programmes drawn from local experience and a 3 part Biblical study on unemployment. These will be distributed to Presbyteries/Synods who will be asked to encourage all congregations to use and act on the material supplied.

Members of the Church, because of its middle class status tend not to know unemployed people. Nevertheless there is still a strong Christian need to help those who are victims of unemployment as well as to consider changes in the economic and social structure of a society which creates unemployment.

(iii) what can be done?

In such a large and complex problem, there are no easy answers. Each area should be encouraged to tackle it in their own way but here are some suggestions for local action.

- (a) The section on "programmes of assistance" in "Jobs and People" is a useful guide. See also material in the Kitset.
- (b) Encourage local secondary schools to have classes for training in employment skills.
- (c) Consider the scheme of Detached Youth Workers, appointed and funded by the Ministry of Recreation and Sport. There are about 30 already working throughout the country and many of these are seconded to Church and Social Service agencies. They work with the under 25's.
- (d) Ask the Government through your local Member of Parliament, to conduct a realistic assessment of work and unemployment over the next 5 years in your area. This should include an assessment of personal and social factors as well as economic.
- (e) Study possible long term solutions which may require not so much the pumping in of new resources but the redistribution of present resources and a change in the structures of our society.
- (f) Recommitment of the aim of full employment which could be described as the useful engagement of every person in society in a way which gives them self-worth.

ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT

The Committee has discussed these matters mainly in connection with the smelter project at Aramoana and the declared need for more energy to meet this and other new development.

There are many interconnected issues involved and several of these have been taken up with the Minister of Energy. In December, three members of the Committee met with the Minister. Questions raised in later correspondence asked about provisions for adjustment in the charge-out rate for electricity supplied to the consortium; about export incentives or tax concessions; whether equal consideration would be given to the impact on the social as well as the natural environ-

ment; the need for an independent economic task force to look objectively at the developments of aluminium smelting in New Zealand and its relation to similar developments in Australia.

The Minister's reply dealt with the price of electricity, allayed fears about expert or tax concessions, expressed the Government's confidence in the healthy future of the aluminium industry and that any risks are within acceptable bounds, and affirmed that the impact report would cover all aspects. He did not comment on the possibility of an independent economic task force.

The debate as to pros and cons has continued to rage among the experts while the project gradually becomes a reality. The Committee has decided to take no further action and has not made submissions although at a later date the Assembly Social Service Committee wrote asking for submission to be made in respect of:

- i. the increasing cost of electricity especially with respect to poorer families.
- ii. the limited opportunities of job creation from the smelter in comparison with the high capital expenditure. (Fletchers estimate the creation of 25,000 "down-stream jobs").
- iii. the social welfare of displaced families.

At present there are amendments proposed to the National Development ("fast track") Act. The Committee will be looking at these and may bring a further report to Assembly/Conference.

WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

During the year a new working group was set up in response to questions raised about the Working Women's Charter. Contact was made with the A.P.W. and the M.W.F. as well as with the National Council of Women. Not only has the Working Women's Charter been considered but also the O.E.C.D.'s "Declaration on policies for the employment of women."

The group has decided to focus on the issue of the rights of women in employment especially as it is expressed in the first clause of the Charter "the right to work for everyone". The O.E.C.D. document stresses the need for employment policies which "offer men and women equal employment opportunities, independently of the rate of economic growth and conditions in the labour market".

The Committee is also concerned at the role of women in the Church. Although all positions in our two Churches are open to women nevertheless there is in fact no proportionate sharing of positions. This state of affairs has so far been discussed informally with leaders of the A.P.W. and will be investigated further. An addendum report on these matters may be brought to Assembly/Conference.

GAMBLING

Our paper on "Casinos in New Zealand" sent to the Churches for discussion and comment has drawn an unequivocal and clear cut response.

Not only did we receive over 110 responses (one of the highest we have ever received) but they were unanimous in their opposition, not just to the establishment of casinos, but to any further expansion of gambling in New Zealand.

Many mentioned Government actions such as increasing the 50 cents double at the T.A.B. to a minimum dollar bet; replacing the \$1 ticket, \$60,000 first prize Golden Kiwi jackpot lottery with a \$2 ticket

\$110,000 first prize; the introduction of civic lotteries; the holding of more and more \$750,000 lottery and the introduction of \$20 ticket.

Last year's statement that gambling's "get rich quick" approach was contrary to a sound economic order was strongly endorsed, and concern was expressed that the Government seems intent on bigger and bigger lotteries in a time of high unemployment.

Another particular area of concern was the deeply entrenched and steadily expanding tendency to finance organizations including social welfare projects such as old people's homes from the proceeds of new or established forms of gambling.

There appears to be, on Government's part, a deliberate assumption that the best way to raise necessary funds is by giving people the opportunity to benefit themselves at the same time.

To persist in this assumption is to encourage a vicious circle. The public is told that funds are needed (e.g. Sports Lottery) and that gambling will provide them; the form of gambling becomes established in its own right and the alleged objective is forgotten; further needs develop (e.g. Wellington Town Hall) and more gambling is required. The vicious circle continues.

It would be irresponsible to ignore the real danger which underlies the method of raising funds to continue to depend primarily on an appeal of self-interest could well dry-up those elements of concern and compassion without which, a society becomes selfish, indifferent, hard and even cruel.

The Church must continue to express its opposition both to the concept of a casino and to any further extension of gambling facilities. In view of the well-organised and well-funded campaign that is seeking to establish the need for a casino complex it is imperative that local churches, and concerned individuals write to both, the Minister of Internal Affairs and to their local M.P. expressing their strong and continuing opposition to any possible introduction of casinos. As well as this local action, the Committee will continue to represent the strong opposition of the churches, to the Minister of Internal Affairs and to the members of the Government.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE POLICE

While this issue has surfaced again as a consequence of the Springbok Tour this is not a new issue. In 1976, a report by the Methodist Public Questions stated "...in a situation such as Taumaranui where the legal justification for the actions which resulted in loss of life, rest so heavily on individual judgments, and opinions as to "what might have happened" becomes so important, "the facts" are very hard to determine. In such circumstances it is very difficult for the Police themselves to convince an often sceptical and emotionally involved section of the public, that their own investigation has been impartial and free from unconscious bias. In our view, this is an impossible task, which we as a community should not ask of the Police. This matter was reported on also to Assembly in the same year.

Two years later, the Chief Ombudsman, Mr. G.R. Laking, devoted a portion of his annual report to what he called "the question.... which merits serious consideration is whether an Ombudsman is the most appropriate authority to investigate complaints against the Police".

This conclusion was, that it was not that "....these complaints could be more satisfactorily investigated by a tribunal whose jurisdiction was not confined to investigating matters of administration only and the making of recommendations - one which could as a matter of general practice have evidence brought before it and examined and cross-examined on oath..... The essential requirements of such tribunalare that it should be independent of the structure or at least include representation from outside the structure it should be seen to be impartial; and its procedure should be readily accessible to the public at minimum cost to them....."

The Committee believes that it is a matter of some urgency that Mr. Laking's suggestions be implemented. In the present state of division and indeed suspicion in our community it would be to the advantage of both the police and the public if two reputable people, a man and a woman were appointed by the Ombudsman, to sit as independent assessors on any Police tribunal.

Looking at complaints where injury or death has resulted as a consequence of Police action.

We hope that such an appointment would not be seen as an attack on the integrity of our Police, who have a proud record of being free from corruption but rather as a means whereby a sense of trust between the Police and the Community can be restored. The presence of such persons on the tribunal would create a sense of confidence that not only would justice be done but that it would also be seen to be done.

For the present situation to continue, where complaints are investigated by the Police alone, could always leave doubt in some minds.

PENAL REFORM

New Zealand spends almost \$40,000,000 per year on its penal institutions and has one of the highest rates of imprisonment in the world. The Committee considers that these depressing facts are a result of the highly punitive attitude existing in the community and of the limited range of penal options available to the courts. While there are many areas in New Zealand's current policy that are humane, there has been little practical development over the last fifteen years. Progressive moves have been hindered by the continuing public attitude of "bashing the bashers" and public outcry only seems to be aroused when an offender is perceived to "get off" too lightly.

But perhaps the major injustice in New Zealand's penal policy is the emphasis on punitive imprisonment and its inherent dangers of rehabilitation and restitution. The recent move towards Community Sentences is to be applauded. There seems little sense in sentencing to prison those convicted for non payment of fines or for debts.

The Committee has in recent years spent a considerable amount of time and research on the subject of criminal violence and penal reform. Members of the Committee have studied various draft Bills and have made submissions to the Statutes Revision Committee on such legislation as, the Police Offences Amendment Bill 1976, the Children and Young Persons Amendment Bill 1977, and The Special Select Committee on Violent Offending, 1979. This year the Committee made a submission to the Justice Department's Penal Policy Review, a summary of which is Appendix IV (Copies of the full submission on request).

However the Committee believes that little will be achieved in penal reform until New Zealanders become a more caring community and assume a new understanding of crime and violence. It is only by such

a change that we can avoid the waste in human lives and resources that are denoted by our penal statistics.

There is a role for the churches in this. Firstly it must educate itself about prisons and penal policy in New Zealand. Secondly it cannot seek change unless it is more actively concerned about prisoners. Thirdly, the Church must work for more positive sentences being available to the courts such as Community Sentences and be involved at the parish/circuit level in using this type of sentencing. Fourthly the Church should actively campaign in the community as part of the continuing outreach of the Church in the areas of social justice, recognising that it is the task of the Church to side with the poor, the oppressed, and the imprisoned.

INTEGRATION OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS

This issue, which in various forms has been a long standing debate at least in the Presbyterian Church, was raised by a request from the Presbyterian Church Schools Committee. It asked that the matter of teacher training for religious studies in Integrated schools be looked at.

The specific question concerned the provision of courses at all Colleges, distinct from those offered for preparing to teach in Catholic schools. It appears that courses on a broad-based, non-sectarian syllabus are now being offered throughout the system. Special sectarian courses are available but not as a part of regular College programmes.

Some members of the Committee met with Wellington members of the Church Schools Committee. The latter seemed satisfied with teacher preparation courses. They also said that, on the whole, Presbyterian schools felt no need to integrate.

The Committee, however, has some misgivings about the effect of Integrated schools on the State system. On the one hand, Integrated schools give more choice to parents without the burden of ever increasing fees. On the other, State schools tend to be more affected by economic restraints and fluctuations in student numbers.

By integration, schools keep their "special character" (usually the religious teaching), their staff ratios are fixed as at the time of integration, they are not subject to zoning controls, the number of "other" students (e.g. non-Catholics in Catholic Schools) is fixed at 5%, and Government funding covers all running expenses (not capital expenditure) and so constitutes total state aid.

In view of the reported Australian experience of the increase in demand for independent and Church schools as a sign of the widening gap in that society and to the detriment of State schools, the Committee expresses general concern about the two, or perhaps three-tiered system which is now being more firmly established in this country and about the detrimental effects it may be having on the State system.

THE CHURCH AND INVESTMENTS

Following the remit on "Guidelines for investment" replies were received from 17 Presbyteries/Synods and 88 congregations. There was general agreement with the first set of guidelines (originally drawn up in 1975) with the addition of 2 (a) and (b) which state direct financial responsibility. A very small number of replies saw the guidelines as being idealistic, naive and unhelpful. Some drew up their

own. The Committee believes that the discussion has been well worthwhile as part of the progress of bringing together both the best moral and financial values in making investment decisions.

During the year, an informal meeting was held with several members of the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees, to explore together such guidelines and the issues arising. It is hoped that such discussions will continue until an acceptable set of guidelines, based on sound moral and financial principles, can be offered to the Church, both individually and corporately.

The Church and Society Commission also held an ecumenical seminar to survey the present position of the Churches and to stimulate each denomination to look more closely at its investment criteria.

Points of importance that have come before the Committee are -

- (a) that the investment of most of the funds held by Church Trustees are limited by the conditions of the Act and must make the best return with the greatest security.
- (b) that the relation of Trustees to Assembly/Conference is not wholly clear as to whether or where the Church can lay down any directions to Trustees in the exercise of their duties except where there is "flexible" money which apparently does not come under the Act. The Presbyterian Trustees state that 2% of their funds are flexible.
- (c) that there is the need for positive as well as negative criteria in any "social audit". A negative criterion for example is the official ban by Assembly/Conference on investment in the liquor or the tobacco industry. Positive criteria include the making available of money for housing, employment schemes or community projects. This would be a form of "mission through investment".

Following through these points, it seems possible that some money held by Trustees or alternatively a percentage of the annual Church budget as distributed through the Finance Committees (as is done already for overseas aid and development through the Presbyterian International Relations Committee) could be made available to the Committee for "mission through investment" projects in New Zealand.

With regard to investments by the Church in companies trading in South Africa, a new situation has arisen. At last Assembly a motion was carried asking both New Zealand Insurance and South British Insurance to withdraw their business and investments in South Africa. Since the N.Z.I. sold out its interests there and later became part of a new New Zealand South British Group. In their reply to our request they wrote:

During 1980 the South African company in which South British owned a 70% interest, merged with another company. As a result, the percentage of the capital now owned by New Zealand South British in the re-organised company is only 25% and we are no longer in a position of control. In addition, the South British has a few liquid investments held to meet contingencies or until an appropriate opportunity to remit the funds arises.

More recently, the 68.2% interest which New Zealand Insurance owned in a South African insurance company was sold and the funds available from the sale have been remitted from South Africa.

The policy of our Group is to keep the remaining investments of South British in South Africa under continuous review. At present the Directors do not consider it appropriate to withdraw the investments.

It is clear that there is a move within the Presbyterian Church to come into line with the Methodist Church which, like other Churches round the world, has got ride of its investments with companies trading in South Africa. Whether the goal should be complete disinvestment or the retention of a small parcel of shares, in order still to have a voice in the operations of the company, is not clear to the Committee but it seems necessary after so much talk over the years that more positive action on the part of the Church is required. Therefore it is recommended that Trustees and Committee consult together on this issue and draw up alternative investment plans.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

No particular action has been taken in this area this year. The working group discussed such questions as cigarette advertising, delay in establishing new health centres and the need for primary health care in communities, health benefits and the reported decline of 20% in consultations with General Practitioners due apparently to increasing costs and static benefits, air pollution and lead poisoning from petrol fumes.

Matters concerning the disabled in this International Year seem to be being well handled by other groups.

ADULT ADOPTION INFORMATION BILL

The Committee made submissions in support of the Bill along with some other 80 people and groups, mostly in favour including the Catholic Church and the Salvation Army.

Research and practice in other countries has shown that access to birth records has had positive results for adult adoptees and their relationship with foster parents. The Bill is referred back to Parliament for further consideration in 1982. Copies of the Committee's submission are available on request.

OFFICIAL INFORMATION BILL

In 1978 the Danks Committee on Official Information was set up and reported back to Parliament early this year. The main points of the Bill are:

- (1) a new principle that all information is available unless there are good reasons for withholding it. This reverses the present principle.
- (2) the repeal of the Official Secrets Act 1951.
- (3) exemptions from the principle are very wide.
 - (a) in matters of security, defence and international relations of New Zealand.
 - (b) the maintenance of law and order.
 - (c) where there are substantial economic interests of New Zealand.
- (4) the Minister has the right of veto.
- (5) the setting up of an Information Authority which can examine, categorize and order official information.

The strength of the Bill lies mainly in its symbolic value in legitimizing the principle of free access. The Committee supports in general the Bill but did not make any submissions.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ACT

As reported last year, this Act allows for the employment of persons belonging to a particular religious or ethical belief in jobs which require such belief as part of the basis of its fulfilment as in the case of Muslim slaughtermen.

The law has now been tested by the Sides case where a Christian employer refused a non-Christian applicant a job which did not necessarily entail the practice of his faith. In this now famous case the decision was given in favour of the Act and the action of the defendant was judged illegal. The Committee supports the Court's finding.

The Government, however, have now introduced amendments to the Act which seem to contradict the spirit of the Act by proposing not to prohibit an employer to employ someone of the same faith because they share the same faith and not because the work requires it. The Committee intends to make submissions opposing the amendments.

THE SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

When the S.I.S. Act was amended in 1977 the Committee expressed concern about some of the proposed changes and in particular over the possible interpretations of the word "subversion".

Subversion was defined as "attempting, inciting, counselling, advocating or encouraging the overthrow by force of the Government or undermining by unlawful means the authority of the State". The amendment gave the Director authority to define what he considered were new areas of subversion including not only those engaging in subversion but any person suspected of being capable of "potential" subversion. Such people could be subjected to secret surveillance.

In its submissions, the Committee asked "for assurance that 'subversion' does not include those who dissent from the policies of the Government.....in our world the argument of national security is used to stifle genuine dissent....once such legislation is enacted, there is always the possibility of its use or sometime in the future".

The record of its use since then is interesting. In 1980 the Minister in charge of S.I.S. released information about the Dr. Sutch case. A month later he released the names of S.V.P. members said to be involved in Trade Union affairs. Later in the year he threatened to name Socialist Action League members said to be infiltrating the Labour Party.

In 1981 the Minister said he used the S.I.S. to identify Trade Unionists, said to be communists, because it was of little use if the information was just filed away. Then more recently he released a report naming 15 anti-tour protestors as either "subversives" or "radicals who are not positively known to be members of subversive organizations".

Leaving aside the question as to whether such statements may be "smear tactics", the Committee is concerned at the continuing use by the Minister of the S.I.S. apparently in an attempt to stifle genuine dissent.

JURY SERVICE

Recently the law has been changed so that ministers of religion with other professional people who were formerly exempt from jury service, are now eligible. Rights of appeal, however, against such

service are still allowed.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Questions concerning the membership of the Association have been raised during the year, as to its composition by age, sex and race. An assurance was given that already about 25% are women and the percentage is increasing and that the general policy and practice is to appoint younger people and those more representative of the different groups in the Society.

FAMILY COURTS

These courts which the Committee strongly supported in last year's report, will commence operation on October 1st, though some doubts have been expressed whether all administrative details will be complete by that date.

Of interest is the fact that one of the two first Family Court Judges to be appointed is an Elder of the Church, Mr. Pethig of Wellington.

THE LOCAL CHURCH IN SOCIAL ACTION

The public issues which face the Church can never adequately be dealt with at the national level alone. The local congregation should also become involved in public issues and in consequent social action.

To encourage such involvement the Committee has prepared a working paper (Appendix V) setting out the Biblical imperatives which underlie such action and suggesting ways of expressing it.

The Committee asks that the working paper be sent down to Presbyteries/Synods and to Quarterly Meetings and Sessions for discussion and comment. To help discussion, a study guide will be prepared and sent out in the new year.

CONTACT WITH OTHER CHURCHES

Through the N.C.C., Public Questions Committees of most of the Churches meet once a year to discuss common affairs and share minutes regularly.

This year the Committee has in several matters sent, or asked for information from overseas. Churches contacted have been in Australia, Canada, the U.S.A. and South Africa and also the Councils of Churches in those countries and the World Council of Churches.

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee has decided in conjunction with the Joint International Affairs Committee to use the services of 'Mediacom', a communications distributing agency, for the release of statements. This agency covers radio, television, most of the major dailies and many provincial papers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It will be no surprise to those who have read to this point that there were some matters referred to the Committee and some letters sent to the Conveners that have not been dealt with. One matter in particular was the issue of Maori land ownership referred by Conference.

The Committee apologizes for any shortcomings. The amazing thing is not what is left undone but what has been accomplished. It is clear that to cope with the load and the intensity of the work of the Committee, the Church will have to supply more resources.

MEMBERSHIP

This year, for the Presbyterians, Professor Lloyd Geering finishes his stint. The grateful thanks of the Committee is given for his incisive wisdom and his biblical commitment to the field of public questions.

Special mention must be made of the work of the Methodist co-convenor, the Rev. John Mabon, who is retiring from the Committee after ten years' service.

John Mabon's experience both in the Church and in the world, as circuit minister, prison chaplain and now I.T.I.M. Director, is the context of his compassionate concern for a just and Christian society. He has achieved an immense amount of work, given real leadership especially in the successful joining of the two committees and bravely upheld the integrity of the faith in many a contentious issue. He deserves the deep gratitude of both Churches whom he has served so well.

J.C.F. Mabon

J. Murray

- Co-Conveners

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Assembly/Conference reaffirm its opposition to apartheid and to sporting contacts with South Africa until such time as the apartheid system is genuinely and progressively being dismantled.
3. That Assembly/Conference call on all political parties to reaffirm adherence to the spirit of the Gleneagles Agreement as a part of their policies.
4. That Assembly/Conference, recognising the deep and hurtful divisions caused in our country by the tour, commits itself to a positive ministry of reconciliation in the terms of the Gospel, and calls on all congregations to fulfil this ministry to their utmost.
5. That Assembly/Conference affirm the need for independent assessors on any Police Tribunal dealing with actions resulting in death or personal injury and ask the Police seriously to consider this proposal.
6. That Assembly/Conference support the Government in its policy of full employment and urge it to give sufficient funding for adequate research into future employment opportunities, including their impact on personal and social factors, and to continue the pilot scheme of regular household surveys.
7. That Assembly/Conference request Presbyteries/Synods to promote study of the unemployment situation especially in their own area and to set up "unemployment teams" to explore and initiate local action to lessen the problem and to see to the care of those disadvantaged.
8. That Assembly/Conference endorse the summary of submissions made to the Justice Department's Penal Review Committee.
9. That Assembly/Conference call Presbyteries/Synods to be informed in matters of prisons and penal policy, the needs of prisoners and the possibilities of involvement in the practice of Community sentences.

10. That Assembly/Conference instructs the Methodist and Presbyterian Trustees to consult with the Public Questions Committee to prepare a set of guidelines for investment, both individual and corporate, and report back in 1982.
11. That Assembly/Conference authorize the Trustees and Finance Committees to consult with the Public Questions Committee to investigate the feasibility of setting up, on a regular basis, a fixed percentage of the Budgets and/or other funds, as a "Mission through investment" fund for approved projects in New Zealand and if it is feasible, to initiate planning for it.
12. That Assembly/Conference instructs the Trustees in consultation with the Public Questions Committee to prepare alternative plans of investment for those funds presently with the New Zealand/South British Group.
13. That Assembly/Conference receive and send down the working paper "The local church in social action" to Presbyteries/Synods and to Quarterly Meetings, Parish Councils and Sessions for discussion and comment.

APPENDIX I

EXTRACT FROM THE JOINT STATEMENT OF THE HEADS OF CHURCHES TO
THE NEW ZEALAND RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION COUNCIL -
14th November, 1980.

REAFFIRMING OUR POSITION

Statements by church leaders have already been made and the Rugby Union is well aware of them. In summary, four main arguments have been put forward:-

1. Apartheid as it is practised in South Africa is in our judgement totally unjust, immoral and un-Christian. In opposing the rugby tour we are expressing our abhorrence of apartheid in a way that will not hurt the oppressed people in South Africa.
2. The New Zealand Government in signing the Gleneagles Agreement committed this country to end sporting contact with South Africa while apartheid remains. We see the Springbok Tour as a clear breach of this Agreement.
3. A Springbok Tour will polarise the country, create disruption and disharmony and could cause boycott action against us in other sports. We do not believe this is a price worth paying for a rugby tour.
4. A rugby tour would set a bad example to New Zealand young people suggesting that the enjoyment of rugby is more important than the duty to stand up for the rights of others or to keep pledges made on our behalf.

THE NEXT STEP

We would again urge the Rugby Union in the interests of the whole country and in the light of the strong requests from every level of society to reconsider its decision to invite the Springboks.

We would suggest that in the light of the present situation in South Africa, the interests of New Zealand rugby and the New Zealand public as a whole would be better served if the invitation to the

Springboks to tour in 1981 was deferred and an invitation issued to another significant overseas team.

N.B. The full text is available on request from the Public Questions Committee, P.O. Box 5203, Wellington.

APPENDIX II

SUMMARY OF THE SUBMISSIONS MADE BY THE HEADS OF CHURCHES TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION OF THE CHURCHES. - December 1980.

For these reasons

1. that the apartheid system, which is the law in South Africa, is unjust, inhuman and un-Christian.
2. that under this system, there is no equality of opportunities or facilities for black and coloured rugby players.
3. that the Gleneagles Agreement embodies the moral obligation of Governments within the Commonwealth to end sporting contacts with South Africa.
4. that, if the Tour goes ahead there may be further boycotts against New Zealanders in sports other than rugby.
5. that, if the Tour goes ahead, there could well be social and racial conflict in New Zealand.
6. that the Rugby Union has failed to accept its responsibility to support black and coloured rugby players in South Africa, and to help maintain the peace and welfare of New Zealand at home and abroad.
7. that the issue now rests fairly and squarely in the hands of Parliament to act in accordance with its stated policy of opposition to the Tour and in the best interests of New Zealand.

We, members of the Churches,
being opposed to sporting contacts
with South Africa
as long as the apartheid system continues,
ask Parliament to take action now
to prevent the Springbok Team
from coming to New Zealand in 1981.

N.B. The full text is available on request from the Public Questions Committee, P.O. Box 5203, Wellington.

APPENDIX III

MESSAGE OF HEADS OF CHURCHES TO THEIR PEOPLE CONCERNING THE
SPRINGBOK TOUR -
2nd July, 1981.

I The Springbok Tour has not yet been cancelled and so the Churches must continue their opposition to it.

We believe that the welfare of millions of oppressed blacks in South Africa and the ongoing peace and tranquillity of our country are issues far greater than the protection of the rights of a few sportsmen to play rugby on this particular occasion.

It is a matter of deep regret that neither the Rugby Union nor the Government, in hearing the call of the Churches and of many others have not acted to cancel the Tour although it is now clear that the Tour is contrary to the will and welfare of the majority of New Zealanders.

II Therefore the Churches declare that the protest against the apartheid system of Government in South Africa, and those who in any way represent it, must go on.

This protest, based on Christian teaching that before God all people are equal and none must be called or treated as "unclean", and that in Christ, there is neither black nor white, must go on until that day when apartheid is completely removed from the statute books of South Africa.

It is our prayer this will come about and without bloodshed.

III The protest of the Churches is based on faith and prayer, grounded in the ministry of our Lord, who preached truth, cared for all, especially the oppressed, and suffered for it to the point of the Cross.

We believe that Christian protest is non-violent in all its forms. It must not in removing evil, create evil.

Violence breeds violence - in both words and actions. The origins of violence are many and include -

- abusive or provocative words, especially when spoken by people in positions of responsibility.
- uncontrolled reaction to abuse or threat.
- the use of excessive force by the authorities, the police and the military, in keeping law and order.
- the decisions of those who selfishly create a situation of potential violence and refuse to recognise their responsibility.
- the unwillingness of those who have been given power to govern, not to use it for the overall welfare of the people.

The Churches therefore call all Christians and people of goodwill to keep all forms of protest within the limits of non-violence. Let all resistance be passive and all speaking and prayer be in love as well as for justice.

IV The Churches point to the temptation and danger of making "scapegoats" over this issue.

Already, even before the event, some people and groups, have been accused directly or indirectly as being trouble makers and the originators of violence.

We believe this is unjust. If there is violence, then all of us from the highest to the lowest in the land, share the responsibility because of what we have done or what we have failed to do.

V The Churches have no gospel alternative but to continue to speak and work for justice and mercy in this issue both in New Zealand and overseas.

We have hope that the day will come when the blasphemy of apartheid will be ended and all peoples, black and white, will live together in the peace of God.

For this end, we now call our people to continuing prayer and action in the present situation.

APPENDIX IV

SUMMARY OF THE SUBMISSIONS OF THE JOINT METHODIST/PRESBYTERIAN PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE TO THE PENAL REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

GROUP 1 TERMS OF REFERENCE (a) (b) AND (k) SUBMISSION p.2

1. Generally sentences as such do not hold a high deterrent effect for a would-be offender.
2. Incarceration is not only a waste of public monies but also counter productive from a rehabilitative point of view.
3. The Committee supports:
 - (a) Community Service sentences.
 - (b) the use of suspended sentences.
 - (c) shorter sentences of imprisonment.
 - (d) the development of probation hostels of various types.
 - (e) the setting up of more treatment centres.
 - (f) the extension of periodic detention to female offenders.
 - (g) the use of semi-custody for fine defaulters.
 - (h) the establishment of a "Victims of Crime Service" possibly being financed by a conviction levy and in line with the accident compensation provisions.
4. Punishment of crime should have as its primary aim neither retribution nor deterrence but the restoration of the well-being of the community and the reconciliation of the individuals within it.

GROUP II TERMS OF REFERENCE (c) (e) (g) SUBMISSION p.5

5. Present institutions do not appear to meet the needs of a prisoner to learn how to socialise.
The Committee would like to recommend:
 - (a) Smaller prisons of 40-50 inmates which, though more expensive at first, should prove to be more efficient and to allow greater opportunity for the use of community resources.
 - (b) That prison officer training be increased particularly in the areas of counselling and human relationships.
 - (c) That prisons should provide a choice and variety of work experience and skills, with the chance of gaining recognised qualifications in an environment conducive to the transference of those skills and qualifications to the outside community.

- (d) That periodic and pre-release centres be provided for female offenders.
- (e) That young offenders apprehended for minor offences be placed under the continuing care of reputable agencies or volunteer sponsors instead of imprisonment.
- (f) That there be more training for release including
 - (i) the provision of accommodation in pre-release hostels.
 - (ii) job placement.
 - (iii) social and budgetting education.

GROUP III TERMS OF REFERENCE (d) (f) (i) (j) SUBMISSION p.8

- 6. The Committee supports the adoption of the proposals put forward by D.R. Gilmour in his paper "A Proposal for an Alternative Prison" for the reasons of rehabilitation, community participation and employment experience.
- 7. The prison's Parole Board report could be used to provide the prisoner with a wide basis for preparation for release.
- 8. Parole could be extended for family occasions and community activities as a means of helping to reduce the problems and inadequacies an inmate has while imprisoned.
- 9. The Probation Service could be more effective if prisoners were given an understanding of it and its purpose before release.
- 10. A probationary programme could provide opportunities:
 - (a) to discuss human relationships and values.
 - (b) to understand the emotional pressures and stress, which are often evidenced in unresolved feelings of hate, aggression and worthlessness.
 - (c) to provide unemployment skills.
- 11. The principle of a 12 months probationary period should be reviewed, concentrated into something positive or abolished altogether.

GROUP IV TERMS OF REFERENCE (h) SUBMISSIONS P.11

- 12. Work within an institution can have a rehabilitative effect if that work is creative, challenging and has some point, i.e. in qualifications gained or remuneration received.
- 13. An inmate should be paid for his work and contribute from it to his keep, thus being required to budget.
- 14. Consideration should be given to the extension of pre-release work in the community.

GROUP V TERMS OF REFERENCE (l) SUBMISSIONS p.12

- 15. Consideration should be given to the expunging of criminal records after a period of 7 years from release, prison or last sentence, as a means of discouraging further offences and of help in restoring self respect.

APPENDIX V

JOINT METHODIST/PRESBYTERIAN PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

A Working Paper on

"THE LOCAL CHURCH AND SOCIAL ACTION"

The public issues which face the Church can never adequately be dealt with at the national level alone, though reports and resolutions and the like have their place, and at times be of real worth. But there can be no substitute for local Churches becoming involved in public issues and social action themselves. Indeed it could be argued that until local churches do just that, (i.e. become involved in public issues and social action) the Church will remain largely irrelevant to what is happening in the community at large.

While there are some who would argue that the Church must not become involved in social action, (e.g. they argue that the gospel is meant for individuals not institutions, and that focusing on social and political issues diverts the Church from its God-given task, which is the increase of faith in Christ). The purpose of this working paper is to set out the biblical imperatives which underline any social action and to suggest ways in which the local church can become involved in the public issues of its community and nation.

Bruce Turley puts it:

"When as Christians, we abdicate interest in social responsibility, we cannot adequately fulfil our mission, when the Church becomes a secluded haven rather than an active agent in the community it ceases to be authentic." (1)

A. SOME BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES

There is a strong biblical base for social action.

(1) PEOPLE IN SCRIPTURE ARE SEEN AS SOCIAL BEINGS

H.W. Robinson rightly comments:

"The individualism of the Old Testament is usually, if not always conceived in and through the community which is based upon it... the individualism through which the gospel makes its appeal is penetrated through and through with the sense of social relationship." (2)

This was certainly Paul's emphasis. Writing to the Church in 1 Corinthians 12-26, he encouraged them, and other growing Christian communities to see themselves as members of a group based on reciprocal relationships.

"And so there is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it, if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness. All of you are Christ's body and each one is a part of it." (3)

(2) SCRIPTURE ADDRESSES THE VERY STRUCTURES OF LIFE

It deals with the legal frameworks which ordered people's lives e.g. the Mosaic law is very detailed in its provision for mercy and justice in employment, courts, business, welfare and land management. (4)

Social reform as well as personal renewal was a prominent concern for many prophets. The words of Amos(5) and Isaiah(6) still have a contemporary ring. Cultural assumptions were often challenged. Jesus ignored conventional views of women and Samaritans(7) while Peter's vision on a friend's rooftop was a direct challenge to what today we would call racist views(8). Jesus was never afraid to challenge institutions when they enslaved people rather than served them. This is obvious in his attitude to the Sabbath(9) and to the financial dealings of the Temple(10).

- (3) THROUGHOUT THE SCRIPTURES THERE IS A DEEP COMPASSION FOR THE POOR AND UNDER PRIVILEGED

We find this both in the words of the prophets(11) and in the ministry of Jesus(12). James puts it bluntly

"Suppose there are brothers or sisters who need clothes and don't have enough to eat. What good is there in your saying to them 'God bless you! Keep warm and eat well' - if you don't give them the necessities of life? So it is with faith; if it is alone and includes no action then it is dead."(13)

- (4) THE SCRIPTURES EMPHASISE THE UNIQUENESS AND WORTH OF EVERY PERSON

Jesus took the words of Second Isaiah

"Do not be afraid - I will save you. I have called you by name - you are mine"(14) and in his life and ministry he built upon them, ever seeking to convey to the ordinary, often disreputable people of his day, something of their worth and value in the sight of God(15). But it was supremely in his death that Jesus proclaimed "the uniqueness of every person, for ever since Calvary, every man, every woman, has been the brother the sister for whom he died. He died for all!"(16)

- (5) THE NEW TESTAMENT DECLARES THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

His Lordship is over all of life, over work, leisure, neighbourhood, community as well as that sector we label religion.

"Whenever we pray 'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth' we are not looking to some future time. We are acknowledging that His will is to be done in the city hall, in the bank, in the university. He is not the Lord just of churches and homes. He is Lord of all"(17)

However having said all that, it is true that the primary focus, certainly in the New Testament was on the individual. We also must acknowledge that by our standards, many social attitudes in the Bible are conservative. People owned slaves(18) women were clearly subordinate to men(19). In the area of politics rulers were to be obeyed(20). All people, regardless of their position in life were reminded of their obligations and responsibilities within this framework.

Even our Lord himself carefully avoided entanglement with the political factions of his day, for fear that the main purpose of his mission could become obscured. He sought to rise above them, and yet, ironically, it was the political implications of his life and teaching (for the religious and secular authorities)

which figured prominently in his death.

Yet, what we must remember, for all the social conservatism of the scriptures, is that the seeds of social transformation are plainly there. So as Christians have sought to follow the moral lead Jesus gave, they have often sponsored social reform. Names like Elizabeth Fry, John Howard, William Wilberforce, Lord Shaftsbury, Albert Schweitzer, Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King, are clear evidence of this.

If love and justice are to prevail, social structures and cultural assumptions must change. Thus, while in the scriptures slavery was still accepted, the seeds of its abolition are there in the teachings about the dignity and worth of every person. Women in New Testament days, remained subordinate to men and yet the basis for their liberation was present, particularly in Luke(21) and John(22). Racism remained, but the moral challenge to it had begun in Jesus' response to Samaritans(23) and Peter's version in Acts(24).

Finally, we must never forget that faithfulness to the heart of the Biblical message could well (and often does) carry us beyond the strategies and insights its contemporary knew. Like the Mustard seed,(25) Jesus spoke about, once planted in the soil of human affairs and cultivated by our thought and effort no one could dare tell where faith may lead.

B. A CURRENT ASSESSMENT

We have dealt with the biblical imperatives first, because scripture provides some of the inspiration, motivation and framework for social action. But contemporary Christians also benefit from the moral growth experienced by the Church as it has sought to work out the implications of the gospel to each new generation. So Christians keep finding new insights and tools available to them, including today the possibility of influencing governments in ways undreamt of in the first Christian century.

We would also acknowledge that we also benefit from the insights gained from the moral progress which has occurred outside the Church. Bruce Turley wisely comments:

"We profit from the new power democracy has granted the average citizen. We learn from research into personality and society... We use the fruits of modern technology....THE CRUCIAL ART FOR THE CHRISTIAN IS LEARNING TO USE RATHER THAN BE USED BY THESE THINGS. FOR OUR PRIMARY ALLEGIANCE IS TO CHRIST, HIS HERITAGE AND LEGACY"(26)

In the final analysis a number of considerations lend strength to the case for social mission and social action.

- (1) THE CHURCH HAS ALWAYS SOUGHT TO BE CREATIVELY CRITICAL AND ITS INSTITUTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL MUST CONTINUE THIS WORK OF REFLECTION AND COMMENT.

- (2) IF WE GENUINELY CARE ABOUT PEOPLE WE WILL BE CONCERNED ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT CONCERNS THEM.

This may include a discriminatory law, a harmful prejudice, a

dehumanising factory system or an impersonal institution.

- (3) NARROW INDIVIDUALISM FORGETS THAT OUR SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT IS IN PART RESPONSIBLE FOR SHAPING OUR GROWTH AS PERSONS.
Social action affirms the importance of providing a community climate within which people can learn in formal or informal ways the meaning of Christian responsibility.
- (4) SOMETIMES IT IS "THE SYSTEM" WHICH DEHUMANIZES PEOPLE AND NEEDS REFORM.
Jesus recognised this when he drove out the money changers(27). The best efforts of individuals cannot compensate for a bad law or impersonal patterns of institutional life. Only social change lays the necessary foundations for sensitivity to personal need.
- (5) ALL THE MOST IMPORTANT SOCIAL AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS ARE MORAL AND RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS and therefore the business of the Church. The Springbok Tour was a clear illustration of this. The objections of many to the tour was on moral and religious grounds, for at heart apartheid is a moral and religious issue.
- (6) TO DIVIDE LIFE INTO RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR COMPARTMENTS IS THE IDEAL STRATEGM FOR FORCING CHRIST OUT OF HIS WORLD.
The Christian faith is not a special slant on certain subjects, it is a special slant on all subjects. Christ makes a difference in every part of life. If he is not Lord of all, he is Lord of nothing.
- (7) WE MUST ENSURE THAT WE DEAL WITH CAUSES NOT SYMPTOMS
It is foolish to concentrate on running an ambulance service to the foot of a cliff when a sensible Christian conscience would put a guard rail at the top! We need to care for those in prison but we also need to clean up the conditions which breed crime.

"If the Good Samaritan had found dozens of victims of robbers on every trip he took, he would scarcely have contented himself with taking care of one of them. He would have demanded government protection for that section of road or organised a drive to expel the robbers or launched a campaign to build hostels along the way"(28).

C. SOCIAL ACTION - WHERE DOES THE LOCAL CHURCH BEGIN

By social action we mean vigorous, sustained and purposeful efforts to cause or prevent social change. But how does a Christian or a congregation discover what the gospel bids them to be active about?

John Bennett(29) suggests a process for clarifying God's ethical purposes for a particular time, place and circumstance.

- (1) He suggests that FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES are identified as guides to Christian responsibility, e.g. the fundamental equality and worth of people regardless of sex, race or culture.
- (2) PROVISIONAL CONCRETE GOALS are formulated to implement this principle, e.g. a church could resolve to eliminate all forms of sexual cultural or racial discrimination among its own

membership and, where possible in the wider community.

This must be followed by

(3) SPECIFIC PROGRAMMES to ensure results, and

(4) Some LOCAL EVALUATION and report.

Another alternative congregations have, is to use the reports and study guides provided after Assembly and Conference by the Joint Public Questions Committee. These may well have local as well as national implications, but there could also be some local issues which need attention, which are not covered by the Committee's report.

It is also important to remember that neither knowledge of the scriptures nor religious zeal inevitably leads to active social responsibility. The Church needs constantly to help people develop the moral implications of their faith, some of which they may not otherwise have seen.

D. SOCIAL ACTION - SOME LINES OF ACTION

Some of the important tasks the church can become involved in as an expression of its social action are:

- focussing on Biblical mandates and principles.
- identifying significant community needs and concerns, distinguishing the truly important matters from an often bewildering array of public issues.
- challenging and equipping individuals to exercise moral responsibility in their daily personal and professional encounters.
- organising corporate action. A group of Churches acting together can be particularly effective.
- making intelligent written submissions to parliamentary select committees and other bodies considering important legislation or policy.
- channelling financial support to groups or organisations engaged in social action

E. SOCIAL ACTION - WHO WITH?

While local churches may (indeed should) initiate and execute social action they should, wherever possible, support other groups or movements who are engaged on similar social action. Such support may often be ambivalent. We may not agree with everything the group or movement stands for (we often can't agree among ourselves). But it may be the best strategy available. Any support Christians give to an ideology, movement, or group will in any case be partial. For only our Lord Jesus commands our unequivocal allegiance.

F. SOCIAL ACTION - HELPS ON THE WAY

(1) THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME SORT OF STRUCTURE OR ORGANISATION to facilitate social action on the local level.

It may be a special sub-committee of the Session or Leaders Meeting, or the Session, Parish Council or Leaders Meeting, itself which assumes the responsibility, or it may be an ad-hoc committee specially appointed to deal with a particular local

or community issue. The structure should not be too rigid and should reflect, as much as it can the mind of the congregation as well as the mind of the meeting.

(2) SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL.

"Taking and maintaining an unpopular stand soon becomes a lonely business" as many can now testify.

Support groups can serve a number of purposes.

- (i) they can seek to sustain people emotionally.
- (ii) they can undergird them with the kind of practical resources which can give backbone and substance to commitment.
- (iii) they can also assist in dealing with problems as they arise and give guidance on strategy.
- (iv) they can help clarify the moral, spiritual and intellectual basis for dealing with issues.

(3) THERE NEEDS TO BE A REALISATION THAT PEOPLE CAN RESPOND TO AND WORK AT, ISSUES AFFECTING THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Not everyone has the capability or opportunity to deal with issues such as unemployment on a national scale. But these can be local problems as well as national ones. By responding to these problems on a small scale, at the local level, Churches can make a useful contribution without getting bogged down in the larger issues it raises nationally. Any response can also be closely tied into the ministry of the local church.

(4) DON'T BE AFRAID TO BECOME A LOCAL PRESSURE GROUP OR TO STIR THE CONSCIENCE OF A COMMUNITY.

Frequently local congregations are not in a position to accomplish the social changes that are necessary. But they can put pressure on those who do have the power by making their concerns known and by urging responsible persons and officials to take action.

Nor is it necessary to understand every dimension of a complex social problem to be aware of the moral questions it raises. The Church can (indeed must) be vigilant when a community is tempted to remain silent in the face of injustice or discrimination.

G. SOCIAL ACTION - FINALLY

The most effective social action is not always the most vocal or visible. Quiet work behind the scenes in appropriate places is often more effective than public rhetoric or often displays of protest. Though both of these have their place at times.

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- (13) James 2: 14-17
- (14) Isaiah 43: 1
- (15) Matthew 10: 31, 11: 28, Luke 7: 34
- (16) 2 Corinthians 5: 15
- (17) George Sweazey "Preaching the Good News" P.250
- (18) Philemon
- (19) Ephesians 5: 22 ff
- (20) Romans 13: 1-7
- (21) Luke 1: 26, 2: 28
- (22) John 4: 1-30
- (23) John 4: 1-30
- (24) Acts 10: 1-48
- (25) Mark 4: 31
- (26) Turley ibid P.19
- (27) Mark 11: 15-19
- (28) Sweazey ibid P.253
- (29) John Bennet "Christian Ethics and Social Policy" P.77 ff.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1981

1. WOMEN'S ROLE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

The Committee in its main report raised the possibility of bringing further action in this issue. The work group has continued with its study and the Committee now presents the following proposal for discussion and approval.

During the study of women in society, it seemed only right that first attention should be given to the place of women in the Church.

Both our Churches years ago gave women equality of opportunity. In the case of the Methodist Church the first woman was ordained to the Ministry in 1957.

In the case of the Presbyterian Church, the Eldership was opened to women in 1955 and the Ministry in 1964 following the work of a Special Committee on the position of Women in the Church set up in 1948, first under the convenership of the Very Rev. Dr. Ian Fraser and then under the Rev. L.H. Ker.

The Statistics Committee of the Presbyterian Church, at the request of the A.P.W., has this year, included questions on the number of women serving as Elders, Managers and Parish Councillors. As against an active membership of 66%, women represent 22% of Sessions and hold on average about 28% of the leadership and decision making positions. It is thought that if similar statistics were taken in the Methodist Church, they would show much the same results.

The real issue seems to be the discrepancy between what is allowed by our Churches and what is in fact practised. Therefore the Committee is of the unanimous opinion that this is a matter which should be looked into :

- (i) to find what is the actual situation
- (ii) to study the causes of it, and
- (iii) to explore what steps should be taken.

Because of the importance of this matter of the co-operation and shared responsibility of men and women in the Church, the Committee is asking for a Special Committee to be set up to undertake this task. This proposal has been discussed with the leaders of both A.P.W. and M.W.F. and has their backing. In fact it seems that now is the right time to do this.

The suggested terms of reference of the Special Committee would be-

- (1) To assess the present role of women in the Church.
- (2) To explore ways of ensuring that the Church incorporate more fully the potential gifts of women in the courts and positions of responsibility in the Church.
- (3) To study the relation of Christian theology and feminist thought.
- (4) To explore ways of bringing Christian insights about the role of women and men into the life of society.
- (5) To take up any other matters concerning women as the Committee may decide.

The appropriate bodies responsible for the setting up of Committees have been alerted to this proposal.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AMENDMENT ACT

The aim of the principal Act was to forbid discrimination in terms of race, sex or belief. In the matter of employment, certain exemptions were given on the grounds of religious or ethical belief, such as to teachers in Christian schools or appointees to Church work, where it is necessary as a primary part of the job for the person to share the same faith or belief.

The amendments now passed on the last day of Parliament and at the request of the Prime Minister, allow discrimination in employing people, if the employer wants someone of their own faith or belief and can make a case for "special circumstances" concerning the manner in which the work is to be carried out.

This means that the criterion for applying for or getting a job is shifted from the aptitude or qualifications for the work itself, to compatibility with the employer's faith and the way in which the employer wishes the work to be done, e.g. in a Christian manner or with prayer.

The Committee is of the firm opinion that, however "reasonable" this amendment sounds, it contradicts the aim of the principal Act and in fact opens the door to religious discrimination. It means that it is now lawful to advertise for a "good keen Presbyterian" or to put it the other way to say directly or by implication "no agnostics need apply."

The Committee is of the firm opinion that the wording "special circumstances" is too vague and would allow special pleading and indeed possible contempt for the law.

Although the case of Mr. Eric Sides against the Human Rights Commission has brought much publicity and a good deal of sympathy for Mr. Sides personally, it should be noted that Mr. Sides opposes the amendment as in no way meeting his objection. The effort to meet his appeal has failed and it also contradicts the spirit and letter of the Act.

The Government's defence of the amendment that it now allows "positive religious discrimination" while continuing to outlaw negative discrimination, sounds dubious if not disturbing.

The amendment was strongly opposed by religious groups, including the Jewish community, as well as by the Human Rights Commission itself in line with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Over half the submissions opposed the amendment yet it has now become law.

The Committee believes that the amendment was wrong, in breach of the principal Act and a regressive step on the road to a more accepting and Christian society. It believes that the exemptions allowed under the principal Act were sufficient to safeguard the rights of religious belief where such belief is necessary to the work to be done.

Copies of the Committee's submissions are available on request. (P.O. Box 5203, Wellington).

3. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT ACT

Two years ago the issues raised by the National Development Bill were brought before Assembly/Conference. Grave concern at the concentration of executive power in the hands of the Minister, the strict limits on public participation and the assumed agreement with extensive industrial development as in New Zealand's best interests, were conveyed to Government.

Now an Amendment Bill has been brought forward to improve the working of the principal Act and has become Law. Though a number of changes were made to the Bill, several matters still cause concern.

The Minister now has the right to add or delete particular planning consents up to three weeks before the Tribunal inquiry is due to begin. This means that such consents would not be subjected to any thorough examination by the Commissioner for the Environment or anyone who wishes to make submissions.

The Commissioner is now limited to giving "his opinion on the accuracy and adequacy of the report (environmental) insofar as it is related to the proposed work" and not on "the environmental implications of the work" as before. The new law may now exclude human, social and economic factors and include those of the natural environment only.

Other matters raised in the Committee's submissions have been fully or partially met. Copies of the full submissions are available on request. (P.O. Box 5023, Wellington).

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the addendum be received.
2. That Assembly/Conference agrees to the setting up of a Special Committee on the role of women in Church and Society and asks the appropriate body to bring forward all necessary details for approval.
3. That Assembly/Conference conveys to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice, and to the leaders of the Opposition parties, its opposition to the passing of the amendment to section 15 of the Human Rights Commission Act and respectfully requests its repeal.

REPORT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS - 1981

Minimum Stipend At 1 July, 1981.

On 8 April, 1981 the Committee considered a table setting out the updated position for the salary formula derived from the average gross male weekly earnings in the Labour Department's quarterly survey at November, 1980 supplemented with an estimate for February, 1981; the movement of the gross amount was 22.6%. Adding the margin of 10%, the gross amount for stipends by the formula was \$15,207. The deduction for parsonage rental value (derived from the Consumer's Price Index) rose by only 11.1% to \$2,007 p.a., so that the minimum stipend would rise from \$10,520 to \$13,200. It was also reported that the Presbyterian Church was recommending the same stipend increase for approval, and that the Anglican Church would be paying almost the same stipend from a formula based on movement in the average ordinary time-weekly earnings from the same quarterly survey. (For the Wellington Diocese the increase approved was from \$10,485 to \$12,685 i.e. + 21%).

It was agreed that the increase in minimum stipend to \$13,200 be notified to the General Secretary for implementation in consultation with the President, and that the meeting of Church Council of 5 - 7 May, 1981 be a forum for promoting understanding of the principles and particulars of the increases.

The Committee made the following points:-

1. The same formula was being followed as in past years.
2. Not to continue to abide by the formula because of the size of the increase that had taken place in the rest of the community:-
 - (a) would only be turning the clock back and,
 - (b) would be rejecting comparable moves being taken by the Presbyterian and Anglican churches at a time of revived movement towards union.
 - (c) would create embarrassment in union or co-operating parishes.
3. The size of the average wage at February 1981 was inflated by the payment of the Government sector wage adjustment of 15.7% just before the end of February. In addition, since November, 1980 there had been a large flow into the survey of private sector award settlements.
4. Ministers have had to wait for almost a year to receive the adjustment given to other working persons by the 4% general increase of August 1980.
5. There is a deduction for the rental value for a free house included in the formula and this adjustment is derived from the movement in the sub-group of Consumers Price Index; as the movement for the current year was less than the wage movement, the affect was to increase the stipend rise by 2% above the average wage rise shown by the Labour Department survey. In another year the effect could work in reverse fashion by diminishing the stipend rise.

6. It needs to be remembered that the accepted formula only applies to the average movement in wages already paid to a million other members of the workforce.

7. Though it has been suggested that the stipends be adjusted half-yearly to lessen the impact, the Wage Adjustment Regulations require that there be only one wage or salary increase in a 12 month period (though general wage orders or salary scale promotions are exceptions).

8. Stewardship education in circuits may need to be stepped up to meet the increases in stipends and connexional payments. The minimum rate of stipend was discussed by Church Council and subsequently approved by the President and made operative from 1 July, 1981.

The Stipends Committee met again on 1 July, 1981 at the request of the President in view of doubts expressed about the closeness or otherwise of the estimate of wage levels at 1 February, 1981. It so happened that the General Secretary was able to attend this meeting.

The convenor reported that a table prepared by the convenor of the Presbyterian Committee showed that the net effect of the estimates over the eight years to 1981 was a deficiency of \$220.00 (1.7%) taking into account the excess of \$365.00 in the latest estimate over the actual Labour Department figure since released. The Presbyterian Committee had recently reviewed the matter and decided no adjustment was called for, especially in view of the 5% Arbitration Court cost-of-living increase applying from 11 June, 1981.

It was agreed the President be advised that the Committee recommended adherence to the amount of stipend already notified to Circuits etc. i.e. \$13,200 after hearing the explanation of the estimation of male gross earnings at February, 1981, and that the explanation be included in the report to conference. Consideration was given to a suggestion that the actual February figure be used but the General Secretary pointed out that this would upset the timetable for Church Council and General Purposes Committee. (It can be noted that at 1 May, 1981 the average male earnings inclusive of overtime were the equivalent of \$13,062.00 a year and the addition of 5% by the Arbitration Court order brought this to \$13,704.00)

Submission by Special Committee Appointed by 1979 Conference.

The General Secretary explained that a number of our people questioned the helpfulness of the present formula, and were seeking a remuneration package that within the existing tax structure would be less costly to the church, that is, a variation of the formula.

The proposition being suggested by the Special Committee involved:

- A. Charging ministers for accommodation at 10% of the net stipend of \$13,200 (apparently not recognising that the formula provided for a gross stipend of \$15,207 from which an amount of \$2,007.00 had already been deducted for rent with the amount adjusted annually according to movements registered in the CPI rental group).
- B. Increasing the book and hospitality allowances to 7.5% of the stipend to gain a greater tax concession.
- C. Shifting to the Consumers Price Index to determine the level of stipend.

The Committee was doubtful about the double deduction for rent; it was presumed the 10% deduction would be paid by the Circuit to the Trust; ministers were not likely to agree to the deal in which at least part of the deduction would be taxable as a house allowance.

The Committee noted that the proposal of 7.5% of stipend for book and hospitality allowances represented approximately a doubling of the amount currently paid which was based on the price of a shelf of selected books and a survey on hospitality updated by movements in items in the Consumers Price Index. Any allowance in this area would need to be justified by actual data if required by the Inland Revenue Department.

The Committee observed that the Inland Revenue Department was tightening up on allowances and that the proposed increase to lower tax payments would need to be supported by evidence to the Department.

The Committee agreed that the Labour Department's survey as used also by the Presbyterian church was the appropriate basis for calculation of stipends, and that the proposed use of the Consumers Price Index was inappropriate. It was agreed that the Presbyterian Stipends Committee be informed of developments.

The Special Committee subsequently sent its Interim Report to Synods, acknowledging the response that this Committee had made. However, it does not seem to have felt these arguments as of such moment as to justify changes in its thinking. We regret this as our Committees Comments come out of long experience and expert knowledge. Draft Guidelines for Presbyters and Deacons who wish to receive less than a minimum stipend. The committee on 8 April, 1981 considered a document drawn up by the Development Division on the issue raised by some ministers that they be allowed to receive less than the minimum stipend. Members of the Committee saw little merit in the proposal because of the problems that would be associated with it. Some of these problems were set out in the preface to the draft guidelines.

Other problems foreseen by the Committee included the following:

1. The widening of the gap between ourselves and Presbyterians, causing problems in union and cooperating parishes;
2. Circuits with low standards of giving will be encouraged to keep things that way.
3. There could be subtle pressures on ministers to accept less - particularly those with "children off their hands" or who succeed a minister who has taken less, or single men and women.
4. Ministers would be loath to go to Circuits whose finances are shaky.
5. Discretionary arrangements would undermine work done over the years in getting stipends on a sound and equitable basis.

Other factors to be considered include the following:-

- (a) Paying below the minimum is not permitted in the commercial world or under awards and collective agreements.
- (b) Other earners pay tax on the full amount of their salary and then determine the objectives to which their income should be devoted.

- (c) There is a moral consideration if one seeks to avoid payment of tax and then participate in the benefits of the welfare state.
- (d) There is already provision for part-time employment of presbyters and deacons with the payment of the balance of a stipend to a central fund.

The Committee agreed that, while it would be sympathetic to the problem, it felt that there were more dangers than benefits involved in the proposal, and the persons seeking this special arrangement are only a very small proportion of the total paid ministry, and that in view of the important principles, no precedent should be created at this stage and that a fair minimum rate should apply to all stipends.

Revised guidelines were consequently received from the Superintendent of the Development Division. Under these Circuits would still have to pay the minimum stipend, with part going to a central fund at the Connexional Office. This would possibly be subject to tax when paid out to assist other ministers or circuits, but it would take away the pressure which could be felt by some ministers if the Church had opted for the first set of guidelines.

Book and Hospitality Allowances

From 1 February, 1981 the book allowance was increased from \$155 to \$212 and the hospitality allowance from \$180 to \$288 a year by resolution of Conference on recommendation from the Stipends Committee. No increase is proposed for this coming year, but in association with the Presbyterian Committee the basis is likely to be reviewed next year.

E.F.I. Hanson (Chairman)
J. B. McKinney (Convenor)

FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE
REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1981

The Committee has ranged over a wide variety of topics this year, some being new business passed to the Committee last Conference, and others being issues under consideration for some time.

This year's Report includes three orders of service. The Committee is conscious that the Faith & Order material arrived very late for August Synods, and that this allowed little time for detailed consideration of the Orders. However, the option was to present only some of this material to Synods and introduce the rest directly in reporting to Conference. It seemed preferable to enable at least some consideration and debate prior to Conference. Subsequently the Committee has received some quite detailed and most helpful responses, which we have taken full account of in presenting these Orders of service now.

The Order for Holy Communion is a revision of the 'Blue Book', and not a new order. The Committee is confident, on the basis of responses to date, some studied use of the Order, and the fact that it is a revision, that this Order can be approved at this Conference. Most alternative possibilities may be more appropriately picked up in the planned 'Kit'.

Similarly with the Order for a Funeral. Here the Order consists principally of an outline, with suggested resources for building a service within that outline. It has been in fairly wide use throughout the church over the past year, and the Committee believes it can now be published.

The Order for Re-affirmation of Baptism is in rather a different position, however. It is a totally new Order for the church, and there needs to be debate on the principle of the service as well as the details of the Order. Therefore the Committee is recommending that the Order and the preceding statement on baptism be presented to March Synods for discussion and reporting back.

The statements on the central emphases of Methodism, baptism and baptismal re-affirmation, centralisation, and on the use of inclusive language, are intended to lead to further discussion and exploration in these areas.

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Background and Introduction

The Committee believes that this Service, which has taken over two years to produce, will do much to enhance the worship life of our Church. The Service includes some elements missing from the present order in the Blue Book; it allows for more significant element of congregational participation; and it provides many more options for the person/s leading the Service. It is hoped to produce the Service in a format which will facilitate an even greater flexibility.

The Committee believes that the following comments are relevant when considering the Service:-

- (1) that the Faith and Order Committee's brief was to prepare a revision of the present order (Blue Book) and not to create a completely new Service.
- (2) that the basic liturgical structure of the present Service was sound.
- (3) that the present Service could be enriched by some elements (eg the Gloria in Excelsis) which, while not strictly essential, would add a significant dimension.
- (4) that the language of the present Service tends to be rather abrupt at certain points and needed to be modified and, hopefully improved. That inclusive language should be used where possible.
- (5) that the end product of our revision should become the normal Communion Service of the Church, but that other additional Communion Resource Material with Guidelines for use be also made available.

The Committee is very grateful to those Synods, groups and individuals throughout the Connexion who have taken the trouble to respond to the Service as it appeared in our report to Synods. Some very helpful suggestions have been received. While it has not been possible, or desirable, to include all suggestions in this Order for Holy Communion some significant alterations have been made to the Service in the light of that correspondence. Other material has been filed noting that it may be used as part of a Communion Resource kit.

The Committee believes that the Church needs both a full liturgical Order of Holy Communion as the normal rite of the Church, along with some suitable alternative material. Consequently we commend this Service, and also bring the recommendation at the end of the report that the Committee be asked to produce Communion Resource Material and Guidelines.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: *Grace and peace to you also.*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: *His love endures for ever.*

THE PREPARATION

Affirmation of God's Glory

Leader & Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
People: and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn

The Gloria in Excelsis (The Gloria may be used instead after the declaration of Forgiveness).

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Leader: We have come together to hear God's word and to meet our Lord in the communion of his body and blood. Let us therefore examine ourselves, seeking God's grace that we may come to him in repentance and in faith.

Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is, Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is the only Lord; love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

People: *Lord, we have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength.*

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: *Christ, have mercy.*

Leader: The second commandment is: Love your neighbour as yourself.

People: *Lord, we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.*

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: He also said: I give you a new commandment: Love one another; as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.

People: Lord, we have not loved one another as you have loved us.

Leader: Lord have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Leader: Hear the word of grace:

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.

And so I declare to you, our sins are forgiven.

Alternative form of Confession (If this prayer is used the responses
above should be omitted).

*God our Father, we have sinned against you in thought, word
and deed. We have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in
weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We have not loved you with all our heart: we have not loved
our neighbours as ourselves, we have not loved one another
as you have loved us. Have mercy upon us: cleanse us from
our sin and help us to overcome our faults: that we may
serve you in newness of life: through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.*

The Leader then declares: God's mercy never ends. In the name of
Jesus Christ, you (we) are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Alternative form of Confession

Leader: I confess to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and
sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault;
in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to
the Lord our God.

People: May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.

People: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brother (sister)
that I have sinned through my own fault;
in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask you, my brother, (sister) to pray for me to the
Lord our God.

Leader: May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.

People: *Amen*

Leader: To all who repent and seek their salvation in Jesus Christ,
I declare the forgiveness of their sins in the name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD.

The Bible is read.

(Before the readings:

Reader: Hear the word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The people may stand for the reading of the Gospel.

After the Gospel:

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The sermon is preached.

Leader: Let us affirm the Faith of the Church.

The Nicene Creed.

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty maker of
heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God of God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In fulfilment of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his Kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
• We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Alternative affirmation of faith

Leader: We are not alone - We live in God's world.

All: *We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh to reconcile and
make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
• We trust in God
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our
Hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.*

(United Church of Canada)

Prayers of Intercession

The following prayers of intercession are patterns for the guidance of those leading worship. Items of particular moment should be included at appropriate places in the prayers. The prayers may be led by members of the congregation and, if desired, may follow the Communion.

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord for the Church and for the human family.
for the union of all Christians in one holy church,
for all who bear responsibility among God's people,
for all ministers of the word and sacraments,
and for all who gather in God's name here in

Silence

Leader: The Lord hears our prayer.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord for the peace of the world,
for the rulers of all the nations,
for government in accordance with God's holy will,
and for a just and proper use of the natural resources of the world.

Silence

Leader : The Lord hears our prayer.

Leader : Let us pray to the Lord for the concerns and activities of this congregation and of this neighbourhood, and for ourselves, our families, friends and neighbours.

Silence

Leader : The Lord hears our prayer.

People : Thanks be to God.

Leader : Let us pray to the Lord for all in sorrow, need, anxiety or sickness; for the neglected and the lonely; for those who are in prison; for those who suffer for conscience sake.

Silence

Leader : The Lord hears our prayer.

People : Thanks be to God.

Leader : Let us praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honoured, and pray that we also, inspired by their example, may have grace to glorify Christ.

Silence.

Leader : The Lord hears our prayer.

People : Thanks be to God.

Leader : Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* The Lord's Prayer may be used at this point if desired.

Alternative Prayer of Intercession

Leader : We pray, Lord God, for your church throughout the world; that it may truly share in the work of Christ, revealing your grace, and reconciling people to you;

*People : that Christians may learn to love one another as you have loved us;
that your church may show forth the unity which is your will and your gift.*

Leader : We pray for our country; that we do not exploit one another, and that none be neglected or forgotten;

People : that we may recognise the worth and the contribution of all races and that all may work together for the common welfare.

- Leader: We pray for the life of the world:
that nations may seek the way that leads to peace and justice;
- People: *that human rights and freedom may everywhere be respected;
and that the world's resources may be ungrudgingly shared.*
- Leader: We pray for homes and families;
that marriage may be held in honour and children surrounded with security and love.
- People: *that your love will sustain and redeem those who suffer broken relationships;
and that those without homes may find a place of refuge amongst us.*
- Leader: We pray for those who are ill, or who are distressed in mind or spirit
- People: *that through the healing skill you have given they may be made whole.*
- Leader: We pray for those who suffer for faith and conviction,
and are tempted to give in because the way is hard;
- People: *help and strengthen them, Lord,
so that they may endure to the end,
and by their loyal witness draw others to you.*
- Leader: We pray that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ may be heard and received throughout the world: giving humility to those in places of wealth and power and giving strength and dignity to the powerless.
- People: *Draw to yourself all who seek truth and goodness,
and hasten the day when all your creation shall come and worship you and honour your name.*
- All: *Blessing and honour and glory and power be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

- Leader: We, many as we are, are one body in Christ.
If we do not love our brother or our sister whom we have seen,
How can we love God whom we have not seen?
The peace of God be with you.
- People: *And God's peace be with you.*
- A sign of peace may be exchanged among the people.

The Offertory

Leader: I implore you by God's mercy to offer your very selves to him; a living sacrifice, dedicated and for for his acceptance, the worship offered by mind and heart.
(Romans 12:1)

or: Come, and let yourselves be built, as living stones, into a spiritual temple; become a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ
(1 Peter 2:5)

or: How can I repay the Lord for all his gifts to me?
I will take in my hands the cup of salvation and invoke the Lord by name.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. (Ps 116:12-14)

or: Through Jesus, then, let us continually offer up to God the sacrifice of praise that is, the tribute of lips which acknowledge his name, and never forget to show kindness and to share what you have with others; for such are the sacrifices which God approves. (Heb. 13:15,16)

The gifts of money, together with the bread and wine for the communion, are brought forward and placed on the table.

Leader & *Holy Father, with confidence we come to you and bring you what is yours.*

People: *Accept us and these our gifts for your service and glory. Amen.*

Alternative Offertory Prayer

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

People: *Blessed be God for ever.*

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation,
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.

People: *Blessed be God for ever.*

THE THANKSGIVING

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Leader: With all your people in heaven and on earth we give you thanks, Holy Father, for Jesus Christ, through whom all things were made; who in the fulness of time became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth; who in obedience suffered death on the cross, and was raised in triumph that we might have life. Therefore we worship and praise your glorious name, saying/singing,

ALL: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest;
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest.*

Leader: All glory and thanksgiving to you, Lord God, creator and ruler of the universe, because you gave us your beloved Son Jesus Christ, who on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup after supper and said, "this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

All: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Your death we show forth;
Your resurrection we proclaim:
Your coming we await.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

Leader: As our Lord has taught us, we pray:

All: *Our Father in heaven, holy be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not bring us to the test but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.*

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Bind us into one body, that we might grow into the fulness of Christ who is the head.

People: *Amen.*

* *(One of the following prayers may be used)*

either

Leader & *We do not come to your table Lord, trusting in our own*
People : *righteousness, but in your great mercy. We are not worthy*
even to gather the crumbs from under your table. But you
are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat this bread
and drink this wine that Christ may evermore dwell in us
and we in him. Amen.

or :

Leader & *We come to your table, Lord, conscious of our own short-*
People : *comings, but trusting in your love and mercy. Humbly we*
partake of this bread and wine, recognising in you that
life we seek for ourselves but which is not yet our own.
So, gracious Lord, we eat this bread and drink this wine
believing that you will grow in us and we in you. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

After a pause, the minister breaks the bread and says :

Leader : The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
He then takes the cup and says :

Leader : The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing
in the blood of Christ.

Silence is kept for a space, after which the minister may say :

Leader : Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the
world.

* When anyone is united to Christ, there is a new world;
the old order has gone and a new order has already begun.

THE COMMUNION

Leader : Draw near in faith and take this holy sacrament in
remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in
your hearts with thanksgiving.

The following words of administration may be used :

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, the bread of life.

(or, ... given for you).

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the true vine.

(or, ... shed for you).

At the conclusion of the communion:

Leader and People :

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you with all our heart for this
experience of your mercy and grace. Grant us now and in the days to
come a living hope in you; and as we serve you in the world, help us
to look and work for that day when at your name every knee shall bow,
and every tongue confess you Lord to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Leader: Go into the world in the power of the Spirit.

People: *We go to serve in the name of Christ.*

Leader: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and*

People: *the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.*

Funeral Order of Service

Funeral services take place in the context of a range of pastoral circumstances, so there is need for flexibility and a variety of options in any Order. The key to the Funeral Order presented here is the outline. This sets the general structure, which is broadly appropriate for any funeral situation, and which incorporates those elements which should normally be part of the service. The remainder of the Order provides material which has been found helpful and appropriate to work in with the outline. The user will need to choose from among the resources noted here, rather than simply follow through from beginning to end. Other material may easily be added, or used to replace or adapt what is suggested here. Clearly, such material must be selected to form a coherent whole, so that the service flows without the disjunction of, for example, a variety of language styles. Some of the possible resources have simply been noted here, rather than printed in full.

Funeral Order: Outline

Preparation

- 1a Greeting
- 1b Notices
- 1c Statement of Intent
- 2 Encouraging Words
(Hymn)
- 3 Prayer
(Hymn)

Ministry of the Word

- 4a Bible (and/or other) readings
- 4b Sermon or Address
(Hymn)

Response

- 5a Thanksgiving
- 5b Pastoral Prayer
- 5c Commendation
- 5d Lord's Prayer
- 5e Affirmation of faith (hymn or creed)

Committal

- 6a Preparation
- 6b Act of Committal
- 6c Pastoral Prayer
(Hymn)
- 7 Blessing and Dismissal

Funeral Order: Resources

Preparation

1a The Presbyter may welcome the people with a greeting.

1b Notices

1c We are met in this solemn moment to commend.....into the hands of Almighty God, our heavenly Father. In the presence of death Christians have sure ground for hope, confidence and even joy, because the Lord Jesus Christ, who shared our human life and death, was raised again triumphant and lives for evermore. In him his people find eternal life. Let us then in humble trust hear the words of Scripture.

or We have gathered here today to give thanks to God for the life of.....who has died. We are here because in one way or another his/her death affects us all. Let us listen again to some of the great words of the Christian faith and seek that comfort and strength which comes from God alone.

or Relatives and friends of....we have come here today because we share your sadness and loss at his/her death. We want to give more than just consolation and sympathy. We want to give expression to our faith in God and to our living hope that death is not the end. Let us, in that faith and hope, worship God.

or We have come together today to give thanks for the life of..... He/she had no near kin, but we come here to show that he/she was part of our family, the one human family, to which we all belong. We meet in the conviction that death is not a calamity, but is an event we can face without needless fear, bitterness or guilt.

or We have gathered here today to remember and be thankful for the life of.....who has died. We are here to commit his/her body to be cremated/buried, to mourn his/her passing from us and to comfort those who grieve, with our sympathy and our love.

2 Although we have been parted from
..... none of us need ever be
parted from the love of God. Hear
God's word to all who turn to him
(through Jesus Christ) for comfort
and hope.

The eternal God is your dwelling place and underneath are the everlasting arms.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
My God, in you I trust.

God is our refuge and strength
a very present help in time of trouble.

The Lord says: Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last and I am the living one; for I was dead and now I am alive for evermore.

Jesus said: Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Blessed are the sorrowful they shall find consolation.

Those who mourn deeply will be comforted.

(WL paraphrase)

Set your troubled hearts at rest.

Trust in God; trust also in me.

Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me even though he dies, he will live and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

John said: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Love is eternal.

Paul said: What we see now is like a dim image in a mirror, then we shall see face to face.

Paul said: For I am certain...there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Paul said: None of us lives for himself alone; none of us dies for himself alone; if we live, it is for the Lord we live; if we die, it is for the Lord we die.

Life begins and ends in mystery

But we need not be afraid

For the heart of this mystery is LOVE
the love of God.

A Hymn may be said or sung.

3 Prayers

Let us Pray

Eternal God, Lord of life, conqueror of death,
our help in every time of trouble.

Comfort us who mourn and give us grace, in the
presence of death to worship you, that we may have sure
hope of eternal life.

and be enabled to put our whole trust in your
goodness and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

(B.M.)

Eternal God, your love is stronger than death:

by you we are being brought to life.

Help us now as we think about the meaning of.....'s
life and death to find reassurance and hope for ourselves.

Grant that in our sorrow, we may find extra resources of strength
and peace and security.

These things we pray through Him who lived, died and lives on -
Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Lord, one you love has died.

We have loved him/her too, but now we find love painful
because he/she has been taken away from us.

For the moment we cannot follow and that makes us feel helpless and
lost

But your love for him/her is greater than ours and so we put our
trust in you.

Though we cannot see, help us to believe, so that our sorrow may be
turned to joy by the power of your love, and may your peace support
us here and everywhere, now and forever. AMEN.

In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy,
help us, Heavenly Father,

to trust your love,

to serve your purpose,

and to praise your name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A Hymn may be sung or said.

Ministry of the Word

4a BIBLE (or other) readings:

Cry for help

Ps. 13
61: 1-5
130
142
Job 14: 1-10

Trust in God

Ps 23
121
146
Jn. 10: 11-18
Hebrews 13: 6

Words of Hope

Jn. 14: 1-6, 27
Roms. 18: 28
31b - 35
37 - 39
1 Peter 1:3 - 9

From despair to Hope

Eccles. 3: 1-8, 14, 15
Psalm 73: 21-28
103
139
90: 1-12
121
Matt. 13: 31
Hebrews 12: 1-2

Promise of New Life:

1 Cor. 15 (selections)
2 Cor. 4: 16 - 5: 10
John 6: 35 - 40
Rev. 21: 1 - 7
Matt. 28: 1 - 10
John 10: 10

Tears are for the washing away of grief
Hope is for the building of dreams
Love is the tender life-force that conquers death.

Hold fast to dreams
for if dreams die
life is a broken winged bird
that cannot fly.
Hold fast to dreams
for when dreams go
life is a barren field
frozen with snow.

It is not surprising that we cling
so tenaciously to this earthly life,
For it is all that our senses can comprehend.
Nevertheless, if only we knew what God
has in store for us
We would be able to face death completely unafraid.
For the moment, however, our responsibilities
life here on earth.
Let us then with courage and with joy
Live that life for others
which is our high calling
In Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Paraphrase of portions of
Philippians 1 (Brandt/Wallace))

Can anything separate us from God's love?
Can suffering or danger or hunger or grief?
No: God's love is stronger than any of these.
There is nothing in life or death
in things as they are, or things as they shall be
- nothing in the whole wide world
that can separate us from God's love
in Jesus Christ.

(Paul's Words of Encouragement
Romans 8: 35, 37 - 39)

The Cry of the Psalmist (Ps. 130 para.)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord here my voice
Lord listen to my cry for help!

If you were to record our wrongdoings
who could escape being condemned?
But you are a God of forgiveness
to be worshipped and praised.

I wait eagerly for the Lord's help
and depend upon his word
I long for the Lord
more than watchmen for daybreak.

Trust in the Lord for his love is unfailing
his salvation never ends
Yes, God will liberate his people
from every form of bondage.

Paraphrase of 1 Peter 4:

Sufferings, trials, conflicts
come to all of us at one time or another.
They cannot be avoided or ignored.
They are real - and they hurt.

However, it is not suffering
which destroys the spirit of human beings
- it is the way we react to it:
we may view it as unrelieved tragedy
or, on the other hand, we can allow
the presence of suffering
to enrich our lives and enlarge our faith.

But in addition to trusting God in the midst
of our conflicts,
we can cushion their shock or lessen their hurt
by holding on to one another,
by loving, sharing and helping to bear the burdens
and sufferings of each other.
This is what it means to belong to the family of God.
This is what it means to be truly human.

(Brandt/Wallace)

No man is an island, entire of itself;
... Any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind;
And therefore never ask to know
For whom the bell tolls;
It tolls for Thee.

Meditation 17
John Donne.

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and Dreadful, for thou art not so;
... One short sleep past, we wake eternally,
And death shall be no more:
Death, thou shalt die.

Death Be not Proud.
John Donne.

"All shall be well, and all shall be well,
and all manner of things shall be well."

Julian of Norwich.

The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it, yet within our reach is joy. There is radiance and glory in the darkness, could we but see - and to see, we have only to look. I implore you to look.

Life is so generous a giver but, we, judging its gifts by their covering, cast them aside as ugly or heavy or hard. Remove the covering and you will find beneath it a living splendour, woven of love, by wisdom, with power.

Welcome it, grasp it, and you touch the hand of God. Everything we call a trial, a sorrow, or a duty, believe me, God's hand is there. Indeed even our joys conceal diviner gifts.

Life is so full of meaning and purpose, so full of beauty - beneath its covering - that you will find earth but cloaks your heaven.
(Fra Giovanni (1512))

Lord,
Send me a resurrection
When everything looks dead and buried.
Send me light
When the night seems too long.
Send me spring
When the cold and frozen season
seems endless.
Send me a new friend
when I am alone.
Send me peace
when I am afraid.
Send me a future
when it looks hopeless.
Send me your resurrection
when I die.

(Herbert F. Brokering)

4b Sermon or Address

5a Thanksgiving

Let us pray

Praise and honour, glory and thanks be given to you,
Almighty God, Heavenly Father,
because in your great love for the world
you gave your Son to be our Saviour
to live our life, to share our joys and sorrows
and to die our death upon the Cross.

We praise you for bringing him back from death
and for giving him all authority in heaven
and on earth,

For your full, perfect and sufficient gift of life in Christ,
all praise and thanks to you for ever and ever.

Eternal God, we thank you for the life of.....your departed servant and for our memories of him/her.

We praise you for your goodness and mercy that followed him/her all the days of his/her life and pray that you will bring us with him/her to the joy of your perfect Kingdom.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord AMEN.

O God, before whom generations rise and fall, we praise you for all your servants who, having lived this life in faith, now live eternally with you. Especially we thank you for your servant..... for the gift of his/her life, for the grace you have given him/her, for all that was good and kind and faithful in his/her life. (specific characteristics may be mentioned). We thank you that for him/her death is past, pain is ended and he/she has entered the joy you have prepared: through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Let us give thanks to God
for all that he has done for the world
and especially that the bitterness and
fear of death is taken away by faith.
Now we lift up our hearts in gratitude
for the life of.....who has
gone from among us.

Thank you Father for all your goodness to him/her through many days.
In silence, let us make our personal thanksgiving to God for all
thatmeant to us.

(Silence)

Thank you Father for all thatwas to those who loved him/
her and for everything in his/her life that reflected your goodness
and love.

5b Pastoral Prayers

Let us pray

O God the strength of the weak, the comfort of the sorrowful,
the friend of the lonely; grant that we may not be overwhelmed
by sorrow, nor turned against you through anguish; but rather, that
with patient hope and the companionship of Christ we may continue
in your service and all true living until we grow into fullness
of life with you.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

God our loving Father, draw near to those who mourn today.
Make your love known to them that they may turn to you and receive
comfort and strength.

In their separation help them to put their trust in you.
As agents of your love, help us to support them in their grief.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

God our Father.

We cannot escape death or hide from it.

It comes and we are compelled to face it.

But we pray that we may not be overwhelmed or embittered by
death (or the way that it has come).

We pray that death may not cause us to think less of life, but more:
free us from self pity and make us more eager to comfort others in
their sorrows.

Lord, give us all we need for rejoicing:

All we need for hope and peace.

Be with us here and everywhere

Sustain us now and always.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

SEE ALSO Micklem p. 106-107.

5c Commendation

Let us pray

Merciful God, you have made us all and given your Son for our
salvation.

We commend.....to your perfect mercy and wisdom for in you alone
we put our trust. AMEN.

Heavenly Father, we commend.....into your sure keeping and pray
for the confidence to release him/her and to find new life for
ourselves without him/her.

We thank you Heavenly Father for all who have departed this life in
your faith and fear, remembering before you your servant.....

We commend him/her into your hands rejoicing in your promises of
pardon, joy and peace to all who truly love you. In your infinite
love and mercy bring the whole Church living and departed in the
Lord Jesus to a joyful resurrection in the fulfilment of your
eternal Kingdom. AMEN.

Almighty God,
you judge all people with infinite justice and mercy, and love
everything you have made. We commend all people to you especially
your servant.....(who has died) and rejoice in your promises of
pardon, joy and peace to all who truly love you in and through
Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty God, we commend to you our neighbour, trusting in your love
and mercy and believing in the promise of a resurrection to eternal
life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

5d Lord's Prayer (Words will be printed when published)

5e Affirmation of Faith

A creed may be said or a hymn may be sung.

Committal

6a Preparation

Friends, (with faith in Jesus Christ) we reverently bring the body
of our brother/sister to be buried/cremated.

Further readings from Section 2.

6b Act of Committal

(Please stand)

Since the earthly life ofhas come to an end we commit
his/her body to the ground/to be cremated/to the elements.

Earth to earth - (burial only)
ashes to ashes
dust to dust

(trusting in the infinite love of God)
(in Jesus Christ our Lord)

or (in the sure and certain hope of the)
(resurrection to eternal life)
(through our Lord Jesus Christ)
(to whom be the glory for ever and ever)

or (confident of the final victory of love)
(over suffering, injustice and death.)

AMEN.

Lord, may your servant depart in peace according to your word, for
our eyes have seen your salvation. (Luke 2: 29)

I have run the great race, I have finished the course I have kept faith. And now the prize awaits me, the garland of righteousness which the Lord, the all-just Judge, will award me on that great Day; and it is not for me alone, but for all who have set their hearts on his coming appearance.

(N.E.B. 2 Tim. 4: 7-8)

6c Pastoral Prayers (see also Section 5b)

Let us pray

God our Father, grief and loneliness threaten to destroy our confidence and love of life, but you remain our hope of joy. Through the darkness of our sorrow and loss, we reach into your immense greatness for the power that will strengthen us and enable us to face life again with confidence. May we accept your love here and everywhere now and forever. AMEN.

Grant, O Lord, that in our hour of dying, we may place ourselves in your hands, secure in the knowledge that we will ever remain within your tender purposes and your unfailing love.

God of peace, show us the peace we should seek, show us the peace we must try to give, show us the peace we may keep, show us the peace you have given, and make us what you want us to be.

Through Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever. AMEN.

7. Blessing/Dismissal

Let us go on our way in the strength of God. He is with us and goes before us, Our confidence, our courage and our hope now and forever. AMEN.

In life, in death, in life beyond death we are not alone. God is with us. Thanks be to God.

Hear the words of Jesus Christ.

Peace is my parting gift to you
My own peace, such as the world cannot give
Set your troubled hearts at rest
and no longer be afraid.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all. AMEN.

And the best of all,
God is with us. AMEN.

Baptism, Re-Baptism, and the Re-affirmation of Baptism

Conference 1978 (p573) asked the Faith and Order Committee to consider issues relating to the desire of some people for a second "baptismal act", the apparent denial of the earlier baptism implied by this, and the use of differing baptismal forms, such as immersion, within the Methodist Church.

The Committee reported in 1979 the complexity of the issues raised in this area, and since then has sought to grapple with these at some length. The Committee now presents this report outlining some views on baptism, raising further questions for study, and introducing a Service for the Re-affirmation of Baptism.

1. Introduction

The Committee gave detailed consideration to those biblical, theological, historical, ecclesiological, and pastoral factors which were considered relevant to an examination of the theory and practice of baptism. The Committee noted the various biblical and theological motifs which have formed the background to the Church's understanding of baptism down through the centuries. These are outlined below. The Church, in its particular historical settings, and its denominational diversity, has varied the emphasis given to certain motifs from time to time, but the overall biblical and theological framework of baptism is clearly discernible throughout the history of the Church. For Methodists perhaps the most notable aspect of Wesley's teaching on baptism is his placing of the act of baptism within the context of the grace of God, this grace being understood as resistable. Consequently, baptism for Wesley, though it may signify regeneration, is not in itself, either a sufficient or necessary sign of regeneration. Baptism and the "new birth" are not identical. This does not mean, however, that baptism is unimportant. Baptism is a mark of obedience to Christ, a witness to faith. Baptism has an experiential dimension for the baptised. Baptism is necessary for Church membership and is only complete when the image of the believer is conformed to Christ.

2. Theological Motifs

Nine theological motifs were identified which are present in the variety of approaches to baptism. These are: 1. Regeneration; 2. Dying and Rising; 3. The priority of Divine Grace; 4. Reception of the Holy Spirit; 5. Covenant; 6. Anticipation; 7. Cleansing; 8. Initiation into the Church; 9. Affirmation of Faith.

The key issues were: first, the source of regeneration, that is whether new life is given through the act of baptism or whether baptism is a sign of new life worked by the Holy Spirit; and, second, the relationship between the Church's symbolic action and the personal reality of the meaning of baptism for an individual. We affirm that both the act and the personal meaning are significant but also (following Wesley) that the personal reality is the crucial element, and that baptism points to that as either a past or an

anticipated event or process for the individual. Always baptism has its basis in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

3. Re-affirmation of the Statement in Report to Conference 1974
(pp281-287)

The Committee wishes to affirm the general thrust of the report of the Faith and Order Committee on baptism in the 1974 Minutes. We note that both the baptising of adult believers and baptism by immersion are fully acceptable in Methodist thought and practice.

4. Repeatability and the Biblical evidence

The Committee carefully considered the question: Is baptism a non-repeatable act? We concluded that while the general practice of most churches has been to understand baptism as a non-repeatable act, the biblical sources are not conclusive. Therefore, the Committee believes that it would be extremely difficult to make a theological case for the non-repeatability of baptism on biblical grounds. Further to this, the Committee recognised that none of the above theological motifs necessarily implied the non-repeatability of baptism. Traditionally, the theological case for non-repeatability has been built on the general practice of most churches, although even in this context there never has been complete consensus. Since the biblical evidence is inconclusive and since a lack of general consensus continues to exist among the churches, the Committee holds that the issue of the non-repeatability of baptism ought not to be viewed as a question of faith but of order.

Order is necessary for the life of the Church but such order as is necessary ought to complement the faith of the Church. This means that the order of the Church needs to be constantly evaluated and sometimes modified by the faith as it is related to particular circumstances in each generation. When people raise questions relating to their personal faith and pilgrimage, questions which may challenge the existing order of the Church, but which have deep meaning for them, such questions must be taken seriously. The Committee, therefore, suggests this be an area of further enquiry.

5. The Re-affirmation of Baptism

Aside from the question of non-repeatability, the Committee believes that there are grounds for the re-affirmation of baptism. Baptism witnesses to a central reality, namely, the regeneration or new life which takes place through a person's response to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we hold that it is entirely appropriate for a person to witness to the significance of that reality in his/her life on more than one occasion. Although it is seldom clearly spelt out the Methodist Church does provide in its worship opportunities for such re-affirmation in Confirmation, Covenant and Communion Services. In the wider Church we recognise that some denominations are much more explicit and indeed hold services of baptismal renewal, often during the Lenten-Easter period. We ourselves recognise a clear pastoral need amongst some of our people who have been baptised as infants to express more specifically

their own affirmation of baptism once they have come into an experience of personal faith.

Conclusion

The Committee therefore proposes the following Order of Service for the Re-affirmation of Baptism. Immersion, sprinkling, or pouring can be used in the service as appropriate symbols of baptism. The Committee stresses, however, that the use of water in the service in no way suggests that this is another baptism.

Order of Service For the Reaffirmation of Baptism

Preface To be read in conjunction with Commentary, An Order of Service for Confirmation, (1974), P.2.

Baptism is the rite of reception into the Church. The Church baptises with water in the name of the Trinity, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In Infant Baptism attention is focussed upon God as the source of grace; God's acts of grace through the Son; God's will that all children should have a place in the Church, and the possibilities for personal and corporate life in the Church through the work of the Holy Spirit. Baptism does not make a person a Christian; that is the work of the Holy Spirit. In Infant Baptism the Church acknowledges this and prays that this work of the Holy Spirit will take place. In the Baptism of Believers the Church recognises that the candidate has so responded to the work of the Holy Spirit that a personal confession of faith can be made. In both cases there is a work of the Holy Spirit to be continued throughout life.

Every service of Holy Communion is a reaffirmation of faith. In Methodist usage there are two other services which give place to growth and renewal of commitment, namely, the Covenant Service and Confirmation. It is important to note that Confirmation is not reception into membership; it marks an important point in spiritual development and life in the Church. When a mature believer is received into the Church by Baptism, Baptism and Confirmation become one and the same thing. Baptism (with water) may take the form of sprinkling, pouring or immersion.

It is consistent with this that additional forms of testimony to development in faith and Christian living should be recognised. In particular reaffirmation of Baptism (Infant or Believer) may be provided for. This may take the form of spoken testimony and appropriate vows and action. If conscience should require, re-affirmation may be made by immersion in water, symbolising identification with the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ, and rising to newness of life.

STAND

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

People: *His steadfast love endures for ever.*

The Preparation

Prayer of Approach

Minister: God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our God;
 . whose creating and redeeming word stands forever. We
 believe that you call all to be your people and that you
 do not reject us in spite of our unworthiness.

People: *Help us by your Spirit to renew the vows and promises made
to you, that we may become one in Christ and be renewed
for your service.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Hymn of Praise

REMAIN STANDING

Declaration of Intention.

Minister: In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Minister *We have come:*

and *to reaffirm the Baptism of*

People: *to confirm them in their faith:*

*to authorise them afresh for responsibilities within the
Church, and mission in the world:*

to pledge them our support:

*to dedicate ourselves anew to become the people of God
in this place.*

SIT

The Ministry of the Word

The Bible is read.

The Sermon is preached.

The following or some other recognised affirmation of faith is now
made.

STAND

Minister: We are not alone - we live in God's world.

Minister *We believe in God:*

and *who has created and is creating*

People: *who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh to reconcile
and make new,*

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God

He calls us to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

*to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.*

Hymn

Act of Reaffirmation

Those whose Baptism is being reaffirmed come forward, face the Congregation and are introduced by name.

Minister: We invite you to declare your faith.

Response: *I believe in Jesus Christ as Lord.
I have come to reaffirm my Baptism and to renew my
commitment in the power of the Holy Spirit to live
as a member of his church in the world.
I accept afresh my responsibilities as a member of the
Methodist Church of New Zealand.*

or

A personal or group statement of faith may be made.

Kneel.

EITHER Reaffirmation by the Laying on of Hands

Minister: You have earlier been received into the Church, and you have now reaffirmed your Baptism. In the name of God we renew your commission to share fully in service and mission.

PRAYER Lord, keep....(Name) in your grace that he/she may continue yours forever and daily grow through the Holy Spirit into the fullness of Christ.

PEOPLE Amen.

OR Reaffirmation by Immersion (or sprinkling, or pouring)

Ribric

When reaffirmation is to take the form of immersion in water arrangements shall be made for the use of a church equipped with a baptistry, or other suitable water.

As many as possible of the Congregation shall be present. Those present should gather around the baptistry as closely as may be reasonably possible.

The person(s) concerned shall kneel in the water and the Minister shall place one hand on the chest and the other on the back and gently press forward.

Minister: We affirm the validity and significance of the Sacrament of Infant Baptism. That rite focusses attention upon the Grace of God, and receives the child into the membership of the Church. In this Act of Immersion we symbolise identification with Christ's death and resurrection; reaffirm all that was promised and prayed for in Baptism, and acknowledge the evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit.

Act of Immersion

Minister:(Name) I immerse you and reaffirm your Baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Laying-on of Hands.

Minister: You have earlier been received into the Church, and you have now reaffirmed your Baptism. In the name of God we renew your commission to share fully in service and mission.

PRAYER Lord, keep.....(Name) in your grace that he/she may continue yours forever and daily grow through the Holy Spirit into the fullness of Christ.

People: Amen.

The Charge to the Reaffirmed.

ALL STANDING

Minister: Become the People of God.
Meet regularly for worship and study.
Serve daily in the world.
Care for each other.
Abide in Christ.

Act of Reception by the Congregation.

The Reaffirmed turn and face the Congregation.

People: *We the members of this congregation joyfully share with you in the reaffirmation of your Baptism. We promise you our friendship and prayers. Together we renew our vows to obey Christ and to serve him in the congregation and in the world.*

The Reaffirmed return to the Congregation.

HOLY COMMUNION as in Order for Confirmation, pp 13-23.

Definition of "In Full Connexion With The Conference"

The Faith and Order Committee in consultation with the Law Revision Committee recommends that the definition of 'In Full Connexion', as it relates to all ordained presbyters, read:

"Reception of a Presbyter into Full Connexion with the Conference confers membership of the Conference and involves acceptance of its polity and discipline."

The Committee believes that it is important to note that the phrase "confers membership of the Conference" is to be understood in a wide sense. It does not necessarily imply the right to attend a particular meeting of the Conference. What it does imply is that Presbyters are members of the Conference in the sense that they are responsible to the Conference whether they attend a particular Conference or not. Eligibility to attend a particular Conference of the Church may depend on factors such as decisions concerning the size of the meeting which may be made from time to time. Membership of the Conference does not depend on such decisions but is a statement concerning the relationship of a presbyter to the Connexion of which the Conference is the focus and symbol of unity.

The question has been raised concerning the relation of deacons to the term 'In Full Connexion'. The Faith and Order Committee acknowledges the sensitivity of this issue. The Committee notes that "presbyter" relates more easily to the historic understanding of 'In Full Connexion' in that presbyters have responsibility for the "ministry of the Word and Sacraments" and are in a particular relationship to the Connexion which normally involves being subject to stationing by the Conference (self supporting presbyters often being the exception).

The Committee affirms that deacons, like presbyters, share in the one ministry of the Church, their particular task being to set before the Church an example in terms of the "ministry of Costly Service". The distinction, as the Committee understands it, between Presbyters and Deacons is in terms of function and obligation not status. Presbyters have ultimate responsibility for the 'Word and Sacraments', deacons have responsibility to carry out the 'ministry of Costly Service'. In terms of obligations the chief difference is in the relationship to the Connexion. This includes, for example, the fact that presbyters are normally subject to stationing by the Conference, while deacons, though they can offer themselves for stationing, are not under an obligation to do so.

The question then arises as to whether these differences in terms of function and obligation constitute a sufficient reason for stating that presbyters are 'In Full Connexion' while deacons are not 'In Full Connexion'. The question is a valid one. If membership of the Conference is actually a statement concerning the relationship of the ministry to the Church, and if it is recognised that deacons have a special responsibility, though not an exclusive responsibility, for

an area of ministry in the life of the Church, then it would seem that a further definition concerning the relation of deacons to the term 'In Full Connexion' may be appropriate.

Inclusive Language in the Church

The Faith and Order Committee believes that the Church needs to be sensitive in its use of language, so that no persons, or groups, are excluded through the use of words which may be narrowly interpreted. The Committee therefore presents this statement, and the proposed kit, in the hope that it will encourage an examination of the language we use in all aspects of Church life. The particular focus is on the use of language which may be regarded as sexist.

The church has changed its language in various ways over the centuries. There has been for example, the movement away from using Latin to using the vernacular languages, a huge change which started in the Middle Ages and is only just reaching full acceptance now. More recently we have changed from thee/thou to you in our way of addressing God. In each case the church has changed its practice in order to keep in step with changes taking place in society. It has read the signs of the times. Now with the emergence of women into a fuller participation in church and society, many people are exploring ways of reflecting this changed situation in the language we use.

It needs to be said that many women really do feel hurt and excluded by the constant use of male terms to refer to God and the people of God. It is one of the more subtle forms of discrimination, and although most men and even many women may not think it important, or even notice it, nevertheless it does have a powerful effect. In many different ways people are becoming aware that language shapes our world, and the use of sexist language does indeed reflect and reinforce a sexist world. When male words are used to refer to a male and female reality, the male is regarded as the norm and the female as a variant. It is not enough to say that man and men are generic words, which include male and female equally. Although this may be true according to the rules of traditional grammar, women have found that it is certainly not true in everyday life. It would be more honest to say that the statement "men includes women" is really based on the belief that the greater includes the lesser. It is precisely this assumption of male superiority or dominance that is now being seen as unjust and contrary to the Gospel, and that is being challenged in our attitudes and structures and in the language we use.

In Genesis we read that both male and female are created in God's image and in Galatians that Christ breaks down all barriers of race, class and also sex, before God and in Christ we are all equal. The sexist structures and attitudes of the church reflect the patriarchal culture in which Christianity developed, and can now be left behind as we move into the fuller freedom of Christ.

In the Christian and Judaic traditions God is usually seen as comprehending and transcending any particular images or metaphors we may use to express aspects of our religious experience. In the Old Testament Yahweh refused to accept any name other than the all-comprehending Yahweh, which means I am who I am, or I am becoming who I am becoming. Any attempt to limit God was seen as idolatry. Although in the patriarchal culture of that time God was generally referred to in male terms, female images and qualities were also sometimes used. In both the Old and New Testaments qualities often seen as feminine are strongly present in the way God is portrayed - compassion, tenderness, serving, brooding, nurturing, giving birth. Jesus sometimes referred to God in female terms, e.g.

Mother hen image - Matt. 23:37

Women seeking lost coin - Luke 15: 8-10

Birth imagery - John 3: 3-4, 16: 16-22

and the Hebrew word for the Holy Spirit, ruach, meaning wind, breath, spirit, is usually feminine.

Instead of carrying on the biblical practice of using both male and female imagery, the Church has carried on mainly the male imagery and not the female. If we continue the present practice of using only male words and images for God this becomes a kind of idolatry, fixing God in a male box. We need to broaden our terms to include, if we can, our whole experience of God, sometimes male expressions, sometimes female ones, and sometimes expressions not restricted by sex. This can be difficult especially as we recognise the limitations always inherent in language as we seek to convey theological concepts. The use of a variety of terms might help us not fall into idolatry of any one aspect of God, save us from excluding any one group from being fully a part of the Christian community, and free us to respond more spontaneously to whatever way God comes to us.

It is not easy to change from the language we grew up with, to use new forms which reflect the new patterns of equality. For those who wish to make the attempt with us we offer some guidelines. They are meant as stages along the way, reflecting the way a living language is changing in response to a changing reality. To help in this process a kit is being prepared which will include fuller statements considering such concerns as the use of language in the Old Testament, New Testament and the Church, inclusive language in a pluralistic society, pastoral dimensions, and the use of analogy, as well as particular aids to facilitate the use of inclusive language. We also commend the Education Division leaflet 3/81 When I say "Men" I mean "People".

Methodist Emphases and Ethos

Conference 1980 asked the Faith and Order Committee to prepare a statement on Methodist theology and ethos especially as it has "continuing relevance for the Church today".

The Committee spent some time examining this issue and decided that it would be most helpful to involve a cross-section of the Church in the process of shaping up the statement. Consequently, a number of churches, representing a variety of local situations, were invited to participate in the examination of our theology and ethos. The following statement owes a great deal to their responses. The Committee is grateful to these churches for the work that they did on our behalf.

The following are the significant areas, in terms of our theology and ethos, which emerged from this dialogue between the Committee and the wider Church:

1. Methodists see themselves as belonging to a Church which, in general, holds a theological or doctrinal position which can best be described by the word 'openness'. Expressed positively this means: (a) that Methodists are aware of, and indeed expect, theological diversity within the life of their Church; (b) that Methodists feel that they belong to a Church which is essentially "catholic" in outlook; (c) that while there is an emphasis within Methodism on the personal religious experience of God, that experience is not narrowly defined; (d) that while Methodism stands within the 'evangelical tradition' it does not have a fundamentalist understanding of that tradition. Methodists, in general, want to affirm each of these aspects, noting that it is for these reasons that the Methodist Church has been to the fore in the area of ecumenism. Methodists want to see the "Catholic spirit", and the concern for a "living faith" as expressed by John Wesley, continue as vital aspects of life in the Church.
2. Methodists see themselves as belonging to a Church which in its worship permits flexibility and which places an emphasis on singing the faith. The more formal liturgical rites of the Church, eg. the Covenant and the Communion Service are valued by Methodists both for their own inherent significance as acts of worship and because they are a reminder of the 'catholic' (Anglican) origins of the Church. At the same time Methodists value the freedom to be creative and to inject an element of spontaneity into worship. The 'evangelical' aspect of worship finds its focus in both the preaching and in the hymns of the Church.

Singing is a significant part of our worship for two reasons. First, because singing brings a note of joy into worship which is appropriate to life in a community experiencing the love of God. Secondly, because the words of our hymns still continue to give shape to our theology. Methodists recognise that Charles Wesley's hymns, though dated, are not "theological nursery rhymes" but in fact a profound response to the love of God. At the same time, as a result of this heritage,

Methodists welcome the opportunity to express their faith anew using contemporary words and tunes.

3. Methodists see themselves as concerned for "social holiness", Earlier this century this was expressed by the Church's deep concern with the problems posed by the misuse of alcohol; in the sixties it was expressed in the Church's opposition to the involvement of New Zealand in the Vietnam war; at the present time it is seen in the concern of the Church with problems posed by racism. Methodists cannot ignore such things. The faith of a Methodist must be applied to the life of the world. For this reason the Church seeks to act as a conscience in society, and individual Methodists seek to become involved in a wide variety of community and national affairs. Yet even this 'social Holiness' is not without a personal dimension, it is part of that 'scriptural holiness' of which Wesley also spoke. Methodists are concerned that both individuals, and society as a whole, reflect the mind of Christ. John Wesley's dictum that there is "no holiness but social holiness" is seen as a cornerstone of our faith in action and a necessary corrective to a tendency for churches to become preoccupied with the 'saving of souls' understood in the narrow sense often given to that phrase.
4. Methodists see themselves as belonging to both a local congregation and to the 'Connexion' or National Church. At the local level the 'democratic' procedures of Methodism are valued, as is the emphasis on the local church as an "extended Christian family". Some see the Connexion as existing to nurture the sense of Methodist 'family' identity at the local, district and national level, and value the 'smallness' of the Church which makes this possible. Others, however, speak of a "love-hate" relationship with the structures of Methodism and see as a major difficulty the keeping of some kind of balance between the connexional emphasis and the need to acknowledge the essential place of the local church and its people. Having said that, it is nonetheless true that Methodists want to strongly affirm that the Church does not begin or end with the life of a particular local congregation. Methodists sense that they belong to the worldwide Christian 'family' and that sense is enhanced by our connexionalism.

The Committee recognises, of course, that many of the above aspects of Methodism are also highly valued in other Christian traditions. Anglican and Roman Catholics, for example, may see their denominations as "more catholic"; Baptists and Brethren may see their denominations as "more evangelical". These facets are not unique to Methodism. The peculiar ethos of Methodism is shaped, not by any one aspect, but by a unique combination of the above facets. It is in the particular balance maintained between the 'catholic' and the 'evangelical' in our theological outlook; between the 'formal' and the 'informal' in our worship; between the concern for 'social

holiness' and the concern for 'personal salvation' in our attitude to society and individuals; set in a Church structure which is both 'connexional' and yet has a significant 'congregational' life; that Methodism discovers its unique ethos within the Church universal.

Interim Report of the Committee on Centralisation

Currently there are claims that there has been a movement towards centralised authority to the detriment of the Church. Some of the things which have apparently led to this feeling are: the centralisation of accounts, the holding of 'Titles' of property by the Administration Division rather than by the local Trusts, the demands of a Connexional Budget which often appears too remote and impersonal for the local congregation which has to meet it.

Whatever the reasons for these factors it is clear that they can contribute to a feeling of loss of involvement, by local people, especially in the area of decision-making. This is occurring at a time when there is a growing maturity in the lay membership of the Church, and a desire for greater flexibility and shared responsibility. Too often there is a feeling that the Connexion is speaking for us, rather than with us.

Our Society, including the Church, has tended to develop 'pyramid' structures to serve the community. The tendency is for persons nearer the top to be the main beneficiaries of the system. These find fulfilment, satisfaction and prestige through the authority given to them and the power exercised, whereas people represented at the bottom can become frustrated and/or lose a sense of self-determination as a result.

In all this there is the enormous problem of how to maintain the benefits but also keep a balance. Centralisation can work to the detriment of the Church if it is taken to extremes, but so can its opposite. There is a need to keep the pendulum from swinging too far either way. Some of the concerns expressed, about Centralisation, if acted on, could result in Congregationalism. On the other hand if too much power is given to a central authority the result could be a weakening of the whole unit.

We suggest that there is a need to look at the basic structures of the Church and their function, keeping in mind the important task of the pastoral care of the whole Church. (Whatever structure is used there is a danger of this being lost). There is a need for the share of the Church in the 80's and beyond to be carefully thought through. It may be that the shape of the Church needs changing, we may have to alter our criteria for forming Circuits, and also ask whether the church can function better regionally? (Union and cooperating Parishes are not catered for adequately under the present structure). Finally, we suggest that a structure is needed that allows for, and actively encourages, the self-determination of local churches without losing the benefits of Centralisation. There is already an emergent call for a 'devolutionary' process that allows

people to have more say. This is being exercised at present, to some extent, through such things as Lay/Clergy Dialogues, and Youth Task Groups, but the question remains is this enough? The Committee would welcome responses about these issues, especially suggestions which might enable the structure of the Church to function more effectively for all concerned.

Preamble to the Law Book

Conference 1980 asked the Faith and Order Committee to examine the Preamble to the Law Book with a view to its possible revision. A small group undertook this task, and parts of the Preamble have been re-written in the light of our current understandings of the church and its ministry. The revised Preamble will be presented as part of the full revision of the Law Book.

Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue

The first meeting of the dialogue between the Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches in New Zealand was held in Hamilton on 4-5 August 1981, under the co-chairmanship of Bishop Peter Cullinane and the Revd. Dr John Salmon. The meeting included an overview of the dialogue being held between the churches at world level, identifying key issues for the churches in New Zealand, and discussion of the direction for future meetings. A highlight was the sharing in a Covenant Service - initiated by the Roman Catholics out of experience at the world Methodist Council.

Meetings will be held three times a year, in Hamilton, with papers being presented for discussion. The second meeting on 19-20 October focusses on the Church, with papers on the biblical images of the Church, and how these images have been used in the respective traditions.

The Committee believes this dialogue to be an exciting and potentially fruitful ecumenical venture.

Diaconate and Presbyterate

The task of defining the diaconate and the presbyterate, their inter-relationships, and their place in the total life of the church is a complex one, and made especially difficult by the experimentation taking place in many aspects of ministry, and the rapidly evolving patterns of ministry and church life. A joint sub-committee of the Faith and Order Committee and the Committee on Ministry has been formed to examine the issues involved, and will continue this work.

Some of the basic understandings are set out in the Faith and Order Committee's Report to Conference 1976, pp 262-7, noting the diversity present within the one ministry of the church. Since that time guidelines have been formulated, especially by the Committee on Ministry, helping to establish the shape of a deacon's place in the church and its ministry. These show the essential differences between deacon and presbyter to be in the way each

relates to the Connexion through the Conference, and in sacramental responsibilities. Presbyters at present unlike deacons or lay persons, are accepted into "Full Connexion", and so stand in a particular relationship of responsibility to the whole church. Presbyters, also unlike deacons or lay persons, are authorised to administer the sacraments on behalf of the whole church. Beyond that there is considerable room for diversity in the sharing of the tasks of ministry, and there will still be a great deal of experimentation and change.

The joint sub-committee will continue to explore these areas, and we expect to report more fully next year.

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The Lectionary.

The annual Lectionary has been renamed "the Lectionary & Calendar" to distinguish it from the Lectionary which covers three years. The Lectionary & Calendar 1981-82 (the first on the present pattern) is now ready for the coming year.

The Lectionary appears to have found a ready use in conjunction with other available resources for preachers.

The section of "Additional Readings" has been changed to one listing readings for special occasions only. All readings belonging to the Christian Year have been inserted in the main Lectionary.

It is expected that the full set of readings for the three-year cycle of the Lectionary will be published by the Joint Board shortly. This will include an insert of particular relevance to the users of our Lectionary & Calendar. This insert has been prepared for the Committee.

British Hymnbook

The Committee has continued its dialogue with the British Hymnbook Committee. During the year a number of musicians and people interested in hymnology were invited to make detailed responses to the first draft of the proposed new hymnbook. These, along with further comments from the Committee, were forwarded to the British Committee.

The British Committee has been made aware that the majority of Methodist Churches in New Zealand will probably prefer to use the New Zealand version of the Australian Hymnbook.

Corresponding Members

The Committee has taken action to ensure that it is in dialogue with the whole Church by increasing the number of Corresponding Members during 1981. Over thirty people now participate as Corresponding Members and many have made significant contributions to our work during the year. Each District has been invited to appoint a lay Corresponding Member and most have now made this appointment. It is the hope of the Committee that the Corresponding Members will prove an important link between the Committee and the Synods throughout the country.

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| John B Salmon | Chairperson |
| Norman E. Brookes | Convener |

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference approve the revised Order for Holy Communion and authorise its publication.
3. That Conference request the Faith and Order Committee to prepare Guidelines and Resources for Alternative Orders for Holy Communion.
4. That Conference approve the Order for a Funeral, and authorise its publication.
5. That the Report on Baptism and the Order for Re-affirmation of Baptism be forwarded to March Synods for discussion and report to Faith and Order Committee.
6. That Conference approve the definition of "In Full Connexion" in relation to the presbyterate.
7. That the report on 'Inclusive Language' be commended to the Church for study and that the Faith and Order Committee be asked to prepare a kit on the biblical and theological aspects of Inclusive Language.
8. That the Faith and Order Committee be authorised to continue its work on the unfinished business mentioned in the Report.
9. That the membership of the Faith and Order Committee for 1982 be:

Rev's N.E. Brookes (Convener), B.R.J. Eagle, H. Gerritsen, I.M. Greenwood, A.K. Petch, Dr. J.B. Salmon (Chairperson), J. Silvester, Dr. W.J. Stuart, P.J. Wedding, Mrs. J. Richards, Messrs. E. Laurenson, C. Dyson, A. Palmer, T.G.M. Spooner, R. Waugh and B. France. Further lay persons to be appointed along with two presbyters subject to stationing.

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1981

OF THE COMMISSION ON EPISCOPACY

1. The Commission on Episcopacy has consisted of four representatives from the Faith and Order Committee, and four from the Committee on Ministry under the chairmanship of the Rev. Ted Grounds. It has met twelve times, prepared and received a number of working papers and discussed with varying points of view, the concepts of episkope and episcopacy in the church of today.

2. It is important to note the following basic definitions:-

Episkope is the practice of caring oversight by which a minister and/or congregation is given pastoral care, built up in community, and urged to become more fully the church. It comes from the Greek word ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ: a visitation (Luke 19:44, 1 Peter 2:12); or the position of an overseer (Acts 1:20, 1 Timothy 3:1). It is also linked with the Greek word ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ, overseer, watchman (1 Peter 2:25); guardian, superintendent, bishop (Acts 20:28, Phil. 1:1, 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:7).

Episcopacy is the style of church life in which bishops have a determinative function.

Note that episkope (oversight) may be present without episcopacy (bishops).

For historic references consult the New Testament Dictionaries and Wordbooks, the Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church.

For contemporary study note the report Episkope and Episcopate in ecumenical perspective. (World Council of Churches, Faith and Order Paper 102).

3. The Commission believes that Methodism should be a church in which episkope should be clearly acknowledged as being essential to its style of life, and clearly expressed in the structures of the church.

It does not wish to take up the position, sometimes advocated in the past, (and still present as a contemporary viewpoint), that the only centre of episkope for the local congregation is within that congregation and given by an "eldership". The Commission affirms Methodism's stance that episkope is carried out from the whole church to minister and congregation, and not just from a regional or local level.

4. We have discovered in our Methodist history that there have been times when episkope was carried out more effectively and positively than at present. This was the particular contribution of the large circuit with several presbyters and a number of preaching places. The circuit superintendent exercised a close personal episkope to his ministerial colleagues, and also to the congregations of the circuit. In turning from that structure to a predominantly one minister - one church - one circuit pattern contemporary Methodism has broken down its natural and historic

form of episkope with consequent loss to ministry and congregation alike.

Congregations and ministers have both become "congregationalized", more individual, more fragmented, more apart from the church as a whole. We need each other in a working groups or team to complement our gifts, and build each other up towards the apostolic Faith. Moves towards regionalization are in part, a move towards a healthier church, but they will be ineffective without adequate structures of episkope.

5. The Commission is strongly of the opinion that if Methodism is to move into any form of united church, then that church should exercise clear and direct episkope. We feel that is a logical conclusion from our own acceptance of episkope as essential to the life of the church.

Moreover we consider this is not an isolated opinion in Methodism. Methodists, as a whole, rejoice in the places where episkope is carried out and respond warmly to them (e.g. the ministry of District Chairmen, Divisional leaders, the President etc.), and seek more of it.

6. But should Methodism not move into a united church the issue remains: How far and in what way should we move from episkope to episcopacy?

The Commission has not prepared definitive responses to this issue - except to note there are four possibilities:

- (a) remain with our episkope in the fairly loose and unstructured style that has evolved so far. Changes might be made in a re-grouping of circuits to provide larger units and hence to the historic Methodist pattern of episkope.
- (b) adopt a new form of episkope, combining the benefits of the traditional Methodist pattern and the classical episcopacy: ministers, each specially elected, (not called bishops to avoid confusion) to be responsible for a region. They would be considered a ministerial appointment to each church in the region alongside the incumbent; such appointments would be for a finite period.
- (c) move to a form of functional episcopacy such as embodied in the Mormon Church, the American Methodist Church, the United Church of Papua-New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands. If we were to do this, then several Districts would amalgamate under a bishop. These full-time bishops would do the work of District Chairmen, concentrating on administration, minister-congregation relationships, stationing, etc.
- (d) move towards an acceptance of classical episcopacy such as that in the Church of South India. In such episcopacy where bishops have been consecrated in an "apostolic succession" there is an emphasis upon the links with the past and with the orthodoxy which sees itself in an unbroken stream from

the apostles. Movement towards an episcopacy of this nature would be based on a recognition that the bishop is not primarily a functional administrator but an apostolic agent with a ministry out of the past and the future to the present. Roland Walls, preacher of a consecration sermon in St. Paul's Cathedral on 30 September 1980 said: "We do our apostolic men, our bishops, grave harm when we expect them to serve the self-satisfaction of a decayed and disappearing Christendom, when we see them as a couple more VIP's to grace our ecclesiastical and social occasions. to satisfy our craving for position and presence and to ensure the survival of our favourite religious club."

Addendum:

Some key issues relating to the practice of episcopacy have also been discussed by the Commission. These include the length of appointment, the mode of consecration or inauguration and the relinquishment of an appointment. These questions are more relevant at a later stage in the Church's discussion of episkope and episcopacy.

E.B. Clarke,
Convener.
July 1981.

Note

The 1979 Conference established the Commission and set its terms of reference.

"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."

(Resolution 8, pp. 640 1979 Conference)

Conference 1978 authorised the progressive revision of the Law Book and subsequent printing in loose leaf format.

Last year progress was made on the Section II of the Law Book relating to the Ministry. During this year the Law Revision Committee has met on several occasions and continued its work on this Section in association with the Committee on Ministry. In addition to the revision of Section II, it is currently working on Section I Church Membership; Section III The Presidency; Section VI Conference; Section VII Alteration of Divisions, Circuits, etc.; Section VIII Institutions, Organisations and Funds, and Section IX Standing Orders. Its work on the Presidency, definition of "In Full Connexion with the Conference", Preface to the Law Book and the Section on Membership, etc., is in association with the Faith and Order Committee. The section on Stationing and related matters is being worked through with the Welfare of the Church Committee and the Development Division. Other Sections are being considered in association with the appropriate Boards, Committees or Divisions of the Church. As the Church has moved a long way since the Law Book was revised in 1969, the task is a major one. The Committee is also involved in preparing Draft Law for consideration by this Conference which will implement policy decisions made previously. Further, Draft Law for proposals under consideration by the Church this year is in preparation too.

It is recognised that the reorganisation of the material and the proposed revision requires that sections not revised this year but due for revision be included when the Law Book is printed in loose leaf format so that the law is all together and readily available. Revised sections will be printed on white paper and the sections awaiting revision on coloured paper.

It would be an impossible task for Conference to consider the revisions section by section and after discussions with the President and President-Elect, the following is proposed:

1. A Special Committee of Detail of Conference will be arranged for Wednesday, 28th October 1-30 p.m. to 9-30 p.m. to consider the revisions.
2. Each Synod to appoint two representatives to the Committee of Detail. The Welfare of the Church and Faith and Order Committees, the Committee on Ministry, and Development Division will also be asked to appoint a representative. Other Boards and Committees involved will be invited to participate as consultants.
3. The Committee will be presided over by the President with the Vice-President, Ex-President and Ex-Vice-President, President-Elect and Vice-President-Elect invited to attend.
4. The material will, prior to Conference, be mailed to the Members of the Committee who will be asked to give prior time and attention to the revisions so that the Committee can focus on principles and accurate processing rather than "stylish descriptions".

It is anticipated that as a result of the Committee's work, the revisions will be tabled in the Conference at an Opening Session to lie upon the table and that decisions of the Conference would make it possible for the Conference to agree to the revisions just prior to the close of the Conference. As some revisions involve the rights of the

ministry and the laity, Conference will be asked to adopt the Law Book on an experimental basis and to authorise its use.

The current state of our Law Book calls for the revisions to be achieved at this Conference, and the Committee trusts that Conference will find the process being followed acceptable.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

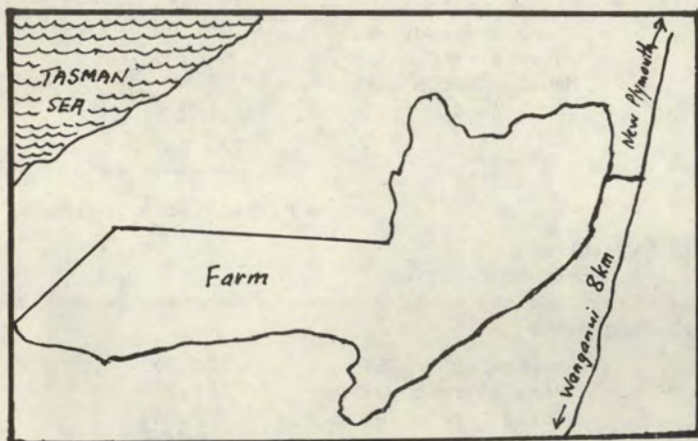
1. That the report be received.
2. That the Law Book as tabled in this Conference be accepted by this Conference.
3. That the Law Book as tabled in this Conference be adopted for use on an experimental basis during 1982.
4. That Conference recognise that on any matter deemed by the Conference to affect the rights of the ministry or laity under Section 370 of the previously current Law Book the provisions of that Law Book remain extant until Conference 1982 adopts the new law.

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

Discussions with the Maori Division as to the use of the Maori Boys Hostel Reserve Fund continue but it appears it will be some time yet before the Maori Division can make a firm recommendation as to a use of the Reserve Fund.

The Trust continues to provide support to Rangiatea Maori College Trust and the Maori Division and retaining the surplus in the Reserve Fund.

The property of 152.5665 hectares (377 acres) continues to be adequately farmed and maintained by the tenants. The new Government Valuation as at 1/7/81 increases the value by 110% to C.V. \$372,000, L.V. \$271,000, V.I. \$101,000 plus trees \$500. The rent is due for review on 15 July 1981. The Trustees have obtained a report from a Valuer and are negotiating with the tenants as to the new rent for the next 7 years.



W.F. Ford - Chairman
A.R. Wallis - Secretary

ROBERT GIBSON TRUST BOARD

The Trust reports with a sense of sadness and loss, the death of the Farm Supervisor, Mr. Robert John Thomas. He died on 5th July, 1981 after a distressing illness.

Mr. Rob Thomas joined the Board in 1964. At a special meeting of the Board on the 22nd July, 1971, following the death of our former Farms Supervisor, Mr. H.J.R. Donald, Mr. Thomas was appointed to this position, which he held up to the time of his death. Mr. Thomas took up this demanding task with vigilance and dedication, bringing to it his long experience and expertise in all matters pertaining to farming, and dairying in particular. He quietly earned the confidence and respect of the sharemilkers and their wives and families, and this was evidenced by the number of ex sharemilkers and present sharemilkers and

their wives who attended his funeral, some coming long distances to pay their respects to one who had become friend and counsellor. I would like to put on record on behalf of the members of the Trust Board, our deep appreciation of the loyalty and faithful service Rob Thomas gave so generously to the total operation of the Dairy Farms as well as to the community in which he lived.

The milkfat returns from the farms was much on a par with that produced last year. However, with increased prices for butterfat, the Trust has had a good year financially. Further development work has been completed on the two South Taranaki Farms. Our lease expired at the end of June on the Wai Iti Farm. We have sold the Whiteley Farm in North Taranaki for the sum of \$220,000 and purchased another farm in South Taranaki close to the present two farms there for the sum of \$314,162. These transactions took effect on the 30th June, 1981.

The following grants as approved by Conference were made during the year:

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| Wesley College | \$12,200 |
| Other Secondary Schools | 1,200 |
| University Grant | 795 |
| Manaia Church Trust | 1,882 |
| Youth Work | <u>4,650</u> |
| | <u>\$27,747</u> |

J.P. Harding - Chairman

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
- 2(a) That Grants and the contributions to Reserves be made on the following basis:

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| Bursaries | 35% | \$25,500 |
| Manaia Trust | 2½% | 1,825 |
| Child Care | 10% | 7,300 |
| Youth Work | 7½% | 5,475 |
| Reserves | 45% | <u>32,850</u> |
| | | <u>\$73,000</u> |

- (b) That the grant for Youth Work be distributed in accordance with the terms of the approved scheme by the Education Division after consultation with the Board.
- (c) That the Grant for Child Care be distributed in accordance with the terms of the approved scheme by the N.Z.M.S.S.A. after consultation with the Board.
3. That the Board for 1982 be:- The Chairman of the District or his appointee, General Secretary, J.P. Harding, B. Busing, S.W. Bailey, H.B. Duthie, N.P. Laursen, P. Bulfin, Rev. L.V. Willing, Dr. D.J. Janus.
4. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD

The Board has carried out its appointed functions and made Grants in accordance with its charter. Support has been given each year in terms of a Christmas Grant to some 40 persons recommended to the Board. In conjunction with the Development Division and the Administration Division decisions have been made regarding larger grants in cases of continued illness, support to some suffering bereavement and hardship.

During 1980 the Rev. G.I. Laurenson resigned as Secretary/Treasurer and the Rev. Allon Carr was appointed to take his place and was elected to the Board. Sincere thanks were accorded to Mr. Laurenson for his find contribution to the Trust.

The Board comprises: Mr. L.W. Peak (Chairman); Revs E.W. Hames; A.K. Petch; A.R. Penn; G.R. Thompson; B.E. Jones; W.E.A. Carr (Secretary/Treasurer); Messrs J.S. Caughey, G.H. Lindsey; C.W.Firth; H.M. Denton.

As the Board is required, a financial statement is being supplied to Conference and may be consulted in regarding the Board's funds and their disbursement.

The Board contacted before its last Report, all Ministers in the active work seeking their co-operation in presenting cases of need where help might be given. All Ministers are asked to assist in this way so that the funds may be used where cases of need exist.

L.W. Peak, CHAIRMAN
W.E.Allon Carr, SECRETARY

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD INC.

Annual Report for year ending 30th June, 1981


In last years report the Board advised that negotiations were underway for the redevelopment of the Board's site in Great North Road, Auckland.

Negotiations were successfully completed for the redevelopment of all but the Vehicle Testing Station end of the site, as a sales and service centre for a new and used car dealership.²

The Complex provides for a 5,000m² (55,000 sq. ft) of show rooms, sales office, service area and spare parts warehouse on two levels together with an outside display area for new and used vehicles.

The Board anticipates that the long term lease will provide both the Board and the lessee with a viable development that will prove most satisfactory for the long serving 'Probert' land.

Total development costs exceed \$1 million and the project has been assisted by the participation of the Methodist Trust Association. Assistance for the project is also coming from members of the Church through their support of Development Deposits with the Methodist Provident Society. The loan funds provided are enabling the Board to obtain some of its needed finance at lower than current market rates of interest and thus provide some relief for the benefit of the Theological College. The target for support through Development Deposits is \$300,000. As at 1/9/81 \$60,440 has come to hand.



DEVELOPMENT

DEPOSITS

HELPING

PROBERT

HELP THE CHURCH

11.5 % p.a.
12 YEARS MINIMUM

It is intended that the Conference decision to transfer the assets of the Board to the Trinity College Council with the property being included within the Methodist Trust Association will take place on the completion of the redevelopment project.

For the 12 months ending 30/6/81 the Board has distributed \$30,000 to the College from net earnings of \$66,003. As the old shops and houses were demolished in January 1981 and the new building is not expected to be income producing before the end of 1981 the Board's capacity to assist the College with Grants will be considerably reduced during the year to December 1981, but the Grant will be maintained at the current level of \$30,000 p.a. but cannot be increased significantly before 1983. Until sufficient funds are again available the College looks to the Budget and the Prince Albert College Trust for assistance.

The full benefits of the redevelopment project will not be fully felt until the complex has been operating for 3 or 4 years.

The Board considers that John Probert's vision of what could be achieved through theological education receives new impetus from the renewal of this source of funds for Trinity College with benefits to the Ministry and Laity of the Church.

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| G.H. Peak | - Chairman |
| A.K. Woodley | - Secretary |
| D.J. Janus | - Treasurer |

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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



NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

Annual Report for year ending 31st March, 1981.

The Associations activities further increased during the 12 months to 31st March, 1981, through the continued growth in support received from both the local Church Trusts and the Connexional Funds.

Total funds at work for the Church through the Association as at 31st March, 1981, were \$7,004,553 spread as follows:

| | <u>31/3/81</u> | <u>31/3/80</u> | <u>Growth %</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Short Term A - Under 1 year | 1,768,090 | 893,390 | 97.9 |
| Short Term B - 1 - 2 years | 594,086 | 242,149 | 145.3 |
| Long Term C - 2 - 5 years | 1,558,390 | 1,328,696 | 17.3 |
| Long Term D - over 5 years
and perpetual | <u>2,129,371</u> | <u>1,161,954</u> | <u>45.4</u> |
| | 6,049,937 | 3,626,189 | 66.8 |
| Church Loans to Association | <u>954,616</u> | <u>401,212</u> | <u>137.9</u> |
| Total Funds | <u>7,004,553</u> | <u>4,027,401</u> | <u>73.9</u> |

In the period 1/4/81-30/9/81 the Association has received further deposits and total funds now exceed \$8,250,000.

Capital funds as a resource and servant of the Church need to produce a satisfactory return to assist the ongoing work of the Methodist Church both within New Zealand and beyond our shores. The income earned and available for distribution by the Association for the 12 months to 31st March, 1981, amounted to \$729,514. This amount was returned to the Church in two payments, as at the end of September 1980 and end of March 1981.

| | <u>6 months to 30/9/80</u> | <u>6 months to 31/3/81</u> |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Short Term A | 12.7% | 12 |
| Short Term B | 13.6 | 13.1 |
| Long Term C | 11.3 | 11.15 |
| Long Term D | 11.3 | 11.15 |

The rates of return are considered most satisfactory in that return on property in direct income is still difficult to achieve in excess of 10% p.a. It must always be remembered that there is the capital gain credited each three years in accretion. As the Methodist Trust Association returns all available income to depositors each 6 months the distribution rates fluctuate in line with general market conditions.

The year under review has been busy for the Association as the

funds entrusted to it have grown rapidly.

To maintain efficient administration, the Association commissioned the writing of a suitable computer programme. This was first used to calculate the March 1981 distribution and also resulted in a more informative statement for each depositor as well as providing for future distribution calculations to be performed swiftly and with more precision.

The March 1981 statements also included the first "capital accretion" distribution to depositors in the Long Term Funds. From the outset it has been the Association's policy that long term funds should be predominately invested in growth assets - notably sound commercial properties, with the increases in value, on revaluation of each property triennially, being spread amongst deposits in the long term funds.

This year the first of the Association's properties was revalued and the sum of \$44,000 was allocated amongst the Long Term C and D Depositors.

The Association has been active in pursuing real estate investments but nothing suitable was secured during the year under review. A third property was purchased in May 1981 and a fourth in September. It must be realised that investment in property generally provides a lower initial return on funds than, say, debentures.

Increases in the values of real estate will provide commensurate increases in depositors funds and therefore better returns.

It is considered that an investment that redevelops the Churches existing commercial property fulfils a double purpose - it provides the Association with a new income producing asset and continues the Church's policy of good stewardship of its existing resources. Accordingly the Association is pleased to report that an agreement has been reached to develop a modern 11 shop and 1st floor office area shopping centre in Riddiford Street, Wellington, the old Wellington South Church to be demolished and the new Church built on the large section, with separate road access behind the new Centre. The Association believes this is a new and exciting development in the interaction of the various parts of the church through the facilities of the Methodist Trust Association.

In the year under review the majority of the Association's funds were retained in short dated Bank deposits, debentures and other negotiable securities. The Association also invested funds with the Development Finance Corporation and the New Zealand Dairy Board as well as many other local and national companies and so provided funds for the development of New Zealand's economy and the pursuit of increased employment, whilst obtaining a sound return for the Church on its investment.

The Association has previously stressed the advantages of combining resources - the small Trusts share in higher returns, the larger Trusts and funds benefit by a diverse investment portfolio - all benefit from the Churches ability to finance new developments and to maintain a flexible approach to depositors needs through a greater cash flow. To these advantages can now be added the redevelopment of the church's old commercial properties so that they can begin again to provide a proper return to the Church. Such projects as the "Probert" redevelopment and the Wellington South shopping centre may be joined by other 'self-help' projects under consideration in several parts of the country.

The Association is grateful for the support received from

throughout the Connexion and welcomes the future participation of other Church bodies that, until now, may have maintained their investments "beyond the family circle". We trust the objectives intentions and results of the Association will receive careful consideration for the benefit of the Church.

G.H. Peak - Chairman

D.J. Janus - Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

METHODIST CHURCH INVESTMENT BOARD

Annual Report for year ending 30th June, 1981

- * During the year the Board reviewed and *investigated* a number of real estate investment proposals for the Methodist Trust Association, the Probert Trust, the Supernumerary Fund, and local Church Trusts.
- * The Board also *assisted* the Methodist Provident Society in preparation for the Society's Development Deposits programme and other Church bodies with advice on investment matters generally.
- * Investment properties in Auckland, Hamilton, New Plymouth, Tauranga, Rotorua, Wellington and Christchurch offered for purchase by the Church have been *considered*.

While the Board is keen to see the spread of Church investments throughout New Zealand it only *recommends* those properties particularly suitable for the investment of church funds.

- * *One of the priorities for the Board has been to facilitate the development of suitable land owned by the Church.*

The long planned for Probert redevelopment is now underway. Proposals for a redevelopment of the Wellington South Parish land at Newtown are in hand. This proposal envisages a shopping mall, to Riddiford Street with new church buildings being sited and designed to affirm the place of a Christian Community within the commercial as well as residential sections of life.

The Administration Division continues to provide an Auckland base for the Property Development Manager of the Investment Board, Mr. Graham Keightley. Increasing co-ordination and co-operation among Trusts is beginning to show what can be achieved through shared and concerted efforts. The Trinity College Council Buildings in Grafton Road, and the Prince Albert Trust properties in Queen Street, Auckland, are now managed by the Property Development Manager, together with Methodist Trust Association properties in the Auckland and Waikato areas. His task of co-ordinating and facilitating the redevelopment programmes continues to be the primary activity.

* The Board records the work of Mr. John Fleming, as the first Property Development Manager, in laying significant foundation to what is now being achieved.

G.H. Peak - Chairman
D.J. Janus - Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

Annual Report of the year ended 31/1/81

The year under review has been a time of consolidation for the Trust. The various proposals for the Trusts property and consequent re-development have not yet progressed to any finality. Uncertainty surrounding a major tourist hotel redevelopment adjoining the Trust's property has required the deferment of consideration of proposals until the Trustees have a clearer understanding of the implications of such a major project in the area. The Trustees hope to be able to reach decision this year that will enable the Trust to proceed to a programme of redevelopment. As with the Probert Trust redevelopment project, the availability of funds will ultimately determine the final size and timing of such a programme. Recently several new projects have been announced for this part of Upper Queen Street and the area is undergoing a revival of interest. The demand for Office accommodation is sound.

The Trustees are aware that the Trust primarily exists for the generation of income to provide grants for educational purposes. To this end general Grants for the year ending 31/3/81 total \$5,300 and \$6,000 is budgeted for the 1982 year. In addition the Trust have agreed to provide Trinity Theological College with a special grant of \$15,000 during the 81/82 Connexional Budget Year. This special grant is to assist the College during the redevelopment period of the Probert property and is an example of the spirit of co-operation coupled with a practical ability to assist within the Connexion.

Day to day administration of the Trusts assets rests with the Administration Division, with the Property Development Manager, Mr. Graham Keightley, having oversight of the buildings. All buildings continue to be fully occupied with a minimum of tenant movement. The old College buildings, used as a private hotel for many years, are quickly reaching the end of their physical life and their ability to continue to provide an income increasingly at risk. Similarly, decisions on redevelopment referred to earlier will need to also encompass the Queen Street Shops which otherwise may require substantial upgrading to retain full occupancy.

Net property income was substantially increased during the year and this coupled with a reduction in interest paid on Debentures and Deposits, occasioned through the repayment \$130,000 of debt resulted in a surplus for the year of \$76,568. This amount has been transferred to Accumulated Funds which now total almost \$621,000 and provide a satisfactory basis from which the Trust may launch a redevelopment

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| Eric Clement | - Chairman |
| Ron Barfoote | - Secretary |
| Denis Janus | - Treasurer |

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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



METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED

Annual Report to Conference

The result shown in the Annual Accounts for 1980/81 has been achieved with over 298 Church members belonging to the Society as at 31st March 1981. At the end of August, membership stood at 406. The generosity and concern of these members made it possible to provide this year \$3,030 from the Society for distribution by the Conference. Last year the funds provided (\$707) were directed by Conference to the assistance of Student training in Circuit/Parish settings. The Society notes with pleasure this decision of the Conference and is confident that through increased support by Members the Society will in turn continue to increase its support to the Connexion. An additional manner in which the Provident Society is endeavouring to assist the College is through the promotion of Development Deposits to assist with the redevelopment of the Probert site. The Society trusts that Conference will promote Development Deposits and commend these to all Church Members.

The attention of Conference is drawn to the Annual Report to Members of the Society printed hereunder and particularly to the references to the growth of Nominated Trust advances through the Society. These advances are the efforts of local people for the local Church and represent one of the most important areas of endeavour for the Society.

The Society is in a position to provide its unique services to all members of the Methodist Church and with the support of Church members will continue to expand and prosper and assist the life of the Methodist Church.

The Society's Annual Report to Members, and Statements of Account are included with this report to Conference.

G.E. Hill, Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

The continued growth of your Society that was predicted in last year's annual report has been achieved.

Membership as at 31st March 1981 stood at 298, as against 175 on 31st March 1980. At 30th June 1981 membership totalled 380, a further increase of 82 members. Total funds lodged with the Society as at 31st March 1981 was \$139,000 (last year \$83,000) including \$44,500 Nominated Trust advances. As at 30th June 1981 these balances had grown to \$232,000 including Nominated Trust advances of \$83,500.

While membership of the Society is only a small fraction in comparison to the membership of the total possible (of the Methodist

Church should all Methodist Church members join) the results from the participation of these members is most encouraging.

In last year's report I advised that the balance available for the Church was \$707, representing the interest foregone by those members of the Society who decided to lodge their funds "interest free". This year a total of \$928 is available to the Church from their ongoing generosity. As well as this direct contribution, the Society may make available to the Conference its unappropriated net profit each year. In the first period to 31st March 1980 initial setting up costs and first year operating costs meant that no such profit was available. This year, however, a sum of \$2,102 has been generated for the benefit of the Church - a total of \$3,030 is therefore available to Conference from the operation of the Methodist Provident Society Limited. Last year's distribution of \$707 was directed by the Conference to the assistance of student training in Circuit/Parish settings and we await with interest Conference's decision on the distribution of this year's proceeds. These funds have only come about from the support the Society receives from its members - from ordinary deposits, both interest bearing and interest free, and from the operation of the Society's insurance arrangement with the General Accident Insurance Group Ltd.

During the year almost \$1,500 was credited to members' accounts as rebate on their insurance premiums - a direct benefit of their membership in the Society and a reduction in their already competitively priced insurance cover.

Utilisation of the Society's Nominated Trust Advance facilities has also grown and funds channelled through the Society for this purpose now total \$83,500 in 16 loans. The forthcoming Securities Commission regulations will require all Church/member borrowing to be directed through the Society, as the vehicle authorised by the Commission to be used for borrowing by the Methodist Church from its members. Full details as to how this facility can assist your local church are available from the Board of Administration.

Although not included in this year's accounts, reference should be made to a new facility available to Church members through membership in the Provident Society.

I refer to Development Deposits. These are effectively term deposits for two to five years for sums of \$200 and upwards and carry an interest rate of 11.5%, payable half yearly. The funds generated are being directed initially towards the redevelopment of the "Probert" property in Auckland. This property has for many years supported theological training and will continue to do so when redevelopment is completed. Development Deposit funds are assisting this important work by enabling the Probert Trust Board to obtain loan monies at a realistic rate of interest. Total deposits received in the few months that the deposits have been available is \$57,000 and further investments are sought.

The Methodist Provident Society has come of age during the last twelve months and is now in a position to assist Church members who wish to help their Church and themselves at the same time. The Society's unique facilities enable Church members to lodge their funds for terms of their own choosing at satisfactory rates of interest. Repayment is guaranteed by the Church. The use of these funds is proving of great benefit and on behalf of the Board, I thank all members of the Society for

their continuing support and commending membership to other members of the Church.

G.E. Hill, Chairman.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Annual Report and the Annual Report to Members be received.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That the distributable surplus of \$3,030 be allocated to
4. That Conference commends Development Deposits to all Church Members for their support.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1981

This year has seen the development of the first stage in the freeholding of land and the subsequent large increase in the income of the Trust.

Following the decision to freehold land titles in order to improve the investment of capital funds of this Trust, there were 112 contracts for section sales negotiated. The Trust was committed to this up to the time negotiations ceased at the request of the Maori people until further explanatory discussions could be held and the freeholding policy continued.

This has left 174 sections. In this total there is the section on which the Old Mission House stands in St. Aubyn Street plus adjacent sections where the improvements are being purchased back from the lessees. So far these have cost \$113,000 with four sections in this area still under lease.

The Trustees have accepted that none of the titles to the 11 sections next door to and including the Mission Church between Rainsford Street, St. Aubyn Street and Moulton Street, the three sections over the stream on the east side of Moulton Street, and the two sections at 5 Mission Street with the section next door at 7 Mission Street, 16 sections in all, will ever be offered for freeholding. They are also holding back the 17 sections between Lawry Street, Rainsford Street, St. Aubyn Street and Moulton Street pending further discussions. They would prefer to sell the titles to these 17 sections because the cost of buying back improvements in this area would use so much capital that it would put at risk the ability of the remaining funds to produce a correspondingly adequate income.

The Trustees expect that this change in investment policy will create much more income than was previously available for distribution, while at the same time preserving the capital funds for future generations.

The Trust has just completed its first financial year since the proposals started and the income from these investments shows the increased benefits available from this new policy. It is expected that eventually \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year will be available for distribution. As the needs for assistance are extensive more and more

income will be needed if this Trust is to play an effective role. The Trustees wish therefore to proceed with discussions with representatives of the Maori people with a view to continuing freeholding the titles of the remaining sections available. These exclude of course those already mentioned above as reserved to establish an area of approximately five and a half acres within the city of New Plymouth to commemorate this land's historic associations with the Maori people.

The Trust accepts that in the meantime rates, insurance, maintenance and similar costs on the land and buildings within this five and a half acres will have to be met from its own funds. Rentals from these properties will help to meet these costs, but the real value from funds tied in this investment should rather be viewed from a local humanitarian and social aspect. Such investments can not be expected to provide financial assistance to meet the wider needs of a broad education for young people, which has commonly been accepted as one of the primary responsibilities of this Trust.

SUMMARY

To conclude there were 286 sections administered by this Trust, 112 of these are committed to negotiations for sale providing to date large interest earning capital funds and leaving 174 sections still owned and under lease.

Of this number there are 16 sections, some five and a half acres, committed to establish an area identified with the traditional and historic associations of the Maori people. The Trustees wish to free the balance of capital funds tied up in the remaining sections under lease so that the Trust will have a greater income to fulfil effectively the purposes for which it was established.

To this end discussions are continuing with the Maori people having ancestral associations with this land.

S.J. West - Chairman.

M.H. Burn - Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION - REPORT TO CONFERENCE

The objects of the Division continue to provide impetus and direction to its work.

OBJECTS

The objects of the Division shall be:

- * To promote knowledge and understanding of the outworking of the Church's life and mission.
- * To provide leadership and guidance to the Church in matters affecting its basic policy, its day-to-day administration, the administration, the management of funds, the growth and development of Connexional Properties and Trusts and the implementation of such policies which Conference shall entrust to it.
- * To exercise a pastoral role among Ministers, in particular in matters affecting their personal financial position and among both Ministers and laypersons in matters affecting finance and administration at Circuit, District and Connexional levels.
- * To take such steps in conjunction with the Chairman of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits as will best conserve and extend the interest of the Church.

These Reports to the 1981 Conference indicate the continuing efforts of the Division to manage Connexional resources with pastoral care for people and Circuits/Parishes.

The Division makes no claim to have achieved every goal but considers that significant progress continues to be made.

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SUPERNUMERARY FUND

The Fund is administered by the Board of Administration as Trustee under the Deed of Trust effective from 1/2/80.

(a) TRUST DEED

Most members will have not yet encountered the benefits which are accruing to the Supernumerary Fund through the operation of the Trust Deed. There are a number, however, that have had occasion to call for detailed information on their position with regard to commutation, a widow's entitlement, the present value of their interest or a number of other questions minor and major that require an answer to meet varying and highly 'personalized' situations. The existence of a precise yet flexible Deed enables the Trustee to work from exact parameters and detailed terms of reference when dealing with the multiplicity of situations that arise. Copies of the Trust Deed have been circulated and further copies are available from the Trustee. It is recommended that members become conversant with the Deed.

(b) ANNUITY RATE

While the Trust Deed provides the framework of the Fund, the annual annuities payable are the visible and personal results of the mutual and caring nature of the Fund. Following upon the Actuaries Report a further 25% increase in payments has been authorised from 1st February 1982. This means that annuities have increased by 145% from the rates applying in 1979 of \$45.60 per year of contribution to \$111.58 per year of contribution.

In practical terms:

A Minister retiring at age 65 after 40 years contribution to the Fund

| | Commuting 75% | plus | Annual Annuity |
|------|---------------|------|----------------|
| 1979 | \$ 14,400 | | \$ 500 |
| 1980 | 19,519 | | 677.76 |
| 1981 | 26,350 | | 914.88 |
| 1982 | 32,938 | | 1,143.72 |

A triennial Actuarial review occurs next year. The Trustees do not anticipate such large increases in Annuity Rates as in the last 3 years but hope that these will more than hold their growth against the effects of inflation.

(c) PROVIDING FOR RETIREMENT

The large increase in the Retirement Funds is welcomed but must be viewed against the diminishing purchasing power of each dollar. This becomes quickly evident when the maximum commutation is taken towards the purchasing a retirement home. The steadily increasing costs of housing throughout New Zealand mean that even the much higher commuted amounts do not provide the total finance required for the purchase of a property. Income is then strained when the then reduced annuity plus National Superannuation is called upon to meet not only living costs but also to the repay the mortgage required to meet the balance of house purchase costs.

The importance of forward planning cannot be over emphasised and members are urged to make such other additional provisions towards their retirements as may be individually available. The possibilities of the Home Acquisition Fund within the Supernumerary Fund, (See Section 14 of the Deed), may repay study and enquiry. In most cases the earlier purchase of a dwelling is seen as the best provision possible. Recent extensions to the Housing Corporation limits for those in 'tied housing' and property loans through the Presbyters, Deacons and Lay Workers Fund for those approaching retirement are both areas that should be carefully considered. The Administration Division is preparing a Leaflet on Housing and Loan finance which will be available to all members. Advice and assistance is available from the Division to those considering property purchase or the provision of additional retirement funds.

(d) DIRECT PAYMENT OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Direct payment of the employers' contribution began on 1/7/81. While the change over has not been universally a smooth one, the new procedures have met with acceptance and the system is now working satisfactorily. The use of the banks' automatic transfer system has proved

the most reliable and straightforward means of making the monthly contributions and use of the system will save time and costs to all concerned.

(e) PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS

During the year under review the Fund's Papatoetoe property was sold. The sale resulted in a capital gain to the Fund of almost \$245,000 or a 100% gain on the purchase price of the property 10 years earlier. Later in 1981 another of the Fund's Buildings, the Century Supermarket in Christchurch was sold realising a further capital gain of \$50,000. This property was subject to a long term lease with minimal rent review provisions and the sale to the tenant has enabled the capital funds to be reinvested in other properties with a more realistic growth expectancy.

Two replacement properties have been secured by the Trustee for the Fund and additional properties will be purchased when suitable opportunities present themselves. Property investment still appears as the best hedge against the effects of inflation and the Trustee will endeavour to ensure that the Fund maintains a satisfactory portfolio of property investment including investment in the Long Term Funds of the Methodist Trust Association.

During the year the first repayment of principal was received from the Chateau Commodore mortgage. A second payment was received after balance date and this has resulted in the full \$50,000 invested in this ill-fated Trustee 1st Mortgage now being received from the liquidator.

(f) DEACONESSES & HOME MISSIONARIES RETIRING FUNDS

As reported last year members of the above Funds were asked to elect to join either the Supernumerary Fund or the Lay Workers Retiring Fund. 11 Deaconesses and Home Missionaries elected to transfer to the Supernumerary Fund and 4 elected to transfer to the Lay Workers Fund. Transfer to both Funds were completed by the 31st January 1981 and the winding-up of the two separate Funds for the Deaconesses and Home Missionaries has followed.

SUMMARY:

The financial statements record the position of the Fund as at 31/1/81:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Members Contributions last year were | \$196,251.81 |
| Employers contributions last year were | \$196,251.81 |
| Arrears last year were | \$ 2,711.00 |
| Contributing Members number | 196 |
| Beneficiaries number | 126 |

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

B

LAY WORKERS FUND

This Fund now operates under the provisions of a Trust Deed with the Board of Administration acting as Trustee.

The promotion of the Fund amongst those Church Boards and Organisations that employ full time workers has resulted since the inception of the Fund, in the furtherance of mutually beneficial relationship by the Church with its full time Lay Workers. Presently the Fund has 26 contributors and employing Organisations are reminded that the Fund exists for the assistance of their full time staff. Consideration is currently being given by the Trustee to the provision of some form of sickness benefit insurance cover for the Fund - extending to the members of the Supernumerary Fund. This cover would provide protection for the Church's employees in the event of long term illness or disability which is presently not available.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

C

INSURANCE

REALISTIC VALUATION: There has been great concern at the degree of under-insurance indicated, by the sums insured. Thanks to the concern and effort of Trust members, Secretaries, Leaders and Officers in co-operation with the Broker and Insurer, one of the main aims of the new arrangement (initiated in 1979) is being achieved: Church properties generally are insured for realistic values. Automatic increases at renewal time based on building cost increases have been helpful in keeping sums insured current: a 12½% increase in 1980/81, and 15% this 1981/82 year. It is intended to continue this each year.

TRUSTS HAVE FINAL RESPONSIBILITY: It has always been strongly emphasised that Trusts (and bodies responsible for property) at all times have the final responsibility for the sum insured. The Division staff seeks to assist in every way the arranging of adequate cover.

CLAIMS: While the number of claims this year has been less than last year, the amount involved has been higher. This is the trend everywhere, with all-round premium increases as a result.

THE POLICY: The extent of cover provided by the unique policy is not generally appreciated. However, where calamity claims have been made, there is real understanding of the extent and flexibility of the Policy, as one of the clauses provides that rebuilding on the same site or elsewhere is not obligatory.

It should again be stressed that there is one policy for all Methodist property in New Zealand. A summary of the cover provided was widely distributed and is available in Information Leaflet No. 2 (May 1979).

RESULTS:

- * calamity cover to protect the Church
- * comprehensive, flexible cover, designed specifically for Church needs
- * premium costs at a very competitive level
- * benefits for all - the large assist the small, the strong support the weak - an expression of "Connexion".
- * minimum administration costs and efficient service
- * last but not least
 - Money insurance
 - Public Liability insurance
 - (and in some cases boiler insurance)
 - included without any extra charge

The Account has incurred a small operating loss this year and the Board continues to monitor trends relating to cover, claims and a minimum cost operation.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

D

PRESBYTERS, DEACONS & LAY WORKERS FUND

This is a long standing service Fund within the Connexion. Originally the Fund was charged solely with the provision of low interest rate loans to Ministers to assist them with the purchase of their necessary car. This still remains the Fund's major objective, but the lending powers of the Fund have been extended over the last few years to include loans, not only to Ministers, but also others in the full time employ of the Church for a number of purposes. The Fund has very limited financial resources and relies almost entirely on borrowed funds - supplied in the main from the Methodist Provident Society and the Connexional Banking Scheme - Special Account.

The limited capital of the Fund, the ever increasing need for new funds to on-lend has necessitated an increase in the cost of borrowed money to the Fund and consequently the Fund's interest charges have been increased and are being kept under constant review. An endeavour is being made to reduce the Fund's dependence on moneys from the Special Account because of the very short term nature of the funds provided and in the future greater reliance will be placed on funds generated from the Methodist Provident Society. To this end, Presbyters are being asked to provide a form of 'self-help' by the use of Car Replacement Accounts within the Methodist Provident Society into which is placed 25% of the monthly Travelling Allowance (i.e. the Depreciation content). Concessional lending rates are available to Presbyters who maintain such an account with the Society but to date few Presbyters have availed themselves of the opportunity unless they intend to almost immediately apply for a loan. A qualifying term will need to be instigated to protect the real benefits the concessional rates provide.

A recent development for the Fund has been the provision of property loans towards the purchase of retirement properties for Ministers who are within 5 years of retirement or who have completed 35 years service with the Church. When the needs of those who qualify for loan finance under this provision have been met, it is hoped to progressively adjust the qualifying conditions to (a) within 10 years of retirement, i.e. aged 55 years and (b) to 30 years service to the Church. The loans are secured against the property purchased and are repaid on retirement. The loans are provided on an interest only basis with interest, currently at 12% payable quarterly.

Again these Funds are provided solely by the Fund borrowing the required amounts elsewhere but the funds available for Property loans is expected, unlike the car loans, to keep pace with demand.

The current capital of the Fund is \$17,026. Presently the Fund is providing 77 Loans totalling \$145,052 for the purchase of cars etc and 6 property loans totalling \$60,050.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Methodist Provident Society Car Replacement Accounts be commended to all Presbyters as a suitable means of saving towards a replacement motor vehicle.

E

CONNEXIONAL BANKING SCHEME - SPECIAL ACCOUNT

The 1980/81 Year has again shown the benefits available from the Church pooling its resources in a 'Connexional' way. The resultant short term loan monies available to the Church resulted in a further 10 temporary loans being made to assist various parts of the Church with property projects. The loans are provided at an interest rate substantially less than that charged by the Trading Banks and other recognised suppliers of bridging finances.

In addition to the provision of loan finance the account has been able to provide further income to the Conference for use again in reducing the amount of the Budget required to be found by Circuits and Parishes. In the 1981/82 year \$25,848 is available making a total of \$77,666 provided since the Account was opened in 1977. Based upon membership this means that in 1981/82 a Circuit of 125 members contributes \$148 less than would otherwise be its share in support of work beyond the local boundary through the Connexional Budget.

As the Accounts operation is determined by the number of individual Church accounts retained within the Connexional Banking Scheme it is possible for even further benefits to be obtained should all Church Accounts be held within the Group. The local Trust or Circuit in no way loses their control over the operations of their account except that the Bank of New Zealand asks that the account be domiciled at their Regional Bank for each of the 6 Regions within New Zealand and once in the scheme the account should not be operated in overdraft. Each account continues to receive the normal interest credit paid by the Bank on Church Accounts.

The Board of Administration will be pleased to discuss the transfer of those accounts that remain 'outside the family circle' into the

Connexional Banking Scheme. The possibility of making the Scheme an even greater success as always lies ultimately with the local Church.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

F

GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST FUND

1. REORGANISATION

The General Purposes Trust Fund continues to hold and manage legacies, bequests and trusts in favour of the Church. Some reorganisation of the Fund has continued this year. Consequently a number of deposits held on behalf of Trusts and Circuits have been transferred either to the Methodist Trust Association - or where the deposit represented the proceeds from the sale of Church property to the Church Building and Loan Fund.

Progress has been made but agreement with Trusts as to the transfer of their deposit is taking time to finalise.

2. SPECIAL TRUSTS

Various Connexional Trusts exist for the benefit of various sections of the Church. Set up either under wills, by Church members or by Trust Deeds during their lives, these funds continue to serve the Church well.

(A) WINSTONE FUND

Distributable income this year amounted to \$15,842. As in past years grants were made to assist Supernumerary Ministers and widows who were experiencing financial hardship and also to some Circuits/Parishes requiring assistance to meet minimum stipend payments.

(B) F.W. WALTERS & W.F. WALTERS TRUSTS

These two Trusts are of growing importance as since the sale of the farms and investment through the Methodist Trust Association the amount available for distribution continues to increase. Distributable funds available for the year ended 30 June 1981 totalled \$34,123. The Trustees, in consultation with Mr Bill Walters, are able to provide assistance to a wide range of needs within the Church and in its overseas mission.

(C) KINGSWOOD TRUST

The proceeds of the sale of shares referred to in last year's report has been reinvested in the Long Term Fund of the Methodist Trust Association and the resultant income made available to the Trust for the furtherance of its aims. In response to a request from the North Canterbury Synod the Trust has recently agreed to make \$10,000 per annum available for the next three years towards the cost of a Regional Staff appointment.

(D) T.O. MORGAN ESTATE

This substantial bequest has assisted the South Island Children's Home, and the Overseas, Development and Maori Divisions for a number of years. Following the sale of the property investment of the capital in the Methodist Trust Association higher levels of income and correspondingly increased payments to the four beneficiary organisations has resulted.

(E) There are a number of other Trusts, both large and small, administered through the General Purposes Trust Fund which assist local Trusts, geographical areas and the Connexion generally. Each Trust is the continuing expression of the donor's concern for or love of that part of the life of their Church. In accordance with Conference supported policy 20% of annual income is added to capital to diminish the worst effects of inflation.

3. UNDESIGNATED LEGACIES

While several legacies and bequests were received by the Fund as Trustee for the particular benefit of named Trusts or Funds within the life of the Church, the Fund did not this year receive any legacies or bequests for the general purposes of the Church. In accordance with decisions of the 1980 Conference the sum of \$3,021.92 resulting from the investment of previously received undesignated legacies is available to Conference for use in the Church.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the grant from the Undesignated Legacies account be distributed as follows:

- * For some time the Board has been concerned for the future usefulness of the hard working and long serving Church Building and Loan Fund.
- * The impact of inflation, overall changes in interest rates, adjustments to income levels and staggering building costs, in recent years and years to come, all have a bearing on the resources of the Church how these are, could, or should be husbanded. During the year it has studied detailed reports from the Finance Manager. Consequent to this study the Board wishes to share its concern with the Church and to invite the Church to take some positive steps.
- * Though not all Synods were able to study the report before Conference, the Board considered that Synod members should be acquainted with the report and have the opportunity to consider it and it was forwarded to Synod members through the September Connexional mailing.
- ** A detailed "backgrounder" showing developments in the last 10 years will be available to the Conference Committee of Detail.

A CLOSER LOOK - AT THE CAPITAL OF THE CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

The Fund has monies as follows:

- A. Capital - currently \$521,000
- B. Funds from the sale of property - currently \$195,000.
- C. Funds for on-lending from Nominated Trust Advances - currently \$83,000.

The Church has a choice with regard to A. (The Capital of the Fund) - It can:

- EITHER *continue to ignore inflation, and charge working costs only,*
- OR *it can seek to preserve the purchasing power of the capital of the Fund (as much as possible).*

With regard to B, a balance is sought between fairness to the depositor and to the borrower. It is little use building up a large Fund that churches cannot afford to borrow from. What is sought is to implement a connexional strategy that funds are available "where the need is, and action desired".

Experience over the last ten years indicated an average property value increase of 7.5% per annum cumulative, resulting in a \$100,000 building valued at \$206,103 after ten years. This of course reflects

inflation and demand (or no demand) for investment in properties. It is obvious that the purchasing power of repayments on loans is diminishing accordingly. Therefore if we lend say \$5,000 and expect repayment in ten annual instalments, we do not need \$500 after one year, but \$500 plus 7.5% = \$538 to maintain our strength. Equally the second year we would need not \$500, but \$578 and so on. After ten years in all \$7,607 would be repaid instead of \$5,000. That would mean that repayments took place in inflated money and purchasing powers of money lent by the Fund had been preserved. With the ongoing inflation and generally inflation adjusted incomes that should not cause any undue stress for Parishes. It would be more equitable and protect the Fund. The 7.5% is of course based on the past ten years and as the inflation rate has increased the picture for the future may be quite different.

The following table shows the repayments (X), as well as the normal 2.5% flat expenses charge (Y), and adjusted (by 7.5%) working expenses (Z).

- I. Repayment of a loan of \$5,000 over ten years with purchasing value adjustment of 7.5% per annum, cumulative. No separate interest charge.

Working expenses 2½% on loan or

2½% on loan, also adjusted by 7½% p.a. cumulative.

| Year | X
Repayment
Instalments | Y
Working
Expenses
2.5% on loan | Total | Z
Inflation
Adjusted
Expenses | Total |
|------|-------------------------------|--|-------|--|-------|
| | \$ | \$ | | | |
| 1 | 538 | 125 | 663 | 125 | 663 |
| 2 | 578 | 125 | 703 | 134 | 712 |
| 3 | 621 | 125 | 746 | 144 | 765 |
| 4 | 668 | 125 | 793 | 155 | 823 |
| 5 | 718 | 125 | 843 | 167 | 885 |
| 6 | 772 | 125 | 897 | 179 | 951 |
| 7 | 830 | 125 | 955 | 193 | 1,023 |
| 8 | 892 | 125 | 1,017 | 207 | 1,099 |
| 9 | 959 | 125 | 1,084 | 223 | 1,182 |
| 10 | 1,031 | 125 | 1,156 | 240 | 1,271 |
| | 7,607 | 1,250 | 8,857 | 1,767 | 9,374 |

If repayments would be scheduled on this basis a graduating scale of payments would result which may be easier for borrowers.

- II. The current rate of interest charged on loans has varied mainly because of many loans to Co-operative Ventures and adjustment of interest rate in line with loans from other denominations' sources.

Earlier we proposed that loans from deposits of Church Plant Sales Proceeds (on which interest is credited), should carry a 6% flat interest rate, that is that 6% interest is paid on the full amount of the loan for the duration of the loan. However, repayment

would spread over a six year period. This means that an effective interest rate would be achieved of 10.9%. Of this 6% per annum would be available towards interest payments on deposits and the remainder towards working expenses.

Repayment of a loan of \$5,000 over six years in equal monthly instalments with charging a 6% flat interest rate (over the full amount of the loan for the full term) -

Loan 5,000

6 years @ 6% = 36% 1,800

would result in \$6,800 having to be repaid in 72 monthly instalments of \$94.44 each month or \$1,133.33 each year.

| Loan | Year | Instalments Paid | Interest Content | Loan Repayment Content | Loan Residue |
|-------|------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| \$ | | | | | |
| 5,000 | 1 | 1,133 | 300 | 833 | 4,167 |
| | 2 | 1,133 | 250 | 883 | 3,284 |
| | 3 | 1,133 | 197 | 936 | 2,348 |
| | 4 | 1,133 | 141 | 992 | 1,356 |
| | 5 | 1,133 | 81 | 1,052 | 304 |
| | 6 | 1,133 | 18 | 304 | - |
| | | | 987
*813 | 5,000
- | |
| | | 6,800 | 1,800 | 5,000 | |

* Available for working expenses.

III. If we would (for purpose of comparison) project the repayment of the above (II) loan of \$5,000 over ten years in equal monthly instalments, charging a 6% flat interest rate (over the full amount of the loan for the full term), the situation would be -

Loan 5,000

10 years @ 6% = 60% 3,000

would result in \$8,000 having to be repaid in 12 monthly instalments of \$66.67 each month or \$800 each year.

| Loan | Year | Installments Paid | Interest Content | Loan Repayment Content | Loan Residue |
|-------|------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| \$ | | | | | |
| 5,000 | 1 | 800 | 300 | 500 | 4,500 |
| | 2 | 800 | 270 | 530 | 3,970 |
| | 3 | 800 | 238 | 562 | 3,408 |
| | 4 | 800 | 204 | 596 | 2,812 |
| | 5 | 800 | 169 | 631 | 2,181 |
| | 6 | 800 | 131 | 669 | 1,512 |
| | 7 | 800 | 91 | 709 | 803 |
| | 8 | 800 | 48 | 752 | 51 |
| | 9 | 800 | 3 | 51 | - |
| | 10 | 800 | - | - | - |
| | | | 1,454 | 5,000 | |
| | | | *1,546 | - | |
| | | 8,000 | 3,000 | 5,000 | |

Looking at the investment of the proceeds of Church Plants Sales held for later use on approved capital projects within the respective area, these deposits would be earning 6% interest on a cumulative basis, as credited year by year.

The picture would be, say over a ten year period:

IV.

| Year | Original deposit and following years opening deposit | 6% interest added | End of year deposit |
|------|--|-------------------|---|
| 1 | 5,000 | 300 | 5,300 |
| 2 | 5,300 | 318 | 5,618 |
| 3 | 5,618 | 337 | 5,955 |
| 4 | 5,955 | 357 | 6,312 |
| 5 | 6,312 | 379 | 6,691 |
| 6 | 6,691 | 401 | 7,092 |
| 7 | 7,092 | 426 | 7,518 |
| 8 | 7,518 | 451 | 7,969 |
| 9 | 7,969 | 478 | 8,447 |
| 10 | 8,447 | 507 | 8,954 |
| | <u>5,000</u> | <u>3,954</u> | <u>8,954 = 179%</u>
<u>of \$5000</u> |

COMPARISON BETWEEN I AND II OR III

In (I) the repayments received would be used to lend out again and the increased amount would buy other property for a price which would have shown an increase in line with a 7.5% inflation, and repayment on the following loan(s) would be on a similar

basis. Therefore if the inflation rate was 7.5% purchasing power of our Fund was retained.

In (II) and (III) the depositors would accumulate the interest together with the capital and the cumulative result after ten years would be that they would have 179% (see IV) available which is insufficient to cope with a 7.5% annual inflation on a cumulative basis - \$10,305 (see V) would be required as against \$8,954 available (see IV).

V.

| Year | Original deposit and following years opening deposit | 7.5% interest added compounding | End of year deposit |
|------|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 5,000 | 375 | 5,375 |
| 2 | 5,375 | 403 | 5,778 |
| 3 | 5,778 | 433 | 6,211 |
| 4 | 6,211 | 466 | 6,677 |
| 5 | 6,677 | 501 | 7,178 |
| 6 | 7,178 | 538 | 7,716 |
| 7 | 7,716 | 579 | 8,295 |
| 8 | 8,295 | 622 | 8,917 |
| 9 | 8,917 | 669 | 9,586 |
| 10 | 9,586 | 719 | 10,305 |
| | <u>5,000</u> | <u>5,305</u> | <u>10,305</u> |

The Board of Administration expects 75% of the deposits from Church Plant Sales/proceeds made available for the supply of supplementary building finance loans of up to \$25,000 per project. For each \$5,000 lent the repayment schedule to be as shown in Table II. Interest has to be added to the deposits from which the funds become available. The above means that with expected additional deposits for supplementary building finance loans over \$150,000 will be available.

The capital of the Fund to be lent out as before in loans of up to \$10,000 to be repaid in ten years in line with Table I. No interest is charged but the value of the Fund kept intact.

* FOR CONSIDERATION *

- (A) As at Balance date, 31 May 1981, the Church Building and Loan Fund had \$571,000 outstanding in loans. These were financed from the capital of the Fund (\$488,000) and Nominated Trust Advances (\$83,000). In addition, \$248,000, mainly from church properties' realisation, was invested in Term Deposits, an increase of \$106,000 in the last year. In interest \$23,600 was earned on funds so invested.

It seems it would be better policy for the Church to invest funds in congregational life and therefore in suitable places of worship and fellowship than have these funds "in the Bank".

(B) What is worrying still is, that for the Fund to continue operating and doing what it is meant to do, it has to accept receiving loan repayments, over extended periods and that inflation buys less and less when the money is used for lending a second and following time. Too much time elapses in the turn-around if loans are granted for periods of up to ten years. On top of this, on most loans no interest at all is charged, only working expenses. How do we protect, as much as possible, the Fund against the inroads of inflation?

(C) With incomes of the members of congregations increasing as a result of inflation the objection to abstain from charging a suitable interest rate should no longer have so much force. Several congregations, presently in the process of building, would probably gratefully accept the responsibility for a supplementary loan at a reasonable interest rate and some new projects to come might equally benefit if such finance would be available.

What can borrowers afford?

What could/should we do?

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the funds held in the Church Building and Loan Fund be divided in three categories:
 - (A) The capital of the Fund and earnings thereon.
 - (B) The funds from church property realisations held in Trust for later use in approved capital projects.
 - (C) Funds for on-lending from Nominated Trust Advances.
3. That Conference decides to protect, as far as possible, the capital of the Church Building & Loan Fund against the effects of inflation.
4.
 - (a) That new loans from the Capital Funds (A) be made in amounts of up to \$10,000, repayments to be spread over ten years on an inflation adjusted basis, initially of 7.5% cumulative, as per Table I. Working expenses to be paid by borrowers on the basis of Table I 'Z' (or 'Y') as decided by the Board of Administration.
 - (b) That all new borrowers from the (A) Fund be advised that all terms of their loan will be reviewed triennially.
5.
 - (a) That from the (B) Fund Supplementary Building Finance Loans (S.B.F. loans) be made available for approved church building projects, to be repaid in six years in monthly instalments, at an interest of not less than say flat 6% (over the full amount of the loan for the full term, which equals a true rate of interest of 10.9%), all terms of these loans to be subject to triennial review.
 - (b) That S.B.F. loans be a maximum of \$25,000.
 - (c) That the total of S.B.F. loans outstanding at any time do not exceed 75% of total deposits of proceeds of church plant realisations.
 - (d) That the interest credited to deposits of proceeds of church

properties' realisations be increased from 6% to 7.5% (in line with inflation adjustments stipulated in recommendation 3), effective 1 June 1982.

6. That a review be undertaken of all existing Church Building and Loan Fund loans and an endeavour made to agree with borrowing Circuits/Parishes on a new repayment schedule in line with recommendation 3.

REPORT ON THE CONSENT FOR PROPERTY, SALES, PURCHASES, BUILDINGS, LOANS

The Committee has given approval on behalf of the Conference as under. If not acted upon by the 31st May 1982, approval expires.

SALE OF PROPERTIES

NORTHLAND:

(1124) WHANGARIPO, C.T. 819/136 \$8,500

AUCKLAND:

- (2141) TAKAPUNA, Sale of Section, Lot 186, D.P. 64114
(2212) PAPATOETOE, Sale of Otara Parsonage, 45 Waimate Road,
C.T. 2A/335 \$23,000
(2231) PAPAKURA, Granting of Right of Way approved
(2830) WESLEY COLLEGE TRUST BOARD: Continuation of Freeholding
Scheme, Lots 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 71, 80, 89, 95

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

- (3031) PAEROA, Sale of Land \$3,000
(3063) TAHUNA, Sale of Section
(3171) ROTORUA, Sale of Church, Western Heights, C.T.1716/99,\$26,000
(3180) TAUPO, Sale of Parsonage, 95 Rifle Tange, Lott 33, DP 743
C.T. 1021/25
(3193) MT MAUNGANUI Parsonage, C.T. 1031/144 \$45,419.21
(3221) WHAKATANE, Hall & Section \$36,606.04
(3331) HILLCREST, Sale of Hall and Land \$50,000

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

- (4011) NEW PLYMOUTH, Sale of St. Aubyn St Property C.T. 119/81
(4016) POWDERHAM ST PROPERTY, Continuation of Freeholding
(4031) STRATFORD, Douglas Church - removal to Pioneer Village
(4071) OPUNAKE, Sale of Parsonage, C.T. 9/250, \$26,000
Sale of Methodist Land C.T. F2/157, \$20,000

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

- (5060) WAIROA, Presbyterian - Methodist, Parsonage, 175 Queen Street
\$32,500
(5081) WOODVILLE, Sale of Parsonage, C.T. 143/105, Lot 16, D.P. 358

WELLINGTON:

- (6131) TAITA, Sale of Parsonage, \$32,500
(6141) UPPER HUTT, Sale of 404.7m² Land, \$100.

NELSON:

- (GPT) 19 Gladstone Road Property, \$22,250.
(7075) CARLUKE, C.T.IC/1093 \$2,500

NORTH CANTERBURY:

- (8091) BECKENHAM, sale House and Section 114 Birdwood Avenue
(8173) DUNSANDEL, Sunday School Block VIII, Lot 2, C.T. 552/220
(8174) SOUTHBURIDGE Cemetery C.T. 406/92

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

- (9112) INVERCARGILL, Parsonage Earn St, C.T's 37/50 & 54/56
C.T. 146/128
(9160) TEVIOT, Sale of Coal Creek Church, C.T.356/47

PURCHASES

AUCKLAND:

- (2011) AUCKLAND CENTRAL, Pitt St, purchase of shops.
(2020) AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION, House ,236 Great South Road,\$69,500
(2090) AVONDALE, 51 Rosebank St (C.T. 543/79) 40 pchs, house,garage
and 2 shops for \$37,000.
49 Rosebank St (C.T. 543/76) 40 pchs, house and
garage for \$25,000.
(2292) MAHURANGI, Purchase of land adjacent to Point Wells

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

- (3191) TAURANGA, purchase Flats \$41,500

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

- (4011) WHITELEY, Parsonage, 3 Carver Place \$55,000

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

- (5060) WAIROA, Purchase Manase, 60 Lahore Street, \$47,000.
(5071) DANNEVIRKE, Purchase House property approx. ¼ac.

WELLINGTON:

- (6070) JOHNSONVILLE, 14 Dr Taylor Tce, \$27,501.

NELSON:

- (7071) BLENHEIM, exchange of land with Blenheim Borough Council,
C.T's 2D/326, 327, 332, 330, 331, 2D/1101

NORTH CANTERBURY:

(8122) UPPER RICCARTON, Purchase House and Section at 6 Angela St.

BUILDINGS

(E) Erection

(A) Alteration

NORTHLAND:

- (1043) KERIKERI, (E) Redevelopment Plans Stages II & III
approx. cost \$35,000
(1101) TUAWAI (A) Foyer built to join Church and Hall together.
(1101) MANGONUI, New Centre, Kaitaia
(1081) WHANGAREI (A), Parsonage ?Cost \$5,950.

AUCKLAND:

- (2008) CAMP MORLEY, continuation of building programme
(2024) AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION (A) Caughey House, \$126,000
(2031) BALMORAL-ROSKILL, Dominion Road (A) redevelopment of Hall
(2032) BALMORAL-ROSKILL, Modification to Lynfield Church
(2062) MISSION BAY (A) Upgrading Church Lounge approx. cost \$7,500
(2081) MT ALBERT, (E) New Parsonage, 7 Francis Ryan Close, ? \$53,000
(2090) AVONDALE, New Centre
(2103) MASSEY (E) Toilet Block Building, approx. cost \$6,500
(2250) TUAKAU, (A) alteration to Parsonage and build a garage.
(2283) RED BEACH, (E) New Church Complex
(9304) PROBERT TRUST (E) Redevelopment

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

- (3061) MORRINSVILLE, Building Programme
(3221) WHAKATANE, General Purpose Building

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

- (4011) NEW PLYMOUTH, (A) Office space at Whiteley Church, ?\$3,500
(4018) NEW PLYMOUTH (E)Fitzroy Villas, Tainui Trust Board, inconj.
with Anglican Church \$185,000
(4043) ELTHAKAPONGA, (A) Kaponga Church, Eltham Kitchen (A) \$5,000
(4071) OPUNAKE, (E) Worship Centre approx. cost \$105,000
(4094) WANGANUI, St. Albans Flats Project
(4096) CASTLECLIFF, St Stephens Education Block (E) \$5,178.45

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

- (5140) RONGOTEA-SANSON, Church extension
(5170) WAIPAWA CO-OP. Proposed Building approx. cost \$110,000 (E)

WELLINGTON:

- (6010) WESLEY (TARANAKI ST) - REdevelopment Manners/Cuba St Property
(6013) WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST, (E) Wesley Geriatric retiring
room est. cost \$20,000
WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST - WESLEY HAVEN, NAE NAE,
(E) additional Villas
(6140) UPPER HUTT CO-OP. (E), new Hall Stage II of redevelopment Plan
(6170) FEATHERSTON UNION, (A) Alterations to Church.

NELSON:

- (7071) BLENHEIM, (E) Esley Centre
(7111) GREYMOUTH DISTRICT UNION, (E) Building of Garage Cowper St

NORTH CANTERBURY:

- (8007) JOURNEY'S END CAMPSITE, (A) upgrading of Kitchen, toilet facilities
(8010) CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION, (E), Shed at Childrens Home
CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION (E) Residential Club, \$1.4m.
(8017) CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION (A), Extension to Matron's Flat at Picton Eventide Home cost \$25,000.
(8034) SHIRLEY, (A), Repairs to Church Hall.
(8040) NEW BRIGHTON, New Hall
(8060) SIYTG EAST CHRISTCHURCH, (E) New Centre, estimated cost \$170,000.
(8091) BECKENHAM,, (A), New Fellowship Hall,, approx. cost \$69,000
(8123) MASHAM (E) New Church
(8142) ST. DAVIDS, Wairakei Road, (A) estimated cost \$19,730.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

- (9035) DUNEDIN REGIONAL MISSION, KAWERAU FALLS, additions to Manager's Residence.
(9050) WEST DUNEDIN UNION, (A) Development Scheme Halfway Bush Church approx. cost \$40,000.
(9120) RIVERTON, (E) Multi-purpose Building estimated cost \$185,875

LOANS

At the 31st May 1981, there were 149 Loans current (147 last year)

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| Northland | 8 | Wellington | 18 |
| Auckland | 52 | Nelson | 1 |
| Waikato-Bay of Plenty | 13 | North Canterbury | 30 |
| Taranaki-Wanganui | 3 | South Canterbury | 7 |
| Hawkes Bay-Manawatu | 10 | Otago-Southland | 7 |

NEW LOANS:

25 new loans totalling \$184,550.00 were advanced during the year as follows:

NORTHLAND:

Kerikeri Church: \$5,000.00

AUCKLAND:

Tongan Parsonage, Herbert Road: \$15,000.000
Camp Morley: \$9,000.00
Camp Morley: (NTA) \$6,000.00

AUCKLAND cont'd:

Camp Morley: (NTA) \$3,000.00
Epsom Parsonage: \$3,000.00
Mt. Albert Church: \$6,000.00
Mt. Albert Church: (NTA) \$2,350.00
Mt. Albert Church: (NTA) \$4,650.00
Massey Church: \$3,000.00
Whangaparaoa Red Beach Church Centre (NTA): \$6,000.000
Whangaparaoa Red Beach Church Centre: \$20,000.00

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

Tauranga, refugee flats (NTA): \$31,350
Otumoetai Church No. 2 Loan (NTA): \$8,000

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Opunake Co-operating Church: \$10,000.00
Wanganui St. Albans Church: \$5,000.00

WELLINGTON:

Johnsonville Union, adjoining property \$5,000
Newlands Union St. Oswalds Church \$6,850
Education Division \$15,000

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Somerfield Church: \$3,000.00
South Brighton Union Church No. 1 Loan (NTA): \$700.00
South Brighton Union Church No. 2 Loan (NTA): \$1,000.00
South Brighton Union Church No. 3 Loan: \$2,000.00
Wairakei Road Church No. 1 Loan (NTA): \$3,650.00
Wairakei Road Church No. 2 Loan: \$10,000.00

LOANS REPAID:

A total of 23 Loans were repaid during the year.

LEGACIES AND GRANTS TO THE FUND

During the year the following legacies were received:

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| B.H. Clifft Estate | \$ 2,790.21 |
| M.B. Gilmore Estate | 456.01 |
| A. Hall Estate | 500.00 |
| A.H. Hayman Estate | 125.00 |
| F.W. Walters Trust | 10,293.41 |
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| | \$14,164.63 |

The Board acknowledges with since appreciation these gifts to the Capital of the Fund.

DEVELOPMENT FUND

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| Grants: | Porirua | \$4,000.00 |
| | Otumoetai | \$4,000.00 |
| | Kaeo-Kerikeri | \$800.00 |

For Special Training Projects the sum of \$1,559.00 was made available as grants at 31st May 1981, the Balances in the Funds were:-

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| Development Fund | \$16,039 |
| Special Training Sector Fund | \$11,727 |

SECTOR MINISTRIES FUND

During the year, Grants were made to:-

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| Johnsonville Union Parish | \$ 350.00 |
| Masterton St. Lukes Union Parish | \$1,000.00 |
| Papakura Youth Ministry | \$2,000.00 |

At 30th June, 1981 the balance in the Fund was \$70,802.

SITES FUND

There were no Grants made during the year. At the 31st May 1981 the balance in the Fund was \$11,195.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

A consultation on Methodist Archives was held at Christchurch in July 1981. Seventeen Synod representatives and interested persons attended. The main purpose was to develop an archives policy for the use of the Church. It was accepted at the outset that the records of the Church should be properly cared for and preserved and that the Church itself should take an active part by maintaining its own archives. The primary value of the archives is that they form an administrative record for what is a continuing organization. The secondary value is social and cultural, whether the user is an academic or non-academic researcher.

In establishing principles of action for the future development of Methodist archives, we were fortunate to have the assistance of three full-time archivists - Rosemary Collier (Hocken Library), Margaret Cullen (Canterbury Museum), Patricia Olliff (Alexander Turnbull Library). Judith Bright, the librarian at St. John's College, was also present and gave us useful information concerning this archive. At the same time it must be emphasized that the presence of non-professional enthusiasts was vital for the success of the consultation. It is these people and others acting at the local level, who will need to assume major responsibility for the recovery of material and depositing it in approved repositories. They too may well be called upon to do voluntary archival work in view of the small resources the Church has available for the care and preservation of its records.

The first task members set themselves was to appraise the present situation. An inspection was made of the Connexional Office archives. This is easily the largest Methodist archive in the country and must be regarded as a collection of national importance. A number of other significant collections were noted at St. John's College, the Church Offices in Auckland, New Plymouth Public Library, Wanganui Public Library and the Alexander Turnbull Library. The archivists present gave a brief account of archives development in New Zealand since the passing of the Archives Act in 1957. The main point to emerge from this resume was that archives under the control of the Church should not exist as wholly independent entities, but as part of a national archives system in which procedures and policies are closely integrated and also as part of the international indexing, etc., of the World Methodist Council. Much material relevant to the history of New Zealand Methodism is held in England and Australia, and by means of the international index the New Zealand researcher will be able to make better use of these records than has been the case in the past.

The work of the Consultation is discussed under the following headings:

- (A) Location of archives
- (B) Acquisition of material
- (C) Arrangement and description of material - finding aids
- (D) Access to archives
- (E) Artifacts

A. LOCATION OF ARCHIVES

The volume of material relating to local churches and its regional and local significance and use requires its secure storage in several places

rather than in one Connexional archive. Two main considerations need to be borne in mind.

1. What is the most convenient location for the users of the records, including both the bodies that create them and which require them for current purposes and those who have an interest in them as archives?
2. Where will the records be properly cared for?

As the Guidelines below indicate, it is hoped to deposit additional material in approved regional repositories. It is not intended that significant quantities of material presently held in the Connexional archives should be moved before this regional policy has been proved.

The further question arises of the adequate care and preservation of Methodist records in archives outside the control of the Church. It was agreed that the local or regional repository for Methodist records should meet the requirements listed by the National Archives for its approved repositories. These requirements, broadly speaking, are adequate premises, adequate facilities for readers, adequate finding aids, control by a recognised archivist, and an assurance of continued professional care. The Guidelines provide that material be placed in the repository that meets these criteria, and that have been approved for this purpose by the General Secretary as Custodian of Early Church Records.

B. ACQUISITION OF MATERIAL

There is no doubt that a great body of material remains in the hands of individuals and congregations, which will in the process of time - unless deposited in properly administered archives - be subject to loss and destruction. The task of saving these records depends, in the first instance, on persons working at the congregational and circuit levels. They possess the necessary local knowledge to conduct an efficient search for material and to assist with its arrangement and description.

Ideally each local church or circuit should have a person responsible for its records. As a first step towards the systematic recovery of material, it is proposed that the Custodian of Early Church Records, should be assisted by associates in the various districts. These associates would be appointed by the Annual Conference of the Church. Their function would be to alert local churches to the importance of saving records, to encourage the appointment of congregational and circuit archivists and to offer advice and assistance generally. The Consultation appointed a working party which, among other things, was requested to draw up guidelines relating to the selection of material for preservation, the preliminary work that a local archivist could do, and the terms on which material should be deposited in non-church archives.

One of the steps to be taken will be to seek in each District a person(s) who will assist in locating and describing records, etc. Following an assessment of their volume of material their secure location can be pursued. This will lead on to decisions being taken about the records to be preserved and their transferal to a place of safe deposit.

Further material may be found outside the Church organisation, e.g. in the offices of solicitors. A number of firms have acted for the Methodist Church over a long period. While the Consultation acknowledged that such firms could not be expected to release records of a confidential nature or records which are in current or semi-current use, it supported the proposal that the Connexional Secretary make inquiries about possible accessions to

the Church archives.

Records in Union and Co-operating Parishes were seen to present several difficulties. For one thing, their baptismal and marriage registers are no longer, in many cases, denominational, which raises the question of which denominational archive should receive them. For another, as long as these Parishes remain linked to more than one denomination, the record of their extra-local transactions will necessarily be divided between the Methodist and other archives. It was decided to refer these matters to the Joint National Committee on Church Extension. Meanwhile, every effort should be made to recover the Methodist records that might remain in these Parishes so that this part of their identity is well-documented.

C. ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL

The usefulness of an archive is obviously limited if the contents are not systematically arranged and described in some detail. This task can begin with the local church archivist who, at the very least, can compile a short list of the records in his or her care. It is desirable that all Methodist records, once they have been deposited in an archive, be uniformly arranged and described in accordance with the basic archival principles of provenance and original order.

Two steps follow:

1. A guide will be produced to make clear the system to be adopted. In this connection, we must remember that the non-Methodist archivist will not always be familiar with the structure and organisation of the Methodist Church.
2. A register of Methodist archives will be kept at the Connexional Office so that a finding-aid exists for all records held in the various repositories.

D. ACCESS TO ARCHIVES

The accessibility of archival material is usually determined by its location and by the adequacy of its arrangement and description. Sometimes depositors or archive administrators place restrictions on access. Church records should normally be free of such restrictions. Restrictions should apply only where non-church records have been deposited under these conditions, or where access to any records would cause distress and embarrassment to individuals and their families.

E. ARTIFACTS

It was also thought appropriate to deal with artifacts, as distinct from documentary records. A distinction was made between those which have a sentimental value for particular congregations and those which have Connexional and even national significance. The first should remain with the local church. The second, it was felt, belonged most appropriately in those city churches which might be termed "regional pilgrimage places" (Pitt Street, Durham Street, Taranaki Street, Whiteley-New Plymouth, Kaero/Kerikeri).

One of the duties of the local church archivist would be to list and describe all artifacts in the possession of the local church. Such a list would include furnishings as well as objects. Much concern was expressed over the inadequate security arrangements for many items of considerable money value.

Where artifacts are placed in museums or similar institutions, they should not be gifted but deposited by formal agreement between the owner and the receiving body.

F. USE OF TECHNOLOGY

It is considered too early to take far reaching decisions concerning the use of technology such as the micro-filming of material and the use of the computer as a 'finding aid'. Both possibilities continue to be considered, the assistance of Dr H. Calkin of the World Methodist Council continues and is appreciated.

It is envisaged that the programme can be developed within the existing financial constraints with the assistance of voluntary assistance - "Friends of Methodist Archives". These proposals build upon the important and significant work already achieved.

GUIDELINES

1. That we recognise our responsibility to protect the heritage and sense of identity that may be expressed through written records and artifacts that recall pilgrimage.
2. That Circuits and Parishes be encouraged to take steps to locate and preserve their records and artifacts.
3. That the depositing of records in repositories approved by the Custodian of Deeds be actively encouraged.
4. That records remain the property of the Church, and therefore be deposited with repositories and not gifted.
5. That a Connexional register - as an essential finding aid - be further developed and the depositing of all materials in regional repositories be notified to the General Secretary as Custodian of Early Church Records.
- 6a. Local records produced by circuits, local churches and church groups to be held locally or regionally.
- b. The records of the Divisions of the Church be kept in church archives where these exist or be placed in regional repositories.
- c. Baptismal and marriage registers (which are the property of the Connexion) should normally be held in the Connexional archive. They are one kind of local record which it is most convenient to hold in a central repository, for both archival and administrative use. However, an exception needs to be made in the case of Maori registers held at Auckland because there an important body of regional users exists.
- d. All other records, including the proceedings of Synods, Conference Committees, Boards, Presidents' papers, etc., be placed with the Connexional archives.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Conference gives general approval to the Guidelines and encourages their implementation in accordance with the general directions outlined in the report.
2. That the appointment of associates to the Custodian of Early Church Records be approved.

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THE PLACE OF PROPERTY IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Responding to the Conference 1980 Resolution on Property and the Church, the Board has worked with the Law Revision Committee and brings the attached draft law on property for the consideration of the Church.

BACKGROUND

- * The matter of holding Title of Church property was placed before the Board of Administration by Conference 1978 with the resolution:
"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 Conference to transfer the Title of such property to the Board of Administration." (p.563).
- * To facilitate dialogue with Trustees and Synods, the discussion paper "The Place of Property in the Life of the Church" was prepared. During 1979/80 fourteen property consultations were held to study the discussion paper and their views carefully noted and considered.
- * Synods indicated support of the basic principles of the paper.
- * Following the Board's report to Conference 1980, Conference resolved:
 - "1. That Conference 1980 request the Board of Administration to prepare specific proposals (as set out in Recommendation 2) for Synods (February and August to allow for adequate dialogue) and Conference 1981.
 2. That arising from the Synods' submissions on the discussion paper, the following areas of concern be covered by specific provisions of draft regulations in the proposals to be brought before Synods and Conference 1981.
 - (a) The membership, term of office, expertise, relationship to present Trustees, etc. of the personnel to be responsible for property matters in the local Church.
 - (b) The relationships and powers (e.g. negotiating property needs and transactions, insurance cover, legal representation, etc.) of the 'property committee' to the Quarterly Meeting, Synod/Property Advisory Committee, Administration Division/Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.
 3. That if the proposals are acceptable to Conference 1981, the Church aim to have the transfer of Title completed by the end of 1985."
(See Resolutions of Conference Page 653.)
- * The Board in consultation with the Law Revision Committee has now drafted specific proposals. Earlier this year this draft was forwarded to Synods and received general support. The Board

has carefully studied the questions raised and concerns expressed by Synods in their responses. (Copies of these questions, etc. will be available to the Members of the Conference Committee of Detail).

Several questions suggest that a primary purpose in the proposals, namely, the strengthening of the strategy and policy-making roles of Quarterly Meetings and Synods has not been fully grasped. Other questions and concerns arose from a lack of awareness of the current Conference property requirements, partly due to these being scattered through the present Law Book and in several Minutes of the Conference.

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| PROVISIONS IN THE DRAFT LEGISLATION INCLUDE: |
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A. ONE LAW BOOK SECTION ON PROPERTY

At the moment property matters are spread throughout various sections of the Law Book, as well as in the Minutes of Conference. Following the suggestion of the Law Revision Committee these new proposals will be included in one section of the Law Book.

B. FOUR WAYS OF HOLDING TITLE TO PROPERTY

Four ways of holding Title. (See para. 3 of the draft legislation)

- (i) in the Board of Administration
- (ii) by other Incorporated Boards, e.g. Central Missions
- (iii) under the Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand, 1887
- (iv) in such other manner as may from time to time be approved by the Conference, e.g. Wesley College.

C. PROPERTY TRUSTEES

Where the Title is vested in the Board of Administration the responsibility for all Circuit property matters previously held by Trustees will be taken up by the Quarterly Meeting. This will extend the existing responsibilities of the Quarterly Meeting on property matters. The Quarterly Meeting may exercise its property responsibilities through a Committee of Property Trustees or Leaders Meeting(s) as set out in the proposal. (See para. 4.2 ff).

D. TRUSTS UNDER THE MODEL DEED

Provisions for the holding of Title and the management of property by Trustees under the Methodist Model Deed of 1887 continues to be provided for. The existing responsibility of the Quarterly Meeting is also extended. (See para. 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3)

E. SAFEGUARDS

- (a) Para. 8.6 of the proposed legislation controls the powers of the Board of Administration.
- (b) Attention is also drawn to para. 9.1 which provides for increased decision making by Synods on property matters.

F. ORGANIST

On the advice of Synods, proposals relating to the appointment

of organist/choirmaster and any remuneration are included in para. 4.1 (j).

G. CONNEXIONAL PROPERTY

It is proposed that decisions concerning these properties should be made after careful consideration and consultation. The respective purpose(s) of each will play an important part in the way in which management, holding of Title, and related issues are worked through and the recommendation is made to facilitate this.

IMPLEMENTATION

The recommendations provide for local Trust/Circuit/Synod decision-making as to the way property will be managed and Title held. The Board considers that many Circuits will wish to implement the increased responsibility of the Quarterly Meeting for property as soon as possible and that this should follow full consultation with all involved.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION - PROPERTY

- 1.1 Property is a means of expressing and assisting the Church to be the Body of Christ in the world through worship, nurture, teaching, witness and service. The acquisition and administration of property by the Church is therefore not an end in itself.

The Church administers property on trust from God and is called to the stewardship of its property resources. This involves privilege, responsibility and accountability and should demonstrate the Christian way of using material resources to serve God's purpose for people.

- 1.2 All property is under the control of the Conference.

VESTING OF TITLE

- 1.3 Title shall be vested in one of the following ways:
- (a) In the Board of Administration of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
 - (b) By Incorporated Boards in accordance with their constitutions approved by the Conference. (See Section 10).
 - (c) Under the Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand 1887.
 - (d) In such other manner as may from time to time be approved by the Conference.
- 1.4 Where property in Circuits, vested in the Board of Administration, pertains to the Circuit it shall be administered by the Quarterly Meeting.

FUNCTIONS OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1. 4.1 Quarterly Meeting responsibilities in respect of property pertaining to the Circuit shall include:
- (a) Implementing the policies and priorities of Conference.
 - (b) Planning and co-ordination of strategy for all Circuit property in consultation with the District Property Advisory Committee.
 - (c) Facilitating the initiatives of local Churches in the Circuit in the development and redevelopment of property.
 - (d) Oversight of the management and maintenance and insurance of all Circuit property.
 - (e) Administering Circuit funds in relation to property matters.
 - (f) Giving the approval of the Circuit for all sales, mortgages, purchases, leases, loans or alterations to land or buildings. (See Paras 1. 7.5(b) and 1. 9. 1).
 - (g) Administering or providing for the administration of such commercial property in the Circuit in consultation with the Synod and the Board of Administration as shall be arranged from time to time.
 - (h) Seeing that property in the Circuit is not used for any purpose forbidden by the Laws of the Church or for any purposes, entertainments or amusements which conflict with the spiritual purpose for which the Church was called into being or which are likely to bring reproach upon the Church.
 - (i) Arranging for the completion and transmission of Circuit Property Returns and related financial information by their due dates.
 - (j) Appointment and fixing of any remuneration of any organist or choirmaster after consultation with any appropriate Leaders Meeting.
- 1.4.2 The Quarterly Meeting may appoint a Committee of Property Trustees or may delegate this function to the Leaders Meeting(s). Such Committee shall be a Sub-Committee either of the Quarterly Meeting or the Leaders Meeting as from time to time determined by the Quarterly Meeting. Members of the Committee of Property Trustees shall be appointed for a three year term. At least one third or as near thereto as possible shall retire annually by rotation but shall be eligible for reappointment.
1. 4.3 The Committee of Property Trustees shall implement the policy and priorities of the Quarterly Meeting/Leaders Meeting in respect of property in the Circuit by:
- (a) Seeing to the adequate maintenance and repair of property including furnishings, organs and other musical instruments.
 - (b) Administering and managing property for which it is responsible and seeing that no property is used for any purpose forbidden by the Laws of the Church or for any purposes which conflict with the spiritual purpose for which the Church was called into being or which are likely to bring reproach upon the Church.

(c) Insuring property in accordance with the strategy of the Circuit.

(d) Regularly reporting and recommending to Leaders and/or Quarterly Meetings on all matters relating to property.

(e) Arranging such development or redevelopment of property in accordance with the strategy of the Circuit/Synod/Conference.

1. 4.4 In electing Property Trustees, the meeting appointing them should have regard to the skills of the persons elected. They shall be selected from people living in the Church's district who are actively engaged in the worship and work of the Church.

FUNCTIONS OF INCORPORATED BOARDS

1. 5.1 Where property is held by an Incorporated Board it shall be administered by that Board on behalf of the Conference in accordance with its Constitution.

1. 5.2 Notwithstanding anything in any Constitution of an Incorporated Board to the contrary the provisions hereafter set forth regarding consultation with the District Property Advisory Committee and regarding necessary consents of the Conference, through the Board of Administration, shall apply.

FUNCTIONS OF TRUSTEES UNDER THE METHODIST MODEL DEED OF 1887

1. 6.1 Where any property is held under the Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand 1887 the provisions of such Deed and the Methodist Church Property Act 1887 and amendments thereof shall be observed subject to any decision of the Conference relating to the Deed or the functions of Trustees.

1. 6.2 The Trustees shall implement the policy and priorities of the Quarterly Meeting/Leaders Meeting of property vested in them by:
- (a) Seeing to the adequate maintenance and repair of property including furnishings, organs and other musical instruments.
 - (b) Administering and managing property for which it is responsible and seeing that no property is used for any purpose forbidden by the Laws of the Church or for any purposes which conflict with the spiritual purpose for which the Church was called into being or which are likely to bring reproach upon the Church.
 - (c) Insuring property in accordance with the strategy of the Circuit.
 - (d) Regularly reporting and recommending to Leaders and/or Quarterly Meetings on all matters relating to property.
 - (e) Arranging such development or redevelopment of property in accordance with the strategy of the Circuit/Synod/Conference.

1. 6.3 If any difficulty shall arise due to any inadequacy of resources, the Trustees shall bring their needs before the Circuit Quarterly Meeting. The Quarterly Meeting shall have authority over all

THE FUNCTIONS OF SYNODS

1. 7.1 Each Synod has a responsibility for the oversight of property within the District and shall guide a District's strategy in respect of property.
1. 7.2 In formulating such strategy each Synod shall:
 - (a) Initiate consultation in the use of all property resources in the District.
 - (b) Study and consider Circuit aspirations, strategy, plans and financial arrangements in respect of property.
 - (c) Facilitate the seeking of such Connexional consents and support as are needed.
 - (d) See to the adequate oversight of connexional property in the District and such other property (e.g. campsites) as are not the specific responsibility of any Quarterly Meeting or Incorporated Board within the District.
 - (e) Oversee on behalf of the Conference the implementation within the District of any Conference decision on property.
1. 7.3 There shall be a District Property Advisory Committee appointed in each Synod which shall be elected at the August Synod in accordance with procedures determined by each Synod.
1. 7.4 The District Property Advisory Committee shall consist of not less than five persons. In electing the persons forming the Committee, Synods should have regard to the required creative skills in strategy, building, finance and property to carry out its functions.
1. 7.5 The District Property Advisory Committee shall undertake on behalf of the Synod such of the Synod's responsibilities in terms of paragraph 1.7.2 as the Synod shall from time to time determine and in particular shall:
 - (a) Assist Circuits in working out their strategy in all property matters.
 - (b) Consider all proposals by Circuits for the purchase, sale, lease, mortgage or other borrowing against buildings and property, plans and specifications of proposed buildings or alterations to buildings and report to Synod and the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee of the Board of Administration with recommendations regarding such proposals. (See Paras 1.4.1(f) & 1.9.1)
 - (c) Assist local Churches and Circuits in all matters concerning buildings, maintenance, briefs to architects, plans, specifications and the purchase or selling of any property.
 - (d) Assist a Circuit in the choice of an approach to any builder, architect, draftsman or other professional person, as may be appropriate to meet the needs of the Circuit.

FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION - HOLDING TITLE

1. 8.1 Further to the objects set forth in Section 9 1.2f The Board shall:
- (a) Hold on behalf of the Conference and have vested in it Title to all property not vested in Incorporated Boards or under the Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand 1887.
 - (b) Sign in accordance with its Constitution all documents from time to time required in respect of property vested in it.
 - (c) Delegate such of its functions as it shall from time to time decide to Committees or Sub-Committees of the Board.
 - (d) At the request of any Board or Trust or as authorised by Conference administer any property.
 - (e) The Board shall have no power to mortgage or otherwise charge, to sell or otherwise dispose of any property vested in it held on behalf of any Circuit, Board or Trust, except at the specific written request or consent of such Circuit, Board or Trust, or on the specific direction of the Conference.

FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION - THE CONSENT OF THE CONFERENCE

1. 9.1 The Board shall on behalf of the Conference receive, consider and make decision on all applications to the Conference for any consents or approvals required in respect of any property matter whether such property is vested in the Board of Administration, Incorporated Board, or in Trustees under the Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand 1887 and/or held in any other manner.

The Board may as from time to time determined by the Board delegate to any Synod any of its functions in respect of property within that Synodal District relating to consent on behalf of the Conference on any property proposal affecting that District.

1. 9.2 In making such decisions the Board shall:
- (a) Facilitate the property concerns of the local Church and Circuit by encouraging the working out of basic mission strategy and planning for the creative use of buildings to enhance both worship and mission.
 - (b) Ensure that the requirements determined by Conference for buildings are followed.
 - (c) Carry out these functions in co-operation and consultation with Quarterly Meetings, District Property Advisory Committees and any appropriate Committee of Property Trustees.
 - (d) Seek the advice of the Investment Board in carrying out these functions when dealing with commercial, quasi commercial, investment properties or properties that may have commercial or investment potential.
 - (e) Provide an advisory service on all aspects of property management, maintenance, development and re-development for the Church.
 - (f) Carry out such other function as may from time to time be necessary or be given to it by the Conference.

1. 9.3 The Board shall see that Titles to all Church property are in order and provide for the safe custody of documents.
1. 9.4 The Board shall from time to time publish guidelines concerning the Church's procedures.
1. 9.5 The Board shall report each year to Conference details of consents given on behalf of the Conference and of loans granted.
1. 9.6 The Board shall report annually to each Synod on the status of Church loans in its District.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

- 1.10.1 The Board shall manage the Church Building and Loan Fund to assist in the erection of Churches and other buildings for Church purposes, in the provision of housing for Ministers and the repayment of debts on Church property. The fund shall be derived from gifts, grants, bequests, investment income, deposits from the sale of property and other sources as from time to time determined by the Board/Conference.
The Board shall receive application for and from time to time decide upon the amounts and conditions of loans and the manner and time for repayment.

SITES FUND

- 1.10.2 The Board shall manage the Sites Fund to assist in the purchase of sites for the purposes of the Church. The fund shall be derived from gifts, grants, bequests, investment income, deposits from the sale of property and other sources as from time to time determined by the Board/Conference.

NOTE: Para. 11 on Conference Property Requirements will be presented to Conference through the Law Revision Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. (a) With the aim of strengthening the strategy and policy-making roles of the Quarterly Meeting relating to property, and for the purpose of increased flexibility in the holding of Title, Conference authorises and encourages Trustees under the Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand 1887 to transfer Title to the Board of Administration.
- (b) That Quarterly Meetings in consultation with Trustees and Synods decide on the timing and ways in which transfer will be effected and appropriate Circuit arrangements made for the management of property in each Circuit.
- (c) That appropriate arrangements for the management of commercial property be made in consultation with the Synod and as appropriate with the Investment Board.
- (d) That in accordance with the Resolution of Conference 1980 that the Church aim to achieve transfer of Title from Model Deed Trusts to the Board of Administration by the end of 1985.
3. That the section on Property Law paras 1 - 10 be approved.

Last Conference requested the Board to delay implementing the 1979 Resolution on travel subsidies for Conference representatives until the Board completed its report on the size and frequency of Conference.

The Board advised last Conference that it was its intention that proposals would be based upon the assumption that Conference membership was reduced by 50%.

BACKGROUND

- * The 1968 Conference (Minutes pp. 111f) adopted a statement on "the Nature and Function of the Conference". In the proposals now submitted there is no departure from the broad principles of that statement, which for example states:

"The principle of the Ministry and the Laity sharing in the Government of the Church in equal numbers is common throughout modern Methodism and could not be set aside without a major upheaval. (This is not to say that it should remain a principle for all time -- modern thought on 'The Ministry of the People of God' may force change)."
- * In 1977 the Welfare of the Church Committee was asked by the Board of Administration to explore with it the reduction or abolition of the Equalization Fund. It was seen that such a proposal had far-reaching consequences; the Welfare of the Church Committee saw that any major change in the character and composition of Conference affecting the rights and privileges of ministry and laity should be handled with sensitivity.
- * The 1946 Presidential Ruling regarding the responsibilities of those attending is of crucial significance to the issue. "Conference members are representatives entitled to exercise their own judgment, and not delegates instructed how to vote". A Conference of delegates must necessarily, so far as size is concerned, bear some relation to the number of basic units (e.g. Parishes) in the Church; a Conference of representatives, on the other hand, is under no such constraint, and its size would depend on the judgement of its members as to how many are needed to express effectively the size, the strength, the diversity and the spirit of the Connexion.
- * In the years from 1968 to 1971 Conference passed several Resolutions dealing with Conference - its membership, size, etc. (See Minutes 1969 pp 112f; 1970 pp 107f; 1971 pp 118f). These Reports from Church Council deal with the Constitution of a reduced Conference. The Resolution of Conference 1971 dealing with the reduction in membership of Conference reads:

"Membership of Conference - That the Reports of Synods be received and further consideration be deferred until after the vote is taken on the Plan for Church Union".

* In recent years there is added the expression of increasing costs of Conference, particularly in relation to ever mounting costs of travel, and the suggestions that Conference be biennial and that the number of members attending be reduced.

** If the Church is to seriously consider any proposal for a reduction in the membership of Conference it must do so accepting that some limitation to the present rights of the Ministry and the Laity will occur. On this basis the Board then submitted to Synods the following proposal.

It is considered that the most equitable method of achieving such a reduction is to relate representation to numbers of members in Synodal Districts. Using a ratio of 1 representative to each nearest 100 members a reduced Conference would have a membership of around 240 including the six Presidents and Vice-Presidents. This seems an adequate number for the varied committee work that needs to be done; it seems small enough for provincial towns to host; it would allow for less formal seating as an aid to dialogue.

The application of this suggestion to the latest statistical records would provide:

| District | Electoral Roll | Representatives |
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| | 1980 | |
| Northland | 916 | 9 |
| Auckland | 5,200 | 52 |
| Waikato-Bay of Plenty | 3,155 | 32 |
| Taranaki-Wanganui | 1,575 | 16 |
| Hawke's Bay-Manawatu | 2,028 | 20 |
| Wellington | 2,474 | 25 |
| Nelson | 1,081 | 11 |
| North Canterbury | 3,385 | 34 |
| South Canterbury | 914 | 9 |
| Otago-Southland | 1,381 | 14 |
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together with the General Secretary, Chairmen of Districts, Superintendent of the Development Division, Director of Education Division, Methodist Secretary of the Joint Board for Mission Overseas, the Tumuaki, the Principal of Theological College, the Finance Manager and the Legal Adviser.

Recognizing the value of Boards, Committees and Divisions being represented at Conference it is proposed that their representatives be included in the Synod allocation, but not in addition.

Any Board, Standing Committee or Division which is not represented in this way would have the right to send a representative at its own expense. Such a person would not have full membership of Conference, but rather a consultative role.

For the election of Representatives, the basic unit is the Circuit/Parish; the guidelines could be:

- (a) On the basis of 1 Representative for approximately each 100 members the General Secretary would advise each District of its

allocated number of Representatives to be elected to that year's Conference.

- (b) Each District Synod would indicate to the Circuits in its District, which ones are to supply Presbyters and/or Laypersons to that year's Conference, together with the numbers required.
- (c) The Circuit/Parish Quarterly Meetings so advised, would nominate their chosen persons to the Synods, which would confirm the representatives.
- (d) The principle of equal Ministerial/Lay representation should be maintained by each Synod in its confirmation of representation.
- (e) The automatic right of Supernumerary Ministers in Full Connexion with the Conference to exercise membership of the Conference would be withdrawn, except by appointment within a Circuit's allocation.
- (f) Every Presbyterian appointed to a Circuit/Parish or Connexional position must be enabled to attend at least one Conference in every 3 years.
- (g) Every Circuit/Parish should have a Representative to at least one Conference in every 3 years.
- (h) Some desirable continuity could be achieved if members of the General Purposes Committee, etc. were included in the Representatives of the Synods.

* Synods were asked to respond by commenting on the following 3 questions:

- 1. Do you agree in principle with the need for a reduction of Conference size?
- 2. If a reduction is favoured, is approximately 240 satisfactory?
- 3. Have you any comments on the curtailment of the rights of the Ministry/Laity, needed in order to achieve size reductions?

The following responses were received:

NORTHLAND

- 1. Though the Synod passed a motion agreeing in principle, 8 members abstained.
- 2. Support for a Conference membership of 240 (8 abstained in the voting).
- 3. Though the Synod supports in principle the reduction of numbers attending Conference we are not prepared to allow this to interfere with the rights of Ministers in full Connexion to be present.

AUCKLAND

Synod does not favour the reduction in the size of Conference.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

- 1. Agree in principle. Yes 29, No 22.
- 2,3. Because of the closeness of the vote in 1, we feel that we are not in a position to respond to these questions.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

- 1,2. We do not favour a reduction in the size of Conference.
- 3. Curtailment of Rights. We are a connexional Church and a sense of fellowship and stimulation would be lost - a time for refreshment. A rotating membership by many would leave continuity of

membership in the hands of a few. The size of Conference will decrease naturally through economic pressures of travel costs. Could lead to a lessened participation by lay people, also to a decreased voice by ministry groups.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU

Synod did not agree to the proposal because:

- * Conference is experienced by many of our people as the annual gathering of the family of people called Methodist;
 - * Conference is the place and the occasion where people actually 'experience' the Connexion; and find that a strength;
 - * It is important to safeguard the rights of each minister, and each Circuit to attend each year;
 - * We doubt the strength of the claim that people complain about the size and the cost;
 - * In fact, increasing numbers of people are attending Conference gladly; the opening weekend is, in recent years, the focal point of our Connexionalism, and increasing numbers of people are prepared to travel to experience that;
 - * The strongest complaints of which we are aware concern inability to, or great difficulty in participating meaningfully in Conference. This is caused by two major factors - the settings (large Churches with long pews) and the procedures of Conference.
 - * Reducing the size will not necessarily alleviate those factors.
- WHAT WE NEED IS PARTICIPATORY SETTINGS AND PROCEDURES.

WELLINGTON

Synod does not favour a reduction in the size of Conference. Ministers and Circuits have a right to attend.

NELSON

NORTH CANTERBURY

1. Agree.
2. Yes, but could result in a loss of fellowship and inspiration aspects from Conference.
3. Any curtailment should be looked at in relation to both Ministers and Laity.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

1. Yes, 10 in favour, 6 against.
2. Yes.
3. None.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

1. Unanimous agreement.
2. That the maximum number be 150. For 150 - 24 votes.
For 240 - 5 votes.
3. We recognise that the rights of Ministers and Laity are going to be curtailed.

CONCLUSIONS

Generally Synods have affirmed the desire for participation by Ministers and Lay representatives of Circuits/Parishes without any curtailment of present rights.

Unless Conference directs otherwise, the Board considers that no further action towards the reduction in the size of Conference is appropriate at this time. It intends to take up the matter of financial assistance towards travelling costs and report to Synods and Conference 1982.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

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| GENERAL PURPOSES, STATIONING, FINANCE &
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEES: CHURCH COUNCIL |
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CONFERENCE RESOLUTION No. 3, pg 656, 1980

"That Conference request the Board of Administration in consultation with the Welfare of the Church Committee to bring to Synods and Conference 1981 specific proposals regarding the functions, 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 new proposals for the Connexional Budget, of the General Purposes, Stationing, and Budget Committees of Conference, and Church Council."

BACKGROUND

- (1) Concern within the Church about costs of Church Council and the October meetings, particularly relating to the ever escalating costs of travel.
- (2) Inconsistencies in the present Law of the Church concerning who attends various meetings (e.g. the induction of the President in the middle of Stationing procedures changes Presidential personnel) are causes of time wastage and other inefficiencies.
- (3) The significant additional group for the second and third reading of stations necessitates repeating explanations, information, etc., given at the first meeting. The larger number present at these later meetings may restrict sharing; it certainly does produce a 'different' meeting from the first one where trusting relationships have been established during the week of meetings.
- (4) The necessity for about 50 people to station the ministry is open to question.
- (5) Certain business has to be handled by passing from one Committee to another, thus necessitating repetition due to changes in the personnel of the Committees (e.g. from the General Purposes Committee to the Stationing Committee).
- (6) Present Law provides for attendance at several meetings by right of office or function. For all Synod representatives to be elected rather than some be nominated by a Chairman may increase confidence and trust, and help overcome fears that too much power is with too few.
Note: Present law provides for nomination by the Chairman to General Purposes Committee, while in practice Synod has been asked to appoint.

A proposal was forwarded to Synods (responses available to the Conference Committee of Detail) and received sufficient support to bring forward this revised proposal, that provides for:

- * continuity + change of membership
- wide participation + confidentiality
- effectiveness + efficiency
- help in engendering trust and confidence in the decision-making processes of the Church.
- * a collegiate, consensus, connexional style of leadership that provides sufficient continuity through a team.
- * a balance between ministerial and lay membership on a connexional basis.

REVISED PROPOSALS

1. General Purposes, Stationing, and Finance and Stewardship Committee to become Standing Committees of the Conference.

REASONS:

- (a) *this would regularise existing practice and enable these Committees to meet as*

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| Church Council | - April/May and October |
| General Purposes | - April/May, October & Conference |
| Stationing | - October and Conference |
| Finance & Stewardship | - April/May and October |

- (b) *To enable the President to be relieved of some decision-making concerning the ministry during the year and to enable more decisions to be made by the representative Committee.*

2. An effective membership of the Committees of approximately 30 persons.

REASONS:

30 representatives would provide sufficient representation of the Connexion and are sufficient to safeguard the rights of ministers and laity, Circuits/Parishes. While a smaller number would keep travel costs down, this would reduce representative participation. A large number tends to become unwieldy and non-participatory.

3. As common a membership of the General Purposes Committee and the Stationing Committee as possible with appropriate consultants.

REASON:

reduction of duplication of business (see Background 5 above).

4. Synod representation to be based upon Electoral Roll membership.

REASON:

Equable

5. Appointment by Synod of Representatives for a two year term with eligibility for reappointment.

REASONS:

- (a) Continuity.
- (b) Increased lay participation and contribution to the meetings through Representatives familiar with the business and procedures.

6. Membership of the Finance & Stewardship Committee appointed by Synods on a basis similar to 4 and 5 above, appointing the appropriate Synod representative(s) and where possible the same representative(s) as appointed to the General Purposes Committee and Stationing Committee.

REASON:

to help keep costs down.

7. A Church Council of approximately 40 members with continued responsibility for the major task of the visionary, policy, planning functions, with a more adequate representation of all the groups within the Church.

REASONS:

- (a) *It is considered important that adequate representation of as wide a cross section as possible be involved. The reduction of members and therefore cost could otherwise be at the expense of significant participation.*
- (b) *The business of the Council is conducted under the following questions:*
 - (i) *What is recommended concerning:*
 - (a) *Doctrine and Polity?*
 - (b) *Life and Work?*
 - (ii) *What is recommended concerning the Church and the Community.*
 - (iii) *What is recommended concerning Ecumenical affairs?*
 - (iv) *What matters are remitted to the Council by the Conference?*

So states the Law Book pg. 79, No.3

- (c) *One of the objectives of the proposal is to allow the Church Council to be relieved of as much Committee business as is possible, so that its members, without undue pressure of time, may concentrate on that lively agenda from the Law Book - the visionary, the planning and policy of the Church.*

If this be achieved, perhaps regional meetings of a similar nature and purpose could be formed prior to Church Council, say every other year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
- 2(a) That the General Purposes, Stationing and Finance and Stewardship Committees function as Standing Committees of the Conference.
- (b) That Synod representation, either Ministerial or Lay be appointed on the proportionate basis of 1 to 1,700 members, with at least one Representative appointed from each Synod being a Lay Person.
3. Membership of the General Purposes and Stationing Committee to be: the President, President-Elect, Ex-President, Vice-President, Vice-President-Elect, Ex-Vice-President, the Chairman of each Synod, General Secretary. The President-Elect and Vice-President-Elect following election at Conference shall become members. Representatives from the Districts, based upon 1 to 1,700 members, initially as follows: Northland, Manakau, Taranaki-Wanganui, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu, Nelson, South Canterbury, Otago-Southland, a Lay Representative. Auckland, Waikato-Bay of Plenty, Wellington, North Canterbury, one Lay and one Ministerial Representative. Unless appointed in another capacity the Superintendent of the Development Division, the Principal of the Theological College, the Director of the Education Division, a Secretary of the Joint Board, the Tumuaki, The President's Legal Adviser shall function as Consultants to the Stationing Committee but shall be full members of the General Purposes Committee.
4. Membership of the Finance and Stewardship Committee to be: President, President-Elect, Ex-President, Vice-President, Vice-President-Elect, Ex-Vice-President, the Chairman of each Synod, General Secretary, Director of Education Division, a Secretary of the Joint Board, The Tumuaki, Finance Manager, Associate Director-Stewardship. Representatives from the Districts, based upon 1 to 1,700 members, initially as follows: Northland, Manakau, Taranaki-Wanganui, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu, Nelson, South Canterbury, Otago-Southland, a Lay Representative. Auckland, Waikato-Bay of Plenty, Wellington, North Canterbury, one Lay and one Ministerial Representative.
- 5(a) Membership of Church Council at its April/May Meeting be: President, Vice-President, President-Elect, Vice-President-Elect, Ex-President, Ex-Vice-President, District Chairmen, General Secretary, Finance Manager, Tumuaki, a Secretary of the Joint Board, Superintendent of Development Division, Director of Christian Education, Principal of Theological College, a representative of the Women's Fellowship, representative(s) of Synod based upon 1 to 1,700 members and up to seven additional members to provide representation of as wide a cross section of the Church Membership as possible (ethnic, age, sex), such members to be appointed by the Conference.
- (b) The Membership of the Church Council at its October Meeting be those representatives appointed to Stationing and Finance and Stewardship Committees meeting at that time.

L REPORT TO CONFERENCE - ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS - NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES - WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

Relationships of our Methodist Church in New Zealand with the National Council of Churches and the World Methodist Council are now under the oversight of a Committee of the Board of Administration in Christchurch. This Committee meets as required. During 1981 it met on six occasions - Members of the Committee are Rev's John Roberts (Chairman), Alan Woodley, Brian Turner, Albert Grundy, Phyllis Guthardt, Mesdames Merle Balfour and Dorothy Irvine.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Thirty-eighth General Meeting of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand was held in Palmerston North from February 8-11, 1981. Our representatives at the Meeting were Rev's Rua Rakena, John Roberts, Alan Woodley, Geoff Tucker, Fred Waine and Mrs. Taugo Nacoaitaba. The Executive of the Council which meets each six months met at Wellington from 5-6 August. Rev. John Roberts is our representative on the N.C.C. Executive. The Working Committee of the N.C.C. meets each month and Rev. John Roberts represents our church on that Committee. Rev. Alan Woodley serves on the Finance Committee.

A RESTRUCTURING OF N.C.C.

Of recent times a great deal of thought has been given to the restructuring of the N.C.C. It is considered by some on the Council that no major restructuring should take place pending the outcome of discussions with the Roman Catholic Church on membership in the Council. An N.C.C. delegation met with members of the Catholic Ecumenical Commission in November 1980. Indications were that Roman Catholic membership of a reconstituted N.C.C. was a real possibility. The General Meeting was encouraged by this report and expressed the desire that we move as quickly as possible to form a new ecumenical body which would include the Roman Catholic Church as a full member. The Catholic Bishops Conference will be considering this matter in September. The possibility of membership of the N.C.C. by Pentecostal Churches is also being pursued.

The General Meeting of the N.C.C. saw as a priority the establishment of a regional office in Wellington. It was envisaged that this would be a part-time appointment to promote the work of the N.C.C. in the lower North Island in a similar manner to the Auckland regional appointment. Since then it has been possible to make a full time appointment that also includes responsibility for ecumenical Youth Work. This was made possible by a Government Youth Leadership Grant. Rev. Peter Glensor has been appointed to this new position. He will act as representative of Christian World Service, represent the N.C.C. on the Joint International Affairs Committee, liaise with I.C.C.I and other ecumenical agencies as well as carry out the role of the Ecumenical Youth Secretary. The task of Youth Secretary involves working with denominational youth secretaries, the development of a structure to keep youth concerns before the N.C.C., to organise national ecumenical youth

activities, to organise ecumenical youth workshops related to N.C.C. programmes.

The General Meeting disbanded the Churches Commission on Human Rights which was set up in 1975. International concerns will now be handled by the Joint Methodist/Presbyterian International Relations Committee on which the N.C.C. will have three representatives. This experiment in ecumenical co-operation is to be reviewed at the General Meeting in August 1982.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Antiochan Orthodox Church has applied for membership of the N.C.C. It has two congregations in New Zealand. Under the Constitution of the N.C.C. a member church can appoint three voting members to the Council. If a number of small churches joined they would have the capacity to out vote the larger denominations. With this situation in mind the Executive of the N.C.C. is recommending to the member churches that the Antiochan Orthodox Church be received into membership with the right to appoint one voting representative to the Council.

RACE RELATIONS PROGRAMME

A Programme on Race relations in New Zealand is likely to become an established part of the National Council of Churches activities for the next few years. The first steps in establishing the programme were taken at the Council meeting in February. The August meeting of the Council's Executive approved several action steps.

A Secretary has been appointed for five months to produce a tabloid and implement a workshop programme for churches. Mrs Pat Lythe, a secondary school teacher with considerable experience in community education programmes, took up this appointment on July 1st. She is a Roman Catholic active in the affairs of her church. It is intended to make a series of similar short term appointments, using highly skilled persons, to develop the 'Programme on Racism'.

The Tabloid will raise issues of racism in New Zealand from Biblical as well as social and cultural perspectives. Liturgical material will also be included. Racism will be explained and clear examples given of the ways in which minority groups, even while favoured in some ways, still suffer major disadvantages. This newspaper, designed for the 'average' church member, will be distributed to all churches in September.

The workshop programme began with a Pacific Islanders consultation held in Otara in March. Nearly forty resolutions covering areas such as housing, education, immigration, justice and employment were raised. A working group has been formed, based in Auckland, to assist in implementing the resolutions. Some of the recommendations are already being actioned. Pre-school education was identified as a matter of particular concern. Research is also being planned on the housing problems of Islanders - an issue of great concern at the consultation.

Further workshops are now being planned. They will be held in the latter part of the year. Appropriate church people and leaders will be encouraged to discuss specific situations of cultural tension or misunderstanding. A national consultation of church administrators will examine racism in church structures and procedures. District and congregational consultations will also be held.

A bail scheme for young first offenders, many of whom are Maori, is also being implemented. Local Councils of Churches in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin will be asked to study the question of sureties for first offenders. They will each be given \$200 to assist in establishing a bail fund in their area.

Discussion is going on with church related schools to share concerns about racism. These schools are being encouraged to reflect on how they are preparing their pakeha pupils for living effectively in a multi-cultural society. They are also being asked to think about the ways they are assisting Maori, Pacific Islanders and other minority groups to respond to their participation in New Zealand society which is dominated by pakeha culture and tradition.

Discussion with theological colleges is going on to facilitate the sharing of information about multi-cultural approaches to education for ministry.

The Council's resolution that \$1,000 be set aside for grants to non-church groups in New Zealand working for racial justice has yet to be implemented by the Executive.

The programme has received significant grants from the World Council of Churches Programme to Combat Racism and the Fellowship of the Least Coin. The Methodist Church has made a grant of \$7,000 from its Connexional Budget together with \$5,000 from the Auckland Central Mission (Total \$12,000) (the same sum is to be set aside for two years), and the Society of Friends \$1,000. A Trust grant of \$10,000 has also been received. Presbyterians will likely give \$10,000. Anglicans and Baptists have yet to consider funding of the programme.

The National Council of Churches believes that racism has been a growing problem in New Zealand, with a major lack of appreciation by Pakehas of the extent and reality of the problem. Its programme is to be one of education consultation and action in church and society.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMISSION

This Commission meets monthly. Because members are heavily burdened and the Secretariat limited in time, priorities have to be set. Main agenda items have included the following:

Springbok Tour. Appropriate letters and telegrams have been sent. The General Meeting in February expressed its opposition to the tour and called for its cancellation. The Executive meeting in August expressed "its deep concern for the way the Springbok Tour has caused grave divisions in New Zealand Society". It called for peaceful protest from church people, cancellation of the Tour, and commended the idea of a New Zealand Gleneagles Agreement so that all future sporting contacts with South Africa are eliminated until apartheid is dismantled.

Arrest of Rev. Sol Jacob. The Executive Meeting was informed that Sol Jacob, South African Methodist Minister had been arrested and was being held in solitary confinement under the Terrorism Act. Concern was expressed in a cable sent to the South African authorities asking that they define charges or release Sol Jacob immediately. The attention of the New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs was also drawn to this matter.

Nuclear Free Pacific Relevant submissions continue to be made to all Governments of the nuclear powers which are testing, storing, dumping nuclear weapons material and wastes in the Pacific and are increasingly using it as an operational area for nuclear armed vessels and

submarines. Close contact with the Pacific Council of Churches have been maintained on these matters. A protest was made to the U.S. Government at their decision to name their next nuclear-armed submarine "Corpus Christi".

Waitangi Day. Concern was expressed at the appropriateness of Waitangi Day as a day of national celebration. The Treaty has never been ratified or honoured. The celebrations are essentially Pakeha activities including a show of naval power. Maoris are present in only a token way. The churches participation is totally predetermined without consultation - consisting of reading a prayer written by Lord Bledisloe and pronouncing the Benediction. The N.C.C. recommends to its member churches that they cease participating in this way until some more satisfactory form of occasion is worked out. It is proposed that at least one national church event, on an appropriate site in which Maoris and Pakehas jointly and equally share be held on Waitangi Day 1982. The Church and Society Commission in co-operation with the Maori Section is to make the arrangements.

Church Investments. There have been ongoing discussions within the Church and Society Commission on the Churches and their investments. Recent emphasis has been on bridging the gap between those who are deeply concerned with the moral aspect of the issue, and those concerned with day to day investment making decisions. A consultation representing both sides of the issue was held in July. Many issues were raised and an informal report has been prepared.

Other matters. Submissions have been made on the proposed amendments in the Accident Compensation Act. The Commission has also been involved in Government Sponsored Land Use Seminars.

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE

Christian World Service has been involved in a variety of activities. It participated in a United East African Famine Emergency Appeal with the Catholic Commission for Evangelisation and Development and CORSO. This joint appeal sought to minimise appeal overheads and maximise impact. Though a largely media campaign \$225,000 was raised.

Christian Action Week in which C.W.S. shares, this year, had the prime objective of analysing the development options facing New Zealand. There was widespread interest and in some cases in-depth analysis.

Funds were made available to bring Phillippe Fanchette of a Paris based ecumenical research institute to New Zealand for a further series of workshops on social analysis and theological reflection.

The 1980 Christmas Appeal raised \$405,646, 13.5% upon the previous year. This is a record amount received. The 1981 Appeal has a target of \$450,000 with the theme "Sharing Works Miracles".

A joint Agency Energy Appeal for El Salvador was launched in August. The civil war there is deepening. At least 200,000 people are refugees within and beyond the country. 10,000 children are orphaned. Funds are for food, medicine and provisions. Causal factors such as the violation of human rights and land rights and big power interference have been highlighted in the appeal.

In tackling the causes of injustice, C.W.S. realises it has to do more in the way of education with its New Zealand constituency. This is a request of its overseas partners and as a consequence C.W.S. is devoting

considerable effort in this direction.

INTER-CHURCH COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

The major area of involvement of this Commission continues to be the resettlement of Indo-Chinese refugees. In the first 8 months of this year a further 458 were resettled in New Zealand. Present quotas continue to June 1982 and a further 542 will be resettled bringing a total of 4,392 since 1975. Beyond June 1982 there will still be a considerable number of people to be resettled from South East Asia. Most Indo-Chinese refugees spend six weeks at the Mangere Centre for orientation and language training.

I.C.C.I. has received a World Council of Churches request to resettle Polish refugees. Following discussion with Polish Communities and the Government, I.C.C.I. has agreed to resettle 100 Polish refugees. They will be mainly single people and young married couples.

Two full time and one part-time Indo-Chinese Field Counsellors have been appointed. They are located in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

Financial support is sought from New Zealand Churches. A direct mailing to Parishes seeking a \$50 grant for I.C.C.I. work will be made.

In May the Director and the Vice-Chairman of I.C.C.I. (Mr. J. Nolan - representing the Catholic Bishops Conference) attended a World Council of Churches consultation on Refugees in New York. This consultation expressed a strong commitment for the churches to address root causes of refugees situations. This can only lead to more enlightened attitudes.

JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE

The twenty-fifth meeting of the Joint Committee of the N.C.C. and Roman Catholic Church was held in May 1981. The topic was 'Criminal Punishment'. Papers were presented by Laurie More (Senior Prison Chaplain), Rodney Routledge (a former prison chaplain, now social work lecturer), Paul Gifford and Vincent Hunt. The traditional statement of the Committee was prepared. On this occasion it also sought to offer assistance to the Penal Review Committee. A set of recommendations were sent to that body. The statement and recommendations are well worth study.

Future meetings will take as a theme "Church and State". Next meeting will open the discussion with theoretical and historical understandings, which will in subsequent meetings be applied to New Zealand.

WOMENS COMMITTEE

A major concern of this committee in 1981 has been to re assess its role and function. A resolution of the N.C.C. Meeting raised the possibility of integrating the whole work of the present Women's Committee into other N.C.C. structures.

There are three main areas of work covered by sub-committees - World Day of Prayer, Fellowship of the Least Coin and Social Change. It is in the area of social change that overlap can occur with other N.C.C. structures. The Executive of the N.C.C. has instructed the Working Committee to seek to resolve this issue with the Women's Committee.

A successful triennial national Conference with the theme "Focus on

Asia" has been held.

CHAPLAINCIES

The N.C.C. is related to a number of chaplaincies - prison, industrial and university. In all cases the N.C.C.'s role in the chaplaincy is minimal. Most are autonomous. The N.C.C. does not make appointments or have oversight of them. In the case of University chaplains, the N.C.C.'s role is basically that of broker. Concern over the future of University Chaplains has been raised by various parts of the N.C.C. constituency. Consultations are planned.

The Methodist Committee on Ecumenical Relationships is concerned about our strategy relating to chaplaincies in general. We feel there is a need for our church to determine its priorities in relation to chaplaincies. Accordingly we are seeking a review of all forms of chaplaincies. We realise unilateral decisions cannot be made. The matter has been raised with the Development Division, who have it under consideration. We anticipate the Development Division undertaking this task in association with our committee. We envisage a report being prepared for Church Council in May 1982.

MAORI SECTION

The report of the Maori Section of the N.C.C. is presented by the Maori Division.

WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

The President, Rev. Loyal Gibson and the Rev. Alan Woodley attended the World Methodist Council and Conference as our representatives. Both attended the Social and International Affairs Consultation prior to the Council meeting and also the Convocation on Theological Education. The President's report has been circulated as an Occasional Bulletin, together with a report from the World Federation of Methodist Women from Mrs. Ella Trathen. A group of 17 from throughout the Connexion attended the Conference. Alan Woodley presented a report to the Ecumenical Committee, Board of Administration and Church Council.

While recognising the limitations of a large gathering (450 at the Council and 3000 plus at the Conference) it is considered that the Council as a Confessional body is seeking, within the ecumenical movement, to be more than a gathering for fellowship based upon a common Methodist heritage. The emerging stress on social justice issues and questions is to be welcomed. As is a more critical appraisal of the present programme on evangelism.

One of the priorities for the work of the Social and International Affairs Committee of the Council is to seek to arrange (during the next 5 years) regional meetings to focus upon major social and international issues. It is anticipated that such meetings would be arranged in association with the Evangelism Committee.

The Council fosters and facilitates ministerial exchanges. The Convocation on Ministerial Education offers a network for the flow of information on ministerial training.

The Council decided to continue its conversations with the Roman Catholic Church. Clearly these conversations have been the basis on which our own Conference has recently entered into conversation with the

Roman Catholic Church in New Zealand.

The satellite organisations of the World Methodist Historical Society and the World Federation of Methodist Women continue to provide important links and resources.

To celebrate the Centennial of the World Methodist Council a Centennial Fund has been established to be used in its entirety in the 1981-86 quinquennium to accomplish the following objectives:

- * A wider and more representative exchange of persons across national, racial, cultural lines to further the mission of Christ in our World.
- * Significant training experiences for national leaders and young people on a world level.
- * The development of youth-to-youth events such as the International Christian Youth Conference in Cornwall and the meeting of World Youth Presidents in Hawaii.
- * Sending volunteers to serve Christ beyond their own cultures and countries.

Donations for the Centennial Fund may be sent through the Connexional Office, P.O. Box 931, Christchurch.

We are grateful to Mrs Vera Dowie who has represented our Church as an Executive Member on the Council during the last five years. We offer our best wishes to Vera on her election as Secretary of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

The meetings provided opportunity for reflection on our participation in the Council. Those present considered that the Council offers useful and helpful links to our confessional group within the ecumenical movement and gives indications of a more significant effectiveness. For these reasons the Committee believes that Conference is to be encouraged to an increased openness and participation in the World Methodist Council, while retaining a critical appraisal of specific programmes and proposals. Further, on the basis of our Conference's commitment to the social-justice issues, it is felt that we could explore, and where possible, participate in the work of the Social and International Affairs Committee. The President accordingly nominated the General Secretary to the World Methodist Council Executive and the Social and International Affairs Committee. Rev. Alan Woodley has now been appointed to these Offices. The two meetings coincide and are held approximately every fifteen months. Some funding is provided by the World Methodist Council for its Executive Members. The Board of Administration may need to budget for additional travel expenses.

The Ecumenical Committee reaffirms our Church's ecumenical priorities as W.C.C., C.C.A. & P.C.C., W.M.C.

OCCASIONAL BULLETINS

In order to keep the Church informed of ecumenical developments we have produced several Occasional Bulletins. Those prepared have been -

February 1981 - A report on the N.C.C. General Meeting - Rev. John Roberts

June 1981 - A report on the General Assembly of the Christian Conference of Asia - Mrs. Rua Turner.

August 1981 - A Report on the World Methodist Council & Conference -
 Rev. Loyal Gibson
 A Report on the World Federation of Methodist Women -
 Mrs. Ella Trathen
 A Report on a visit to Zimbabwe - World Council of
 Churches Programme to Combat Racism - Rev. Rua Rakena

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Antiochan Orthodox Church be received into membership of the National Council of Churches with the right to appoint one voting representative to the Council.
3. Confirming our concern about Race relations in N.Z. Conference commend the N.C.C. Race Relations Programme to Circuits and Parishes and encourage them to make use of resources and workshop proposals and particularly during Lent.
4. (A) That the Methodist Church of New Zealand cease to participate in official Waitangi Day celebrations until some more satisfactory form of occasion is worked out.
 (b) That Conference supports efforts to hold at least one national church event, on an appropriate site in which Maoris and Pakehas jointly and equally share be held on Waitangi Day 1982.
5. That Conference express gratitude for the heartening response to the 1980 Christmas Appeal and commend the 1981 Christmas Appeal to Circuits and Parishes.
6. That Conference appoint the following for 1981/82 -
 (a) Women's Committee of N.C.C. - Mesdames R. Turner, D. Roberts and M. Balfour.
 (b) Council of the N.C.C. - Rev's R. Rakena, J. Roberts, A. Woodley and three others to be nominated at Conference.
 (c) Executive: Rev's Rua Rakena and John Roberts.
7. That Conference confirm the action of the President in nominating Rev. Alan Woodley to the Executive of the World Methodist Council and to membership of the Social and International Affairs Committee.
8. (A) That a contribution of about \$200 be made to the general budget of the World Methodist Council and this be included in the Connexional Budget.
 (B) That \$300 be contributed from the Connexional Budget to the Social and International Affairs Committee of the World Methodist Council.
 (C) That our priorities as a Church in Overseas Relationships continue to be World Council of Church, Christian Conference of Asia, and Pacific Council of Churches and then World Methodist Council.
9. That Conference extends to Mrs Vera Dowie its best wishes on her election as Secretary of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

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) Board of Administration Insurance Account.
- (i) Connexional Fire Insurance Fund.
- (j) Connexional Budget.

2. That the Board of Administration for 1981 be as submitted to and approved by Conference and as printed in the Year Book.

WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

SYNOD REPRESENTATION ON STATIONING COMMITTEE

Conference 1980 asked the Committee to 'consider the role of the Synod representatives (ministerial and lay) to the Stationing Committee with a view to increasing their pastoral effectiveness.' In the discussion prior to the request it was considered that there were dangers in allowing Stationing to depend too much on the District Chairman. The question focused on the possibility of the Chairman being insensitive to a particular minister's or circuit's anxieties. As each district has four representatives on the Stationing Committee can the other three be given clearer responsibilities in some of these areas?

In consideration the Church Welfare Committee raises the following points:

- (1) There has always been a need for great care in choosing the District Appointee to Stationing Committee
- (2) That, though the District Chairmen work under considerable pressure the present system has worked well
- (3) That having four representatives from each district makes a large Committee in which sensitivity is inevitably reduced, and
- (4) That sensitivity cannot be written into law.

This Committee has NO RECOMMENDATION to make.

STATIONING PROCEDURES

Prior to Conference 1980 much work had gone into devising the most suitable system for stationing ministers. The recommendation that the present no-invitation system, then on trial, should become law was passed.

On this understanding a further request was made to the Committee to 'explore the possibility of a more flexible timing in relation to the stationing and movement of ministers between Conferences'. A letter was sent to Synods seeking comment on the matter and testing the strength of support

- (a) for more freedom of movement of ministers between Conference
- (b) for the status quo (i.e. stationing at Conference and movement of ministers at the end of January, with the President actioning moves at other times) and
- (c) for a strict adherence to stationing at Conference and moves in January.

The response in way of comment was strongly in support of the present system and this was borne out by the hand

votes taken (a : 7%, b : 92%, c : 1%).

The Committee believes that the present system of stationing ministers at Conference with moves in late January is quite satisfactory. It notes in conclusion that the President may (and does) station ministers between Conferences where special circumstances require it. We have NO RECOMMENDATION to make.

OTHER MATTERS

During the year the Committee has worked in consultation with the Board of Administration. The matters involved have been

- (a) THE SIZE and FREQUENCY of CONFERENCE and
- (b) the CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES' TRAVEL SUBSIDY.

D. Pratt
Chairperson

A. Upson,
(Acting) Convener

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the Report be received.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Annual Report for year ending 30 June 1981

THE DOMINION EXECUTIVE:

The Dominion Executive was transferred from North Canterbury to the Bay of Plenty this year.

The Association records it's appreciation of the work and activities of the North Canterbury Branch on it's behalf under difficult and trying conditions of personnel movements and personal involvement in other spheres.

RECIPROCITY BETWEEN DENOMINATIONS: (Conference 1980 report)

In the matter of mutual recognition of denominational examination qualifications, the Executive has accepted and approved the recommendation of the Education Division that "in the case of persons belonging to Union and Co-operating Parishes, there be a recognition of the ability to cross credit from one course to the other".

ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATES:

We welcome the following members as Lay Preachers:

Beryl Noala RODGER, Christchurch East; Ruth HENDRY, Edith TAYLOR, William AITKEN, all of Levin; Uili UELESE, Onehunga; George ROTHERHAM, Foxton Union Parish; Dorothy Ella WILLIS and Ernest George WILLIS of Riverton Union Parish.

LONG SERVICE DIPLOMAS:

The Church records it's grateful thanks for services rendered to James L. WOODHOUSE, Ohura - 55 years; William GREENWOOD, Timaru - 50 years; Arthur H. ATTWOOD, Waihi - 34 years; Catherine DICKIE, Paeroa - 30 years; Raymond S. THOMSON, Invercargill - 29 years; Constance E. McMILLAN, Tauranga - 25 years, C. Robert SHOOSMITH, Paeroa - 25 years.

STUDY COURSES:

Even though we have little information as to who among those who have committed themselves to study the LAOS courses of the Education Division, are doing so in preparation for Lay Preaching, we are encouraged by the numbers of persons who do so, especially the increasing number of Pacific Islanders who are recording successes in the examinations.

Our thanks are extended to the Education Division for the two very helpful leaflets "Becoming a LAY PREACHER in the Methodist Church" and "LAOS - The Methodist Lay Training Course". We commend these leaflets to all Ministers and interested lay persons.

LAY PREACHERS' SUNDAY:

All Ministers have been encouraged, through the District Synods, to continue to recognise the second Sunday in August as LAY PREACHERS' SUNDAY and to arrange their preaching plan accordingly.

BRANCHES:

We welcome the revival of the Invercargill Preachers' Meeting under the chairmanship of Mr B.C. Jilling, with Mrs Joan Lawry as Secretary/Treasurer.

"THE PREACHER":

An attempt was made to continue publishing on a quarterly basis, but finances dictated otherwise. There was no June 1981 issue. The major cost is postage at \$100.00 per issue, with printing costs not far behind.

FINANCE:

The resolution from the 1980 Annual General Meeting, that a subscription of \$5.00 per annum be payable, has resulted in the response from about 10% of our members of \$215.00.

During the year the sum of \$4000.00 was transferred from the Methodist Provident Society at 6%, to the Methodist Trust Association Short Term 'B' Fund at about 13%.

For the Executive -

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| G.E. Simpson | President |
| A.R. Speirs | Secretary |
| A. Bettany | Treasurer |

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Report and Financial Statement be received.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1981

It is with pleasure that we present the 18th Annual Report of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship.

The Nelson/Marlborough District accepted responsibility for the Fellowship at the Bi-ennial Convention held in Palmerston North in October 1980.

Tribute was paid to Mrs Isobel Burn and her Executive who had ably led the work for the previous two years.

TRIBUTES:

We thank God for the lives of service to the Church and will remember with much affection:

Mrs Jean Butler who served as a missionary sister in the Solomons 1925-30;

Mrs Fay Thomas, a former National Executive member; and

Mrs Laurel McAlister M.B.E. a former Dominion President of the Women's Guild.

MEMBERSHIP:

From figures presented from our 19 Districts we record the following statistics.

| Fellowships: | Methodist | Union/Co-operating | Total |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|
| | 153 (176) | 123 (73) | 276 (249) |
| Members: | 4375 | 1606 | 5981 (5610) |

It is interesting to note from last year's figures in parenthesis the large increase in Union and Co-operating fellowships and the very pleasing increase in total membership.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE:

We have met at least once monthly and record our thanks to those who travel long distances. Sub-committees have done valuable work to lessen the total work load.

It has been my pleasure to attend the A.P.W. Regional Conference in Alexandra, the N.C.C. Women's Committee Conference in Christchurch, the North Canterbury Country Rally Day and several of our own Districts.

I felt privileged to represent the Fellowship both at Church Conference and Church Council. To see the whole Church and its work in totality is an educational and enriching experience. As directed by Convention the President's insignia has been completed. Chosen from twelve designs submitted for consideration the final design was handcrafted in sterling silver and will I am sure be worn with pride and significance.

My thanks to all who have responded so warmly to my Presidents letters - I am very grateful for this opportunity to be personally in touch with so many of our membership.

DISTRICT COUNCILS:

I have been uplifted and encouraged by the quality reports that have been presented this year.

It is evident that the aims of the N.Z.M.W.F. are being regularly and lovingly perpetuated within the family, the Church, the community

and especially in this the "Year of the Disabled". An extract from one such report perhaps says it all: "I give thanks to God for the joy, the fellowship and the love that has radiated from our members. This surely is what counts, not the amount of finance raised, but the amount of services rendered, not large membership, but God's presence and direction and power in our lives."

FINANCE:

With ever increasing costs we have constantly had before us the responsibility and stewardship of monies entrusted to us for our expenses. I record with sincere gratitude a gift of \$500 from my own St. John's Church Budget Committee toward my travel expenses. With our fees being increased this year it may be possible for more travel to be achieved thus enhancing the link between National Executive and District Fellowships.

It is with deep gratification that I announce that the SPECIAL OBJECTIVE for this year, "The Money Tree" has raised \$27,472.72. This is truly wonderful and when added to the thousands that have been given to Church Trusts, Connexional Budgets and many other worthy causes one can only marvel that such a few women can achieve so much, so regularly. Thank you.

Stamps and Tea Coupons \$7,276 and Medical and Educational Fund \$2,579. We are delighted that in many avenues of fund raising and particularly this year in the Special Objective that the whole Church family has been involved.

KURAHUNA:

Thanks again to this Committee for all that is being done for the Fellowship and their involvement with 45 recipients with a total value of \$7,215 is evidence of the depth of concern and involvement.

TE KOMITI WHAITI o TE ROOPU WAHINE:

In October I attended the Maori Division Hui-a-tau at Turanga-waewae and at the Annual Meeting of Te Roopu Wahine the above change of name was agreed to. There was joy for me in attending and also at the Huihuinga at Mt. Wellington in May and to know that our Maori friends are studying what affiliation with the M.W.F. would mean to T.R.W. and in due course will report back. Our warmest greetings to Pari Waaka President and her Executive in the Waikato.

SMETHURST:

We were empowered to negotiate the sale of this valuable property at Convention, valuation has been received and as the Church does not foresee any specific need we are now under way with the sale. I enjoyed meeting with the Committee and thank them most warmly for all the valuable work done in oversight and care of "Smethurst".

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN:

The Silver Jubilee Assembly was held in Honolulu in July when over 450 women from 60 countries met with the theme of "New Dimensions in Christian Living".

We were delighted when Mrs Vera Dowie, a former National President of N.Z.M.W.F. was elected World Secretary.

I want to thank all who made my attending the Assembly and the World Methodist Council which followed possible and hope that through

my being present I will be able to share the value and all the experience gained from such a gathering.

NATIONAL PROGRAMME COMMITTEE:

Mrs Marcia Baker of Christchurch has brought particular enthusiasm to this area and we thank her and her Committee for all that is done in the compilation of new material, the sale and distribution of it and her liaison to us through Mrs Flora Litchfield of the National Executive.

MISSIONS:

This year has seen the finalisation of the Somerville bequest and the distribution of monies under the terms of the will.

The implementation of the Mission Associate scheme has made progress enabling Methodists and Presbyterians to experience shared relationships with mission workers.

At local level Fellowships are finding projects to support in their own particular area and many, too, are supporting local community projects also.

We ask that in our Fellowships and in our Churches we pray specifically for our Mission Associates and for the United Church of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands and other indigenous Churches ... the need is great.

I am sure we are all appreciative of the co-ordinating work being accomplished by Jean Waugh of National Executive.

JOINT COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS:

This Committee continues to meet annually in March and a decision was made for National Presidents to share this year Christmas messages on a common theme and to be published in reciprocal magazines.

Fees continue to be a prime concern and relativity must be a priority for our next meeting. The discrepancy continues to be one of anxiety for those concerned and I feel that we defeat our object when one is still counted denominationally on a union or co-operating roll.

CORSO:

We remain affiliated with Corso and Mrs Betty Batchelor reports monthly to us. She enjoyed attending the recent Annual Meeting in Wellington and tells us of a plea from Corso for individual membership.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN:

Those fellowships affiliated to N.C.W. will know of the value of their representation. Mrs Marj Best brought to National Executive her sub-committee's findings on the remits to be discussed at N.C.W. Executive meeting in Wellington in September and we also appreciate her attending local meetings enabling us, through her to be fully aware of the merit of N.C.W. participation.

DEACONESS ASSOCIATION:

Membership is open to all who are prepared to uphold the commitment and prayer to service. The Common Rule and daily office are to be amalgamated in order to be relevant to today. Winifred Honey gave loving tribute to the lives of Sisters Annie Tocker, Lillian Woodnutt, Jean Butler and Edna Jenkin all who had passed away.

HARVEST FIELD:

After the expiration of the trial period with this venture we asked Districts to forward their thoughts. Very little support was received for the continuation of the arrangement, with problems of finance, distribution etc; being paramount.

NATIONAL COUNCIL with the theme "SEARCH! God gives meaning to Life" in Nelson in October will see the completion of our first year in office. We have become a "family" and shared together not only the Fellowship joys and sadnesses but those of one another and as in all families there have been these moments.

For each one of us it is especially important that we do not let the pressures of today squeeze us into a world of convention. It is only by sometimes being different that we will be of benefit to the world at large.

We are fortunate that it is us that God has called to be His Co-workers - we live in a time of great opportunity. Let us respond with full vigour.

St. Paul tells us to forget the things that are behind and to do the best to reach out to what is ahead - so as we go together into a new year, may we see our evident strengths become more apparent and resolve to improve on these.

May we have faith to inspire us, hope to sustain us and love to bless us.

In His love,

ELLA M. TRATHEN,
National President.

BERYL J. PAINE,
National Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF METHODISM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

REPORT TO CONFERENCE - 1981.

* PURPOSE OF THE ANNIVERSARY FUND

In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Methodism in New Zealand, a Scholarship Fund was established in 1972 to provide a range of Scholarships for both general and theological education for Maori and Pacific Island students between the ages of 15 and 35 years, who had satisfactorily completed two years of secondary education.

The regulations governing the Fund stated that in the allocating of the Scholarships there was to be an equal distribution between Maori applicants and Pacific Islanders from areas traditionally served by the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

The Board has adhered closely to this principle of an equal balance in the distribution of the funds.

* INITIAL CAPITAL

The total available for grants peaked in June 1973 to a total of \$22,499.

* NUMBER AND RANGE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

From 1973 to 1981 a total of 62 scholarships have been awarded to students who have been recommended through their local circuits, through the Principal of Wesley College and through the various Pacific Island Church bodies.

The Scholarships awarded to Maori students have assisted their education in a variety of ways.

For some the Scholarships have enabled them to continue on at school to obtain higher academic qualifications. For others, the Fund has provided limited assistance to help meet the cost of attending University and other tertiary institutions.

For Samoan and Tongan students resident in New Zealand, Scholarships have been available to assist with their secondary and tertiary education.

A number of Pacific Island students received Scholarships on the recommendation of their Churches to continue or complete educational courses which would prepare them for leadership. The range of educational opportunities assisted by the Scholarship Fund covered Theological - Agricultural - Teacher Training - University subjects.

* EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FUND

It has been pleasing to receive reports of the progress made by students who have received grants from the Fund, and to be aware that the original concept of the Fund has been adhered to.

As a Committee set up by Conference, we believe we have faithfully carried out the responsibilities assigned to us.

EDITH I GORRINGE

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Report be received.

REPORT OF THE AUCKLAND METHODIST FIJIAN
FELLOWSHIP - 1981.

The main activity of the Fellowship has continued to be the Worship Service held at Pitt Street on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons, drawing an average attendance of about 40. Services are followed by afternoon tea, choir practice and business meetings. Special occasions, marking Fiji's National Day and the farewell to the departing High Commissioner, have attracted larger numbers on an inter-church basis.

A promising new feature has been the commencement of weeknight house groups, notably in the Henderson and Onehunga areas. Four regional groups have taken responsibility for leading Sunday Worship in rotation. Preachers, however, have included visitors from Fiji, returned missionaries, the Auckland Chairman and some local ministers. On Friday nights a varying number gather at Pitt Street for social events and games.

Pastoral interest has been taken in patients from Fiji who have been referred to Auckland hospitals for specialist treatment. Special assistance with hospitality and equipment was provided for a Fijian boxer who had been accidentally blinded and who was sent to Auckland for treatment and job re-training.

One significant experience this year was sharing in the vote on Church Union.

Discussion has taken place regarding the best form of future ministry to this group. They have suggested a visit for three months next year by a senior minister of the Methodist Church in Fiji, to include a survey of needs and possibilities.

This prospect has been very much in mind in the annual fund-raising effort. The first of these efforts, known as the "soli vakamisinari", was held in June 1980 and raised \$1,800. In August 1981 the second such offering raised over \$7,000.

ARMED SERVICES CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

The number of Methodist people in the Regular Forces of New Zealand as recorded recently totalled 833 (plus dependants). There were 369 Methodists in the Army, 161 in the Navy, and 303 in the Air Force. There are several hundred in the Territorial Forces, but no denominational census has been made of them.

Through the Methodist Armed Forces Chaplaincy Committee the Church recognises pastoral responsibility for its people in the Armed Forces. The committee met twice during the year, coinciding with meetings of the Chaplains Dominion Advisory Council, of which the Rev. R.F. Clement continued to serve as Chairman.

SENIOR CHAPLAIN. After serving as Senior Chaplain (Methodist) since 1960, the Rev. R.F. Clement becomes a Supernumerary at this Conference and will resign from the post at the end of January 1982.

Armed Services Chaplaincy has been a significant feature of Mr Clement's ministry. He was ordained a year earlier than his contemporaries to serve as chaplain to the RNZAF. Immediately after the war he was transferred to Army chaplaincy and has served continuously since then as an active Chaplain, including three years as Senior Chaplain to the N.Z. Division of the Army.

His contribution to the Chaplains Dominion Advisory Council has been significant, this year completing twelve years' service as chairman to that ecumenical body.

A nomination for his replacement as Senior Chaplain (Methodist) will be brought to the Conference.

The Rev. John I. Manihera and family returned in January 1981 after a successful tour of duty with the N.Z. Force in South-east Asia, stationed at Singapore. On his return he was stationed at Linton Camp, and excellent reports of his service have been received.

His induction was a significant occasion, shared by the Rev. Warwick Gust, District Chairman, and by a number of Methodist ministers and laymen from the Manawatu area.

The Rev. S.C. Grant was overseas for a period of study, and was unable to serve at an Annual Camp this year.

A newly-commissioned chaplain, the Rev. R.D. Short, was attached to 6 Hauraki Regiment. There were some difficulties about his appointment, but these were overcome and he was able to serve. The decision to serve was a major one for him, and he was unsure how his ministry would be received in the Army.

He reports: "I can now affirm the difference between a 'Military Chaplain' and a Chaplain to the Military; the latter category has been my experience. I served with 6 Hauraki, an Infantry Regiment, with a present strength about 450 men and women, a large proportion of whom are Maori. The Regiment covers a wide area, with its base in Tauranga.

"A great deal of stress is placed on training and unit discipline. Promotion is available, overseas experience, and many other opportunities Chaplains share in many of these. Apart from the Annual Camp (2 weeks) and one week of Chaplains' Conference (taken as study leave) the time commitment is such as an individual chaplain can afford.

"The chaplain is available to all officers and other personnel, sharing resources with them in welfare and spiritual concerns. He is involved in man-management. Morale of the troops, often under physical

"Worship is important in the military tradition, and care and concern by the chaplain make this an important part of the soldier's equipment.

"Chaplaincy service is totally ecumenical. If asked whether such service is worth-while, I would answer in the affirmative."

Reginald Thorpe - Chairman

1. That the report be received.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the Rev. R.F. Clement, Senior Chaplain, for his services to the connexion through Armed Services Chaplaincy.
3. That the Rev. be appointed Senior Chaplain of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
4. That the chaplains for 1982 be:
 - (a) Full-time: The Rev. John I. Manihera (Army)
 - (b) Part-time: The Senior Chaplain, the Rev's S.C. Grant, B.W. Neal, R.D. Short.
5. That the Methodist representatives on Regional Advisory Committees be: Northern: Rev. Mervyn L. Dine
Central: Rev. J.S. Hosking
Southern: Rev. W.L. Wallace
6. That the committee for 1982 be: Group-Captain R. Thorpe (Chairman), Mr. H.F. Hart (leave of absence), the Senior Chaplain, the Rev's J.S. Hosking, S.C.Grant, J.I. Manihera, R.J. Hamlin, Messrs. V.H. Cresswell, J.M.McKinney and D.J. Sellens.
(Note: Some appointments subject to stationing).

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The task of the (interim) Communications Committee has been to explore the felt priorities of the Church in the area of communications; to take such initiatives as might be possible to meet the needs; to maintain publication of a Connexional news sheet; and to propose to the Church the shape of an ongoing communications structure, within the limits of the resources likely to be available.

PRIORITIES

We have established that there is a clear desire to maintain a FOCUS-style NEWS SHEET for the immediate future. This will permit the wide circulation of in-house Methodist news, combined with some reporting of ecumenical, social, and justice concerns. The need is seen for an AUDIO-VISUAL resource group to prepare cassettes of current Methodist events and other events of immediate interest; to tap into good audio-visual resources from overseas; to assist with preparation of slide programmes and film strips. There is considerable room for initiative and improvement in LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS, and guidance needs to be given here. The Church's relationship with the PUBLIC MEDIA needs to be broadened and strengthened.

After consultation with the Radio and TV Committee, we are proposing the establishment of a MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE in Wellington, to continue the work done by the Radio and TV Committee; to build relationships with, and provide input to the print media; and at the same time to provide oversight for all the communications interests of the Methodist Church. We have enlisted the assistance of Eastern Bay of Plenty Methodists, who have shown considerable communications initiative, to produce a LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS KITSET for distribution around the Districts, to encourage and guide developments in this area. The present intention is that a modest AUDIO-VISUAL SECTION should be established as another unit of the new committee's work.

Other areas which may well require attention from an ongoing Committee include the survey and publicising of material and personnel resources available to the Church in the communications field; communication by Divisions; possible feed-in to local news sheets; communication between the membership of the church and Conference and its standing committees.

FOCUS

Conference 1980 decided that FOCUS should continue to be produced, seven times a year, or at six-weekly intervals. The work is being done on a shoe-string, minimum-cost basis. One twenty-fifth of the standard minimum stipend is being paid to the editor's circuit for each issue produced. Because of the uncertainties created by the Church Union proposals, it has not seemed desirable to advertise with a view to making a long-term editorial appointment, and after informal consultation this Committee is recommending that the present editor be appointed by Conference to continue for a two-year period.

ONGOING STRUCTURE

The recommendations that follow have been prepared in consultation with the Convener of the Radio and TV Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That a Methodist Media and Communications Convener and Committee be appointed, initially in Wellington, from 1 February 1982.
2. That the duties of this Committee be:
 - (a) to be the organ through which the Methodist Church relates nationally with the print and electronic media;
 - (b) to produce any official newspaper or magazine of the Methodist Church;
 - (c) to guide, educate, and assist the Church in internal and external communications.
3. That the Media and Communications Committee have authority to establish sections in other centres to carry through particular defined parts of its responsibility.
4. That the personnel of the Media and Communications Committee be nominated by the District, and that once this Committee is established the Dunedin-based interim Committee and the Radio and TV Committee transfer their responsibilities to it and be dissolved.
5. That the funding for the Media and Communications Committee shall be not less than one third of the standard minimum stipend, together with the provision for any official newspaper or magazine.
6. That (subject to annual review) FOCUS continue to be published seven times a year on the present minimum-cost basis, and that the employing body of the editor be paid one twenty-fifth of a standard minimum stipend for each issue produced. .
7. That Rev. Evan R. Lewis be appointed editor of FOCUS for a period of two years, through 1982 and 1983.

D.S. Mullan, Chairman

E.R. Lewis, Convener

RADIO & TELEVISION COMMITTEE Reports to Synods & Conference 1981

During this past year, the work of the Radio and Television Committee has continued to be largely the administration of the broadcast service schedule, and a liaison with the radio and television services of the Broadcasting Corporation. Most of this work is undertaken by the Convener on a daily basis as and when necessary.

This has been the pattern of the Committee's work for several years now, due mainly to the extensive changes in the policies of the Broadcasting Corporation. Our Church's influence in Government, and their policies for broadcasting, is expressed through the NCC's Churches' Commission on Broadcasting of which the Convener is a member.

In several reports to Conference now, the Radio and Television Committee has expressed concern at the "winding down" of the Methodist Church's commitment and involvement in the field of communications. We were therefore encouraged by the wide brief given to the Dunedin based Communications Committee by the 1979 and 1980 Conference.

It is essential and urgent that the Methodist Church of N Z develop a more appropriate and efficient structure by which to facilitate relationships with the media (in both print and broadcasting), and actively encourage local circuits and parishes to make better use of their opportunities for communication.

To this end, the Radio and Television Committee has been involved in consultations with the Dunedin Communications Committee in an attempt to prepare a meaningful and creative way forward.

To express its commitment to effective communication we do not envisage that the Methodist Church need establish a "Communications Division" in keeping with the Communication Departments of sister denominations. With the present financial and staffing constraints being experienced by the Methodist Church such a Division would be an unnecessary encumbrance upon our existing Connexional structure. Neither is it reasonable to expect one of the existing Divisions to carry the wide responsibilities that undertakings in the field of communications and media will require (this was firmly rejected by the 1977 Conference). Nor is it possible or realistic for the existing structure and membership of the Radio and Television Committee to embrace a wider brief.

Nevertheless, the Methodist Church cannot continue to administer its involvement in the various dimensions of communication in the present haphazard way. The establishment of a Wellington based "Media and Communications Committee" is an opportunity for the Conference to give expression to an urgent and essential commitment to better and more effective communication of the gospel. And despite the present financial constraints in the Connexional budget, Conference must acknowledge that some measure of funding (above the very token amount provided for the existing Radio and Television Committee) will be essential if the newly envisaged Committee is to fulfil its creative brief of oversight and development of relationships with the media, and the preparation of resources for communication for the local Church.

The Radio and Television Committee therefore, commends to Conference the recommendations brought by the Dunedin Communications Committee which have been prepared in full consultation with this Committee's Convener.

Michael W Greer
Convener

Recommendation:

1. That subject to the adoption of Recommendations 1, 2, and 4 of the Communications Committee report, and the necessary amendments proposed by the Law Revision Committee, the Radio and Television Committee be thanked for its service and discharged.

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (N.Z.)

PROCEEDINGS

During the year we have circulated the following booklets:

No. 32 Methodist Resources for historical research in the Alexander Turnbull Library (J.E. Trave).

No. 36 "For all the Saints" - the Primitive Methodists of Waimate (W. Greenwood).

For 1982, our publishing programme will include -

No. 37 Auckland Central Mission: Programme and Personalities in the 1930's. (Ian Faulkner)

No. 38 Wesleyan Missionaries to N.Z. before 1840 (J.M.R. Owens)

WESLEY HERITAGE CONFERENCE, SYDNEY, 1980

The Conference addresses have been gathered into a substantial volume entitled "Dig or Die". The price in N.Z. is likely to be \$20 per copy.

Another Wesley Heritage Conference may possibly be held at Wesley College, University of Sydney, in August 1982.

WORLD METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At Easter, 1981, the Revd R.H. Allen represented us at a regional conference of the British Section at Southlands College, Wimbledon.

The Revd Beverley Taylor and Mrs M. Fisher were present at W.M.H.S. sessions of the World Methodist Council at Hawaii in July 1981.

Revd L.R.M. Gilmore has been appointed to the W.M.H.S. Executive.

The Executive has asked New Zealand to host a Regional Conference in 1985. Our N.Z. Executive has approved the idea in principle.

BIOGRAPHY OF THE REVD SAMUEL IRONSIDE

The publication of the major biography of Samuel Ironside by the Revd Wesley A. Chambers has been placed in the hands of RAY RICHARDS PUBLISHER, and is expected to appear about JUNE 1982. Warm congratulations are extended to Mr. Chambers on completing an outstanding piece of research.

FUTURE PUBLICATIONS

1. Revds Dr J.J. Lewis and A.K. Petch are jointly working on a publication entitled "The Road to Unity - Ecumenism in N.Z."
 2. The Revd E.W. Hames has prepared an updated history of Wesley College and also the Probert Trust Story.
- These should appear in the 1982/83 publishing programme.

MEMBERSHIP

The annual meeting 1980, decided to raise the annual subscription to \$5, with the hope that it may be possible to hold it at this figure for at least two years.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at 11.30 a.m. just prior to the opening of Conference. It is anticipated that the Annual Lecture will be delivered to the full Conference. The Revd G.G. Carter will speak on "Sister Lina Jones - her Life and Work."

G.I. LAURENSEN - President. L.R.M. GILMORE - Secretary

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Report be received.

CONSULTATION ON COMMITTEES

REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONFERENCE 1981

PREAMBLE

One of the chief tasks confronting the Church is understanding the nature of mission and the missionary enterprise in today's world. The Church is carrying out her mission in a new context, and this brings a challenge worthy of fervour, devotion and sacrifice.

The 1977 Methodist Conference and Presbyterian General Assembly received the report of a Special Committee set up to grapple with this task, and agreed to the formation of the Joint Board for Mission Overseas. The Conference and Assembly also asked this Board to consult with the International Relations/Affairs and Ecumenical Affairs Committees of both churches about mutual relationships and closer co-operation. A confused situation exists in our relations with many overseas churches and ecumenical agencies, and in the areas of aid and development. Our present structures divorce evangelism, the sending of overseas staff to Asia and the Pacific, and provision of education and health services from involvement in relief, aid, trade and international relations. Thus we fail to grasp the realities of total mission in today's world. The 1980 Assembly and Conference endorsed such consultation, and requested a report for their 1981 meetings.

The Consultation has met twice. It comes to Conference and Assembly with the conviction that evangelism, justice and ecumenical relationships should be brought together in mission. It unanimously recommends that the three separate committees join together to form a Commission for the following reasons: To give effect to (a) the principle stated in 1977 of commitment 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"; (b) the declaration that 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".

OUR BASIS

The missionary activity that the Church undertakes is always a response to the nature and activity of God. In this way God's people share in the movement of his love within his world.

In the Bible God is always the God who acts, in judgment and in mercy. The Old Testament tells of his covenant with his chosen people. The New Testament tells of his decisive action in Jesus Christ, and his purpose that all people should find true life in relationship to himself, to each other and to the world. The call to mission is linked to the coming of the Holy Spirit. By Christ's death and resurrection and by the gift of the Holy Spirit the whole blessing of God is made available to the world of nations.

The Church is the community of faith consecrated to God as his instrument for his mission in the world. In the Bible and the history of the Church God calls people by his Holy Spirit to speak and act for

him, to give to other people the opportunity to respond to him in faith and love, and to become members of the community of Christ.

Our understanding of mission derives from God's action in Jesus Christ. As we grow in understanding our vision of mission widens and deepens. We see that we are called to tell the story of Jesus and his people, and to send and receive men and women who teach, heal, reconcile and challenge in the name of Christ. We are called, too, to combat the 'social and political structures that imprison, waste, victimise and destroy people. We see the mission of Jesus Christ as ONE MISSION in evangelism, liberation, justice, human development and the rights of people everywhere.

THE CONTEMPORARY SETTING.

The missionary movement has responded to the call of Jesus Christ in a variety of ways over the centuries. Churches have been planted all over the world and have grown to maturity and independence in most countries. Now these churches are asking for assistance in new and additional ways. They ask us to share in the proclamation of the Gospel; they also ask us to take part in the struggle to create just and humane societies.

A new awareness of the meaning of the Gospel is making us sensitive to evil in the social, economic, military and political realm. And the Gospel always includes "the announcement of God's Kingdom and love through Jesus Christ, the offer of grace and forgiveness of sins, the invitation to repentance and faith in him, the summons to fellowship in God's Church, the command to witness to God's saving words and deeds, the responsibility to participate in the struggle for justice and human dignity, the obligation to denounce all that hinders human wholeness, and a commitment to risk life itself". (Breaking Barriers' - 1975).

In this setting we are called to work with partner Churches in a relationship of equality, mutual caring and responsibility. We are committed to administering our overseas work in ways which encourage sensitivity and flexibility. We need to respond positively to changing circumstances and opportunities. We must encourage the greater involvement of the people of our churches in the total mission overseas and at home, through their growth in understanding, in prayer and in personal and material support.

There is two-way traffic between partner churches. God calls us to receive into the ministry and life of our churches resources and personnel who will enrich our witness as the people of God in New Zealand. He also calls our churches to work through other channels - world ecumenical bodies, our confessional families and other missionary and humanitarian agencies.

FRAMEWORK

In order to facilitate this programme of mission we suggest establishing a representative Commission. Its ongoing work will be done through different Units or work groups located regionally. They will bring together not only the task of mission but also social justice and ecumenical relations in areas where our churches work. Thus an opportunity is provided for relating New Zealand to Asia and the Pacific more strongly than through the Joint Board for Mission Overseas, and partnership and mutuality in mission is emphasised.

It also means that our mission is carried out in a realistic context.

The Commission will be a co-ordinating and policy making body of about twenty-five people. It will focus attention on the mission of the Church through our partner churches and regional ecumenical groupings, on the continuing task of evangelism, on the challenge faced by the Christian community in the various parts of the world, and on developing a theology of mission arising out of our New Zealand situation. It is envisaged that the Commission will be serviced by a Secretariat along the lines of the 1977 report.

RESPONSE OF THE CHURCH.

The Church is invited to share in discussion of the report and the decision making process. The preparation of a popular report is planned to facilitate full discussion of the proposals, thus involving a greater number of people in thinking through the implication of mission in today's world. Responses are asked for by 31 May, 1982. Presbyteries, Synods, Circuits, Sessions, Parish Councils and Parishes will in this way share in the decisions regarding location and other related matters, as well as in general discussion.

Joan Anderson, Convener.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That general approval be given to the direction set out for bringing the Joint Board for Mission Overseas, the Presbyterian Ecumenical Affairs Committee, the Presbyterian International Relations Committee and the Methodist International Affairs Committee together into a commission.
3. That general approval be given to the theological basis.
4. That general approval be given to the outlined structure.
5. That a popular report be prepared and sent down for wide discussion in the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, with reporting back from Presbyteries, Synods, Circuits, Sessions, Parish Councils and Parishes by 31 May, 1982.
6. That the Special Consultation under the present convener be continued.

CHURCH UNION COMMITTEE

Report to Conference 1981

WHERE WE ARE:

Following the invitation issued by the Presbyterian Assembly the Methodist Church sought the mind of the Church in respect of the proposal that those churches who so desired should proceed to union on the basis of the 1971 Plan for Union.

The summary of the voting is attached as an appendix to this Report. In the opinion of the Church Union Committee the Conference would have sufficient mandate to proceed with the proposal and should now vote on it.

The Presbyterian Church Union Committee, as a result of voting amongst members, adherents and Presbyteries, is recommending to the Assembly that the Presbyterian Church should not proceed with the proposals as it does not have a sufficient mandate.

The Anglican Church, the Associated Churches of Christ and the Congregational Union have yet to respond to the invitation.

AN AFFIRMATION:

In this situation the Methodist Church should affirm its adherence to the fundamentals of the Plan for Union.

They are:-

1. We accept the Scriptures as containing all things necessary for salvation.
2. We assent to the Creeds as incorporating expressions of the Faith relevant to their day and age. Realising the continuing necessity to seek to define the faith in contemporary terms the Church assents to 'The Faith we Affirm Together' in the Plan for Union, 1971.
3. We affirm the validity and practice of the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion as means by which the grace of God may enter the life of his people.
4. We recognise the ministry of all the people of God and affirm that within this ministry the office of Deacon and Presbyter are gifts to the whole Church that it may more faithfully discharge its ministry. Furthermore, we recognise that in each area of ministry, both ordained and lay, episcopate and oversight are personal responsibilities integrally associated with the relevant office. Thus at local, district and national level ministry is exercised personally as well as through the councils of the Church.

In setting forth these fundamentals we affirm that as Methodism was raised up to witness in a meaningful way in the 18th century we will seek to be open to the spirit of God and endeavour to witness with our fellow Christians to the meaning of the faith for today. We are moreover dedicated to follow the direction set by the Act of Commitment and the events that followed.

THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE:

For the following reasons the Church Union Committee is recommending that the Church Union Committee be a Committee of the Development Division.

1. The Development Division continues in its own right and Church Union matters could be under constant review by the Division.
2. The Division already is vitally concerned with Union and Co-operating Parishes and other areas of co-operation and much of the co-operation initiated by the Church Union movement is already under its guidance. In this way the Committee will have continuity and could be given a greater autonomy should the occasion arise.

RETIREMENT OF THE CONVENER:

The Committee acknowledges with regret the retirement of the Rev. Bill Morrison, who has served for 18 years as a member of the Committee and for 15 years as its Convener.

These years have been marked by hope and frustration as the Negotiating Churches have sought to express and embody Christ's call for unity.

Throughout this period Bill has sustained the Committee and the Conference by his perceptive judgements, his refreshing humour and an unwavering commitment to the cause of Christian Unity.

At the September meeting of the Joint Commission on Church Union, the Chairman, The Rev. W.A. Best, expressed the Commission's appreciation for the years of valuable service Bill has given to the cause of Church Union.

While the Organic Union of the Churches has not been realised before Bill's retirement, it is significant that for the last 5 years, he has exercised Ministry with an Anglican Ministerial Colleague, in the Hillcrest Co-operating Parish which incorporates Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

E.D. Grounds - Chairman

W.J. Morrison - Convener

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report including the Voting Figures in Appendix I be received.
2. That the Methodist Church affirms its willingness to unite on the basis of the Plan for Union, 1971 with any or all of the other negotiating churches.
3. That the Methodist Church affirms its commitment to the principle of organic union, and to the fundamentals of the Plan for Union 1971.
4. That the Church Union Committee be constituted a Committee of the Development Division.
5. That the representatives on the J.C.C.U. be Mrs. A. Thomas, Mr. E.G. Heggie, the Rev's B.E. Jones, B.K. Rowe, R.D. Rakena and A.K. Woodley.

APPENDIX I

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

VOTING ON CHURCH UNION PROPOSAL

In accordance with the Conference decision, the voting of Electoral Roll Members, Methodist Leaders in Circuits, Parishes and Synods, Fijian, Maori and Tongan Leaders and Members and Samoan Leaders took place in June and August 1981.

A complete schedule of voting will be tabled at the Conference and placed in the Conference Journal. Voting is summarised as follows:

| | ELECTORAL
ROLL | QUARTERLY
MEETING | SYNOD | FIJIAN
MEMBERS | FIJIAN
LEADERS | MAORI
MEMBERS | MAORI QUAR-
TERLY MEETING | TONGAN
MEMBERS | TONGAN
LEADERS | SAMOAN
LEADERS |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| NO. ON ROLL | 21,985 | 3,208 | 659 | 68 | 10 | ** 1,399 | ** 46 | 737 | 55 | 273 |
| FOR | 11,628 | 2,202 | 401 | 37 | 8 | 760 | 35 | 191 | 17 | 126 |
| AGAINST | 2,901 | 562 | 94 | 11 | 2 | 201 | - | 487 | 31 | 79 |
| INFORMAL | 142 | 13 | - | - | - | 9 | - | - | - | - |
| NO. OF VOTES CAST | 14,671 | 2,777 | 495 | 48 | 10 | 970 | 35 | 678 | 48 | 205 |
| PAPERS NOT RETURNED | 7,314 | 431 | 164 | 20 | - | 429 | 11 | 59 | 7 | 68 |
| <u>OF THOSE WHO VOTED</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| % FOR | 79.26 | 79.29 | 81.01 | 77.08 | 80 | 78.3 | 100 | 28.17 | 35.42 | 61.46 |
| % AGAINST | 19.77 | 20.24 | 18.99 | 22.92 | 20 | 20.72 | - | 71.83 | 64.58 | 38.54 |
| % INFORMAL | .97 | .47 | - | - | - | .93 | - | - | - | - |
| <u>OF THOSE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| DID SO | 66.73% | 86.56% | 75.11% | 70.59% | 100% | 69.34 | 76.09 | 91.99% | 87.27% | 75.09% |
| DID NOT | 33.27% | 13.44% | 24.89% | 29.41% | - | 30.66 | 23.91 | 8.01% | 12.73% | 24.91% |

Alan K. Woodley,
General Secretary,
September 1981.

** Several Circuits did not return voting.

APPENDIX 1A

| VOTING BY DISTRICTS | | NO. ON
ROLL | FOR | AGAINST | INFORMAL | NUMBER OF
VOTES CAST | PAPERS NOT
RETURNED |
|--|-----------------------|----------------|--------|---------|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>ELECTORAL ROLL</u> | NORTHLAND | 952 | 484 | 118 | 9 | 611 | 341 |
| | AUCKLAND | 5,136 | 2,396 | 726 | 26 | 3,148 | 1,988 |
| | WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY | 3,033 | 1,674 | 321 | 19 | 2,014 | 1,019 |
| | TARANAKI-WANGANUI | 1,507 | 770 | 265 | 24 | 1,059 | 448 |
| | HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU | 2,109 | 1,059 | 370 | 6 | 1,435 | 674 |
| | WELLINGTON | 2,555 | 1,464 | 221 | 25 | 1,710 | 845 |
| | NELSON | 1,047 | 639 | 142 | 12 | 793 | 254 |
| | NORTH CANTERBURY | 3,274 | 1,959 | 328 | 13 | 2,300 | 974 |
| | SOUTH CANTERBURY | 951 | 599 | 83 | 3 | 685 | 266 |
| | OTAGO-SOUTHLAND | 1,421 | 584 | 327 | 5 | 916 | 505 |
| CONNEXIONAL TOTAL | | 21,985 | 11,628 | 2,901 | 142 | 14,671 | 7,314 |
| <u>QUARTERLY
MEETINGS/
PARISH COUNCILS</u> | NORTHLAND | 136 | 98 | 21 | 1 | 120 | 16 |
| | AUCKLAND | 793 | 496 | 157 | 0 | 653 | 140 |
| | WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY | 425 | 324 | 64 | 1 | 389 | 36 |
| | TARANAKI-WANGANUI | 144 | 86 | 39 | 3 | 128 | 16 |
| | HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU | 308 | 181 | 75 | 0 | 256 | 52 |
| | WELLINGTON | 365 | 282 | 30 | 6 | 318 | 47 |
| | NELSON | 150 | 102 | 34 | 0 | 136 | 14 |
| | NORTH CANTERBURY | 507 | 389 | 65 | 1 | 455 | 52 |
| | SOUTH CANTERBURY | 164 | 129 | 19 | 0 | 148 | 16 |
| | OTAGO-SOUTHLAND | 216 | 115 | 58 | 1 | 174 | 42 |
| CONNEXIONAL TOTAL | | 3,208 | 2,202 | 562 | 13 | 2,777 | 431 |
| <u>DISTRICT
SYNODS</u> | NORTHLAND | 29 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 5 |
| | AUCKLAND | 161 | 88 | 31 | 0 | 119 | 42 |
| | WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY | 103 | 66 | 10 | 0 | 76 | 27 |
| | TARANAKI-WANGANUI | 45 | 27 | 9 | 0 | 36 | 9 |
| | HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU | 56 | 31 | 5 | 0 | 36 | 20 |
| | WELLINGTON | 71 | 52 | 3 | 0 | 55 | 16 |
| | NELSON | 36 | 23 | 8 | 0 | 31 | 5 |
| | NORTH CANTERBURY | 82 | 58 | 7 | 0 | 65 | 17 |
| | SOUTH CANTERBURY | 30 | 20 | 2 | 0 | 22 | 8 |
| | OTAGO-SOUTHLAND | 46 | 14 | 17 | 0 | 31 | 15 |
| CONNEXIONAL TOTAL | | 659 | 401 | 94 | 0 | 495 | 164 |

REPORT OF THE AUCKLAND DISTRICT

TONGAN METHODIST FELLOWSHIP

MĀLŌ ʻĒ LELEI

The Tongan Methodist Fellowships, working under the umbrella of the "Mother Church", have grown in numbers, strength and effectiveness. In response to a wider caring ministry to cross the Auckland Harbour Bridge, a new Fellowship at Northcote has been established. This newly born Fellowship is nurtured spiritually by the District. It is our wish that it will grow. Yes, it is our task to sow the seed and God will do the rest.

CAMPS

During the Christmas holidays, day camps were held in various places to enable people of all ages to gather together in devotional commitment. This helps to strengthen the foundation for the Easter Camp, attended by more than 500 people to listen to God's message delivered by Her Majesty, Queen Halaevalu Mata'aho, on Good Friday.

The King and Queen of Tonga, who were visiting Auckland at that time, attended the Sunday Service and participated in the Easter Sacrament.

SERVICES

The local and monthly combined services are always well attended. The monthly District Service at Pitt Street Church is generally filled. On special occasions, such as the Women's Fellowship "TALI UI" in September, more seats were required. Princess Siu'ilikutapu was the main speaker.

On the first Sunday of each month, Tongans are encouraged to share the Communion Service with the "papalangi" in the morning and the Tongan Language Services are held at 3.00p.m. in each Fellowship. Baptisms by the Minister in the past year totalled 102.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Parents and guardians are encouraged to send their children to the Sunday School. Bible Study, Church Doctrines and Tongan Language are taught, to assist them to preserve their culture, tradition and custom.

The Annual Examination was held at the beginning of the year before the "Faka-ME". The result was satisfactory. Those who passed the examination were given certificates.

LAY PREACHERS' CLASS

The Lay Preachers' class is being held twice a month. The "new-comers" and current Lay Preachers are given up-to-date lessons to assist them to create new methods to promote their work, to be effective and efficient in undertaking their task. There is a total of 94 Lay Preachers.

CHURCH CHOIR

The Annual Choir Festival was held in Pitt Street Church. Nine choirs each sang two anthems in the Festival. The District Choir Master, Lea'aepeni Maamaloa, has distributed the selected anthems for this year's festival. He is travelling with the Choir to the Conference in Christchurch.

BRASS BAND

The District Brass Band is now firmly established under the Leadership of Lea'aepeni Maamaloa and Owen Goodwin, a young Birkenhead Methodist and member of the New Zealand Symphonia. The Band is playing at some District and Local Fellowship Services, and occasionally at outside events.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A large committed team of stewards, their wives and lay preachers representing each of the twelve Fellowships meet once a month, chaired by the Rev Taniela Moala. The Committee hears reports from each Fellowship, discuss any problems, plan and allocate the task for the forthcoming month, and respond to the needs of the Fellowships, both here and in Tonga.

TONGAN METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY

Established three years ago, it has grown in size as more members joined the Society. The stability of the Society now achieved, has made it possible for the members to buy their own homes. The members would like to thank Mr G H Peak for his continuous assistance and handling of the legal aspects of the Society.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

The District Tongan Cultural and Community Centre at Dominion Road Church is being used almost daily for a wide variety of cultural, choral and religious activities.

Renovation of the kitchen has been completed. A new office has also been completed. The buying of the large house and the adjacent empty section at 4 Herbert Road has provided facilities for "UMU", outdoor activities, and accommodation for 4 families.

TRANSPORT

There are several groups which use the Church at different times on Sunday as well as the week-days. To be there on time for their worship or meeting, seven Fellowships now own mini-buses to transport their people to and from Church.

CHURCH UNION

At the time of the Vote on Church Union, there were 678 permanent resident members on the Adult Rolls of Fellowships.

CONCLUSION

The Auckland District Tongan Fellowship would like to thank the President and the New Zealand Methodist Conference, the Auckland Methodist District, the Development Division, Ministers and Officials who have assisted in many ways in the development of the Tongan Ministry.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

REPORT OF THE WESLEY TONGAN FELLOWSHIP WELLINGTON

WORSHIP

On the second and third Sundays in the month Tongan Language Services are held at 11.30a.m.

A combined service for both Wesley and Petone congregations is always held on the last Sunday of every month at 1.00p.m. The place of Service is usually determined by the Chief Steward and other local Stewards.

LEADERSHIP

Mr Samiuela Taufa is the local Steward. The President of the New Zealand Methodist Church has granted to Samiuela a Certificate of Authorisation. This allows him to perform some specific ministerial functions (Holy Communion, Sacrament of Baptism, etc.) in the Tongan Language. He is responsible to the Rev Keith Taylor.

Mr Taufa is assisted by six other Lay Preachers.

MEMBERSHIP

The congregation has two types of participants: the permanent residents and temporary visitors. This is the following outline of Membership:

| | | |
|------|---|----|
| i) | Permanent Lay Preachers | 2 |
| ii) | Temporary Lay Preachers | 4 |
| iii) | Permanent Ordinary Members | 4 |
| iv) | Temporary Ordinary Members | 15 |
| v) | Sunday Schools
(both permanent and temporary)... | |
| vi) | Confirmation Members | 25 |

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- a) Youth - Devotional Meeting is held each Friday night.
Different programmes have been designed to encourage the youth to worship together, and also to prepare them to be the "LIGHT OF THE WORLD" wherever they go.
- b) Children - Orientation and preliminary teachings of the Bible are responsibilities which have been granted to Dr Setaleki Finau and Sister L'Ahokovi.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Mrs Fatai Halaapiapi has organised a special devotional prayer meeting for all women of the congregation. Their prayer meeting is usually held on Saturday evening.

CHOIR

Every Friday night there is choir practise. Mr Paul Makisi is the conductor and Mr Sione Fatai his assistant.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

REPORT OF THE WESLEY FIJIAN CONGREGATION

WELLINGTON

FIJIAN FAMILIES RESIDENT IN THE CAPITAL CITY

At present there are about 50 Fijian families living in Wellington, the Hutt and Porirua areas having a grand total of about 200 people. Half this number are Methodists with an adult population of about 40. The other half are members of the Catholic, Anglican and Assemblies of God Churches.

LEADERSHIP

Mr Emori Tudia took over the Leadership of the congregation when Mr Archie Seeto left in October 1980.

WORSHIP

Until April of this year the monthly Church Service had been held in the Wesley Lounge on the second Sunday at 5.00p.m. An experiment was undertaken to have the service shifted to the Chapel at 9.00a.m., but this was found to be impractical, hence a change to the 3.00p.m. service, again in the Lounge.

This monthly worship is attended by the Fijian Community, irrespective of which Church they belong to. This has been the trend up to now.

The Fijian congregations held a farewell service for the outgoing High Commissioner and his family, on January 25 at Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, and a welcoming service at the Lyall Bay Methodist Church (which is used by the Fijian Assemblies of God community) for the incoming High Commissioner and his family. The first Sunday in October has been nominated as the Fijian Congregation Service and the congregation is delighted to have this as a commemorative service on the Fiji Day Celebrations.

MINISTRY

Because of the growth in the Fijian congregation and the limited availability of lay leadership, the congregation has requested that an ordained Fijian Self-Supporting Minister be appointed for an initial three year term.

The Central Circuit and the Wellington Synod have endorsed the proposal that the Minister be appointed through the Fijian Conference, and based on Wesley Church as part of the total Ministerial Team.

The Synod has requested the Development Division and the Joint Board for Mission Overseas to facilitate the appointment.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The President, Rev. Loyal J. Gibson, presided at the October Meeting of the Church Council held at Wellington. 28 Representatives were present.

A. CHURCH UNION

A report on the September Meeting of the J.C.C.U. together with an outline of our Church Union Committee's report to this Conference was received and briefly discussed. It was resolved that the April/May Meeting of the Council would give priority to considering the on-going life and shape of the Methodist Church in the light of decisions made by all the negotiating Churches re organic union.

B. "AFTER THE TOUR" ISSUES FOR THE CHURCH

Led by the President, members shared experiences views and concerns and their understanding of some of the on-going implications to the Church and New Zealand society resulting from the Tour. Discussion indicated division and tension within families and Circuits/Parishes and that considerable pastoral sensitivity was required by all Members of the Church.

C. GENERAL

Other matters shared were reports on the World Methodist Council and a report on the Joint Board/International Affairs/Ecumenical Committee consultation.

D. DATES FOR 1982

April Meetings:

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Finance & Stewardship | - 27th April at Otaki, 1 p.m. |
| General Purposes | - 27th April at Otaki, 8 p.m. |
| Church Council | - 28th April, 9 a.m. - 29th April, 11.30 a.m. at Otaki |
| Pastoral Committee | - 29th April at Wellington, 2.30 p.m. |
| | - 9th September at Auckland, 3.30 p.m. |
| Synods - Annual Meeting | - 4th - 14th August |

October Meetings: 4th-7th October at Wellington
 Church Council
 Finance & Stewardship
 General Purposes
 Stationing

Conference 6th -11th November

E. AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL/MAY 1982 MEETING

1. The on-going life and shape of the Methodist Church in the light of decisions made by all the negotiating Churches re organic union.
2. What is the Vision that will sustain us now and in the future.
3. The Charismatic renewal and the Methodist Church.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the dates for 1982 be approved.
3. That Conference encourages the Council to explore the agenda items as set out in the report.

REPORT ON THE 1980-1981 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 30th July.

PAYMENT TO DIVISIONS AND FUNDS

All "Guaranteed" were paid in full. The "Non-Guaranteed" were paid 93.783%.

Comparative figures of previous years are:

| | <u>Guaranteed</u> | <u>Non-Guaranteed</u> | <u>Percentage Paid to Non-Guaranteed</u> |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | \$ | \$ | % |
| 1980-81 | 360,783 | 487,481 | 93.78 |
| 1979-80 | 296,318 | 431,881 | 96.06 |
| 1978-79 | 259,016 | 378,063 | 97.49 |
| 1977-78 | 201,627 | 334,448 | 95.52 |
| 1976-77 | 171,407 | 284,953 | 98.62 |

RECEIPTS from Circuit and Union Parishes (including District Expenses)

| | <u>Allocations</u> | <u>Contributions</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|---------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | % |
| 1980-81 | 890,237 | 828,341 | 93.05 |
| 1979-80 | 754,839 | 724,170 | 95.94 |
| 1978-79 | 653,178 | 626,119 | 95.86 |
| 1977-78 | 573,708 | 555,584 | 96.84 |
| 1976-77 | 473,472 | 465,918 | 98.40 |

RESULTS

| (a) | Fully Paid | | Not Fully Paid | |
|---------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Circuits | Union Parishes | Circuits | Union Parishes |
| 1980-81 | 60 | 52 | 37 | 38 |
| 1979-80 | 74 | 59 | 24 | 30 |
| 1978-79 | 82 | 55 | 20 | 28 |
| 1977-78 | 81 | 56 | 24 | 19 |
| 1976-77 | 86 | 51 | 17 | 18 |

(b) Percentage of Budget Allocation Reached:

| | Allocation | Contri-
bution | Circuits
% | Allocation | Contri-
bution | Union
Parishes
% |
|---------|------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1980-81 | 703,595 | 667,319 | 94.84 | 492,775 | 425,791 | 86.41 |
| 1979-80 | 605,080 | 585,965 | 96.84 | 389,538 | 356,554 | 91.53 |
| 1978-79 | 533,659 | 516,461 | 96.78 | 330,059 | 296,440 | 89.81 |
| 1977-78 | 481,026 | 469,116 | 97.52 | 243,169 | 228,639 | 94.02 |
| 1976-77 | 410,311 | 404,991 | 98.70 | 184,430 | 172,175 | 93.36 |

PAYMENTS TO DIVISIONS AND FUNDS 1980/81

| GUARANTEED FUNDS | ALLOCATION
\$ | PAYMENT
\$ | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Retiring Funds | 216,208.00 | 216,208.00 | (\$27,874.16 refunded) |
| Removal Expenses Fund | 31,000.00 | 31,000.00 | |
| Connexional Expenses Fund | 70,504.00 | 70,504.00 | |
| | <u>317,712.00</u> | <u>317,712.00</u> | |
| 1% Overseas Aid | 8,213.26 | 8,213.26 | (1% of \$821,327.10) |
| World Council of Churches | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | |
| Programme to Combat Racism | 500.00 | 500.00 | |
| Overseas Travel Programme | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | |
| Christian Conference of Asia | 500.00 | 500.00 | |
| Pacific Conference of Churches | 400.00 | 400.00 | |
| Overseas Travel Fund | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| National Council of Churches | 10,293.00 | 10,293.00 | |
| N.C.C. University Chaplaincies | 9,062.00 | 9,062.00 | |
| Churches Education Commission | 4,975.00 | 4,975.00 | |
| J.C.C.U. & J.N.C.C.E. | 3,628.00 | 3,628.00 | |
| E.S.O.D. | 500.00 | 500.00 | |
| | <u>360,783.26</u> | <u>360,783.26</u> | Paid 100% |
| NON-GUARANTEED FUNDS | | | |
| Education Division | 66,490.00 | 62,356.00 | |
| Board of Administration | 45,480.00 | 42,653.00 | |
| Development Fund | 5,905.00 | 5,538.00 | |
| Development Division | 77,921.00 | 73,077.00 | |
| Maori Division | 115,142.00 | 107,984.00 | |
| Communications Committee | 17,000.00 | 15,943.00 | |
| Overseas Division | 191,858.00 | 179,930.17 | |
| | <u>519,796.00</u> | <u>487,481.17</u> | Paid 93.783% |
| GRAND TOTAL | 880,579.26 | 848,264.43 | Paid 96.33% |

A.K. Woodley, General Secretary, D.J. Janus, Finance Manager.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Report be received.

COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS,
SUPERANNUATION & RELATED MATTERS REPORT 1981

The Special Committee on stipends has set itself the following review tasks in the light of requests from Church Council, Conference and the results of a New Zealand wide survey.

- A. The provision of a new remuneration package giving Presbyters an income equivalent to that now being received but at least cost to the Church.
- B. Superannuation levels and the provision of retirement housing in a rapidly changing situation.
- C. Travelling Allowances
- D. A possible tiered stipend structure to provide for differing needs of single and married presbyters.

This Report is concerned only with A. above and other matters will be reported on in 1982.

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A report outlining a new remuneration package was forwarded to Synods 1981 for discussion. It contained suggestions that Conference

1. Adopt the Consumer Price Index (C.P.I.) as a guide for annual increases in stipend.
2. Increase expense allowances (including Book and Hospitality) to 7.5% of stipend.
3. Set a rental for Parsonages of 10% of stipend with adjustments for presbyters in their own homes.

It was shown that 2 and 3 above would result in a saving to the Church of \$820 p.a. on each stipend with an annual loss of income to the presbyter of \$187.

RESPONSES:

Not all Synods have replied, but of the replies received, three Synods have approved the concept and other either rejected the proposals, asked for fuller calculations or suggested we should only make changes after consultation with other negotiating Churches. Wellington Synod, in rejecting the proposals suggested consideration of a new formula viz. Average gross male income plus 10% margin less rent 1/6 of stipend.

The Central Committee on Stipends, which is responsible for the calculation of increased stipend each year and the review of allowances recommended no change to the existing structure.

The report was also discussed in October by the General Purposes Committee members who asked that a further report be submitted taking into account the Synod responses and a strong expression of the opinion that the suggested increases in allowances could not be justified.

OBJECTIVES:

The Special Committee has worked towards the following objectives.

1. The provision of an adequate net income (approximately equal to what is presently being paid) including realistic and equitable reimbursement of expenses at least cost to the Church.
2. To set a new basis for stipends avoiding all reference to an average wage or plusage for responsibility.
3. To minimise the need for private and uneven arrangements being made between Presbyters and Circuits.

FINDINGS

1. It is clear that Presbyters are not uniformly claiming the expenses they could legitimately claim, often because of inadequate records. For tax purposes ministers are treated as self employed persons and a greater emphasis on the keeping of receipts and records is important.
2. The present payment of stipend plus inadequate allowances is far more costly to the Church than a smaller stipend plus adequate allowances. The Church can no longer afford to sustain a structure that is more expensive than it need be. Good stewardship demands that we be careful in the administration of scarce resources and that presbyters do not continue to pay more in taxation than they are legally obliged to do.
3. The Committee favours the provision of a true expense allowance which includes specific and allowable amounts, viz. Hospitality and Book allowances, a clothing allowance, 1/6 of fuel and power expenses plus a sum toward general expenses such as stationery, dry cleaning, in service training, incidental costs of Synods and Conference attendance, Camps, repairs, insurances and other income related expenditure.
4. There is little to choose between basing annual stipend increases on the Consumer Price Index or the average male income figure. Both show uneven movements at times and both give a figure which is close to that provided by the present 'formula' with its controversial plusage and notional rent which lifts taxation into a higher bracket than necessary.

The Committee would urge the use of the Consumer Price Index as the most satisfactory indicator of the rises in cost of living.

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SAMPLE OF PRESBYTERS EXPENSES RELATED TO INCOME:

| | |
|---|-------|
| Book Allowance 1980, \$212 & 15% | \$244 |
| Hospitality 1980 \$288 & 15% | \$331 |
| Clothing allowance | \$125 |
| Other income related expenses
(1/6 power and fuel, stationery,
dry cleaning, in service training,
Conference and Synods expenses,
Camps, repairs, Insurance etc.) | \$240 |
| Total | \$940 |

TWO POSSIBLE NEW PACKAGES are compared in the following calculations with the current stipend package (A)

PACKAGE (B) provides for a lower stipend and a notional rent. \$940 is added as the sum of four allowance payments described earlier and then this structure produces a saving to the employing body or Circuit of \$880. The presbyter would receive some \$16 less than at present. All discussion of the disposition of rental is avoided.

PACKAGE (C) provides for the deduction of an actual rental from the existing stipend and in this case the rental of the study is deducted at source. The net effect of the calculation is to save the employing body or Circuit \$770 and the Presbyter receives some \$22 less.

In both (B) and (C) there is a small loss to the Supernumerary Fund.

G.E.Hill - Convener.

RECOMMENDATIONS as prepared by the General Purposes Committee

- 1 That Conference adopt, from 1st July 1982 the principles contained in proposal (B) (Appendix I) of the report.
- 2(a) That the total of the tax-free allowances deductible for tax purposes by all ministers, be fixed at $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the notional stipend.
- (b) That the Special Committee, through the Administration Division clear as soon as possible with the Inland Revenue Department the acceptability of such percentages as tax free allowances for all ministers.
3. That for calculating stipend and allowances the base stipend figure for 1981/82 be \$12,835, adjusted in accordance with the C.P.I. figures for the 12 months ending 31st March.
4. In the light of the proposed change in Stipend formula the General Purposes Committee recommends that the Central Committee on Stipends be thanked for its services and discharged and that its functions be carried within the Administration Division.

APPENDIX I

POSSIBLE NEW PACKAGES FOR STIPENDS AND ALLOWANCES

A.

| Current Position Notional Rent | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Current Notional Stipend | 14,520 |
| Less Notional Rent | 1,320 |
| Cash Income Stipend | <u>13,200</u> |
| Current Notional Stipend | 14,520 |
| Less 1/6 Rent 220 | |
| Super. (Max) 800 | 1,020 |
| Taxable Income | <u>13,500</u> |
| Tax thereon | 3,936 |
| Less Spouse 156 | |
| Donations 175 | 331 |
| Tax Payment | <u>3,605</u> |
| Cash Income Stipend | 13,200 |
| Less Tax 3,605 | |
| 10% Super. 1,320 | 4,925 |
| | <u>8,275</u> |
| Plus Allowances 3.44% of 14,520 | 500 |
| Cash for living and all expenses | <u>8,775</u> |
| <u>Payments by Church</u> | |
| Stipend | 13,200 |
| Super. Subsidy | 1,320 |
| Allowances | 500 |
| Total | <u>\$15,020</u> |
| Total Super. Contributions | 2,640 |

B.

| A Proposal with Notional Rent | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Proposed Notional Stipend | 13,200 |
| Less Notional Rent | 1,200 |
| Cash Income Stipend | <u>12,000</u> |
| Proposed Notional Stipend | 13,200 |
| Less Notional Rent 1/6 200 | |
| Super. (Max) 800 | 1,000 |
| Taxable Income | <u>12,200</u> |
| Tax thereon | 3,312 |
| Less Spouse 156 | |
| Donations 175 | 331 |
| Tax Payment | <u>2,981</u> |
| Cash Income Stipend | 12,000 |
| Less Tax 2,981 | |
| 10% Super. 1,200 | 4,181 |
| | <u>7,819</u> |
| Plus Allowances 7.12% of 13,200 | 940 |
| Cash for living. | <u>8,759</u> |
| <u>Payments by Church</u> | |
| Stipend | 12,000 |
| Super. Subsidy | 1,200 |
| Allowances | 940 |
| Total | <u>\$14,140</u> |
| Total Super. Contributions | 2,400 |
| Minister Receives \$16 less | |
| Church saves \$880 | |

C.

| A Proposal with Actual Rent | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Proposed Actual Stipend | 13,200 |
| Less Actual Rent 5/6 of 10% | 1,100 |
| Cash Income Stipend | <u>12,100</u> |
| Proposed Actual Stipend | 13,200 |
| Less 1/6 Rent N/A | |
| Super. (Max) 800 | 800 |
| Taxable Income | <u>12,400</u> |
| Tax thereon | 3,408 |
| Less Spouse 156 | |
| Donations 175 | 331 |
| Tax Payment | <u>3,077</u> |
| Cash Income Stipend | 12,100 |
| Less Tax 3,077 | |
| 10% Super. 1,210 | 4,287 |
| | <u>7,813</u> |
| Plus Allowances 7.12% of 13,200 | 940 |
| Cash for living | <u>8,753</u> |
| <u>Payments by Church</u> | |
| Stipend | 12,100 |
| Super. Subsidy | 1,210 |
| Allowances | 940 |
| Total | <u>\$14,250</u> |
| Total Super. Contributions | 2,420 |
| Minister Receives \$22 less | |
| Church saves \$770 | |

TRIBUTES TO DECEASED
PRESBYTERS, DEACONS
AND LAYPERSONS

WINIFRED BATEUP

Winifred Bateup served the Church well from 1943-53 as Matron of the Masterton Children's Home, along with her husband, Herbert, as Master. Although today both church and community say that 40 children are far too many to be cared for in one Home, the Bateups managed their herculean task with a relaxed love and charm because of love of Christ and his little ones were inseparable in their Christian discipleship. Conference 1973 recorded, "Mr. Bateup's understanding and wise Counsel, and his unfailing sense of humour, endeared him to children and Committee alike. In all the work he was ably supported by his wife who shared to the fullest in every part of the home." To this united work Mrs. Bateup contributed a deep concern for each child, a calm and loving nature, and nursing skills. Both husband and wife shared a fine Christian commitment in their loving and lovely partnership. Since those days Winifred Bateup has maintained contact with many ex-Home children, who often visited her when passing her Pukerua Bay home. She knew the ages and names of their children and followed with interest the lives of an increasing number of "grandchildren". The presence at her funeral on 20 July 1981, of a large number of "Homies", now 30 years on, was a moving tribute to the depth of her love and care for them.

Winifred Bateup was born at Wai-o-te-marama, near Opononi, North Auckland, 82 years ago, and was the second child in a family of 7. Her early life was spent on an outback dairy farm where from an early age she did her share of hand-milking. Daily family worship, and the little Sunday School her mother ran, provided her with a good foundation in the Christian faith and led to her life long commitment to Christ. Later she completed her nursing training in Waikato Hospital. In 1928 she married Herbert Bateup, who predeceased her in 1973. Prayer and Bible Study were part of her private discipline that gave her daily strength and motivated her Christian service. She was an indefatigable letter-writer who maintained a regular correspondence with many missionaries, whose work she supported financially and by her intercessions. After leaving Masterton and a break at Opononi, the Bateups ran the N.C.C.Maori Apprentice Hostel in Rotorua for more than a year.

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ALFRED CURRIE

Alfred Currie was born in Scotland in 1907, and became an active member of a small independent Congregational Church. He trained as a hairdresser and came to New Zealand in 1925. In Hastings he became closely associated with the Methodist Church in 1926, and was married in 1929. Together he and his wife became Church members in Hastings. He was particularly interested in music, especially orchestra and choir, and maintained this interest throughout his life.

The Curries lost their earthly possessions in the Hawkes Bay earthquake, and subsequently moved to the Auckland district. Here he studied Accountancy, and while attending the Otahuhu Church became a fully accredited Lay Preacher. He served actively as a Lay Preacher for some 40 years, being awarded a Long Service Diploma.

For seven years he served as a Home Missionary, at Inglewood (3 years), Okato (3 years), and Hauraki Plains (1 year). He was compelled to withdraw on account of ill health. He then took up different office appointments before retiring.

With his wife and family he attended Pitt St, New Lynn and Mt Roskill churches before moving to Mt Eden twenty-two years ago. Here he served the Church as Trustee and Society Steward, and represented the Auckland East Circuit at Synod and Conference.

For many years he has struggled against much physical suffering, undergoing major surgery on several occasions. He was always outstandingly courageous, and in spite of much weakness attended worship right to the last few Sundays before his death. He was a loyal, brave servant of his Lord. An avid reader, he was one of our best-read Lay Preachers, and was always eager to improve his education engaging in University studies as recently as this year. He served in recent years as honorary Hospital visitor with the Inter-Church Chaplaincy serving at Auckland Public Hospital.

To his wife Emily, and his family of two sons and a daughter, we extend our warm

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GEORGE RAYMOND HARRIS

Ray Harris, the son of Wesleyan Methodist parents was born at Te Kowhai on July 8th 1900. His father, William Harris, was a Lay Preacher for over 54 years, and Ray early had leanings toward the Ministry. After a term in business in Hamilton he came up as a Candidate through the Hamilton Circuit Quarterly Meeting.

He entered "Dunholme" Theological College in 1923. His fellow students have happy recollections of his editorship of the College magazine, in which he displayed gifts which were put to good use in later years.

Ray served his probation at Kilbirnie and Frankton, and after ordination moved to Opotiki. In 1931 he married Miss Phyllis Syers B.A., and the union has been a most happy one, with Phyllis equally devoted to the service of our Lord.

Over the years, Ray has served at Paeroa, Addington, Levin, Hastings, Riccarton, Devonport, and Auckland Central, at St Jude's. He was always a good Circuit minister, kindly, friendly, loveable, and with a keen sense of humour, faithful in Preaching and Pastoral work, and he loved to talk to the children.

He was exceedingly well read, and had one of the very best of ministerial libraries. He was for seven years Secretary to the Board of Examiners, which in those days covered the examination work of Candidates, Students, Probationers, Home Missionaries, Deaconesses, and Lay Preachers. For five years he was assistant Editor of the "Methodist" representative to the Bible Society. Upon his retirement 15 years ago, he undertook Chaplaincy work at Cornwall Hospital, Auckland.

Ray and Phyllis have a family of four, all active in the church. Their son Ian and his wife spent three years as Fraternal Workers in Indonesia, under the South East Asia Council of Churches.

Ray died on his 81 birthday, at Takapuna. In Bunyan's "Pilgrims Progress", as Christian and Hopeful crossed the Deep River to the Celestial City, 'all the trumpets sounded for them on the other side'. They surely sounded again for George Raymond Harris, and after the trumpets would be heard a voice, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord'.

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NEIL REDVERS HOOPER

Neil Redvers Hooper died on October 9th, 1980 at Duart Hospital, Havelock North (Hastings) after a long illness.

He was born in South Canterbury in 1917 and lived most of his youth in Geraldine, working on farms and blacksmithing.

In December 1937 he was accredited as a Local Preacher of the Methodist Church at Geraldine, shortly after taking charge of the Havelock (Nelson) and Wakefield Home Mission Stations. In 1941 he transferred to Kaikohe and later Ngatea. In 1943 he married Esme Mitchell at Nelson and was given his first circuit appointment in Mosgiel. Over the next 12 years serving at Edendale, Cromwell and Island Bay. In 1953 ill health brought an early retirement. After retirement he continued to serve as a Preacher. He enjoyed music and singing, and was always ready and willing to help people when and where the need occurred. He was the caretaker at Wesleyhaven, Nae Nae, for several years from its establishment. Later retiring to Nelson and moving to Havelock North two years before his death, where in Duart Hospital he continued as a Leader in the Devotional Life of the older people there.

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WIREMU PAKI IHAKA

Wi Paki, as he was affectionately known, lived a full and varied life. He was born of Te Paki Ihaka Tu and Te Rarua (nee Walters) of Oturei on the 22 August 1895, and received his formal education along with other children from the settlement, at the Aoroa School.

His working life began assisting his father with horse-drawn coaches plying under the name "Moses and Isaacs". The association led to Wi Paki becoming a fond lover of good horses. Subsequently, he joined his father in rafting on the Wairoa river, and later still, to work in the flax industry when it started up on the Aratapu flats and at the Waihue flax mill.

He was also to farm. First at Oturei and then Waihue. During these years his experience and skills were applied in moving buildings overland and by barge up and down the Wairoa river. Included among these were the church buildings at Oturei and Redhill.

Wi Paki married and suffered the loss of two wives and five children. He was a noted footballer, his enthusiasm and reputation passing readily to his sons, especially John.

A family and community background that gave due prominence to the Christian faith and life together on the marae, led naturally to both having a profound influence on the character and development of Wi Paki. He became a respected leader and tribal spokesman on the marae, acquiring extensive knowledge of local history and traditions. Although in retirement he lived in Auckland, extended family and any significant event held on the Oturei marae, brought him home to assist and share in the occasion.

He was appointed an Honorary Home Missionary in 1938 and served his people and the Methodist Church faithfully in this capacity for many years.

He died on 6 June 1981, and was buried at Oturei. With his wife and three surviving daughters we mourn his passing but praise God for a life of total dedication and devotion.

*E te matua e Wi, haere;
Haere ki te wahi tuturu mo tatou
mo te tangata; haere, haere, haere.*

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ARTHUR HENRY IVORY, L.L.B., B.COMM.

'Always abounding in the work of the Lord' well describes the life and work of Arthur Ivory. Although he entered the ministry later in life, he served the Lord both before he entered the ministry and after his retirement. Brought up in a Baptist home, Arthur was one of a group of gifted men who came alive through all that belonged to the New Zealand Methodist Bible Class Movement. The Easter Camp experience both haunted and constrained him down the years.

After studying at the University of New Zealand he entered his father's business and the way ahead seems set for a prosperous life. Yet deep within him was the desire to preach, and under the guidance of the Rev. Percy Paris he offered for the Methodist ministry.

Difficulties beset his way. The depression hit the family business and not until the last penny of indebtedness was paid did he feel free to offer as a candidate. Then personal tragedy afflicted him so that all his theological education was done while serving in a circuit, caring for both a young son and an aged mother. He served as a Probationer in the Hutt Valley, then in Waihi for five years where he married Hilda Deal; then in Caversham (Dunedin) for five years; Woodville three years; Miramar (Wellington) three years; Mt Maunganui three years. He retired first to Te Puke where he

worked on a newspaper, and then to Tauranga.

In all his appointments Arthur Ivory served with devotion and distinction. Even when he considered his gifts were not well suited to his appointment, he put aside his wishes and feelings, and served with all his might. In spite of his shyness and sensitiveness, and his very great mental capacity, Arthur Ivory was never distant from his people. He understood ordinary people and related easily to them. It did not matter whether it was a drunk man lurching out of an hotel bar who seeing a clerical collar wanted to talk, or Maori children in one of Sister Betty's Sunday Schools in Taranaki, or one of his church members, Arthur Ivory was available and very approachable. Having suffered himself and known the Comforter, he was able to minister comfort, with integrity and gentleness. These qualities made him trusted and loved.

In general outlook he sought to integrate the truths of the Gospel with other branches of learning. In some things he was frankly agnostic, yet in all his ministry beat a heart strangely warmed - an evangelical faith that both fed on and expressed itself through the Wesley hymns.

His ministry was blessed by the comradeship of a gracious wife to whom our sympathy is extended, and as we look back on a life so well lived we praise God for such a man as Arthur Ivory.

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NORMAN PETER LARSEN

Norman Peter Larsen was born at Wairoa on 30th March, 1900, and was brought up in Inglewood and attended the Stratford High School. He had a strong sense of purpose, and a definite call to preach the Gospel, even in his early boyhood years.

He entered the Ministry and was a probationer at Wairoa for three years. It was there that he met and married Elsie Haughton in 1931, and fifty years later they celebrated their Golden Wedding on the 18th March, 1981, just three months before Norman died.

His evangelical zeal challenged many people. He was a year at Ponsonby, and ministered at Tai Tapu Circuit, Westport (where their daughter Pat was born); Johnsonville (where Gwynneth was born); Cambridge Terrace (during which time Ken was born), then St. John's Bryndwr, Mornington (Dunedin); and Levin whence he retired to live in Hastings. Perhaps his two most fruitful pastorates were at Bryndwr where he began a new cause, and at Levin where he saw large growth in the youth work under his ministry. He had leave of absence from the ministry for three years because of ill health and lived at Island Bay and Palmerston North.

He was determined and strong willed, and strong in his convictions. Though cautious and reserved, he cared deeply for people. During his retirement he continued to serve by caring for the Waipawa Methodist Church for some time. He and Elsie were tremendously supportive towards their daughter Patricia, who continues as a resident in the SIH Hostel in Hastings. He rejoiced that each one of his family were led to the Lord, and knew Jesus as Saviour; living their faith and actively

involved in the Church. Norman died at Hastings, on the 17th June, 1981, aged 81 years. We assure Elsie and the family of our christian love and prayer for them in their bereavement, and give thanks to God for Norman Larsen who loved and always sought to declare the good news of Jesus Christ, and call people to follow Him.

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ERIC RAYMOND SARCHET

Eric Sarchet was a member of the British Methodist Conference who came to New Zealand in 1970, on his retirement after forty years service as a minister in England and in his native Guernsey.

On his arrival in New Zealand, he with his wife Hilda, settled in Te Atatu, where his son, daughter in law and family had settled several years before. He lived in Te Atatu until his death.

Within a short time of his arrival Eric commenced a second ministry. He commenced visiting the Waitakere Geriatric Hospital on a regular basis, and was soon appointed an honorary Chaplain to the hospital, visiting it weekly, and conducting Services three Sundays a month on behalf of the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. He was an active member of the local Senior Citizens Club, and was last year elected a life member of the club. He regularly conducted devotions at Astley House in the Everil Orr Homes. He died on a bus going to fulfil an appointment at Astley House. He also regularly led in worship in a number of Churches in West Auckland. He was a tireless visitor of the sick, elderly and lonely.

Eric was a familiar, much loved and highly respected figure in Te Atatu, and the whole of West Auckland. His usual mode of transport was a bicycle, on which he rode twice a week from his home to Waitakere Hospital, a distance several kilometres, and to fulfil Preaching appointments in West Auckland. He was sought out by people, particularly the elderly, who were in need, and he always had time for them.

Many people are grateful that Eric and Hilda chose to spend their retirement years in New Zealand. Eric made his mark in the local community. He was a loyal son of the Church, and a faithful witness of the love of God in Jesus Christ. We offer our sympathy to his wife Hilda and her family, and give thanks for a life well lived. He died on 6 July, 1981.

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TAWAI TE RIRI KAWITI

Born an only son to Te Riri Maihi and Marara Mahanga on the 16 April 1899, Tawai, who was also known locally as Walter, grew up and received his primary education at Waiomio. Later he attended St Stephens College in Auckland.

He married Martha Wynard and together they raised on the family farm at Waiomio eight sons and seven daughters who, at the time of his death, had provided them with seventy-five grandchildren and twenty-five great grandchildren.

Tawai was a conscientious and successful Dairy Farmer, but also found time to be involved in a wide range of community concerns. He served as Secretary of the Tai Tokerau Trust Board for some years, and for a time was a member of the Bay of Islands Rotary Club. He was well-known for his forthright and sustained views about the Treaty of Waitangi and the form of its observance every 6 February.

His support and membership of the earlier Kotahitanga movement led him naturally into recognizing the promise, and becoming a foundation member, of the newly established Mana Motuhake movement.

He embellished his hereditary ranking with his own gifts of oratory and knowledge of tribal history and traditions. When recently formed, his membership and wisdom was instantly sought for the Kaumatua Committee of the Tai Tokerau.

The Wiomio Limestone Caves was another of his special and long-time interests. On retiring from the farm he devoted much of his energy into developing the area as a major tourist attraction. At the time of his death, a family meeting-house and marae with modern amenities stood all but completed, adjacent to the homestead and entrance to the caves.

A Christian family upbringing assured the deepening and growth of Tawai's own faith in God, and a sustained loyalty to the Methodist Church in subsequent years. His obvious gifts and concern for both the spiritual and physical well-being of his people led to his appointment as an Honorary Home Missionary in 1942.

Tawai died on the 21 May 1981, and laid to rest with his tupuna at Waiomio. Many mourn his passing; we - the Tai Tokerau Circuit, the Methodist Church and Maoridom as a whole - are the poorer.

To his wife Martha and family we express sympathy and say: Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.

*Na reira e te matua, tupuna e te Tawai,
Haere ngaro i o marae, i o
karangaranga maha, huri i nga motu;
Okioki i roto i te Ariki.*

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GEORGE FREDERICK WHITLOCK

Died on 1st May, 1981

George was talented, competent, genuine, gentlemanly, friendly, understanding, discerning, wise in judgement and counsel, straight as a gun barrel, forthright, but never offensive, blessed with a good sense of humour, always ready to give himself and his substance in the service of others, and deep within, there was his strong Christian conviction and dedication.

George was born into a good Christian home in Wanganui and has proved himself to be a devoted disciple and servant of Jesus Christ.

He was a regular worshipper and supporter of the whole church. His training in administration in the Public Service, which he entered in 1921 at the age of 17, had fitted him well to be District Public Trustee at Masterton, Lower Hutt and Wellington in his last three appointments, but more, that accumulated skill and experience he gave to the church.

George served the Lower Hutt Trust from 1952 until his death, and for 20 years gave outstanding leadership as secretary. Close to his heart was the work of the Wesley Social Services Trust Board. He served as a member for 19 years, and in recognition of his valued services, this excerpt comes from a report of the Board's work, "The District dimension of the Social Services Trust in Wellington has enabled tremendous leadership to be given over the years by men of the District like George Whitlock".

He served as Wellington Property Secretary for 11 years, and various other Trusts and Committees.

But George's horizons of service reached out to the community where he was a foundation trustee and treasurer of the Nansen Home in Lower Hutt, established for White Russian refugees. He served in the Hutt Rotary Club as secretary for 20 years, also secretary to the District Governor on two occasions, and was described in Rotary as "the fund of all knowledge".

The Lower Hutt City Council recognised his contribution and service to the City when in 1977 they conferred on George the Civic Honour for Voluntary Community Service.

We thank God for the service of George Whitlock, loved, esteemed and respected.

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EDNA JOY JENKIN

Edna Joy Jenkin was born at Opotiki on 19 January 1938. Her secondary education took place in areas where her parents were involved in ministry -- Whakatane, Lincoln and Christchurch. Following college years she took courses in dressmaking and bookkeeping and made use of both.

Edna became convinced of a call to full time work at a Bible Class camp in 1958. She began by serving for eighteen months at Kurahuna Maori Girl's Hostel, Onehunga. After this she trained as a deaconess being dedicated to the Deaconess Order in 1962 and ordained at the 1968 Conference.

Service for the Church took place in the Waikato Maori Circuit (1962), North King Country Maori Circuit (1963-5), North Wairoa Maori Circuit (1966-7).

1968 and 1969 were spent at the N.Z. Bible Training Institute in Henderson from which Edna graduated with a two year Honours Diploma. Fellow students noticed her sincerity and consistency. In her second year she was elected as a Senior Student. During this time her careful and thoughtful attitude to seeking the Lord's will for her life were apparent.

For eight years from 1970 Edna served with the Borneo Evangelical

Mission, spending most of her time at Marudi, Sarawak.

Ill health forced a return to New Zealand in 1978. For eighteen months Edna lived and ministered at Linton Court in Palmerston North in an extended home situation. This was followed by some time in Hastings at the New Life Centre working particularly among children and young people. This was given up when tiredness caused by the chemotherapy she was receiving for her cancer led her to believe she could no longer do justice to the job.

And so there was a return to Linton Court, times of hospitalisation, times of ministering and being ministered to. At all times, including this last period, Edna was a gracious and gentle person with a commitment to her Lord Jesus Christ that was willing to sacrifice all in His Service. This is seen in the verse of a poem she wrote in June 1981.

"My lack of health and strength I give you,
My longing to be well and whole,
I have nothing else to give you,
Take me body, mind and soul."

This same dedication was seen in her determination to use her experience of cancer and coming to grips with it to minister to others. Many were helped.

Edna's family and friends testify to her calmness and supportiveness in crisis, her courage, compassion and humility.

The place that Edna had reached in her Christian experience can be summed up in her words in a letter to a friend during 1981: "I love my Lord more than I can say, and all I want to do is please Him, to be what He wants me to be and to do what He wants me to do."

The Church gives thanks for the life and work of Edna Jenkin who died on the 2nd July 1981.

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ELIZABETH CLARA LILLIAN WOODNUTT

The death of Lillian Woodnutt on 28th March 1981 at the age of 90 marked the end of a life in which service for Christ had been the outstanding feature.

Born Lillian de Berry, she spent her childhood years in the Feilding area. Even at the tender age of 5 years she felt an ambition to serve as a missionary, but it was to be another 27 years before that was fulfilled. In 1916, after some years as a successful dressmaker, and then training as a deaconess, she entered New Plymouth hospital to qualify for general nursing. Following a period of post-graduate experience, and the gaining of her midwifery certificate at Karitane, Sister Lillian was at last ready to answer the missionary call.

In 1922, at the age of 32, she left N.Z. for the Solomon Islands, to work with Rev. John Goldie and become the first nursing sister in the area. For 5 years she took the total medical responsibility in her area as she treated tropical diseases, delivered babies, dealt with accidents of all kinds, devised and dispensed prescriptions, and also trained a small team of native helpers, some of whom eventually became

highly qualified. When at last a doctor did come to supervise the expanding medical work, it was to an established medical centre, including a hospital and dispensary, complete with a variety of ancillary equipment, which had been set up under her supervision: an astounding achievement.

In 1933, after eleven years of remarkable but exhausting service, Sister Lillian had to return to N.Z. because of ill health, but she continued her nursing career and her church activities, firstly at Wanganui. In 1935 she went to Dunedin and married Mr. Robert Eaton, a builder. He died in 1947. In 1952 she married Rev. Alfred Woodnutt, and together they ministered firstly at the Abbotsford church, Dunedin, and later for several years in the Waipawa-Waipukurau Circuit. After Alfred's retirement in 1957, they came to New Plymouth where Alfred predeceased her in 1971. In spite of advancing age, she continued her dedicated pastoral work while strength lasted.

The funeral service was held at Whiteley church where she had worked so tirelessly. Significantly it was also the place, where in earlier years, her missionary vision had been nurtured and developed.

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LAUREL GRACE BARKER McALISTER

After a long illness Laurel McAlister passed away at her home in Timaru on the 25th February, 1981. Mrs. McAlister gave a lifetime of service to the community in the fields of social welfare, education and Church affairs. Her record was sufficient to warrant the award of the M.B.E. from the late King George VI over 30 years ago, as well as Queen's Silver Medal in 1977. Even into her 80's Mrs. McAlister was still fulfilling her life's ambition - to help others.

A stalwart of Banks Street Methodist Church, Mrs. McAlister held many posts, including Trust Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman for 25 years. She also served a long period as Superintendent of the Sunday School.

She experienced a long involvement with the Women's Guild and later the Fellowship. Mrs. McAlister as Dominion President of Women's Guild Fellowship was joint Chairman with Mrs. Richards of the Missionary Union at the Conference held at Dunedin in 1962. At that Conference, it was agreed to proceed with necessary arrangements to form a Fellowship which became a reality officially at the Church Conference in 1963.

Bank Street Methodist Women's Fellowship and all the M.W.F.'s of New Zealand have much to be grateful to Mrs. McAlister and her Executive from South Canterbury for in the part they played in the formation of the new constitution of the Methodist Women's Fellowship movement.

Her philosophy is well summed up in this comment by her during an interview in 1979. "There is always someone in need of help in one way or another, and I feel that especially those who are blessed with good health, a good standard of living, and at least a little time to spare, should do what they can to better the condition of their less fortunate fellow men and women. All that is needed is a love of people, and a willingness to help."

JOAN MARY FORD

Born in Christchurch in 1920, into a family which had been members of the local Methodist Church from its foundation, Joan Holland grew up in close association with the same Shirley Methodist Church. She was active in the Sunday School, Bible Class, Girls' Brigade, Choir, as well as in the wider circles of Methodism. It was through District Youth Work she met her future husband, Wilf Ford. Their marriage in 1942 was the beginning of an outstanding partnership. Wilf's decision in 1945 received Joan's full and warm support. That support was unflinching through all their later appointments in Roskill, Porirua, Christian Education Department, Wellington Central, and Wanganui.

Joan brought to her parsonage role a special friendliness which made of every place that was their home a place of warmth and welcome, remembered with gratitude by all who were privileged to share it.

Joan's three daughters, Robyn, Wendy and Beth remember their mother as unfailingly warm and supportive, but at the same time giving them the freedom to be uniquely themselves. Her three sons-in-law and her seven grandchildren, one of whom was only a few months old at the time of her death, all thought the world of her.

In the work of the Church, as a minister's wife, and as a member in her own right, she gave unstinting service. Joan's merry chuckle and zest for life endeared her to all who knew her. She was never heard to grizzle or complain. Her support of Wilf was in all respects steadfast, even when, because of his appointment as Director of Christian Education she was often practically a solo parent. When Wilf became President in 1970, Joan was rightly honoured by Conference.

The wide social work of the Church was dear to Joan's heart. It was really her inspiration and hard work that started off the M.S.S.A. Goodwill Shops in Wellington and Wanganui. A framed portrait of Joan still inspires workers at the Goodwill Shop in Wanganui. She was always a prominent and capable member of M.W.F. holding office often at local level, and wider as Wellington District President, and National Vice-President.

Joan had a sturdy personal faith, evident not so much in what she said as in what she did.

She loved her garden, (especially her roses) her family, her friends, her Church, and her God.

When illness struck (out of the blue as it were) it was with traumatic swiftness. Joan died after a bare two months of sickness on the 8th January 1981 at Wanganui.

Beside her husband Wilf, and their three daughters, she left also a mother and sister, Mrs Holland and Miss Madge Holland both of Christchurch.

Thanks be to God for the life of Joan Ford.

ROBERT EBENEZER FORDYCE

The Rev. R.E. Fordyce, one of our longest serving ministers, was born in London on January 28, 1894. 'Ben' Fordyce, as he was known to his contemporaries, experienced an old time conversion at the age of 12, under the preaching of the famous F.C. Spurr. From then on he was 'Christ's man'. He passed the Oxford Senior Local examination when he was 16, becoming an Associate in Arts of Oxford.

Ben arrived in New Zealand with his family in January 1911, intending to be a teacher, but after two years in that profession he felt the call to preach, and resigned. Offering himself for the ministry immediately, he served for a year as a Home Missionary, and entered Dunholme Theological College in 1915. Owing to the shortage of ministers, due to the war then raging, he spent only one year in college, and from then on he "travelled". Life was not easy for probationers in those days. Most were in widely scattered country circuits, necessitating much journeying over bad roads, and probationers' studies were mostly done in moments snatched at the expense of sleep. Ben was no exception, and the strain told. Illness delayed his progress, and he was not ordained until 1921.

In 1923 Ben Fordyce married Miss Elizabeth Bunn, of Rongahere. Their's was a long and useful partnership in the service of the Church, where they had many friends. They had 4 sons and 2 daughters. Mrs Fordyce died in 1975.

Ben Fordyce was essentially a pastor. His great joy was in visiting his people in their homes and sharing in their joys and sorrows. For over 6 years he edited the children's page in the Methodist Times with great success, revealing a remarkable gift for that kind of journalism. He was an ardent and fearless supporter of the Temperance cause. In the days when Prohibition was an urgent national question he plunged eagerly into the fray, and none could doubt his sincerity and courage.

Our brother was keenly interested in the work of the St Johns Ambulance Brigade, serving it in various ways. In 1964 he was invested as a Serving Brother of the Order of St John in recognition of his services. The Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, of which he was a member for over 50 years, honoured him as a Past Grand Master of two of its lodges. Corso had his services after retirement.

After 41 years in the active ministry Ben Fordyce retired to New Plymouth, where he continued as an assiduous pastoral visitor, taking prayerful fellowship into many homes. In all things he was a man of God. On Sunday, September 6, 1981, while visiting his daughter in Hamilton, he slipped quietly and peacefully away, to earn his Master's "Well done".

CLIFFORD GEORGE BROWN

Clifford George Brown was born in Northland and grew up with a love for the good earth which became a life long affinity, however the vitality of the Young Men's Bible Class movement captured his loyalty and priority for service in the Kingdom of God. In 1937 he offered for the ministry of the Methodist Church, and after being accepted he served as a Home Mission Probationer in Hawarden and Havelock.

In 1940 Cliff entered Trinity College and after completing his training he was appointed to serve under Dr Raymond Dudley in Christchurch. Later he was called to Woolston and while there, in the year of his ordination 1946, he was married to Miss Constance Mackley of Invercargill. Subsequent years in the ministry took him and his family to Otorohanga, Opunake and Wainuiomata (an initial appointment to a Union Parish). His greatest challenge and developments came after his appointment to Greenmeadows in the Napier Circuit, where after the sudden death of Dr Dudley in December 1963 he became Superintendent of the Napier Circuit, and as in all his appointments displayed his qualities of grace, patience and purposeful administration. The period was a critical one in the outreach of the Napier Circuit which he guided with sensitivity and wise counsel, stressing the opportunities and responsibilities of the "Church in the City". In 1969 Cliff and his family moved to Marton where in 1976 he retired.

Gentle graciousness and humility were marks of his service; his intense joy in the praises of the Lord, both hymnal and choral was always evident. He experienced the heights and depths, the joys and sorrow of living, and his sympathetic solicitude for the sick, the elderly and the needy brought rare comfort. His time of retirement in Marton continued his deep interest in the community, the "sheep of every fold" - he played a large part in the establishment of the Edale Home for the elderly there; social service work in both Palmerston North and Marton also claimed his attention; budgetting assistance to families, guidance in the affairs of an ecumenical opportunity shop; active membership in Rotary and the family farm.

His death came unexpectedly on April 6th, 1981, the funeral service at Opunake being conducted by the Rev. Alan Jones. A memorial service was held in the Marton Church.

While giving thanks for a life of singular service to Methodism and the wider Kingdom the Church extends its sympathy to Constance, and also to Dudley, Rosemary and Richard and their families.

ROBERT JOHN THOMAS

With the passing of Robert John Thomas the community has lost one of its most valued members for he took part in a great many activities. Born some 65 years ago in Hawera, Rob attended school for a short time at Kakaramea, but mostly at Okaiawa. His father died when Rob was just 17, leaving a large family including six month old twins, and leaving Rob as the man of the house. From that time on the running of the family farm became largely his responsibility and he shouldered this responsibility manfully.

In 1938 he moved to the present farm on Hicks Road and has remained there ever since. He married in 1939 and in due time with his wife Rita surrounded himself with a large family of his own, a devoted husband and well-loved father. He took a keen interest in all things connected with his children, and later on his grandchildren were a never-ending source of enjoyment to him.

Rob was well known to a great many people in the district, and had a special place of affection in the hearts of our Maori people, gained their respect with his sense of understanding. He was keenly interested in the affairs of young people and for 25 years was a member of the School Committee. He took an active part in the administration of Athletics. He was a member of Federated Farmers.

But his major concern apart from farm and family was his Church, and the Church owes him a great debt. He was a constant attender at Okaiawa, was a Society Steward, Trustee of the Church, and later Secretary to the Board. On moving to Manaia he played his full part in the life of the Church there. He was Society Steward, Church Trustee and Circuit Steward, positions he held for many years, some of them to the time of his death, and he carried out his duties responsibly and well.

Rob has been a Trustee of the Robert Gibson Memorial Hall in Manaia since it was built. It was built and is still funded by the Robert Gibson Trust, which in turn derives its income from four farms, providing finance for the upkeep of the Hall and scholarships for further education year by year to the young people of Taranaki. Rob became a member of the Gibson Trust in 1964 and from 1971 till the time of his death was the Trust's Farm Supervisor. He carried out his task in a most worthy manner, gaining the respect of the Sharemilkers and the complete confidence of the Trust. He looked after the Trust's farms as though they were his own, even though in the case of two of them it involved a great deal of travelling and not a little time, for two farms were situated at Pukearehu. So a great many of our young people have benefitted from Rob's devotion.

After a long term of hospitalization, which he bore with courage and courtesy, he passed to his rest on 5th July 1981.

To his immediate family and relatives we express our sympathy and pray that the memory of what Rob was and what he has done may be a source of inspiration to them in the days ahead.

ERNEST EDWARD SAGE

Ernest Edward Sage was born in Ashburton in 1890, son of warm-hearted Anglican parents.

As a young man he was drawn into a strong personal Christian commitment in the Methodist Church.

Seeking an expression for his new sense of call to definite service he became a Sunday School Teacher and commenced training as a local preacher.

In 1913 he offered as a candidate for the Methodist Ministry and was accepted as one of the first candidates for the ministry in the United New Zealand Methodist Church. Trained at Dunholme College he was one of a group of men who subsequently gave many long years of devoted service in the ministry.

He commenced his probation at Taumarunui in 1916 and immediately revealed the qualities that have marked his whole ministry. In 1919 he completed his probation in the Avondale Circuit, and in 1920 he was ordained. He married Miss Ursula Blight a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Blight and she was a marvellous companion and help-meet throughout his active ministry. Together they served at St. Kilda, Dunedin, Dannevirke, Morrinsville, Whangarei, Petone, Woolston, New Brighton and Carterton circuits.

On his retirement in 1955 they settled in the Mt. Albert area where they entered fully into the life of the church and also gave appreciated terms of supply service.

In his circuit ministry he was known as a man of transparent integrity and deep sincere Christian life, and a faithful minister, loved and respected by his people. His religion was "a faith to live by" and he commended it by life and word. In these matters he was ably supported by his wife and family. They had two sons and one daughter.

In 1969 Mr. Sage was sadly bereft by the death of his wife who had shared more than 49 years of married life and rich companionship and Christian service.

In 1970 he married Miss Connie Fell who brought to his declining years a rich ministry of companionship and nursing care which he never failed to acknowledge.

He died peacefully in the Auckland Hospital on September 25th, 1981, after several years of declining powers. His funeral service in the Mt. Albert Church was attended by all his family and a full church reflected the warm regard in which Ernie Sage was held by all who knew him. He commended his Lord and Saviour by his life, and he had "adorned the Doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

LAWRENCE GREENSLADE

Lawrence Greenslade was an able and sensitive person who dedicated his life to the service of his Lord.

He was born in Dunedin in 1915, a son of the parsonage, and educated in Blenheim, Wellington and Christchurch. He left school at the age of fifteen, in the midst of the Depression, and worked for several years at Bing Harris.

In 1937 he entered Trinity College where, in his final year, he was Senior Student. Upon completing his training he was appointed to Richmond, Nelson. Shortly after taking up this appointment he enlisted for the Armed Services, the first Methodist Minister to do so. He served in the Pacific for a brief period having to return to New Zealand for health reasons. On his return he carried out an effective ministry as Chaplain to the Forces in Northland.

In 1941 he was appointed to the Auckland East Circuit where he served at Mission Bay. This was followed by an appointment to Taumarunui. During this appointment he married Phyl McHattie who was to prove a strong support in his life and ministry. His next two appointments were in Dunedin, at Dundas Street and then at Trinity, latterly as Superintendent of the Circuit. While in Dunedin he helped to pioneer Industrial Chaplaincy in New Zealand.

On leaving Dunedin he ministered at Cuba Street in Palmerston North, then at Hataitai, Wellington, and finally at Remuera, Auckland.

Laurie's gifts for ministry were early recognised by the Church. He coupled a perceptive approach to the Bible with a deep appreciation of the sacramental in his leading of worship. He exercised sensitivity in pastoral situations. He had considerable secretarial abilities, serving both the Otago-Southland and the Wellington Districts in this capacity. He was made secretary of the Spiritual Advance Committee and brought to that task a deep concern for the quality of life in the Church. Later, when stationed in Auckland, he became Chairman of the Trinity College Council. In this capacity he played a significant part in the development of relationships with St. John's College. At the same time his strong interest in worship and theology found expression through his chairmanship of the Faith and Order Committee.

Less well known was Laurie's practical interest in buildings. Many Circuits are indebted to him for improvements made to parsonages and church buildings during the period of his ministry.

It was a matter of deep disappointment to Laurie that failing health led to his early retirement from the Ministry. For five years he worked for the Northern Building Society. While engaged in this task he often reflected on the ministry, his own, and that of the wider Church. As a result, he was dismayed by some of the trends which he saw in the Church, especially in the area of worship and preaching, and in the understanding of ministry. He continued, nevertheless, to retain his interest in the Church, and participated when able in worship.

Laurie was a deeply sensitive, caring person, a man of integrity and a fine servant of the Church and his Lord.

To Phyl and the family, Denis, Mary and Paul, the Church expresses deep sympathy. We give thanks to God for the life and ministry of Lawrence Greenslade who died on the 24 September 1981.

RECORD OF SERVICE

RETIRING PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS

ROBERT FREDERICK CLEMENT, M.A.

Born at Hamilton in 1916, son of a Rototuna dairy farmer, Mr. A.H. Clement, he was baptised Robert Frederick, to be named ever since, Eric. Educated at Rototuna Primary School and Hamilton Technical High School where he took a rural course prior to transferring to accountancy, he entered business as a wholesale merchant for six years before offering for the Methodist ministry. He came to Trinity College in 1939 taking in addition a B.A. course which he completed on probation, then graduating M.A. in 1949.

After serving as Assistant at the Dunedin Central Mission, 1942-44 he was ordained Chaplain to R.N.Z.A.F. Following the War he transferred to Army Chaplaincy and has subsequently been Senior Chaplain to the Division of the N.Z. Army, Senior Methodist Chaplain and for twenty years a member of the Chaplain's Dominion Advisory Council including twelve years as its chairman.

Appointed to the Hutt Circuit (1946-52), he had responsibility for Waiwhetu, Taita (Avalon), sharing in the establishment of Epuni, Naenae and Taita Union Churches. Four years at Masterton were followed by fifteen as Superintendent of Auckland Central Circuit and as minister at Pitt St Church. Among much that could be said of this period, there stands out his particular ministry with Samoan Methodist people.

Following five years at Pakuranga 1972-76, Conference permitted Eric to accept appointment as N.Z. Director of the Leprosy Mission. This continued twenty years association as Chairman of the N.Z. Council and gave fuller expression to aspects of ministry always dear to his heart. A present member of the International Executive, he is to continue, in retirement, as Director of the Leprosy Mission.

Additional commitments, willingly accepted, have included being Chairman of the Auckland Council of Churches, Chairman of Billy Graham Crusade campaigns in 1959 and 1969, broadcasting with the Friendly Road, lecturing at the Bible College of N.Z. and Chairman of the Trinity College Council. In 1971, he was elected President of the Conference.

In 1945 he married Zilla Rushton who has been an effective and valued partner in all this ministry. Their three children are all active in the church. To Eric and Zilla Clement the church offers its deep gratitude and prays for them the blessing of God in the years ahead.

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WILLIAM SELWYN DAWSON, M.A.

Born in Dunedin on 2nd March 1918 to John and Alice Dawson, Selwyn moved to Gisborne with his family where he grew up. His father died in 1920. After matriculating from Gisborne High School, he worked in Cook Hospital Board Office and later in the Lands and Survey Department. Following his acceptance as a candidate for the ministry, he trained at Trinity College, 1940-42. On completing probation in Gonville, Wanganui (1943-46), he was ordained and served as a Chaplain to the 'J Force' in Japan (1947-48).

On returning to New Zealand his marriage to Enid Myra Burton began a partnership in ministry which has been greatly enhanced by Enid's

scintillating personality and gifts as a homemaker, hostess, musician and social worker. Their four children have brought great enrichment and been a constant source of joy.

Subsequent to his marriage his circuit appointments were Porirua (1948-53), Takapuna (1954-62), Durham St (1962-72), Pitt Street (1972-80), and Glen Innes (1980-).

After graduating M.A. during his Porirua ministry, Selwyn's appointment to Takapuna saw the development of his prophetic and teaching ministry. While at Durham Street the Aldersgate Centre was begun and for ten years he represented the Church on the Executive of the N.C.C. including two years as President (1967-68). During the first year at Pitt Street, Selwyn was President of the Conference and visited Samoa. His ministry to the Pitt Street multicultural congregation furthered his sensitivity to the needs of ministry with ethnic groups in greater Auckland and this concern was carried over into his work as a City Councillor for six years.

With his strong ecumenical commitment and genuine concern for minority groups his present appointment to the Co-operating Parish of St Mary's, Glen Innes gives him deep satisfaction and joy in ministering to the richer fellowship of a multicultural congregation.

A lengthy period as Convener of the Conference Public Questions Committee is symbolic of his keen interest in social issues expressed through pen and voice in many situations of Church and community life.

Despite intermittent struggles with indifferent health, Selwyn has brought to the Church a quality of leadership masked by prophetic insight and courage, evangelical passion and pastoral concern for which the whole church gives thanks to God. We pray for him and Enid a retirement in which continued service is matched by a lessening of pressure and increasing leisure for creative pursuits.

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IAN DESMOND GRANT

Many of the gifts brought to ordained ministry by Ian and Huia Grant had already been tested in the activities of lay ministry over a number of years and through many positions of responsibility in circuit life.

After overseas service with the Royal New Zealand Air Force, Ian returned to farming and church life at Opotiki. After service as Sunday School teacher, Bible Class leader, Lay Preacher and Circuit Steward, Ian tested his call to ministry as a Home Missionary at Inglewood. His call was confirmed with his acceptance as a candidate in 1952. A year on the President's list of reserve spent as a private student and two years as a married student pastor enabled Ian to complete the college course. Circuit appointments for the Grants were a further three years in Auckland Central followed by six years at Stoke, seven years at Pukekohe, six at Birkenhead and now completing four years at Matamata.

Ian and Huia have teamed to share ministry in each of these circuits with an emphasis on caring for people. Huia's pastoral involvement came professionally for she continued when possible to apply her

skills as a nurse as part of her contribution to her family, the church and the wider community.

Whilst indifferent health has been a restrictive element in Ian's ministry, his carefully prepared lead in worship and in-depth preaching are still remembered in each congregation. Furthermore, his ability to reach people in time of need was never determined by church affiliation. Ian's pastoral heart has always been large and his contribution in each circuit's life marked by the sincerity of his caring ministry.

At Stoke the present modern complex was planned and built during Ian's ministry. It was his diligence and enthusiasm that helped the congregation and Trust to prepare for and build so wisely and so well.

An emergence of Stewardship as an element of discipleship caught Ian's imagination, and many circuits other than those in which he served have cause to be thankful to this man for his skill and ability to teach and encourage new understandings of stewardship.

Ian and Huia now go into a new phase of service for their Lord. As they superannuate they will take memories of acceptable and appreciated ministry in each circuit in which they have served. We wish them well.

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WILLIAM JAMES MORRISON, M.A.

Few ministers have so warmly commended themselves, whether as person or parson, to their colleagues as has Bill Morrison. He has brought to his relationships with fellow ministers, as to his dealings with lay folk in all his circuits, a deeply human approach, an understanding and compassionate spirit and a marvellous sense of humour. His ministry throughout has been marked by keen theological insight, thoughtful preaching, pain-staking pastoral care, able but unpretentious leadership, fairness of judgment, a strong commitment to ecumenism and church union and a down-to-earth, practical approach to Christian witness and service.

In 1939 Bill entered Trinity College as a student in training for the ministry and in his final year was elected Senior Student. He served his probation in Taihape, and in the Johnsonville-Ngaio Circuit at Tawa-Porirua, continuing in the latter circuit following his ordination in 1946. His subsequent appointments were at Brooklyn (1948-50), Timaru at Woodlands Street (1951-56). In 1956 he went to England and served in the Midlands in Dudley Circuit for three years. On his return he was appointed to Wesley Church in the Dunedin South Circuit (1960-63), thence to Te Awamutu (1964-68) and, for the last thirteen years at Hillcrest, first, when it was a church in the Hamilton East Circuit and, since May 1977, as part of the Hillcrest Anglican-Methodist-Presbyterian Co-operating Parish.

Bill served as Chairman of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty District for eight years (1972-79) and in 1974 was honoured by the Church in his election as President. He has been a valued member of a number of Connexional Committees. Undoubtedly, his most memorable contribution

to the Church has been as Convener of the Church Union Committee for the last fourteen years (1967-81) and as a member of the Joint Commission on Church Union during the crucial years of the vote on the Plan for Union, 1971, and its difficult aftermath following the rejection of the Plan. His leadership and judgment have been marked by realism, charity and vision.

Throughout his ministry, since his marriage in 1944, Bill has had the loyal and devoted support of his wife, Mary (nee Hammond, a well-known Blenheim Anglican family), who has given generously of her gifts and time in leadership, music and hospitality. Their three daughters, Janice, Shirley and Brenda have been a source of pride and joy, while their grandchildren have brought them added pleasure.

The whole Church acknowledges its gratitude to God for their faithful ministry and wishes them many happy and rewarding years in their retirement.

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ANDREW ROGER GEORGE NUTTALL, B.A.

George William Nuttall, active Bible Class leader Sunday School teach and lay preacher, whole-heartedly devoted to the work of the Kingdom of God. This was the man of whom his son said, "Anything of Christian experience in me was an inheritance from my father". Born in Richmond, Nelson in 1920, Roger Nuttall was educated at Nelson College and entered the Public Trust Office in Wellington. He served as a wireless operator with the R.N.Z.A.F. and was an extra-mural university student, later graduating Bachelor of Arts.

Having completed lay preacher and candidate exams Roger served as Home Mission supply at Patea during 1945-46. He was accepted for training at Trinity College, being senior student in 1948. During two years in the Lower Hutt Circuit he established the nucleus of the Rata Street Church, Naenae. At the end of 1950 he married Sister Noeline Wilson and they were appointed to Kawakawa-Kaikohe. There he first suffered from asthma and after a protracted struggle with chronic bronchitis, during which he ministered in the Gonville, Pahiatua and Hamilton Circuits he resigned from active ministry at the end of 1961.

Through the good offices of Mr Eric Heggie, he was offered a position with the Government Life office in Hamilton. Continuing as a Sunday School teacher and lay preacher, he became secretary of the Hamilton branch of the National Council of Churches. Through scientific research medication was developed which controlled the condition of asthma, but in 1974 he developed rheumatoid arthritis and passed through further ill-health until this was stabilised.

His continuing service to the church, especially in the Hamilton Circuit, was recognised when he was re-admitted to Full Connexion by the 1976 Conference. Roger was an office delegate to the Public Service Association and has taken a keen interest in the work of the Interchurch Trade and Industry Mission. This experience, together with his wide and thoughtful reading, has enhanced his innate concern for the welfare of others and the relevance of the Gospel.

Two strong convictions have sustained him through adverse experiences: first, a deep awareness of the corporate nature of the church

which has been to him as the mother he never knew; and then, his own inescapable sense of call which has never deserted him. We pray that his retirement may be enriched through new opportunities of service for his Lord.

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TREVOR SHEPHERD

Trevor Shepherd was a man with a mission, strong inner conviction and a decided determination.

At 16 he was converted at a Bible Class Camp, when he not only dedicated his life to Jesus Christ but also to the ministry of the church and to overseas mission service in particular.

Two years later, a fully accredited lay preacher, and in the following year Home Mission probationer at Hikurangi, he served the church with youthful enthusiasm and growing acceptance, while also preparing for candidature. Entering Trinity College in 1943, Trevor found theological study difficult, but with characteristic determination developed disciplined work habits, receiving a prize for the student achieving greatest progress in one year, and graduating in 1945 well able to grapple with the tremendous demands of ministry in a rapidly changing post-war period.

Following a year of probation at Taihape, and his very happy marriage to Miss Gloria Pickford of Wanganui who for the next 34 years shared most capably and willingly his ministry, Conference appointed him to Teop, Solomon Islands, confirming the call of Christ he received as a lad of 16.

The ten years he and Gloria spent in the Solomons, 5 at Teop and 5 at Vella La Vella, though difficult in the aftermath of war and the years of invasion by the Japanese, were productive and valuable. Few were better qualified to help meet the challenge of reconstruction and rehabilitation of both the church and society.

Widely divergent practical experience and dedicated devotion complemented their love for Jesus Christ and for people, involving them in everything from building a water wheel to generate electricity to counselling, nursing, teaching, preaching and some effective administration including a term for Trevor as District Secretary. They totally shared the life of their people and were greatly missed on their return to New Zealand in 1957, having contributed in no small way towards the formation of a more completely indigenous island church.

Five years as Superintendent of the Oxford Circuit followed by four years at St David's Bryndwr developed further his distinctive gifts as pastor and preacher, and helped prepare him for his eleven years as Superintendent of Hamilton East Circuit. Always interested in various community affairs, so far as the demands of a busy city circuit would allow, Trevor most effectively served as Industrial Chaplain to the Hamilton Traffic Department before being transferred in 1978 to Opotiki Union Parish.

Equally at home on the mission field overseas or in country-town or city circuits, leading Church-People Tours overseas and to Oberammergau, visiting such places as Hawaii, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, .

Raratonga and Tasmania (he is known as 'The Minister of Tourism' by some in the church), he has formed many lasting friendships and influenced the lives of many people. His ability to identify with folk of every kind and yet always to be himself, his irrepressible sense of humour, practical common sense, and a down-to-earth gospel which has brought many into touch with Jesus Christ and reality, have enriched his total ministry, and the whole church anticipates for him and Gloria a most creative, exciting and restful retirement.

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LEONARD VICTOR WILLING

Enthusiasm for Christ and His Church, a wide range of warm personal relationships and an enjoyment of life to the full, are some of the characteristics of Len Willing's ministry.

He was born in 1918 in London's West End. The family emigrated to New Zealand in 1926 and settled in Wellington. After three years in an insurance office, Len entered Trinity College in 1939. He was a probationer at Ngaio and Taihape. Since ordination he has served in Eketa-huna, Wellington East (Miramar-Worser Bay) Christchurch East (Shirley-Richmond), Lower Hutt, Hawera and Taranaki-Wanganui Maori Circuits. Following his service at Shirley-Richmond he spent a year as Housemaster at the nearby Burwood Training Centre. His work was with disturbed adolescents and this work benefitted his subsequent ministry.

Len Willing's gifts were recognised beyond his immediate Circuits. He was greatly sought after as leader and speaker at camps and youth gatherings. He has been National Chaplain to the Girls' Brigade, member of various Conference Standing Committees including Finance and Stewardship, Youth Board, and Chairman of Taranaki-Wanganui Synod. In the wider community he was President of the Cerebral Palsy Association, Vice-President of the Intellectually Handicapped Children's Society, and the Crippled Children's Society in Hawera.

Len and Esther Watson of Taihape were married in 1946. They have two daughters, two sons, and two grandchildren. The marriage has been a great support to Len personally as well as in his ministry.

In his later ministry Len developed an exceptional facility with the Maori Language and is highly valued as a speaker on the marae. This, and his open, warm, and accepting personality enabled him to establish good relationships with the Maori. They, with all the Circuits in which he ministered remember his ministry gratefully, and wish Len and Esther well in their retirement.

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DOROTHEA M. NOBLE, B.A.

A mainlander by birth, brought up and educated in Auckland, where she trained as a teacher and graduated from University, the ministry of Thea Noble has been mainly in the Hutt Valley, where she is held in high regard by many.

A woman of quiet determination and strong courage she was a pioneer in many ways. She was the founder member of the Order of Saint Stephen, served for a number of years as a field worker with the Youth Department, then trained as a Minister at Trinity College.

Her first appointment was in the Hutt Circuit at Avalon-Epuni where she was from 1959-1961. That year saw her marriage to Jim Noble, who has supported and encouraged her in all that she has done. When her two children were old enough, she returned to the Circuit ministry, again in the Hutt Circuit, this time at Petone where from 1973-1977 she ministered most acceptably first as a part-time then on a full time basis.

In both appointments people came to appreciate her strong sincerity, her sharp, incisive mind and her real and gentle compassion. She worked well with her colleagues and was a valued and trusted friend.

It was with regret that because of ill health, Thea gave up the circuit ministry, but she soon found herself an effective way of caring for people as a Medical Social Worker at Hutt Hospital. Thea Noble's ministry was a rich and valuable one and as she retires, we wish Jim and herself and the family, much happiness in the years ahead.

STATISTICS

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1981.

DISTRICT

| Ref. No. | CIRCUITS/PARISHES | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Confirmations
(Exclusive of Adult Baptisms) | Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1980 | Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1981 | Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|--|--|---|
| 1000 | NORTHLAND | 40 | 21 | 4 | 902 | 994 | 6 |
| 2000 | AUCKLAND | 311 | 12 | 88 | 5202 | 5102 | 81 |
| 3000 | WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY | 133 | 11 | 40 | 3155 | 3146 | 52 |
| 4000 | TARANAKI-WANGANUI | 71 | 6 | 28 | 1575 | 1497 | 19 |
| 5000 | HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU | 78 | 16 | 29 | 1936 | 1928 | 28 |
| 6000 | WELLINGTON | 112 | 3 | 97 | 2473 | 2541 | 46 |
| 7000 | NELSON | 38 | 1 | 15 | 1081 | 1051 | 25 |
| 8000 | NORTH CANTERBURY | 66 | 29 | 24 | 3390 | 3259 | 66 |
| 8300 | SOUTH CANTERBURY | 20 | 1 | 6 | 925 | 920 | 14 |
| 9000 | OTAGO-SOUTHLAND | 27 | 5 | 32 | 1354 | 1346 | 29 |
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| 1010 | MANGONUI COUNTY UNION | 2 | - | - | 55 | 95 | 3 |
| 1020 | KAIKOHE UNION | - | 2 | - | 18 | 17 | - |
| 1030 | SOUTH BAY OF ISLANDS CO-OP. | 4 | - | 3 | - | 65 | - |
| 1040 | KAEO-KERIKERI | 4 | - | - | 84 | 80 | - |
| 1050 | NORTH HOKIANGA CO-OP | 1 | - | - | 41 | 41 | - |
| 1060 | SOUTH HOKIANGA CO-OP. | 1 | - | - | 41 | 41 | - |
| 1070 | HIKURANGI UNION | 5 | 7 | - | 34 | 26 | - |
| 1080 | WHANGAREI UNITING ST.JOHNS/RAUMUNGA | 13 | - | - | 313 | 291 | - |
| 1090 | DARGAVILLE | 3 | - | - | 137 | 148 | 2 |
| 1100 | RUAWAI CO-OP. | 2 | - | - | 51 | 45 | 1 |
| 1110 | PAPAROA | 1 | 11 | - | 54 | 65 | - |
| 1120 | WELLSFORD | 4 | 1 | - | 74 | 80 | - |
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| 2010 | AUCKLAND CENTRAL | 19 | 1 | 13 | 410 | 407 | 8 |
| 2020 | AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION | 5 | - | - | 183 | 177 | 9 |
| 2030 | BALMORAL-ROSKILL | 19 | - | 8 | 388 | 365 | 4 |
| 2040 | AUCKLAND EAST | 21 | 4 | - | 506 | 486 | 8 |
| 2050 | BUCKLANDS BEACH CO-OP. PARISH | 5 | - | 3 | 22 | 28 | - |
| 2060 | ORAKEI | 7 | 1 | - | 262 | 267 | 4 |
| 2070 | GLEN INNES CO-OP. PARISH | 7 | - | - | 33 | 37 | - |
| 2080 | MT. ALBERT | 5 | 1 | 2 | 164 | 154 | 2 |
| 2090 | AVONDALE UNION PARISH | - | - | - | 45 | 21 | 1 |
| 2100 | HENDERSON) | 30 | 3 | 7 | 388 | 349 | 3 |
| 2110 | RANUI) | | | | | | |
| 2120 | TE ATATU | 8 | - | 1 | 58 | 57 | 1 |
| 2130 | DEVONPORT | 2 | - | 3 | 87 | 91 | - |
| 2140 | TAKAPUNA | 34 | - | - | 595 | 619 | 11 |
| 2150 | BIRKENHEAD | 7 | - | 8 | 169 | 172 | 1 |
| 2160 | GLENFIELD-ALBANY CO-OP. PARISH | 8 | - | - | 86 | 65 | 1 |
| 2170 | BIRKDALE-BEACHHAVEN UNION PARISH | - | - | - | 40 | 35 | - |
| 2180 | NORTHCOTE | 4 | - | 5 | 110 | 118 | 1 |
| 2190 | ONEHUNGA | 13 | - | - | 300 | 255 | 4 |

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| 2200 | OTAHUHU | 9 | - | 6 | 102 | 109 | 2 |
| 2210 | PAPATOETOE | 23 | - | 9 | 266 | 280 | 6 |
| 2220 | MANUREWA | 18 | 1 | 8 | 155 | 130 | 3 |
| 2230 | PAPAKURA | 11 | - | - | 190 | 214 | 3 |
| 2240 | PUKEKOHE | 6 | - | 9 | 180 | 182 | 1 |
| 2250 | TUAKAU UNION PARISH | - | - | - | 21 | 20 | - |
| 2260 | WAIUKU | 6 | - | - | 89 | 87 | 2 |
| 2270 | SOUTH KAIPARA CO-OP. PARISH | 21 | - | - | 65 | 66 | - |
| 2280 | WHANGAPARAOA | 11 | - | - | 110 | 122 | 2 |
| 2290 | MAHURANGI | 2 | 1 | 6 | 104 | 111 | 2 |
| 2300 | ST. AUSTELLS CO-OP. PARISH | 5 | - | - | 74 | 47 | - |
| 2310 | WATERVIEW | 5 | - | - | - | 31 | 2 |
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| | TOTAL | 311 | 12 | 88 | 5202 | 5102 | 81 |

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| 3010 | THAMES UNION PARISH | 14 | | | 71 | 90 | 1 |
| 3020 | HAURAKI PLAINS CO-OPERATING PARISH | 1 | | | 36 | 46 | |
| 3030 | PAEROA | 3 | 2 | | 49 | 47 | 1 |
| 3040 | WAIHI | 5 | | | 50 | 56 | |
| 3050 | TE AROHA CO-OPERATING PARISH | 5 | | | 145 | 134 | 2 |
| 3060 | MORRINSVILLE | 1 | 1 | 2 | 174 | 155 | 3 |
| 3070 | CAMBRIDGE UNION PARISH | | | 5 | 142 | 127 | 4 |
| 3080 | HAMILTON | 12 | | 8 | 329 | 379 | 6 |
| 3090 | RAGLAN UNION PARISH | | | | 28 | 26 | |
| 3100 | HAMILTON EAST | 10 | 1 | 8 | 196 | 206 | 2 |
| 3110 | CHARTWELL CO-OPERATING PARISH | 16 | 1 | 1 | 55 | 70 | 3 |
| 3120 | NGARUAWAHIA UNION PARISH | 4 | 1 | | 51 | 44 | |
| 3130 | HUNTLY CO-OPERATING PARISH | 3 | 3 | | 72 | 69 | |
| 3140 | MATAMATA UNION PARISH | 5 | | | 171 | 164 | 3 |
| 3150 | PUTARURU CO-OPERATING PARISH | 2 | | | 48 | 42 | |
| 3160 | TOKOROA | 5 | | 2 | 70 | 60 | |
| 3170 | ROTORUA | 6 | | | 221 | 175 | 5 |
| 3180 | TAUPO UNION PARISH | 2 | | 1 | 59 | 67 | 3 |
| 3190 * | WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY | 6 | | | 501 * | 364 | 4 |

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| 3200 | GREERTON UNION PARISH | | 1 | | 46 | 52 | 1 |
| 3210 * | TE PUKE | 4 | 1 | 8 | * | 129 | 1 |
| 3220 | WHAKATANE CO-OPERATING PARISH | 1 | | | 69 | 75 | 1 |
| 3230 | KAWERAU | | | | 15 | 14 | 1 |
| 3240 | OPOTIKI UNION PARISH | 4 | | | 29 | 35 | 1 |
| 3250 | TE AWAMUTU | 4 | | 2 | 179 | 187 | 2 |
| 3260 | OTOROHANGA | 4 | | | 94 | 91 | 3 |
| 3270 | TE KUITI | | | | 12 | 12 | |
| 3280 | TAUMARUNUI | 7 | | | 50 | 58 | 2 |
| 3290 | TURANGI CO-OPERATING PARISH | 2 | | | 9 | 9 | |
| 3300 | OHURA | 1 | | | 22 | 20 | 1 |
| 3320 | COROMANDEL | | | | 7 | 6 | |
| 3330 | HILLCREST CO-OPERATING PARISH | 6 | | 3 | 144 | 126 | 2 |
| 3340 | PIO PIO-ARIA CO-OPERATING PARISH | | | | 11 | 11 | |
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| | * one circuit last year | 133 | 11 | 40 | 3155 | 3146 | 52 |
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GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1981.

DISTRICT . TĀRĀNĀKĪ-WĀNGĀNUI

| Ref. No. | CIRCUITS/PARISHES | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Confirmations
(Exclusive
of Adult
Baptisms) | Number on
Electoral
Roll on
30 June
1980 | Number on
Electoral
Roll on
30 June
1981 | Number
removed
from Elect-
oral Roll
by Death |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|--|--|---|
| 4010 | NEW PLYMOUTH | 11 | 1 | 6 | 462 | 387 | 7 |
| 4020 | WAITARA | 15 | 4 | 4 | 101 | 107 | 2 |
| 4030 | STRATFORD | 1 | - | 6 | 130 | 136 | 2 |
| 4040 | ELTHAM-KAPONGA CO-OPERATING | 2 | - | - | 85 | 81 | 1 |
| 4050 | HAWERA | 9 | - | - | 124 | 125 | 2 |
| 4060 | MANAIA UNION | 3 | - | - | 35 | 34 | - |
| 4070 | OPUNAKE CO-OPERATING | 1 | - | - | 99 | 90 | - |
| 4080 | OKATO CO-OPERATING | 10 | - | 1 | 70 | 64 | - |
| 4090 | WANGANUI | 14 | - | 11 | 385 | 399 | 4 |
| 4110 | INGLEWOOD UNION | 4 | - | - | 67 | 63 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 4017 | BROOKLANDS CO-OPERATING | 1 | 1 | - | 10 | 14 | - |
| 4015 | BELL BLOCK CO-OPERATING | | | | | | |
| | PATEA RECIPROCAL | - | - | - | 7 | 7 | - |
| | WAIOURU CO-OPERATING | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | TOTALS | 71 | 6 | 28 | 1575 | 1497 | 19 |
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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1981.

DISTRICT . HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU . . .

| Ref. No. | CIRCUITS/PARISHES | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms) | Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1980 | Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1981 | Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death |
|----------|---|-----------------|----------------|---|--|--|---|
| 5010 | NAPIER | 19 | 6 | - | 291 | 325 | 5 |
| 5020 | HASTINGS | 5 | - | 6 | 342 | 287 | 3 |
| 5030 | FLAXMERE CO-OPERATING | 1 | - | - | 6 | 7 | - |
| 5040 | GISBORNE | 8 | - | - | 105 | 106 | 2 |
| 5050 | MANGAPAPA UNION | - | - | 1 | 18 | 18 | - |
| 5060 | PRESBYTERIAN-METHODIST PARISH OF WAIROA | - | 1 | 1 | 23 | 22 | - |
| 5070 | DANNEVIRKE - NORSEWOOD | - | - | 7 | 103 | 106 | 3 |
| 5080 | WOODVILLE UNION | - | - | - | 63 | 52 | 4 |
| 5090 | PAHIATUA UNION | 5 | 1 | 3 | 45 | 51 | - |
| 5100 | PALMERSTON NORTH | 16 | 2 | 9 | 457 | 466 | 2 |
| 5110 | ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE | 10 | 3 | - | 106 | 96 | 3 |
| 5120 | FIELDING-OROUA | 5 | - | 1 | 177 | 177 | 2 |
| 5130 | MARTON | 5 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 54 | 1 |
| 5140 | RONGOTEA-SANSON CO-OPERATING | 2 | 2 | - | 104 | 100 | 1 |
| 5150 | FOXTON UNION | 1 | - | - | 46 | 41 | 2 |
| 5160 | TAMATEA COMMUNITY CHURCH | | | | | | |
| 5170 | WAIPAWA CO-OPERATING | 1 | - | - | | 20 | - |
| | | | | | | | |
| | TOTALS | 78 | 16 | 29 | 1936 | 1928 | 28 |

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1981.

DISTRICT . . . WELLINGTON

| Ref. No. | CIRCUITS/PARISHES | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms) | Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1980 | Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1981 | Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---|--|--|---|
| 6010 | WELLINGTON CENTRAL | 21 | 2 | 62 | 241 | 286 | 6 |
| 6020 | WELLINGTON WEST | 4 | - | 5 | 105 | 112 | 3 |
| 6030 | WELLINGTON SOUTH UNION | 1 | - | 1 | 53 | 58 | - |
| 6040 | WELLINGTON EAST | 3 | - | - | 35 | 41 | - |
| 6050 | MIRAMAR CO-OPERATING | 2 | - | 2 | 55 | 57 | - |
| 6060 | NGAIO UNION | 1 | - | - | 60 | 89 | - |
| 6070 | JOHNSONVILLE UNION | 4 | - | 1 | 90 | 90 | 2 |
| 6080 | NEWLANDS UNION | 2 | - | - | 15 | 20 | - |
| 6090 | PORIRUA | - | - | - | 10 | 11 | - |
| 6100 | PLIMMERTON-PAEKAKARIKI | - | - | - | 129 | 80 | - |
| 6110 | TAWA UNION | 15 | - | - | 192 | 207 | 4 |
| 6120 | LOWER HUTT-PETONE | 27 | - | 14 | 574 | 573 | 10 |
| 6130 | TAITA UNION | 1 | - | - | 5 | 5 | - |
| 6140 | UPPER HUTT CO-OPERATING | 5 | - | 2 | 173 | 164 | 1 |
| 6150 | WAINUIOMATA UNION | 4 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 34 | 1 |
| 6160 | GREYTOWN ST. ANDREW'S UNION | 2 | - | - | 22 | 23 | 1 |
| 6170 | FEATHERSTON UNION | - | - | - | 12 | 13 | - |
| 6180 | CARTERTON UNION | 1 | - | 1 | 47 | 39 | - |
| 6190 | MASTERTON ST. LUKE'S UNION | 6 | - | - | 142 | 127 | 3 |

DISTRICT WELLINGTON

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GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1981.

DISTRICT . NELSON

| Ref. No. | CIRCUITS/PARISHES | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Confirmations
(Exclusive of Adult Baptisms) | Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1980 | Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1981 | Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death |
|----------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|--|--|---|
| 7010 | NELSON | 11 | 1 | 4 | 337 | 324 | 6 |
| 7020 | ST. LUKE'S UNION PARISH | 1 | - | - | 22 | 23 | 1 |
| 7030 | WAIMEA | 3 | - | 2 | 141 | 134 | 5 |
| 7040 | MOTUEKA UNITING PARISH | - | - | - | 80 | 64 | 6 |
| 7050 | MOUTERE HILLS UNITING PARISH | - | - | - | 14 | 11 | - |
| 7060 | MURCHISON | - | - | 2 | 14 | 17 | |
| 7070 | BLENHEIM | 13 | - | 2 | 265 | 266 | 8 |
| 7080 | PICTON UNION PARISH | 2 | - | - | 41 | 38 | - |
| 7090 | REEFTON | 1 | - | - | 32 | 32 | 1 |
| 7100 | BULLER UNION PARISH | 1 | - | 1 | 36 | 36 | - |
| 7110 | GREYMOUTH UNION PARISH | 5 | - | 2 | 90 | 76 | - |
| 7120 | HOKITIKA UNION PARISH | 1 | - | - | 33 | 30 | - |
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| | TOTALS | 38 | 1 | 15 | 1081 | 1051 | 25 |

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1981.

DISTRICT . . NORTH, CANTERBURY

| Ref. No. | CIRCUITS/PARISHES | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms) | Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1980 | Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1981 | Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death |
|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---|--|--|---|
| 8010 | Christchurch Central Mission | 3 | - | 4 | 305 | 257 | 10 |
| 8020 | Christchurch South | 4 | - | 1 | 210 | 196 | 4 |
| 8030 | Christchurch East | 7 | 3 | 7 | 476 | 443 | 9 |
| 8040 | New Brighton Union | 4 | 5 | - | 63 | 66 | 3 |
| 8050 | Sumner-Redcliffs Union | 2 | 1 | 1 | 72 | 74 | 5 |
| 8060 | South East Christchurch Union | - | - | - | 33 | 39 | - |
| 8070 | Lyttelton Union | - | - | - | 15 | 25 | - |
| 8080 | Christchurch (Opawa) | - | 9 | 3 | 146 | 152 | 1 |
| 8090 | Beckenham-Sydenham | 2 | 6 | - | 151 | 152 | - |
| 8100 | Christchurch (Spreydon) | - | - | 1 | 100 | 98 | 2 |
| 8110 | Halewell Union | 2 | - | - | 63 | 51 | - |
| 8120 | Christchurch (Riscarton) | 6 | 4 | 7 | 323 | 332 | 4 |
| 8130 | Christchurch (St Albans) | 7 | - | - | 430 | 363 | 12 |
| 8140 | Christchurch (Papanui) | 6 | - | 3 | 335 | 343 | 5 |
| 8150 | Hornby | 5 | - | - | 72 | 64 | - |
| 8160 | Lincoln Union | 5 | 1 | - | 51 | 53 | - |
| 8170 | Leeston Co-operating | 2 | - | - | 78 | 77 | 2 |
| 8180 | Kaiapoi Co-operating | 4 | - | 7 | 132 | 134 | - |
| 8190 | Rangiora | 4 | - | - | 216 | 208 | 3 |

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1981.

DISTRICT . NORTH . CANTERBURY

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1981.

DISTRICT . . SOUTH CANTERBURY

| Ref. No. | CIRCUITS/PARISHES | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Confirmations
(Exclusive
of Adult
Baptisms) | Number on
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Roll on
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1980 | Number on
Electoral
Roll on
30 June
1981 | Number
removed
from Elect-
oral Roll
by Death |
|----------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--|--|--|---|
| 8310 | HANK STREET | 4 | - | - | 79 | 76 | 1 |
| 8320 | WOODLANDS STREET | 2 | 1 | 2 | 185 | 183 | - |
| 8330 | ST. DAVID'S MARCHWIEL UNION | 2 | - | - | 57 | 48 | 1 |
| 8340 | TWIZEL | No figures returned | | | | | |
| 8350 | WAIMATE | 2 | - | - | 98 | 98 | 1 |
| 8360 | GERALDINE CO-OPERATING | - | - | - | 34 | 35 | - |
| 8370 | TEMUKA | - | - | - | 42 | 38 | - |
| 8380 | ASHBURTON | 5 | - | - | 278 | 271 | 7 |
| 8390 | ALLENTON UNION | 4 | - | 1 | 44 | 48 | - |
| 8400 | OAMARU UNION | 1 | - | 3 | 108 | 123 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | TOTALS | 20 | 1 | 6 | 925 | 920 | 14 |
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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1981.

DISTRICT . OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

| Ref. No. | CIRCUITS/PARISHES | Infant Baptisms | Adult Baptisms | Confirmations
(Exclusive
of Adult
Baptisms) | Number on
Electoral
Roll on
30 June
1980 | Number on
Electoral
Roll on
30 June
1981 | Number
removed
from Elect-
oral Roll
by Death |
|----------|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|--|--|---|
| 9020 | DUNEDIN MISSION | 12 | 1 | 10 | 489 | 498 | 12 |
| 9040 | WEST HARBOUR UNITED | - | - | - | 22 | 17 | 1 |
| 9050 | WEST DUNEDIN UNION PARISH | 2 | 1 | - | 72 | 73 | - |
| 9060 | CORSTORPHINE-CONCORD UNION | - | - | - | 11 | 15 | - |
| 9070 | GRANTS BRAES UNION | 1 | - | - | 20 | 21 | - |
| 9080 | TOKOMAIRIRO CO-OPERATING | - | - | - | 38 | 32 | - |
| 9090 | BALCLUTHA | - | - | - | 57 | 41 | - |
| 9100 | GORE | - | - | - | 62 | 62 | - |
| 9110 | INVERCARGILL | 6 | 3 | 20 | 425 | 429 | 9 |
| 9120 | RIVERTON UNION | - | - | - | 19 | 17 | 2 |
| 9130 | OTAUTAU UNION | - | - | - | 11 | 5 | 3 |
| 9140 | WAINONO UNION | 2 | - | - | 25 | 27 | 1 |
| 9150 | BLUFF-GREENHILLS STEWART ISLAND | - | - | - | 40 | 40 | - |
| 9160 | TEVIOT UNION | 2 | - | 1 | 19 | 23 | - |
| 9170 | ALEXANDRA-CLYDE UNION | - | - | - | 31 | 31 | - |
| 9180 | UNITED CHURCH OF PORT CHALMERS | 2 | - | 1 | 13 | 15 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | TOTALS | 27 | 5 | 32 | 1354 | 1346 | 29 |
| | | | | | | | |

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for year ended 31st March 1981

| <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> | <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| \$ | | \$ | \$ | | \$ |
| 39,685 | Administration Fees (Note 2) | 72,943.49 | 5,115 | Dividends Received | 5,004.88 |
| 1,665 | Audit Fee | 1,977.26 | 326,279 | Interest Received on Investments | 659,050.97 |
| -- | Computer Processing | 4,179.40 | 65,458 | Rental Received | 65,458.08 |
| 37,476 | Interest Paid | 97,180.86 | | | |
| -- | Insurance | 82.00 | | | |
| 143 | Legal Fees | 100.00 | | | |
| 5,205 | Maintenance Buildings | 4,887.71 | | | |
| -- | Property Valuations Fees | 755.00 | | | |
| 954 | Stationery Postage & General Expenses | 841.91 | | | |
| 33 | Telephone and Tolls | 143.16 | | | |
| 380 | Travelling Expenses | 904.06 | | | |
| 311,311 | Excess Income over Expenditure | 545,519.08 | | | |
| <u>396,852</u> | | <u>729,513.93</u> | <u>396,852</u> | | <u>729,513.93</u> |

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

for year ended 31st March, 1981

| | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Distributions Paid:- | | 311,311 | Income available for Distribution | 545,519.08 |
| 96,589 | Short Term Depositors (Note 3) | 215,646.78 | | | |
| 214,722 | Long Term Depositors | 329,072.30 | | | |
| -- | Transfer to General Reserve | 800.00 | | | |
| <u>311,311</u> | | <u>545,519.08</u> | <u>311,311</u> | | <u>545,519.08</u> |

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NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH, 1981

| 1980 | | 1981 | 1980 | | 1981 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| \$ | | \$ | \$ | | \$ |
| <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | |
| 21,919 | Sundry Creditors | 51,318.44 | 22,921 | Bank of New Zealand | 1,203.34 |
| 20,062 | Interest Accrued | <u>13,710.69</u> | 85,774 | Interest Accrued | <u>123,807.90</u> |
| 41,981 | | 65,029.13 | 108,695 | | 125,011.24 |
| <u>TERM DEPOSITS</u> | | | <u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u> | | |
| 1,135,539 | Short Term Deposits | 2,362,176.26 | | Short Term:- | |
| 2,490,650 | Long Term Deposits | <u>3,687,761.36</u> | 252,000 | Deposits at Call | -- -- |
| 3,626,189 | | 6,049,937.62 | 718,836 | Transferable Certificates of Deposits | 244,500.00 |
| | | | | Term Deposits - Trading Banks and Others | 3,900,000.00 |
| <u>TERM LOANS</u> | | | 1,462,000 | Long Term:- | |
| 401,212 | Loans from Trusts | 954,615.61 | 125,000 | Savings Banks Deposits | 275,000.00 |
| | | | 51,916 | Shares (Note 4) | 72,873.04 |
| <u>PROVISIONS AND RESERVES</u> | | | 659,935 | Debentures | 1,495,125.00 |
| 6,703 | Maintenance Provisions- | | 100,000 | Local Body Stock | 100,000.00 |
| -- | Buildings | 11,242.92 | -- | Mortgage (Note 6) | <u>220,500.00</u> |
| -- | Accounting System Development | 1,000.00 | 3,369,687 | | 6,307,998.04 |
| -- | General Reserve | 800.00 | | | |
| -- | Property Revaluation Reserve | <u>43,912.38</u> | | | |
| 6,703 | | 56,955.30 | | <u>DEFERRED CHARGES</u> | |
| | | | | Accounting Development Costs | 8,000.00 |
| | | | | Capital Distribution (Note 7) | <u>43,912.38</u> |
| | | | | | 51,912.38 |
| | | | | <u>FIXED ASSETS (at Cost or Valuation)</u> | |
| | | | | (Note 5) | |
| | | | 201,087 | Matthews Building - Auckland | 245,000.00 |
| | | | 396,616 | Hallmark Building - Hamilton | <u>396,616.00</u> |
| | | | 597,703 | | 641,616.00 |
| | | | | | |
| 4,076,085 | | 7,126,537.66 | 4,076,085 | | 7,126,537.66 |

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH, 1981

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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, 1981. 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 respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association (Inc.) as at 31st March, 1981, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

McCulloch Menzies

McCULLOCH MENZIES,
Chartered Accountants.

CHRISTCHURCH
25th June 1981

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) Depreciation - No Depreciation has been provided for on Buildings.
 - (b) Investments - All Investments have been valued At Cost.
 - (c) 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. Distributions 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 \$97,942.

Note 5. Land and Buildings

| | <u>MATTHEWS BUILDING</u> | <u>HALLMARK BUILDING</u> |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Valuation 1981</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
| Land | \$ 37,000 | \$ 76,311 |
| Building | \$208,000 | \$320,305 |
| | <u>\$245,000</u> | <u>\$396,616</u> |

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH, 1981

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS - continued

Note 6. Mortgage of \$220,500 is offset by a loan from Wesley College Trust Board.

Note 7. The first tri-annual revaluation of property resulted in an unrealised capital gain of \$43,912.38 provisionally and separately allocated to Long Term Depositors.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1981

| <u>Eighteen</u> | | | <u>Eighteen</u> | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| <u>Month</u> | | | <u>Month</u> | | |
| <u>Period</u> | | | <u>Period</u> | | |
| <u>1980</u> | | | <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> |
| <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> |
| 959 | Administration Fee | 1,500 | 5,869 | Interest Received | 9,764 |
| 221 | Advertising | 21 | | | |
| 200 | Audit Fee | 600 | 273 | Commission Received | 2,608 |
| 1,142 | Computer Processing | 970 | | | |
| 165 | General and Office Expenses | 96 | | | |
| 373 | Printing, Stationery and Postage | 1,005 | | | |
| 3,082 | Excess Income over Expenditure | 8,180 | | | |
| 6,142 | | 12,372 | 6,142 | | 12,372 |

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1981

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|-------|---|-------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | Balance at 1st April 1980 | 252 | | | |
| 3,334 | Interest Paid to Contributors | 5,076 | 3,082 | Excess Income over Expenditure | 8,180 |
| | Provisions for Accounting System Developments | 750 | | | |
| | Balance carried to Balance Sheet | 2,102 | 252 | Balance carried to Balance Sheet | |
| 3,334 | | 8,180 | 3,334 | | 8,180 |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1981

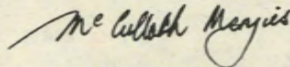
| <u>Eighteen</u>
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<u>\$</u> | | <u>1981</u>
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<u>Month</u>
<u>Period</u>
<u>1980</u>
<u>\$</u> | | <u>1981</u>
<u>\$</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>632</u> | <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | |
| | Sundry Creditors | 2,501 | | Bank of New Zealand - Current | |
| | | | 3,026 | Account | 1,828 |
| | | | 137 | Sundry Debtors | 285 |
| | | | <u>3,817</u> | Interest Accrued | <u>6,049</u> |
| | | | <u>6,980</u> | | |
| | <u>CONTRIBUTORS DEPOSITS</u> | | | <u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u> | |
| 51,075 | Contributors Advances | 78,886 | | Deposits: | |
| -- | Vehicle Replacement Accounts | 774 | | Methodist Trust Association | 67,845 |
| 3,600 | Nominated Trust Advances | 8,950 | 37,151 | Presbyters, Deacons & Lay | |
| | | | | Workers Fund | 25,000 |
| | <u>INTEREST DONATED TO CHURCH</u> | | 23,300 | Church Building and Loan Fund | <u>44,550</u> |
| 15,094 | Contributors Advances | 14,768 | <u>17,100</u> | | |
| <u>13,500</u> | Nominated Trust Advances | <u>35,600</u> | <u>77,551</u> | | 137,395 |
| <u>83,269</u> | | 138,978 | | | |
| | <u>PROVISIONS</u> | | | <u>APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT</u> | |
| | Accounting System Developments | 750 | <u>252</u> | Deficit-Balance at 1st April 1980 | |
| | <u>APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT</u> | | | | |
| | Balance brought forward from | | | | |
| | Appropriation Account | 2,102 | | | |
| <u>707</u> | Church Purposes Account | <u>928</u> | | | |
| <u>707</u> | Available for Distribution | <u>3,030</u> | | | |
| | | 3,030 | | | |
| | <u>SHARE CAPITAL</u> | | | | |
| 175 | 298 Members @ \$1 Share each | 298 | | | |
| <u>84,783</u> | | <u>145,557</u> | <u>84,783</u> | | <u>145,557</u> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1981

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Chairman: G.E.Hill
Secretary: A.K.Woodley

We have examined the books of accounts and records of the Methodist Provident Society Limited for the year ended 31st March 1981. 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, the 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 Methodist Provident Society Limited as at 31st March 1981, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.



MCCULLOCH MENZIES
Chartered Accountants

CHRISTCHURCH
10th August 1981

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

(A) 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) Investments | - All Investments have been valued at Cost |
| (b) Sundry Debtors | - Valued at expected realisable value. |

- (B) COMPARATIVE FIGURES - The Fund commenced operations on 18th October 1978 and no financial statements were prepared at 31st March 1979. The comparative figures cover the Fund's operations for an eighteen month period

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH, 1981

| 1980
\$ | | 1981
\$ | 1980
\$ | | 1981
\$ |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | |
| 6,372 | Sundry Creditors | 8,948.31 | | Bank of New Zealand - | |
| 4,386 | Interest Accrued | 3,559.06 | 12,478 | Current Account | 10,075.31 |
| 4,679 | Rent Paid in Advance | 5,251.10 | | Bank of New Zealand - Auckland | |
| | P.A.C. Old Students | | 38,000 | Current Account | - - |
| 196 | Association Fund | 195.97 | | Sundry Debtors | 3,569.25 |
| | | | 4,405 | Sundry Debtor -H.G.Livingstone Ltd | - - |
| | Current Portion of Term | | 10,331 | Rent Accrued | 1,330.89 |
| | Liabilities:- | | -- | Interest Accrued | 6,880.01 |
| | Deposits 115,595.30 | | 12,123 | | |
| | Debentures 50,800.00 | | 77,337 | | |
| 248,095 | | 166,395.30 | | | 21,855.46 |
| | Loan - Board of Administration | | | <u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u> | |
| 8,995 | - Special Account | - - | | Deposits -Trading Banks (Short | |
| 272,723 | | | 184,349.74 | Term) | 250,000.00 |
| | <u>TERM LIABILITIES</u> | | 90,000 | Deposits - Money Market | |
| | Deposits 121,543.60 | | | (at Call) | 38,000.00 |
| | LESS Current Portion of Term | | 355,282 | Mortgages (Note 3) | 182,000.00 |
| 19,026 | Liability 115,595.30 | 5,948.30 | 446,182 | | 470,000.00 |
| | | | 1,405,000 | <u>FIXED ASSETS (Note 2)</u> | |
| | Debentures 71,750.00 | | 14,118 | Land | 1,405,000.00 |
| | LESS Current Portion of Term | | 438,040 | Car Park | 11,765.00 |
| | Liability 50,800.00 | 20,950.00 | 1,857,158 | Buildings | 413,624.14 |
| 54,500 | | | | | 1,830,389.14 |
| 73,526 | | 26,898.30 | | | |
| | <u>RESERVES</u> | | | | |
| 1,490,025 | Property Revaluation Reserve | 1,490,025.00 | | | |
| | <u>ACCUMULATED FUND</u> | | | | |
| 486,637 | Balance at 1st April 1980 | 544,403.28 | | | |
| 57,766 | ADD Excess Income for Year | 76,568.28 | | | |
| 544,403 | | 620,971.56 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 2,380,677 | | 2,322,244.60 | 2,380,677 | | 2,322,244.60 |

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH, 1981 - continued

Chairman: R.F. Clement

We have examined the books of account and records of the Prince Albert College Trust for the year ended 31st March 1981. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of account, the Property Income and Expenditure Account, Income and Expenditure 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 March 1981, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: R.A. Barfoot

McCulloch Menzies

McCULLOCH MENZIES
Chartered Accountants

CHRISTCHURCH
28th July 1981.

NOTES TO THE 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) Sundry Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.
- (ii) Investments have been valued at cost.
- (iii) Depreciation has been provided on the straight line basis over the estimated economic life of each asset.

2. FIXED ASSETS

| | Cost or
Valuation | Depreciation
to date | Book
Value |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| (i) Land | 1,405,000 | | 1,405,000 |
| Car Park | 23,530 | 11,765 | 11,765 |
| Building | 587,161 | 173,537 | 413,624 |
| | <u>\$2,015,691</u> | <u>\$185,302</u> | <u>\$1,830,389</u> |

(ii) Government Valuation 1979 of Land and Buildings:

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| | \$ |
| Land Value | 1,405,000 |
| Value of Improvements | 580,000 |
| Capital Value | <u>1,985,000</u> |

3. MORTGAGES

Mortgages which are repayable within one year amount to \$98,000.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1981

| <u>1980</u>
<u>\$</u> | | <u>1981</u>
<u>\$</u> | <u>1980</u>
<u>\$</u> | | <u>1981</u>
<u>\$</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2,333 | Administration Fee | 3,022.78 | 43,598 | Net Income from Property | 61,019.37 |
| 400 | Audit Fee | 1,070.00 | | | |
| 1,420 | Commission Paid | 916.00 | | <u>Interest Received:</u> | |
| -- | Computer Processing | 734.59 | 50,944 | Mortgages | 35,175.18 |
| -- | Development Fees | 7,791.60 | 3,128 | Deposits | 24,884.73 |
| 2,500 | Grants | 5,300.00 | | | |
| 76 | Insurance (General) | 6.92 | | | |
| | <u>Interest Paid:</u> | | | | |
| 15,767 | Deposits | 13,977.13 | | | |
| 16,233 | Debentures | 9,227.83 | | | |
| 801 | Bank | 280.18 | | | |
| | | 23,485.14 | | | |
| 70 | Legal Expenses | 570.20 | | | |
| 304 | Office and General Expenses | 1,107.82 | | | |
| -- | Travelling Expenses | 505.95 | | | |
| 57,766 | Excess Income over Expenditure | 76,568.28 | | | |
| 97,670 | | 121,079.28 | 97,670 | | 121,079.28 |

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

PROPERTY INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT year ended 31st MARCH, 1981

| <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> | | <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| \$ | | \$ | | \$ | | \$ |
| 4,503 | Cleaning and Caretaking | 4,901.10 | | 103,074 | Gross Rentals | 108,910.08 |
| 39,344 | Depreciation | 26,768.15 | | 11,493 | Recovered Property Expenses | 13,526.51 |
| 1,813 | General Property Expenses | 3,058.31 | | | | |
| 4,499 | Insurance | 3,214.15 | | | | |
| 2,425 | Land Tax | 2,450.00 | | | | |
| 3,287 | Rates | 3,236.51 | | | | |
| | Rent Collection and Re-leasing | | | | | |
| 7,100 | Commission | 8,376.22 | | | | |
| 5,345 | Repairs and Maintenance | 6,311.88 | | | | |
| 2,395 | Security Service | 2,761.32 | | | | |
| 258 | Valuation Fees | 339.58 | | | | |
| 43,598 | Net Property Surplus | 61,019.37 | | | | |
| <u>114,567</u> | | <u>122,436.59</u> | | <u>114,567</u> | | <u>122,436.59</u> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

MAORI DIVISION

ADMINISTRATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the Year ended 30 June 1981.

| (1980) | <u>INCOME</u> | \$ |
|------------------|--|------------------|
| \$ | | |
| 180 | Board Meeting Costs & Income | - |
| 3,511 | E W Blackwell Distribution | 559 |
| 104,362 | Connexional Budget | 108,991 |
| 12,935 | Circuit Contributions | 13,054 |
| 2,446 | Donations | 13,943 |
| - | Grey Institute Trust | 4,000 |
| 1,000 | Wesley Mission Centre | - |
| 1,601 | Interest | 8,990 |
| 2,632 | Legacies | 60 |
| 17 | Miscellaneous | - |
| - | Travel - Staff | 284 |
| - | Tumuaki Travel | 1,024 |
| <u>\$128,684</u> | | <u>\$150,905</u> |
| | <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | |
| 130 | Audit | 180 |
| 613 | ACC Levy | 669 |
| 271 | Bank Charges | 39 |
| - | Car Repayments | 450 |
| 9,852 | Circuit Expenses | 19,545 |
| 256 | Conference Costs | 1,613 |
| 253 | Deaconess Expenses | 591 |
| - | NCC Grant | 2,000 |
| - | Hospitality Allowance | 4,652 |
| - | Miscellaneous | 104 |
| 2,288 | Office Salaries | 3,225 |
| - | Office Expenses | 1,914 |
| 970 | Printing and Stationery | 612 |
| 261 | Postage | 173 |
| 26 | Petty Cash | 380 |
| - | Rent | 120 |
| 86,688 | Stipends (Staff) | 94,630 |
| 177 | Superannuation | 250 |
| 170 | NCC Subscription | 195 |
| 996 | Telephones | 425 |
| 13,325 | Tumuaki Stipend/Allowances | 12,010 |
| - | Rent (Parsonage) | 600 |
| - | Telephone | 183 |
| 162 | Car Park | - |
| 52 | Insurance | - |
| <u>\$116,490</u> | | <u>144,560</u> |
| <u>\$ 12,194</u> | <u>Net Income to Accumulated General Funds</u> | <u>\$ 6,345</u> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

MAORI DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE, 1981.

| (1980) | <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | (1980) | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | |
|----------|---|----------|----------|--|----------|
| \$ | \$ | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 957 | Christian Education | 957 | 16,141 | Current Bank A/c BNZ | 11,717 |
| 2,011 | Hymn Books | 2,011 | 64 | Auckland Savings Bank | 66 |
| 96 | History | 96 | 4,841 | Sundry Debtors | 200 |
| - | Rents | 600 | - | Various Suspense Items | 605 |
| 215 | Income Tax | - | | | |
| 180 | Mangere Marae | 20,490 | 21,046 | | 12,588 |
| 3,459 | | 24,154 | | | |
| | <u>RESERVE FUNDS</u> | | 2,567 | <u>INVESTMENTS AT COST</u> | |
| 4,665 | Cars | 4,215 | 4,215 | (Debenture (Short Term)
(Mangere Marae) | 21,741 |
| | | | | Debenture (1982) | 1,000 |
| | | | | " (1983) | 667 |
| | | | 19,869 | Investment Funds Board | 12,678 |
| | | | 22,436 | Methodist Trust Assocn | 4,167 |
| | <u>CAPITAL</u> | | | <u>LOAN</u> | 40,253 |
| 40,314 | Accumulated General
Funds (see Note 3) | 34,364 | 34,364 | Seamer House Hostel | 5,385 |
| | | | - | | 5,385 |
| | | | 2,706 | <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | |
| | | | 2,250 | Office Equipment (at Cost) | 2,706 |
| | | | 4,956 | Cars at Book Value | 1,801 |
| | | | | | 4,507 |
| \$48,438 | | \$62,733 | \$48,438 | | \$62,733 |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

MAORI DIVISION

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS 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, excepting only that Office Equipment is not depreciated.
2. Depreciation of Vehicles has been charged at 20% of the written down value, as in previous years.
3. Movement in Accumulated General Funds

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| | \$ |
| Balance 1 June, 1980 | 40,314 |
| Add, net income for year | 6,345 |
| Less, Car Loans Distribution | (8,800) |
| " Reversal of MTA Investment)
Duplicated) | (3,496) |
| Balance 30 June, 1981 | <u>\$34,363</u> |

Auditor's Report

We have examined the Books and Records of the Maori Division for the year ended 30 June 1981, 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, 1981, and of its' Income & Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

AUCKLAND

DATE

RYDER COPELAND WATSON & CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

MAORI DIVISION - SEAMER HOUSE

ADMINISTRATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1981

| (1980) | <u>INCOME</u> | | \$ |
|---------------|--|--------------|---------------|
| \$ | | | |
| 5,031 | Boarding Fees | | 22,805 |
| 7,651 | Subsidy | | 9,882 |
| 17 | Miscellaneous | | - |
| <u>12,699</u> | | | <u>33,687</u> |
| | <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | |
| 65 | Audit | 70 | |
| 36 | Accident Compensation Levy | 83 | |
| 504 | Accounting | 649 | |
| 717 | Bank Charges and Interest | 598 | |
| 61 | Cleaning | 66 | |
| 62 | Depreciation | 121 | |
| - | Income Tax | 14 | |
| 472 | Insurance | 538 | |
| 50 | Licenses | - | |
| 3,198 | Light and Power | 3,402 | |
| 936 | Maintenance | 1,885 | |
| 2,309 | Provisions | 12,103 | |
| 631 | Rates | 1,332 | |
| | Superannuation | 42 | |
| 274 | Telephone | 2,091 | |
| | TV Rental | 89 | |
| 5,677 | Wages | <u>8,458</u> | |
| <u>14,992</u> | | | <u>31,541</u> |
| (2,293) | Current Surplus transferred to General Funds | | <u>2,146</u> |

SEAMER HOUSE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1981

(1979)

| | | | | | |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| | Accumulated Funds at 1.7.80 | 8,694 | (9,028) | Bank Overdraft | (2,255) |
| | LESS: Surplus for Year | (2,146) | 560 | Fixtures & Fittings | 1,092 |
| 8,694 | | | | | |
| | | 6,548 | | | |
| | <u>CREDITOR</u> | | | | |
| - | Maori Division | (5,385) | | | |
| (46) | Income Tax | - | | | |
| | | (5,385) | | | |
| \$8,648 | | \$1,163 | \$8,648 | | \$1,163 |

N.B. See Notes to Accounts and Statment of Accounting Policies.

Auditor's Report: We have examined the Books and Records of the Maori Division (Seamer House) for the year ended, 30 June 1981, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

In our opinion, the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account, together with the Notes to Accounts are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Division at 30 June 1981, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

AUCKLAND
DATE

RYDER COPELAND WATSON & CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

SEAMER HOUSE HOSTEL

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS 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. General expenditure and income administered by Matron has been brought to account.
3. Depreciation of Furniture is at 10% of written down value, as in former years.
4. Movements in Capital Reserve for Year

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | \$ |
| Balance 1.7.80 | 8,694 |
| LESS: Surplus as at 30.6.81 | <u>(2,146)</u> |
| Balance at at 30.8.81 | <u>\$6,548</u> |

5. Auditor's Report

We have examined the Books and Records of the Seamer House Hostel for the year ended 30 June, 1981, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

In our opinion, the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account, together with the Notes to Accounts are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Hostel at 30 June, 1981, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

AUCKLAND

RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

TE RAHUI (T) METHODIST CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1980

Last Year

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CURRENT ASSETS

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| | | |
|-----|--------------|-----|
| 10 | Cash on Hand | 10 |
| 298 | Prepayments | 950 |

| | | |
|-------|--|-------|
| ----- | | ----- |
| 308 | | 960 |

Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES

=====

| | | |
|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| 2,038 | Bank of New Zealand | 8,323 |
| 3,497 | Accounts Payable | 262 |
| | Advance Methodist Maori | |
| 1,000 | Division | 1,000 |

| | | |
|-------|--|-------|
| ----- | | ----- |
| 6,535 | | 9,585 |

| | | |
|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| ----- | | ----- |
| 6,227 | WORKING CAPITAL DEFICIT | 8,625 |

FIXED ASSETS (as per schedule)

=====

| | | |
|-------|--|-------|
| 1,878 | | 1,762 |
|-------|--|-------|

| | | |
|---------|------------|---------|
| ----- | | ----- |
| (4,349) | NET ASSETS | (6,863) |

| | | |
|-------|--|-------|
| ===== | | ===== |
|-------|--|-------|

Represented by:-

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

=====

| | | |
|---------|------------------------|---------|
| (9,857) | Balance 1 January 1980 | (4,469) |
| 5,388 | Plus Deficit | (2,514) |

| | | |
|---------|--------------|---------|
| ----- | | ----- |
| (4,469) | | (6,983) |
| 120 | Heating Fund | 120 |

| | | |
|---------|--|---------|
| ----- | | ----- |
| (4,349) | | (6,863) |

| | | |
|-------|--|-------|
| ===== | | ===== |
|-------|--|-------|

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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The General Accounting Principles as recommended by the New Zealand Society of Accountants for the measurement and reporting of profit on an historical cost basis have been followed in the preparation of these Financial Statements.

The following particular accounting principles which affect the measurement of profit and the recording of the financial position of our client have been consistently followed:-

1. Depreciation has been charged at rates allowed for taxation purposes. The variations between such charges and those calculated on a straight line basis as recommended by the New Zealand Society of Accountants are not material.
2. There have been no changes in accounting policies that would have a material effect on the determination of profit for the year.
3. Fixed Assets are stated at actual cost less depreciation and have not been revalued.

TE RAHUI (T) METHODIST CENTRE

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1980

| | 6 Months | Year |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Board Receipts | | |
| Interest Received | 18,146 | 38,887 |
| Donations | 60 | 17 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | | 301 |
| Less: EXPENSES | 18,206 | 39,205 |
| ===== | | |
| A.C.C. Levies | | |
| Audit Fee | - | 149 |
| Bin Hire | 218 | 381 |
| Electricity | 24 | 77 |
| Fire Prevention | 3,644 | 5,814 |
| General Expenses | - | 1,276 |
| Interest - Bank | 31 | 276 |
| Linen Hire | 312 | 409 |
| Machine Hire | 284 | 364 |
| Provisions | 631 | 1,079 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 13,191 | 26,365 |
| Secretarial Fees | 2,302 | 4,641 |
| Telephone and Tolls | - | 375 |
| Wages | 292 | 360 |
| | 11,432 | 21,291 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total Cash Expenses | 32,361 | 62,857 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| CASH DEFICIT | 14,155 | 23,652 |
| | | |
| Less: Non-Cash Expenses | | |
| ===== | | |
| Depreciation | | |
| Reimbursement Previous | 58 | 116 |
| Deficit | (8,736) | (21,254) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | (8,678) | (21,138) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME | (5,477) | (2,514) |
| ===== | ===== | ===== |

AUDITORS' REPORT:

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We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required. In our opinion proper and consistent books of account have been kept by the Committee so far as appears from our examination given to us and as shown by the said books the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of the Committee's affairs as at 31 December 1980 and of the result of it's operations for the year ended on that date.

3 March 1981
HAMILTON.

MALINS, YOUNG, JOHNS & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS - AUDITORS

TE RAHUI (W) METHODIST CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1980

Last Year

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CURRENT ASSETS

=====

| | | |
|-----|----------------------|-----|
| 150 | Waikato Savings Bank | 150 |
| - | Prepayments | 411 |

| | | |
|-----|--|-----|
| 150 | | 561 |
|-----|--|-----|

Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES

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| | | |
|-------|---------------------|-------|
| 2,950 | Bank of New Zealand | 8,678 |
|-------|---------------------|-------|

| | | |
|-------|------------------|-----|
| 4,653 | Accounts Payable | 391 |
|-------|------------------|-----|

| | | |
|-------|--|-------|
| 7,603 | | 9,069 |
|-------|--|-------|

| | | |
|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| 7,453 | WORKING CAPITAL DEFICIT | 8,508 |
|-------|-------------------------|-------|

FIXED ASSETS (as per schedule)

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| | | |
|-------|--|-------|
| 1,329 | | 1,215 |
|-------|--|-------|

| | | |
|---------|------------|---------|
| (6,124) | NET ASSETS | (7,293) |
|---------|------------|---------|

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Represented by:-

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

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| | | |
|---------|------------------------|---------|
| (1,779) | Balance 1 January 1980 | (6,124) |
|---------|------------------------|---------|

| | | |
|---------|--------------|---------|
| (4,345) | Plus Deficit | (1,169) |
|---------|--------------|---------|

| | | |
|---------|--|---------|
| (6,124) | | (7,293) |
|---------|--|---------|

| | | |
|---------|--|---------|
| (6,124) | | (7,293) |
|---------|--|---------|

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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The General Accounting Principles as recommended by the New Zealand Society of Accountants for the measurement and reporting of profit on an historical cost basis have been followed in the preparation of these Financial Statements.

The following particular accounting principles which affect the measurement of profit and the recording of the financial position of our client have been consistently followed:-

1. Depreciation has been charged at rates allowed for taxation purposes. The variations between such charges and those calculated on a straight line basis as recommended by the New Zealand Society of Accountants are not material.
2. There have been no changes in accounting policies that would have a material effect on the determination of profit for the year.
3. Fixed Assets are stated at actual cost less depreciation and have not been revalued.

TE RAHUI (W) METHODIST CENTRE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT =====

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1980

| | 6 Months | Year |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Board Receipts | 7,640 | 17,150 |
| Interest Received | - | 3 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 7,640 | 17,153 |
| Less: EXPENSES | | |
| ===== | | |
| A.C.C. Levies | - | 97 |
| Audit Fee | 168 | 272 |
| Heating & Lighting | 1,156 | 2,044 |
| General Expenses | 365 | 646 |
| Interest - Bank | 392 | 530 |
| Legal Expenses | - | 67 |
| Provisions | 3,540 | 7,646 |
| Rent & Rates | 1,846 | 3,012 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 2,061 | 3,356 |
| Secretarial Fee | - | 250 |
| Telephone and Tolls | 117 | 284 |
| T.V. Hire | 174 | 348 |
| Wages | 5,796 | 10,871 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total Cash Expenses | 15,615 | 29,423 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| CASH DEFICIT | (7,975) | (12,270) |
| Less: Non-Cash Expenses | | |
| ===== | | |
| Depreciation | 58 | 114 |
| Reimbursement Previous | | |
| Deficit | (4,351) | (11,215) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | (4,293) | (11,101) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME | (3,682) | (1,169) |
| ===== | ===== | ===== |

AUDITORS' REPORT:

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We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required. In our opinion proper and consistent books of account have been kept by the Committee so far as appears from our examination given to us and as shown by the said books the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of the Committee's affairs as at 31 December 1980 and of the result of its operations for the year ended on that date.

3 March 1981
HAMILTON.

MALINS, YOUNG, JOHNS & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS - AUDITORS

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

OVERSEAS DIVISION

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1981

| (1980) | <u>INCOME</u> | | |
|----------------|---|---------|----------------|
| 132,650 | Connexional Budget | 179,334 | |
| 4,680 | Company Dividends | 1,404 | |
| 3,049 | Donations | 3,610 | |
| 24,656 | Interest | 27,258 | |
| 4,195 | Legacies (20%) | - | |
| 2,319 | Office Sundries | - | |
| 2,012 | U.C. Freight | - | |
| - | Office Sale Interest | 7,965 | |
| - | Missionary Travel | 932 | |
| <u>173,561</u> | | | 220,503 |
| | <u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u> | | |
| 490 | Audit | 550 | |
| 188 | Accident Compensation Levy | 292 | |
| 138 | Board Travel | 407 | |
| 62 | Conference Fees | 233 | |
| 1,879 | Fiji | - | |
| 9,675 | General Secretary Stipend & All. | 11,101 | |
| 296 | " " Travel N.Z. | 449 | |
| 1,636 | " " Overseas | 2,782 | |
| 1,584 | " " Motor Cycle Trav. | 1,795 | |
| 1,373 | " " Residence Costs | 1,491 | |
| | Donations | 100 | |
| | Insurance | 3 | |
| | Legacy A/c (Grant) | 457 | |
| | Office Equip. Maintenance | 87 | |
| 865 | Petty Cash | 251 | |
| | Power & Light & Lift | 242 | |
| | Rent & Rates etc. | 2,343 | |
| 16,761 | Office Salaries | 17,601 | |
| | Cleaning etc. | 442 | |
| 787 | Postage | 568 | |
| 2,426 | Printing, Stationery, Publicity | 4,135 | |
| 89 | Subscriptions | 398 | |
| 838 | Staff Superannuation | 1,684 | |
| 249 | Telephones | 209 | |
| | Bank Charges | 53 | |
| | Book Grant | 1,653 | |
| 69 | Missionary Travel | - | |
| 985 | Teho Maelagi | - | |
| 48,000 | United Church Block Grant | 45,000 | |
| 9,511 | " " Staff Grant | 2,123 | |
| 7,999 | " " Medical Grant | 8,000 | |
| 7,283 | " " Fares and Freight | 12,092 | |
| 17,015 | " " N.Z. Allowance | 30,357 | |
| 192 | " " Furniture Allowance | 192 | |
| | " " Insurance | 194 | |
| 1,110 | " " Deferred Stipends | - | |
| <u>24,834</u> | Samoa and Tonga | 23,640 | |
| <u>156,334</u> | | | <u>170,924</u> |
| <u>17,227</u> | Net Income to Accumulated General Funds | | <u>49,579</u> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

OVERSEAS DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 1981

| (1980) | | | (1980) | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | |
| 3,600 | Loan at Call | 3600 | 39,531 | Bank of New Zealand | 49,369 |
| 492 | Fiji Fund | 8 | 5,673 | Sundry Debtors | 2,125 |
| 20 | Gifts and Grants | 82 | - | Various Suspense Items | 2,595 |
| 381 | Inland Revenue | 463 | 45,204 | | 54,089 |
| 500 | Kamiali Fare Fund | - | | | |
| - | D. Taplin Fund | 1090 | | | |
| 1,995 | Various Suspense | 790 | 20,000 | <u>INVESTMENT (AT COST)</u> | |
| 6,988 | | 6,033 | 7,042 | Building and Special Projects | 30,105 |
| | <u>RESERVES AND FUNDS</u> | | 92,000 | Residence Sinking Fund | 7,042 |
| 30,105 | Buildings and Special Projects | 43440 | 10,000 | Medical Fund Debenture | 62,000 |
| 233 | Discretionary Fund | 233 | 27,190 | Pacific Projects Debenture | 10,000 |
| 548 | Car Replacement | 1176 | 22,000 | Shares and Debentures | 85,747 |
| 7,642 | Residence Sinking Fund | 8242 | 4,751 | Short Term Debentures | 45,000 |
| 2,808 | Butland Bursary | - | 12,056 | Trusts | - |
| 92,000 | Medical Fund | 92000 | 21,255 | Methodist Trust Association | 6,986 |
| 13,252 | Pacific Projects | 16220 | 4,724 | Investment Funds Board | 21,255 |
| 6,257 | Sickness & Accident Fund | 5600 | - | Sickness & Accident Debentures | 4,724 |
| 181 | Solomon Isle History | 181 | 221,018 | Long Term Debenture | 50,000 |
| 1,917 | Trusts | 3256 | | | 322,859 |
| 154,943 | | 170,348 | | <u>LOAN</u> | |
| | | | 6,000 | Tongan Church | 6,000 |
| | <u>CAPITAL & RESERVES</u> | | | <u>FIXED ASSETS (AT COST)</u> | |
| 159,310 | Accumulated Funds | 255,586 | 42,476 | Residence | 42,476 |
| | (See Note 3) | 255,586 | 6,543 | Office Equipment | 6,543 |
| 321,241 | | 431,967 | 321,241 | | 49,019 |
| ===== | | ===== | ===== | | 431,967 |
| | | | | | ===== |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

OVERSEAS DIVISION

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS 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 has been carried out by applying a Fixed Rate transfer to replacement reserves, in line with Board Policy, and in keeping with former years.

3. MOVEMENT IN ACCUMULATED GENERAL FUNDS

| | | |
|--|--------------|----------------|
| Balance 1 July 1980 | | 159,310 |
| Add Net Income for Year | 49,579 | |
| " Share Revaluation | 61,550 | |
| " Bonus Issues | <u>5,648</u> | |
| | | <u>116,777</u> |
| | | 276,087 |
| Less Isobel Rutland Bursary Transferred
to Gage, Bond and Co. | 6,000 | |
| " Auckland Gas Conversion
Certificate 15324 | 4,619 | |
| " M.T.A. Duplication | 5,861 | |
| " N.Z.I. Certificate called in
for Re-issue | 3,963 | |
| " Adjustment on Farmers Certificate
76514 Bonus Issue | <u>58</u> | |
| | | <u>20,501</u> |
| Balance Accumulated General Funds 30.6.81 | | 255,586 |
| | | ===== |

Auditor's Report

We have examined the books and records of the Methodist Overseas Mission Fund for the year ended 30 June 1981, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account, together 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 1981, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

RYDER COPELAND WATSON & CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

General Secretary

Accountant

AUCKLAND

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

ADMINISTRATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the Year ended 30 June 1981.

| <u>INCOME</u> | | |
|--------------------|--|------------------|
| \$ | | \$ |
| 53,725 | Connexional Budget | 72,058 |
| 1,776 | E W Blackwell Distribution | 559 |
| 2,000 | Investment Funds Board | 3,000 |
| 440 | Donations | 1,280 |
| 3,528 | Interest | 7,445 |
| 2,951 | Inter-Church Advisory Council | 1,788 |
| 9,646 | Legacies | 663 |
| 425 | Sundries | 745 |
| 6,408 | St Johns Ministry | 4,068 |
| \$80,899 | | 91,606 |
| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | |
| 185 | Accident Compensation Levy | 167 |
| 130 | Audit | 200 |
| - | Bulk Travel | 153 |
| - | Bank Charges and Interest | 1,425 |
| - | Conference Lay Reps | 162 |
| 122 | Conference Costs | 209 |
| 27,569 | Circuit Grants | 16,774 |
| 16,577 | Hospital Chaplaincy Grants | 19,708 |
| - | 'Making Disciples' Task Group | 701 |
| - | Office Expenses (Rent, Rates, etc) | 2,830 |
| 3,825 | Office Salaries | 4,234 |
| 566 | Postage | 419 |
| 1,279 | Printing and Stationery | 1,383 |
| 14,763 | Samoan Ministry (Rev S Amituana'i) | 17,628 |
| - | Samoan Rent | 1,200 |
| 12,967 | Superintendent | 15,205 |
| - | Superintendent Rent | 600 |
| 30 | Supply Ministry | 838 |
| - | Subscriptions | 53 |
| 477 | Task Group | 170 |
| 1,049 | Telephone | 352 |
| - | Tongan Ministry (Rev T Moala) | 6,240 |
| 22 | Car Park | - |
| - | Samoan Ministry (Rev F Kopelani) | 4,427 |
| 472 | Sundries | 2 |
| \$80,033 | | 95,080 |
| \$ 866 | <u>Net Income to Accumulated General Funds</u> | <u>(\$3,474)</u> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 JUNE, 1981

| (1980) | CURRENT LIABILITIES | | (1980) | CURRENT ASSETS | |
|----------|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| \$ | | | \$ | | \$ |
| 8,475 | Overdraft at Bank of N.Z. | 13,318 | 1,058 | Stocks of Publications | 1,005 |
| 2,890 | IFB Car Loan | 2,890 | 1,863 | Sundry Debtors | - |
| - | Inland Revenue | 317 | - | Various Suspense Items | 6,797 |
| 538 | Sundry Creditors | - | | | |
| - | Various Suspense Items | 1,800 | 2,921 | | 7,852 |
| 11,903 | | | | INVESTMENTS AT COST | |
| | RESERVE FUNDS | 18,325 | 3,400 | Debenture 1981 | 1,550 |
| 421 | Wesley Library | 421 | 16,174 | Debenture 1982 | 1,850 |
| 551 | Prayer Manuals | 551 | | Methodist Trust Assoc. | 4,167 |
| 88 | Pension Fund | - | 1,659 | Methodist Trust Assoc. | 825 |
| 1,060 | | 927 | 421 | Auck. Savings Bank Deposit | 1,706 |
| | CAPITAL | | | Investment Funds Board | 12,678 |
| | Accumulated General Funds | | 21,654 | Loan to Epworth Bookroom | 421 |
| 20,177 | (See Note 2) | 16,705 | | | 23,197 |
| | | 16,705 | 4,953 | FIXED ASSETS AT COST | |
| | | | 3,612 | Office Furniture | 4,953 |
| | | | | Samoan Car | - |
| | | | 8,565 | | 4,953 |
| \$33,140 | | \$36,002 | \$33,140 | | \$36,002 |

Auditor's Report

We have examined the Books and Records of the Development Division for the year ended 30 June, 1981, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required. In our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income & 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, 1981, and of its' Income & Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

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BYDER COPELAND WATSON & CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

DEVELOPMENT DIVISIONNOTES TO ACCOUNTS 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, with the exception that Fixed Assets are not depreciated.

| | | |
|---|-------|-----------------------|
| 2. <u>Movement in Accumulated General Funds</u> | \$ | \$ |
| Balance 1 July, 1981 | | 20,177 |
| Add Legacies | 658 | |
| Add Methodist Trust Assoc Deposit | 797 | |
| | | <hr/> 21,632 |
| Less Repaid Legacy (Morgan) | 141 | |
| Samoa Car Loss on Sale | 1,312 | |
| Net Loss for year (Income & Expenditure) | 3,474 | |
| | | <hr/> 4,927 |
| Balance at 30 June, 1981 | | <hr/> <u>\$16,705</u> |

TRADING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for Year ended 30 June, 1981.

| (1980) | | | \$ | \$ |
|---------|--|-------------------|---------|-----------------|
| 121,771 | <u>SALES</u> | | 100,045 | |
| 27,449 | Stock on Hand 1.7.80 | | 27,861 | |
| 90,512 | Purchases | | 66,166 | |
| 117,961 | | | 94,027 | |
| 27,861 | Less: Stock on Hand 30.6.80 | | 23,394 | |
| 90,100 | Cost of Goods Sold | | 70,633 | |
| 31,671 | Gross Profit from Trading | | 29,412 | |
| 4,742 | Grant from Central Mission | | 1,186 | |
| NIL | Interest Earned | | 173 | |
| 36,413 | | Total Income | 30,771 | |
| | <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | | |
| Nil | Accident Compensation Levy | | 349 | |
| 2,448 | Accounting | | 630 | |
| 250 | Audit | | 250 | |
| 150 | Advertising | | - | |
| 587 | Bank Interest | | 560 | |
| 195 | Car Park | | 238 | |
| 385 | Depreciation | | 346 | |
| 36 | Freight | | 67 | |
| 346 | Insurance | | 344 | |
| 442 | Interest | | - | |
| - | Stamps and Miscellaneous | | 2,771 | |
| 781 | Power etc. | | 151 | |
| 286 | Printing and Stationery | | 142 | |
| 8,819 | Rent and Rates | | 2,759 | |
| 23,006 | Salaries, Wages, Superannuation | | 19,391 | |
| 48 | Subscriptions | | 97 | |
| 858 | Superannuation Subsidy | | 663 | |
| 2,132 | Telephone | | 207 | |
| - | Travelling | | 178 | |
| 40,769 | | Total Expenditure | 29,143 | |
| (4,356) | <u>Net Profit to Accumulated General Funds</u> | | 1,628 | |
| | <u>Accumulated General Funds Account</u> | | | |
| 14,775 | Balance as at 1 July, 1980 | | | 9,601 |
| (4,356) | Plus, Profit for Year | | 1,628 | |
| Nil | Plus, Grant from Overseas Division | | 5,000 | |
| (818) | Less Suspense Adjustment | | (753) | 5,875 |
| \$9,601 | <u>Balance as at 30 June, 1981</u> | | | <u>\$15,476</u> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
EPWORTH BOOKROOM - (AUCKLAND)

BALANCE SHEET AT AT 30 JUNE, 1981

| 1980 | CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 1980 | CURRENT ASSETS | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| \$ | | \$ | \$ | | \$ | \$ |
| 5,703 | Overdraft Bank of New Zealand | 4,738 | 78 | Cash - Stamps in Hand | 46 | |
| 8,277 | Creditors | 3,731 | 27,861 | Stock | 23,394 | |
| 364 | Accruals (Tax) | 163 | 3,963 | Debtors | 2,772 | |
| 14,344 | | | 31,902 | | | 26,212 |
| | <u>TERM LIABILITIES (LOANS)</u> | | | <u>INVESTMENTS (AT COST)</u> | | |
| 5,000 | Pilgrim Productions | Nil | 5,000 | Debenture (Due 30.9.81) | 5,000 | |
| 2,500 | Anglican Church | 5,500 | Nil | Debenture (Due 1983) | 1,000 | |
| 4,000 | E W Blackwell Account | 1,000 | 500 | Auckland Savings Bank | 700 | |
| 5,000 | Central Mission | 5,000 | | | | |
| 421 | Development Division | 421 | 5,500 | | | 6,700 |
| 16,921 | | 11,921 | | <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | | |
| | <u>CAPITAL</u> | | | <u>Furniture and Fittings</u> | | |
| 14,775 | Accumulated General Funds | | | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Acc Deprn</u> | <u>Book Value</u> |
| (4,356) | Opening 1.7.80 | 9,601 | | | | |
| Nil | Plus Profit | 1,628 | 3,464 | 5,059 | 1,942 | 3,117 |
| (818) | Plus Grant (Overseas Fund) | 5,000 | | | | |
| | Less Suspense Adjustment | (753) | | | | |
| 9,601 | | 15,476 | | | | |
| \$40,866 | | \$36,029 | \$40,866 | | | \$36,029 |

Auditor's Report: We have examined the Books and Records of the Epworth Bookroom, Auckland, for the year ended 30 June, 1981, 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 the affairs, as at 30 June, 1981.

AUCKLAND
DATE

RYDER COPELAND WATSON & CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
EPWORTH BOOKROOM - (AUCKLAND)

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS 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 written down value, as in previous years on Furniture and Fittings.
3. Inventory has been valued by management at retail by management at retail less 40% as in previous years.

| 4. <u>Ratios</u> | <u>1981</u> | <u>1980</u> | <u>1979</u> | <u>1978</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| A) Gross Profit Percentage to Sales | 29.00 | 31.14 | 32.54 | 27.51 |
| B) Stock Turn | 4.00 | 3.92 | 5.00 | 3.97 |
| C) Operating Expenses, Percentage to Sales | 29.00 | 35.18 | 31.06 | 29.43 |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND
ADMINISTRATION INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1981.

(1980)

| | | |
|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 18,335 | <u>RENTAL INCOME</u> | 22,993 |
|--------|----------------------|--------|

EXPENDITURE

| | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 65 | Audit | 100 |
| 1,309 | Accounting | 750 |
| - | Architect | 184 |
| 454 | Insurance | 541 |
| - | Legal | 167 |
| 2,297 | Rates | 3,541 |
| 190 | Miscellaneous | - |
| - | Maintenance | <u>13,845</u> |
| <u>4,315</u> | | <u>19,137</u> |
| 14,020 | Net Income | <u>3,856</u> |

Less Distribution of Net Rental Income

| | | |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 550 | Depreciation Reserve | 550 |
| 300 | Maintenance Reserve | 300 |
| 2,634 | Capital | 771 |
| 5,268 | Investment Funds Board | 1,117 |
| 1,756 | Development Division | 559 |
| 3,512 | Maori Division | <u>559</u> |
| <u>14,020</u> | | <u>3,856</u> |
| <u>NIL</u> | | <u>NIL</u> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE, 1981.

| 1980 | <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | 1980 | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | |
|----------|--|----------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| | <u>OWING TO -</u> | | 5,529 | Current Account B.N.Z. | 5,968 |
| 5,268 | Investment Funds Board | 1,117 | 1,473 | Auckland Savings Bank | 1,525 |
| 276 | Development Division | 549 | 77 | P.O.S.B. Auckland | 79 |
| 3,511 | Maori Division | 549 | 19 | Sundry | - |
| 9,055 | | | 7,098 | | |
| | | 2,215 | | | 7,572 |
| | <u>CAPITAL RESERVES (Refer Note 3)</u> | | | <u>INVESTMENT AT COST</u> | |
| 22,336 | Capital Reserve | 24,489 | 10,000 | Short Term Debenture | 5,000 |
| 37,376 | Depreciation Reserve | 39,758 | 9,800 | Mortgage, Gribble | - |
| 565 | Maintenance Reserve | 542 | 4,000 | Epworth Bookroom Loan | 1,000 |
| 473 | | | 5,000 | ARA Debenture | - |
| 60,277 | | 64,789 | 5,000 | Broadlands Debenture (1986) | 25,000 |
| | | | | | 31,000 |
| | | | | <u>FIXED ASSETS AT COST</u> | |
| | | | 28,434 | Freehold Land and Buildings | 28,432 |
| \$69,332 | | \$67,004 | \$69,332 | | \$67,004 |

Auditor's Report: We have examined the Books and Records of the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust Fund for the year ended 30 June, 1981, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income & 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, 1981, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30 June, 1981.

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RYDER COPELAND WATSON & CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND

Notes to Accounts 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 by distribution of Net Rental Income and Interest etc., are in accordance with the Will of Edith Winstone Blackwell, as in former years.
3. Movements in Capital Reserves during year to 30 June 1981.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Capital Reserves, opening | 22,336 | |
| Plus, Interest credited direct | 1,383 | |
| Plus, Net Rental Income credited | 770 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Balance 30 June, 1981 | | 24,489 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Depreciation Reserve, opening | 37,376 | |
| Plus, Interest credited direct | 1,832 | |
| Plus, Net Rental Income credited | 550 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Balance 30 June, 1981 | | 39,758 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Maintenance Reserve, opening | 565 | |
| Plus, Interest credited direct | 242 | |
| Plus, Net Rental Income credited | 300 | |
| Less, Expenditure from Reserve | (565) | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Balance 30 June, 1981 | | 542 |
| | | <hr/> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

BALANCE SHEET AS AT THE 30 JUNE, 1981.

| (1980) | CURRENT LIABILITIES | | (1980) | CURRENT ASSETS | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 290 | Glen Eden | - | 13,660 | Current A/c BNZ (Auck) | 2,853 |
| 2,614 | Seamer Trust | 2,164 | 766 | " " " (ChCh) | 193 |
| 54 | Sundry Creditors | 22,060 | 125 | BNZ Svgs A/c | 133 |
| | | | 127 | Post Office Svgs Bank | 130 |
| | | 24,224 | 5,268 | E W Blackwell | - |
| | | | 1,042 | Sundry Debtors | 1,708 |
| | | | - | Capital Reserve | 977 |
| | | | - | Suspense Account | 235 |
| | | | 20,988 | | |
| | | | | INVESTMENT & ADVANCES | 6,229 |
| | TERM LIABILITIES | | 32,474 | Shares in Listed Companies | 54,361 |
| 88,013 | Loans at Call | 53,671 | 13,600 | Kaeo Debentures | 12,100 |
| 27,130 | Mortgages | 22,921 | 79,933 | Sinking Fund Debentures | 65,433 |
| 6 | Auckland Svgs Bank | 6 | 4,643 | Trust Fund Debentures | 4,643 |
| - | St Judes | 13,000 | 45,500 | Short Term Debenture | 15,000 |
| | | | 6,500 | Mortgage (Makarau) | 6,500 |
| | | 89,598 | 41,240 | Methodist Trust Assocn | 57,062 |
| | | | - | St Judes Equity ChCh | 13,000 |
| | OTHER SPECIFIC | | 24,189 | Car Equalisation A/c | 18,045 |
| | RESERVES & FUNDS | | 2,927 | Hamilton Loan | 1,927 |
| 1,825 | Painting (Maori) | 1,825 | 106,000 | Divisional Fund Debentures | 106,000 |
| 350 | Painting (Hostels) | 350 | 55,090 | Loans to Circuits | 20,538 |
| 105,613 | Divisional Funds | 105,613 | - | Long Term Debentures | 50,000 |
| 16,726 | Trust Funds | 5,960 | - | Rents Accrued | 2,400 |
| 66,613 | T G Brooke Fund | 10,470 | | | |
| | Sinking Funds | 56,447 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 191,127 | | 180,665 | | | |
| | CAPITAL RESERVES | | | | |
| 202,153 | Hostels | 202,153 | | | |
| 19,047 | Parsonages/
Cottages | 13,320 | 412,096 | FIXED ASSETS AT COST | 412,009 |
| 19,548 | Centres | 19,548 | | | |
| 40,275 | Land | 40,275 | 13,980 | Land | 13,980 |
| | | | 108,803 | Centres | 108,803 |
| 281,023 | | 275,296 | 241,315 | Hostels | 241,315 |
| | | | 235,609 | Parsonages/Cottages | 217,403 |
| | CAPITAL | | 1,480 | Equipment | 1,480 |
| 444,095 | Acc General Funds
(see Note 6) | 431,436 | 601,187 | | 582,981 |
| | | 431,436 | 1,034,271 | | 1,001,219 |
| 1,034,271 | | 1,000,219 | | | |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD
ADMINISTRATION INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1981.

| (1980) | <u>INCOME</u> | |
|---------------|---|-----------------|
| 27,656 | Interest | 39,180 |
| 6,988 | Rents | 8,414 |
| 233 | Sundries | 2,567 |
| 5,268 | E W Blackwell Distribution | 1,117 |
| 7,952 | * Administration Division | 9,161 |
| - | Car Equalisation | 779 |
| - | Est. Interest on MTA Deposits | 1,678 |
| <u>48,097</u> | | <u>62,896</u> |
| | <u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u> | |
| 390 | Audit | 550 |
| 2,480 | Accounting | 4,156 |
| 2,000 | Distribution | 3,000 |
| 3,425 | Mortgage Interest | 5,815 |
| - | Interest on Divisional Funds | 16,665 |
| 596 | Legal | 135 |
| 152 | Misc. and Sundries | 1,715 |
| 4,980 | Maintenance of Properties | 28,184 |
| - | Marae Expenses | 588 |
| 12,015 | Rates and Water | 10,121 |
| - | Insurance | 183 |
| 8,558 | * Administration Division | 5,391 |
| 182 | Rent | - |
| <u>34,778</u> | | <u>76,502</u> |
| <u>13,319</u> | Net Income (Expenditure) to Accumulated General Funds | <u>(13,606)</u> |

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| * INCOME : | Interest | <u>\$9,161</u> |
| * EXPENDITURE : | Accounting | \$1,000 |
| | Interest Paid | \$4,363 |
| | Miscellaneous and Sundries | \$ 28 |
| | | <u>\$5,391</u> |

Auditor's Report:

We have examined the Books and Records of the Investment Funds Board for the year ended 30 June, 1981, 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 the affairs as at 30 June, 1981.

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RYDER, COPELAND, WATSON & CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

Notes to Accounts and Statement of Accounting Policies

1. The General Accounting Policies 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, with the exception that Fixed Assets are not depreciated.
2. All properties are insured for replacement value.
3. There were no property sales during the current year.
4. The Board continues to hold Divisional Office Funds, and is shown under specific Reserves and Funds.
5. Shares are valued at current market value.
6. Movement in Accumulated General Funds

| | | |
|---|--------|---------------|
| Balance 1 July 1980 | | 44,4095 |
| Add NZI South British Replacement Issue | 3,526 | |
| " Current Market Value Share Adjustment | 26,616 | |
| " Bonus Share Issues (Various) | 1,299 | |
| " Various Adjustments from Administration | 51,861 | 83,302 |
| | | <hr/> 527,397 |
| Less NZI Share superseded by new issue | 3,963 | |
| " St Judes Adjustment | 13,000 | |
| " Reversal (1979/80 Adj) | 6,606 | |
| " Mosgiel Woollens W/off | 190 | |
| " H.M. Maaka Car W/off | 1,411 | |
| " Various Adjustments from Administrat'n | 57,185 | 82,355 |
| | | <hr/> 445,042 |
| Less Transfer from Receipts & Payments A/c
as per Income & Expenditure | | 13,606 |
| | | <hr/> 431,436 |
| Balance 30 June, 1981. | | <hr/> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

SUPERNUMERARY FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January, 1981

| 1980 | | 1981 | 1980 | | 1981 |
|---------|---|------------|---------|---|------------|
| | <u>CHARGES</u> | | | <u>FUND CONTRIBUTIONS</u> | |
| 18,385 | Administration Charges 20,516.00 | | 162,607 | Personal | 196,251.81 |
| | Stationery, General | | 142,767 | Subsidies: from Connexional Budget | 174,555.63 |
| 2,726 | Expenses and Audit Fee 4,363.25 | | | " other agencies and | |
| 2,365 | Triennial Actuarial Report -- | | 19,840 | individuals | 21,696.18 |
| 1,446 | Actuarial investigation -- | | 325,214 | | 392,503.62 |
| | Commission Paid to | | | <u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u> | |
| 3,620 | Investment Board 9,026.55 | | 72,593 | Bank and other Deposit interest | 132,679.62 |
| 28,542 | | 33,905.80 | 4,000 | Local Body Stock and Debenture Interest | 3,830.13 |
| | | | 22,976 | Mortgage interest | 18,177.40 |
| | <u>INTEREST PAID</u> | | 10,106 | Company dividends and interest | 13,609.18 |
| 54,954 | Allied Funds 59,146.01 | | 109,675 | | 168,296.33 |
| | | | | <u>PROPERTY INCOME</u> | |
| 73,261 | Annuities 102,999.47 | | 47,637 | Epworth Chambers: Rent | 56,573.67 |
| 2,280 | Furniture Grants -- | - | 32,600 | Less expenses | 34,059.17 |
| 5,113 | Refunds of Contributions 1,412.90 | | 15,037 | | 22,514.50 |
| 80,654 | | 104,412.37 | 3,659 | Morley House Property: Rent | 6,429.12 |
| | | | 2,077 | Less expenses | 3,233.51 |
| | | | 1,582 | | 3,195.61 |
| | Excess of Income over expenditure | | 9,706 | Century Property: Rent | 9,663.96 |
| 332,065 | transferred to Accumulated Funds 429,916.18 | | 73 | Less expenses | 730.16 |
| | | | 9,633 | | 8,933.80 |
| | | | 38,862 | Papatoetoe Property: Rent | 32,385.00 |
| | | | 3,788 | Less expenses | 448.50 |
| | | | 35,074 | | 31,936.50 |
| | | | | | 66,580.41 |
| 496,215 | | 627,380.36 | 496,215 | | 627,380.36 |

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
SUPERNUMERARY FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January, 1981

| <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> | <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> |
| <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | |
| 2,997 | Sundry Creditors | 11,092.57 | 37,845 | Bank of N.Z.: Current Account | 31,362.97 |
| 4,377 | Rent received in advance | 359.11 | | Methodist Trust Association: | |
| 87 | Subscriptions prepaid | 93.13 | 115,627 | Deposits at call | 219,834.60 |
| 7,461 | | 11,544.81 | -- | Deposits with Trading banks | 450,000.00 |
| <u>DEPOSITS BY ALLIED FUNDS</u> | | | -- | Deposit with Presbyters, Deacons
and Layworkers Loan Fund | 21,500.00 |
| 13,668 | Benevolent Fund | 18,624.61 | 50,000 | Contributory Mortgage | 375.00 |
| 114,403 | Deaconess Retiring Fund | -- | 3,062 | Subscriptions due | 2,711.45 |
| 12,655 | Deferred Stipend Fund | 13,986.35 | 8,256 | Subsidies due from Budget | 4,123.35 |
| 194,250 | Home Acquisition Fund "A" | 191,291.11 | 4,627 | Interest Accrued | 12,192.51 |
| 10,551 | Home Acquisition Fund "B" | 25,709.22 | -- | Hamilton Hindin Greene | 25,539.51 |
| 15,193 | Home Missionaries | | 32,626 | Sundry Debtors | 50,966.56 |
| | Retiring Fund | -- | 252,043 | | 818,605.95 |
| 67,389 | Layworkers Retiring Fund | 102,616.04 | | <u>DEFERRED CHARGES</u> | |
| | Ministers Retirement | | | Epworth Chambers alterations and
maintenance | 3,162.00 |
| 44,202 | Home Fund | 48,843.10 | 9,680 | | |
| 472,311 | | 401,070.43 | | <u>INVESTMENTS (AT COST)</u> | |
| <u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS, RESERVES
and SPECIAL FUNDS</u> | | | | Methodist Trust Association: Term | |
| | | | 684,639 | Deposits | 1,067,135.78 |
| <u>PROVISIONS AND RESERVES:</u> | | | 37,419 | Debentures | 37,084.00 |
| | Investment Fluctuation | | 180,969 | First Mortgages | 104,652.64 |
| 10,000 | Reserve | 10,000.00 | | Company Shares and Convertible
Notes | 106,809.79 |
| | Property Re-valuation | | 109,534 | | 1,315,682.21 |
| 287,463 | Reserve | 287,462.73 | 1,012,561 | | |
| 297,463 | | 297,462.73 | | | |

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January, 1981

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| 1980
\$ | | 1981
\$ | 1980
\$ | | 1981
\$ |
|------------|---|--------------|----------------|---|-------------------|
| 8,188 | Special Fund for widows benefits | 9,047.63 | | <u>FIXED ASSETS (AT COST OR VALUATION)</u> | |
| 136,631 | Ministers Retirement Housing Appeal Fund | 146,037.45 | 202,001 | Papatoetoe property (1970) at Cost plus additions at cost | - |
| 47,830 | Less Special Loans to Supernumeraries on retirement | 55,180.00 | 435,000 | Epworth Chambers at Valuation (1979) | 435,000.00 |
| 88,801 | | | 116,000 | Morley House property at Valuation (1979) | 116,000.00 |
| | <u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u> | | <u>134,300</u> | Century property at Valuation (1979) | <u>134,300.00</u> |
| 1,025,581 | Balance at beginning of year | 1,287,360.57 | 887,301 | | 685,300.00 |
| 1,091 | Add: Capital profit on Sale of Shares | 3,552.99 | | | |
| -- | " Capital profit on sale of Papatoetoe property | 244,987.20 | | | |
| 6,715 | " Rent from previous years | -- | | | |
| -- | " transfer from Deaconess Retiring Fund | 107,396.85 | | | |
| -- | " transfer from Home Missionaries Retiring Fund | 7,736.81 | | | |
| -- | " Donation received | 615.10 | | | |
| 332,065 | " transfer from Income & Expenditure account | 429,916.18 | | | |
| 1,365,452 | | 2,081,565.70 | | | |
| 78,091 | Less Annuities Compounded | 68,798.59 | | | |
| 1,287,361 | | | 2,012,767.11 | | |
| 2,161,585 | | | 2,822,750.16 | 2,161,585 | 2,822,750.16 |

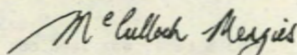
METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
SUPERNUMERARY FUND

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Chairman: G.E.Hill

Secretary: A.K.Woodley

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Supernumerary Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1981. 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, 1981, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.



McCULLOCH MENZIES
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
25th May, 1981

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
SUPERNUMERARY FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January, 1981

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Market Valuation of Company Shares and Convertible Notes at Balance date amounted to \$194,687

2. Fixed Assets.

(A) Government Valuation at 1979 of Properties

| | Cost | Capital Value | Value of
Improvements | Unimproved
Value |
|------------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Epworth Chambers (Valuation) | 213,081 | 435,000 | 195,000 | 244,000 |
| Century Property (Valuation) | 96,640 | 134,300 | 61,000 | 73,300 |
| Morley House (Valuation) | 80,357 | 116,000 | 1,000 | 115,000 |
| | 390,078 | 685,300 | | |

- (B) Papatoetoe Property was sold during the year realising a Capital Profit of \$244,987.
A replacement property is being sought.

3. Contributory Mortgage

An Interim Distribution of 99.25 cent in the Dollar on the original Contributory Mortgage of \$50,000 (Registered First Mortgage) has been received during the year. It is anticipated that a Final Distribution of \$375 subject to Supreme Court determination under the Chateau Companies Act 1977 will be paid in the future.

4. Statement of Accounting Policies

The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts. The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:

- (a) Depreciation - no depreciation has been provided on Buildings owned by the Fund
- (b) Fixed Assets have been re-valued to Government Valuation.
- (c) Contributory Mortgage, Deferred Charges and Investments have been valued at Cost
- (d) Sundry Debtors - have been valued at expected realisable Value.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

BENEVOLENT FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January, 1981

| 1980 | | 1981 | 1980 | | 1981 |
|-------|---|----------|-------|--|----------|
| \$ | | \$ | \$ | | \$ |
| 1,140 | Excess Income over Expenditure transferred to Appropriation Account | 1,686.54 | 1,140 | Distribution Received from the Methodist Trust Association | 1,686.54 |
| 1,140 | | 1,686.54 | 1,140 | | 1,686.54 |

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January, 1981

| | | | | | |
|-------|----------------------------------|----------|-------|--|----------|
| 687 | Balance at beginning of the year | -- | - | Balance at beginning of the year | 452.80 |
| 453 | Balance at end of year | 2,139.34 | 1,140 | Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account | 1,686.54 |
| 1,140 | | 2,139.34 | 1,140 | | 2,139.34 |

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st JANUARY, 1981

| | | | | | |
|--------|----------------------------------|-----------|--------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 9,943 | Capital at beginning of the year | 13,215.27 | 13,668 | Deposit with Supernumerary Fund | 18,624.61 |
| 100 | ADD Donations | - | | | |
| 3,172 | ADD Grant Thorndon Trust | 3,270.00 | | | |
| 13,215 | | 16,485.27 | | | |
| 453 | ADD Appropriation Account | 2,139.34 | | | |
| 13,668 | | 18,624.61 | 13,668 | | 18,624.61 |

Chairman: G.E.Hill

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Supernumerary Fund Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1981. 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, 1981, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K.Woodley

McCulloch Menzies

McCULLOCH MENZIES
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
25th May, 1981

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

LAY WORKERS RETIRING FUND

CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1981

| 1980 | | 1981 | 1980 | | 1981 |
|--------|------------------------|------------|--------|---|------------|
| \$ | | \$ | \$ | | \$ |
| 7,140 | Contributions Refunded | 10,664.25 | 51,365 | Balance at beginning of year | 66,632.39 |
| 66,632 | Balance at end of year | 101,625.64 | -- | Transfer from Deaconess Retiring Fund | 15,592.42 |
| | | | -- | Transfer from Home Missionaries Retiring Fund | 3,666.26 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | CONTRIBUTIONS | |
| | | | 17,226 | Personal and subsidies | 18,619.33 |
| | | | 125 | Subsidies from Budget | 2,318.74 |
| | | | 17,351 | | |
| | | | 5,056 | Interest Received on Personal Deposits | 20,938.07 |
| 73,772 | | 112,289.89 | 73,772 | | 5,460.75 |
| | | | | | 112,289.89 |

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1981

| | | | | | |
|-------|--|----------|-------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 675 | Administration Charges | 786.00 | | Interest Received: Deposit with | |
| 5,056 | Interest Paid: Personal Deposits | 5,460.75 | 5,785 | Supernumerary Fund | 7,701.00 |
| 59 | Stationery and General Expenses | 138.96 | | Excess Expenditure over Income | |
| -- | Life insurance premiums paid | 1,313.00 | 5 | transferred to Appropriation Account | -- |
| -- | Excess income transferred to Appropriation Account | 2.29 | | | |
| 5,790 | | 7,701.00 | 5,790 | | 7,701.00 |

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January, 1981

| | | | | | |
|----|---|------|---|---|------|
| -- | Balance at beginning of year | 2.29 | 3 | Balance at beginning of year | -- |
| | Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account | -- | - | Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account | 2.29 |
| 5 | | | 2 | Balance at end of year | -- |
| 5 | | 2.29 | 5 | | 2.29 |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
LAY WORKERS RETIRING FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January, 1981

| <u>1980</u>
\$ | | <u>1981</u>
\$ | <u>1980</u>
\$ | | <u>1981</u>
\$ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 158 | Sundry Creditors | 389.40 | 67,389 | Deposit with Supernumerary Fund | 102,616.04 |
| 66,632 | Contributors Account | 101,625.64 | | | |
| <u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u> | | | | | |
| 601 | Capital | 601.00 | | | |
| - 2 | Appropriation Account | -- | | | |
| 599 | | 601.00 | | | |
| 67,389 | | 102,616.04 | 67,389 | | 102,616.04 |
| | | ===== | ===== | | ===== |

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, 1981. 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, 1981, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCulloch Menzies

McCULLOCH MENZIES
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
25th May, 1981

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUNDS

CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st January, 1981

| 1980 | | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 |
|---------|------------------------|------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| \$ | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 21,065 | Contributions Refunded | 29,430.09 | 189,297 | Balance at beginning of year |
| 200,102 | Balance at end of year | 211,222.23 | | 200,102.48 |
| | | | | |
| | | | 12,249 | CONTRIBUTIONS |
| | | | 19,621 | Personal |
| | | | | Interest Received: Personal Deposits |
| 221,167 | | 240,653.32 | 221,167 | 18,390.17 |
| | | | | 22,160.67 |
| | | | | 240,653.32 |

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st January, 1981

| | | | | | |
|--------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 1,030 | Administration Charges | 942.42 | | Interest Received from | |
| 19,621 | Interest Paid: Personal Deposits | 22,160.67 | 20,891 | Methodist Trust Association | 23,443.07 |
| 215 | Stationery and General Expenses | 250.00 | | | |
| | Excess of Income over Expenditure | | | | |
| 25 | transferred to Appropriation Account | 89.98 | | | |
| 20,891 | | 23,443.07 | 20,891 | | 23,443.07 |

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st January, 1981

| | | | | | |
|-------|------------------------|----------|-------|------------------------------|----------|
| 3,407 | Balance at end of year | 3,496.84 | 3,382 | Balance at beginning of year | 3,406.86 |
| | | | | Transferred from Income and | |
| | | | 25 | Expenditure Account | 89.98 |
| 3,407 | | 3,496.84 | 3,407 | | 3,496.84 |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
HOME ACQUIREMENT FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st January, 1981

| <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> | | <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| \$ | | \$ | | \$ | | \$ |
| 200,102 | Contributors Account | 211,223.23 | | 204,801 | Deposit with Supernumerary Fund | 217,000.33 |
| 553 | Sundry Creditors | 926.41 | | | | |
| | <u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u> | | | | | |
| 739 | Capital | 738.75 | | | | |
| -- | add legacy received | 615.10 | | | | |
| 739 | | 1,353.85 | | | | |
| 3,407 | Appropriation Account | 3,496.84 | | | | |
| 4,146 | | 4,850.69 | | | | |
| <u>204,801</u> | | <u>217,000.33</u> | | <u>204,801</u> | | <u>217,000.33</u> |

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Chairman: G.E.Hill

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Home Acquirement Funds for the year ended 31st January, 1981. 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, 1981, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

McCulloch Menzies

McCULLOCH MENZIES
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
25th May, 1981

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DEFERRED STIPEND

DEPOSITORS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January, 1981

| 1980 | | 1981 | | 1980 | | 1981 |
|--------|------------------------|-----------|--|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| \$ | | \$ | | \$ | | \$ |
| 5,250 | Contributions Refunded | 744.63 | | 15,041 | Balance at beginning of year | 12,647.82 |
| 12,648 | Balance at end of year | 13,986.35 | | 1,652 | Deposits Received | 832.00 |
| | | | | 1,205 | Interest Received : Personal Deposits | 1,251.16 |
| 17,898 | | 14,730.98 | | 17,898 | | 14,730.98 |

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January 1981

| | | | | | | |
|-------|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|--|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 153 | Administration charges | 111.00 | | | Interest Received : Deposit with | |
| 1,205 | Interest Paid : Personal Deposits | 1,251.16 | 1,416 | | Supernumerary Fund | 1,375.00 |
| 18 | Stationery and Supplies | 20.00 | | | Excess Expenditure over Income | |
| | Excess Income over Expenditure | | -- | | transferred to Appropriation Account | 7.16 |
| 40 | transferred to Appropriation Account | - - | | | | |
| 1,416 | | 1,382.16 | 1,416 | | | 1,382.16 |

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DEFERRED STIPEND

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January, 1981

| <u>1980</u> | <u>1981</u> | <u>1980</u> | <u>1981</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|
| \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 33 Balance at beginning of year | - | - | 7.16 |
| Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account | 7.16 | | Transferred from Income and Expenditure |
| 7 Balance at end of year | - | 40 | account |
| 40 | 7.16 | 40 | |
| | | | 7.16 |

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January, 1981

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| 12,648 Contributors Deposits | 13,986.35 | 12,655 Deposit with Supernumerary Fund | 13,986.35 |
| 7 Appropriation Account | - | | |
| 12,655 | 13,986.35 | 12,655 | 13,986.35 |

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, 1981. 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, 1981, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

McCulloch Menzies

McCULLOCH MENZIES
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
25th May, 1981

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
SPECIAL TRAINING SECTOR FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1981

| <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> | | <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| \$ | | \$ | | \$ | | \$ |
| | Grants made: | | | 10,571 | Balance at beginning of year | 11,120.84 |
| - | Grant, S.C. | 1,000.00 | | 3,117 | Contributions from the Budget | 2,165.00 |
| 117 | Hornblow, M.A. | - -- | | | | |
| 450 | Pratt, D.C. | - -- | | | | |
| - | Roberts, J.H. | 300.00 | | | | |
| 2,000 | Salmon, J.B. | - -- | | | | |
| - | Wallace, W.L. | 259.00 | | | | |
| 2,567 | | | 1,559.00 | | | |
| 11,121 | Balance at end of year | | 11,726.84 | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| 13,688 | | | 13,285.84 | 13,688 | | 13,285.84 |
| | | | | | | |

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1981

| | | | | | |
|--------|---|-----------|--------|--|-----------|
| 16,808 | Administration Expenses | 18,481.55 | | Working Expenses and Interest received | |
| 865 | Audit Fee | 555.00 | 20,794 | on Loans | 21,771.66 |
| 231 | Commission Paid to Investment Board | - -- | 12,900 | Interest Received : General | 28,902.05 |
| 4,366 | Interest Paid on Deposits | 8,374.39 | 591 | Dividends Received | 830.00 |
| 663 | Office and General Expenses | 1,502.94 | 80 | Sundry Income | 1,428.76 |
| 953 | Printing and Stationery | 554.23 | | | |
| 679 | Travelling Expenses | 254.95 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 24,565 | | 29,723.06 | | | |
| 9,800 | Excess transferred to Accumulated Funds | 23,209.41 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 34,365 | | 52,932.47 | 34,365 | | 52,932.47 |
| | | | | | |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
LOANS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1981

| <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> | <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|-------------|
| <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> |
| 467,877 | Loans at beginning of year | 500,597.40 | | Repayment of Principal, Working Expenses and | |
| 20,794 | Working Expenses and Interest charged | 21,771.66 | 180,897 | Interest | 135,151.60 |
| 192,823 | for year | 184,550.00 | 500,597 | Loans at end of year | 571,767.46 |
| | New Loans Advanced | | | | |
| 681,494 | | 706,918.06 | 681,494 | | 706,918.06 |
| | | | | | |

SITES FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1981

| | | | | | |
|--------|---------------------|-----------|--------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1,000 | Grants made | -- | 11,039 | Balance at beginning of year | 10,628.04 |
| 10,628 | Balance end of year | 11,195.54 | 589 | Interest Received | 567.50 |
| 11,628 | | 11,195.54 | 11,628 | | 11,195.54 |

DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1981

| | | | | | |
|--------|------------------------|-----------|--------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | Grants made: | | 16,389 | Balance at beginning of year | 18,335.07 |
| | Kaeo-Kerikeri Union | 800.00 | 9,346 | Contributions from Budget | 6,504.00 |
| | Otumoetai | 4,000.00 | | | |
| | Porirua | 4,000.00 | | | |
| 7,400 | | 8,800.00 | | | |
| 18,335 | Balance at end of year | 16,039.07 | | | |
| 25,735 | | 24,839.07 | 25,735 | | 24,839.07 |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1981

| 1980
\$ | | 1981
\$ | 1980
\$ | | 1981
\$ |
|---|--|-------------------|-----------------------|---|------------|
| <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | |
| 1,567 | Sundry Creditors | 5,828.15 | 1,759 | Cash at Bank : Current Account | 8,324.81 |
| | Interest Accrued : Working Expenses charged in advance | | 141,978 | Term Deposits | 248,264.01 |
| <u>1,011</u> | | <u>1,164.28</u> | 434 | Sundry Debtors | 529.20 |
| 2,578 | | | 6,992.43 | Interest Accrued | 5,566.32 |
| <u>OTHER ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED WITH FUND</u> | | | 3,594 | General Purposes Trust (Sites Fund) | 6,000.00 |
| 10,628 | Sites Fund | 11,195.54 | 6,000 | | |
| | Development Fund (for Church Extension) | 16,039.07 | 153,765 | | 268,684.34 |
| 18,335 | Special Training Sector Fund | 11,726.84 | 500,597 | <u>LOANS CURRENT</u> | 571,767.46 |
| 11,121 | Deposits : Held on trust from Church Properties | | | <u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u> | |
| 133,350 | Realisations (See Note 3) | <u>278,173.23</u> | | Shares bequeathed to Fund | |
| 173,434 | | | 317,134.68 | (a) Preference Shares (Unlisted Company) | 2,000.00 |
| <u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u> | | | 2,000 | (b) Ordinary Shares (Note 1) (Listed Companies) | 3,504.00 |
| 447,887 | (i) Capital at beginning of year | 471,773.49 | 3,504 | Share in Methodist Provident Society | 1.00 |
| 1,224 | ADD Legacies and Donations | | 5,504 | Debenture bequeathed to Fund | - -- |
| 1,000 | A.Blackmore Estate - -- | | 1 | | 5,505.00 |
| -- | Olive Cardno - -- | | 600 | | |
| 384 | B.H.Cliff Estate 2,790.21 | | | | |
| -- | M.B.Gilmore Estate 456.01 | | | | |
| 2,750 | A.Hall Estate 500.00 | | | | |
| 10,000 | A.H.Hayman Estate 125.00 | | | | |
| 8,528 | R.D.Prosser Estate - -- | | | | |
| <u>23,886</u> | F.W.Walters Trust <u>10,293.41</u> | | | | |
| 471,773 | | <u>14,164.63</u> | | | |
| | | <u>485,938.12</u> | | | |
| | (ii) Administration Funds: | | | | |
| 2,882 | Balance at beginning of year | 12,682.16 | | | |
| <u>9,800</u> | ADD excess for year | <u>23,209.41</u> | | | |
| <u>12,682</u> | | <u>35,891.57</u> | | | |
| | | 521,829.69 | | | |
| 660,467 | | 845,956.80 | 660,467 | | 845,956.80 |

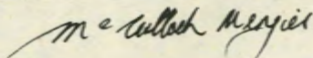
METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1981

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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, 1981. 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, 1981, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley



McCULLOCH MENZIES
Chartered Accountants

CHRISTCHURCH
5th August 1981

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:

1. Investments - Ordinary Shares in Listed Companies estimated Market Value at 31st May, 1981. \$8,589.00
2. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES
 1. The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting 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 Listed Companies have been valued at cost.
 - B. Loans - have been valued at expected realisable value.
3. Deposits held on trust from Church Properties Realisations includes \$83,600 from Nominated Trust Advances.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for year ended 30th June, 1981

| <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> | <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> |
|----------------|--|-------------------|----------------|---|-------------------|
| <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> |
| 721,475 | Payments to Divisions and Fund | 841,230.43 | | <u>CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED</u> | |
| | | | 585,965 | Methodist Circuits | 667,318.93 |
| | Expenses collected through the Connexional | | | Grant from the Special Account | |
| 23,390 | Budget and refunded to Districts | 31,803.00 | 13,713 | of the Administration Division | 24,153.00 |
| | | | 97,232 | Union Parishes : General | 107,810.41 |
| | | | <u>40,973</u> | Union Parishes : Retiring Funds | <u>53,211.76</u> |
| | | | 737,883 | | 852,494.10 |
| | | | | <u>REFUNDS FROM DIVISIONS AND FUNDS</u> | |
| | | | 10,286 | Retiring Funds | 27,874.16 |
| | | | | Contributions for previous year | |
| | | | 3,648 | received this year | 636.00 |
| <u>744,865</u> | | <u>873,033.43</u> | <u>751,817</u> | <u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u> | <u>881,004.26</u> |
| 6,725 | Administration Charges | 7,034.00 | | | |
| | Stationery, Postages, Tolls, Travel | | 487 | Bank Interest Received | 459.44 |
| 714 | and General Expenses | 1,396.27 | | | |
| <u>752,304</u> | | <u>881,463.70</u> | <u>752,304</u> | | <u>881,463.70</u> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1981

| <u>1980</u>
\$ | | <u>1981</u>
\$ | <u>1980</u>
\$ | | <u>1981</u>
\$ |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------|
| <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | |
| - | Contributions received in advance | 288.00 | 22,165 | Cash at Bank of New Zealand | 22,916.52 |
| 150 | Sundry Creditors | 200.00 | 95 | Interest accrued : Bank | 138.69 |
| | Final Payments due to Districts and to Non-Guaranteed Funds and Divisions | <u>53,477.43</u> | | Payments for this year received after Balance Date | 31,096.31 |
| 52,184 | | | 30,260 | | |
| 52,334 | | 53,965.43 | | | |
| <u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u> | | | | | |
| 186 | Balance at the beginning of the year (no change) | 186.09 | | | |
| 52,520 | | <u>54,151.52</u> | 52,520 | | <u>54,151.52</u> |

Chairman: G.E.Hill

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the Connexional Budget for the year ended 30th June, 1981, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the Connexional Budget as at this date.

Secretary: A.K.Woodley

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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.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1981

| 1980 | | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 |
|--------|--|-----------|--------|--|
| \$ | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| | <u>CONFERENCE TRAVEL</u> | | | |
| 3,143 | Official Representatives | 3,637.61 | 66,104 | Connexional Budget 70,504.00 |
| | <u>CONFERENCE PRINTING AND GENERAL EXPENSES</u> | | 2,971 | Conference Arrangements and Collections 1,129.64 |
| | Conference/Synod Reports, Statistical | | 445 | Interest Received 1,572.18 |
| 10,399 | Returns and Sundry Printing 9,361.91 | | 239 | Sale of Law Books and Printed Matter 188.94 |
| | Secretarial Platform and Other | | | |
| 1,084 | Expenses 1,290.10 | | | |
| 11,483 | | 10,652.01 | | |
| | <u>CONNEXIONAL PAYMENTS</u> | | | |
| 3,006 | President's Travel & Expenses 4,407.44 | | | |
| | Vice-President's Travel and | | | |
| 1,515 | Expenses 398.58 | | | |
| 4,521 | | 4,806.02 | | |
| | <u>CONNEXIONAL PRINTING</u> | | | |
| 960 | Including Confirmation Certificates and Membership Cars 500.00 | | | |
| | <u>CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES AND EXPENSES</u> | | | |
| 5,584 | Church Council 6,773.51 | | | |
| 7,047 | Chairmen's District Expenses 7,464.37 | | | |
| 1,200 | Ministerial Synod Travelling 1,850.85 | | | |
| | Standing Committees of | | | |
| 14,754 | Conference 13,866.31 | | | |
| -- | Church Union Plans/Voting 4,474.39 | | | |
| 28,585 | | 34,429.43 | | |
| | <u>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</u> | | | |
| 1,500 | Administration Fee 1,600.00 | | | |
| | Audit Fee, General Office | | | |
| 1,483 | Expenses and Computer Processing 1,966.13 | | | |
| 950 | Interest Paid -- | | | |
| 3,933 | | 3,566.13 | | |
| 17,134 | Excess Income over Expenditure 15,803.56 | | | |
| 69,759 | | 73,394.76 | 69,759 | 73,394.76 |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1981

| <u>1980</u>
<u>\$</u> | | <u>1981</u>
<u>\$</u> | <u>1980</u>
<u>\$</u> | <u>1981</u>
<u>\$</u> |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|--|
| <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | |
| | Bank of New Zealand - Current | | 13,456 | Bank of New Zealand - Current Account - -- |
| -- | Account | 3,339.49 | 4,793 | Sundry Debtors 5,614.79 |
| 4,604 | Sundry Creditors | 2,253.47 | -- | Methodist Trust Association (Inc.) 33,365.58 |
| <u>3,340</u> | Due to Districts | -- | <u>18,249</u> | |
| 7,944 | | 5,592.96 | | 38,980.37 |
| <u>PROVISIONS</u> | | | 320 Deficit Balance of Fund (See Contra) | |
| 3,093 | President's Ministerial Supply | 3,280.96 | | |
| 4,117 | Supply Ministries | 8,207.28 | | |
| <u>3,415</u> | Contingencies (Note 4) | <u>6,415.49</u> | | |
| <u>10,625</u> | | 17,903.73 | | |
| <u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u> | | | | |
| (17,454) | Deficit Balance at 1/7/1980 | 319.88 | | |
| <u>17,134</u> | ADD Excess Income over Expendi-
ture | <u>15,803.56</u> | | |
| (320) | | 15,483.68 | | |
| <u>18,569</u> | | <u>38,980.37</u> | <u>18,569</u> | <u>38,980.37</u> |

Chairman: G.E. Hill

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Connexional Expenses Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1981, 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.

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1981

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1. The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.
2. The specific accounting policies adopted in the account which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:-

Sundry Debtors have been valued at realisable value.
3. The state of the Fund, either deficit or credit, reflects the capacity of the Connexion to accurately budget for the year's activities.
4. CONTINGENCIES:

Accumulated in accordance to previous resolution.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND LAY WORKERS LOAN FUND
LOANS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1981

| <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> | <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> |
|----------------|---|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> |
| 81,050 | Loans at beginning of year | 101,187.03 | 45,313 | Loan repayments | 79,913.04 |
| 53,550 | New Loans advanced | 161,200.50 | 101,187 | Balance at end of year | 205,102.87 |
| 11,900 | Interest charged for full term of loans | 22,628.38 | | | |
| <u>146,500</u> | | <u>285,015.91</u> | <u>146,500</u> | | <u>285,015.91</u> |

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1981

| | | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 499 | 3,572 | Administration Charges | 5,359.20 | 9,295 | Interest Received | 15,899.77 |
| | 5,661 | Interest paid | 11,177.04 | 639 | Excess of expenditure over income | 1,536.70 |
| | 701 | General expenses | 900.23 | | | |
| | <u>9,934</u> | | <u>17,436.47</u> | <u>9,934</u> | | <u>17,436.47</u> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND LAY WORKERS LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1981

| <u>1980</u>
<u>\$</u> | | <u>1981</u>
<u>\$</u> | <u>1980</u>
<u>\$</u> | <u>1981</u>
<u>\$</u> | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| | <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | |
| 2,584 | Sundry Creditors | 6,778.41 | 1,083 | Bank of New Zealand - Current Account | 1,178.11 |
| - | Special Deposit held | <u>45,000.00</u> | 696 | Sundry Debtors | 21.00 |
| 2,584 | | 51,778.41 | - | Special Deposit in Methodist Trust | |
| | | | | Association (Inc.) | <u>45,000.00</u> |
| 13,920 | <u>UNEARNED INTEREST ON LOANS</u> | 21,448.02 | 1,779 | | 46,199.11 |
| | <u>LOANS</u> | | 101,187 | <u>LOANS CURRENT</u> | 205,102.87 |
| | General Purposes Trust, | | | | |
| 1,800 | Methven Trust | - -- | 35,900 | DEPOSIT WITH METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.) | - -- |
| 1,000 | Te Awamutu Trust | 1,000.00 | | | |
| | Wellington Methodist Charitable | | 1 | SHARE IN METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED | 1.00 |
| 1,000 | and Education Endowment Trust | - -- | | | |
| | Board of Administration : | | | | |
| 75,000 | Special Account | 75,000.00 | | | |
| | Methodist Provident Society | | | | |
| 25,000 | Limited | 25,000.00 | | | |
| | Special Loans : Methodist | | | | |
| - | Trust Association (Inc.) | <u>60,050.00</u> | | | |
| 103,800 | | 161,050.00 | | | |
| | <u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u> | | | | |
| 19,102 | Balance at beginning of year | 18,563.25 | | | |
| 100 | ADD Donations | - -- | | | |
| - 639 | LESS Net Loss for the year | <u>1,536.70</u> | | | |
| 18,563 | | 17,026.55 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 138,867 | | 251,302.98 | 138,867 | | 251,302.98 |

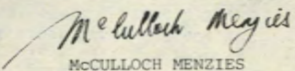
METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND LAY WORKERS LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1981

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Chairman: G.E.Hill

We have examined the books of accounts and records of the Methodist Church Presbyters, Deacons and Lay Workers Loan Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1981. 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 and Lay Workers Loan Fund as at 30th June, 1981, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K.Woodley


McCULLOCH MENZIES

Chartered Accountants

CHRISTCHURCH

10th September, 1981.

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.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1981

| 1980 | | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 |
|----------------------------|--|--------------|--|--------------|
| \$ | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | |
| - | Bank of New Zealand : Current Account | 2,992.10 | 52,180 | - -- |
| 5,237 | Sundry Creditors | 7,761.40 | 17,460 | 3,531.79 |
| 5,237 | | 10,753.50 | 19,122 | 24,739.55 |
| | | | 88,762 | |
| 6,000 | <u>SHORT TERM DEPOSITS</u>
Church Sites Fund | 6,000.00 | | 28,271.34 |
| | | | <u>INVESTMENTS AND LOANS (at Cost)</u> | |
| | <u>OTHER LIABILITIES</u> | | 239,500 | 207,000.00 |
| 654,037 | Sundry Church and Other Deposits | 586,777.59 | 48,892 | 59,456.74 |
| | | | 486,049 | 757,784.14 |
| | <u>TRUSTS ADMINISTERED BY THE GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD</u> | | 32,000 | 30,000.00 |
| 356,577 | Depositors holding Specific investments | 412,676.91 | 62,848 | 53,224.00 |
| | Walters Family | | 27,870 | 22,920.00 |
| 311,582 | Trusts | 323,375.50 | 12,000 | 5,000.00 |
| 668,159 | | 736,052.41 | 3,398 | 3,100.03 |
| 211,852 | Winstone Memorial Trust Fund | 222,404.28 | 668,159 | 715,708.58 |
| 380,773 | Sundry Other Trusts | 394,437.46 | 225,386 | 75,385.68 |
| 1,260,784 | | 1,352,894.15 | 64,839 | 35,447.18 |
| | | | 1,870,941 | |
| | <u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES</u> | | | 1,965,026.35 |
| 23,739 | Accumulated Funds at beginning of the year | 27,444.58 | | |
| 2,726 | Add: Profit on sale of Shares | 241.55 | | |
| 980 | Add: Excess Income for the year | 1,186.32 | | |
| 27,445 | | 28,872.45 | | |
| 8,000 | General Reserve | 8,000.00 | 1,800 | - -- |
| 35,445 | | 36,872.45 | | |
| | | | | |
| 1,961,503 | | 1,993,297.69 | 1,961,503 | 1,993,297.69 |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1981.

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Chairman: G.E.Hill

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist General Purposes Trust Board Inc. for the year ended 30th June, 1981. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Board as at 30th June 1981, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K.Woodley

McCulloch Menzies

McCULLOCH MENZIES
Chartered Accountants

CHRISTCHURCH
18th September 1981

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 amount to \$5,243

Note 3. The property at Berry Street, Christchurch was acquired through a Mortgagee Sale.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
 METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1981

| <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> | <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> |
|----------------|---|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> |
| 113,453 | Interest Allowed to Trusts and Depositors | 118,989.21 | | <u>INTEREST RECEIVED</u> | |
| 14,330 | Administration Charges | 12,500.00 | | Local Body Stock and Company | |
| 2,273 | General Expenses | 2,764.08 | 8,313 | Debentures | 7,284.03 |
| 1,311 | Commission to Investment Board | 1,875.77 | 33,421 | Mortgages | 28,606.38 |
| 1,500 | Accounting Development Expenses | 4,000.00 | 365 | Loans | 996.83 |
| 979 | Excess of Income over Expenditure | 1,186.32 | 54,913 | Bank and Other Deposits | 82,407.75 |
| | | | <u>28,720</u> | Greenock House Property | <u>15,970.30</u> |
| | | | 125,732 | | 135,265.29 |
| | | | 4,410 | Commissions Received | 5,694.17 |
| | | | 2,149 | Dividends Received | 355.92 |
| | | | | Rents received from properties | - - |
| | | | | LESS Property Expenses | - - |
| | | | 1,555 | | - - |
| <u>133,846</u> | | <u>141,315.38</u> | <u>133,846</u> | | <u>141,315.38</u> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION INSURANCE ACCOUNT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1981

| <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> | | <u>1980</u> | | <u>1981</u> |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| \$ | | \$ | | \$ | | \$ |
| 5,000 | Administration Fee | 6,000.00 | | 1,929 | Interest Received | 4,159.67 |
| 400 | Audit Fee | 775.00 | | | | |
| 2,229 | Computer Processing | 5,451.63 | | 122,034 | Premiums Received | 161,609.58 |
| 603 | General Office Expenses | 813.12 | | | | |
| 16,406 | Insurance Claims - Church Property | 24,744.41 | | | Excess Expenditure over Income | 5,900.90 |
| | Re-Insurance Church Property and | | | | | |
| 99,307 | Motor Vehicles | 133,885.99 | | | | |
| 18 | Excess Income over Expenditure | - -- | | | | |
| <u>123,963</u> | | <u>171,670.15</u> | | <u>123,963</u> | | <u>171,670.15</u> |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MAY, 1981

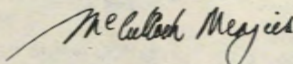
| <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 137,133 | Sundry Creditors | 189,278.68 | | Bank of New Zealand - | |
| | | | 54,151 | Current Account | 5,919.02 |
| | | | 85,539 | Sundry Debtors | 159,437.86 |
| | | | 61 | Interest Accrued | 138.78 |
| | | | | Deposit - Money Market Dealers | 20,500.00 |
| | | | | | 185,995.66 |
| | | | | Deficit (See Contra) | 5,883.02 |
| <u>PROVISIONS</u> | | | | | |
| 2,600 | Insurance Claim - Church Property | 2,600.00 | | | |
| <u>ACCUMULATED FUND</u> | | | | | |
| 18 | Balance 1 June 1980 | 17.88 | | | |
| | LESS Excess Expenditure | | | | |
| | over Income | 5,900.90 | | | |
| | Deficit | 5,883.02 | | | |
| <u>139,751</u> | | <u>191,878.68</u> | <u>139,751</u> | | <u>191,878.68</u> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION INSURANCE ACCOUNT
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1981

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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 Board of Administration Insurance Account for the year ended 31st May, 1981, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required. In our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Account as at 31st May, 1981, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.



MCCULLOCH MENZIES
Chartered Accountants.

CHRISTCHURCH
21st September 1981

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) Sundry Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
for year ended 31st May 1981

| 1980 | | 1981 | 1980 | | 1981 |
|--------|---------------------------------|-----------|--------|------------------------------|-----------|
| \$ | | \$ | \$ | | \$ |
| 5,000 | Administration Fee | 2,500.00 | | <u>Interest Received</u> | |
| 400 | Audit Fee | 500.00 | 20,678 | Bank and Deposits | 26,090.12 |
| 138 | Commission | 227.97 | 619 | Loans to Churches and Trusts | 298.42 |
| 560 | Stationery and General Expenses | 45.96 | 89 | Local Body Stock | 89.66 |
| | | | 3,809 | Mortgages | 3,240.11 |
| 19,097 | Profit for year | 26,444.38 | | | |
| 25,195 | | 29,718.31 | 25,195 | | 29,718.31 |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1981

| | | | | | |
|---------|------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 507 | <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | |
| 8,516 | Sundry Creditors | 512.22 | | Bank of New Zealand -Current Account | 2,964.35 |
| | | | 10,005 | | |
| | <u>ACCUMULATED FUND</u> | | 2,133 | Sundry Debtors | - - - |
| 218,201 | Balance at 31 May 1980 | 237,298.07 | 3,907 | Interest Accrued | 4,652.22 |
| | ADD Debt from previous years | 411.55 | 16,025 | | 7,616.57 |
| 19,097 | ADD Profit for Year | 26,444.38 | | <u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u> | |
| 237,298 | | | 264,154.00 | Loans to Churches and Trusts | 5,412.74 |
| | | | 8,426 | Local Body Stock | 1,722.00 |
| | | | 1,688 | Methodist Trust Association | 224,164.91 |
| | | | 193,015 | Mortgages | 25,750.00 |
| | | | 26,660 | | |
| | | | 229,789 | | 257,049.65 |
| 245,814 | | 264,666.22 | 245,814 | | 264,666.22 |

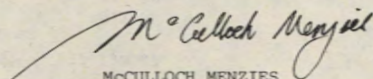
METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1981

- continued

Chairman: G.E.Hill

Secretary: A.K.Woodley

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Connexional Fire Insurance Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1981, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required. In our opinion the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account and Profit and Loss Appropriation Account are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st May, 1981, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.


McCULLOCH MENZIES
Chartered Accountants

CHRISTCHURCH
21st September 1981

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) Sundry Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value
 - (ii) Investments: All investments have been valued at cost.
2. The change in the accounting policies resulted from the Guardian Royal Exchange Insurance Agency becoming non-operative from the 16th May, 1979. Revenue only will be earned from Investments held by the Fund.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1981

| 1980 | | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 |
|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------------------|
| \$ | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 950 | Administration Fee | 1,000.00 | 27,573 | Connexional Budget |
| | Audit Fee, Stationery and General | | | |
| 139 | Office Expenses | 252.98 | | |
| 950 | Interest | 950.00 | | |
| 24,440 | Removal Costs | 23,642.35 | | |
| 1,094 | Excess Income over Expenditure | 5,154.67 | | |
| 27,573 | | 31,000.00 | 27,573 | |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1981

| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | CURRENT ASSETS | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 66 | Sundry Creditors | 1,663.45 | 652 | Sundry Debtors | 7,389.44 |
| -- | Board of Administration | 1,292.30 | | Deposit with Board of | |
| 66 | | | 2,955.75 | Administration | - -- |
| | | | | | 7,389.44 |
| LOANS | | | DEFICIT BALANCE OF FUND | | |
| 10,000 | Board of Administration - | | 4,435 | Deficit Balance of Fund | |
| | Special Account | | | (See Contra) | |
| PROVISIONS | | | ACCUMULATED FUND | | |
| 2,663 | Insurance Contingencies | 3,713.58 | | Deficit Balance | |
| | | | | 1st July 1980 | 4,434.56 |
| | | | | LESS Excess Income over | |
| | | | | Expenditure | 5,154.67 |
| | | | | | 720.11 |
| 12,729 | | 7,389.44 | 12,729 | | 7,389.44 |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1981

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ANALYSIS OF REMOVAL FUND

| | No. | Cost | Average
Cost | 1979/80
Average Cost |
|--------------|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| North Island | 12 | \$ 4,181 | \$ 349 | \$ 513 |
| South Island | 2 | \$ 1,105 | \$ 552 | \$ 629 |
| Inter Island | 11 | \$18,356 | \$1,669 | \$1,846 |
| | | <u>\$23,642</u> | | |

Chairman: G.E.Hill

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the Removal Expenses Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1981, and in my opinion the accounts show a true and fair view of the Removal Expenses Fund as at that date.

Secretary: A.K.Woodley

W.E. Clothier, B.Comm., A.C.A.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.

The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:-

Sundry Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.

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| 1980 | | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 |
|---------|---------------------------------------|------------|---------|------|
| \$ | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 8,000 | Accounting Development Expenses | 2,853.90 | | |
| 300 | Audit Fee | 320.00 | | |
| 1,046 | Cleaning | 1,354.98 | 800 | |
| 1,011 | General Expenses | 1,622.10 | | |
| 950 | Interest | 950.00 | 5,000 | |
| 19,954 | Investment Board Development Expenses | 26,431.10 | 17,624 | |
| 789 | Light and Heat | 858.64 | 6,725 | |
| 8,916 | Office Rent | 10,808.75 | 1,500 | |
| 17,885 | Printing Costs | 16,653.33 | 5,000 | |
| 1,980 | Repairs and Maintenance Equipment | 3,352.40 | 13,375 | |
| 113,219 | Salaries and Wages | 140,753.38 | | |
| 1,070 | Staff Training | 1,147.00 | 2,778 | |
| 3,025 | Stationery | 3,373.77 | 750 | |
| 3,161 | Telephones, Tolls and Postage | 3,501.39 | 9,921 | |
| 3,358 | Travelling Expenses | 4,193.21 | | |
| | Depreciation - Equipment Furnishings | | 3,572 | |
| 3,418 | and Renovations | 5,784.00 | -- | |
| | House Property Account - | | 2,000 | |
| | Depreciation - Dwelling and | | 950 | |
| 1,022 | Furnishings | 1,022.00 | 20,159 | |
| | Mortgage Interest, Insurance | | 90,154 | |
| 3,556 | Repairs and Maintenance | 3,964.29 | | |
| | | 4,986.29 | 275 | |
| 1,223 | Excess Income over Expenditure | 1,486.35 | 32,665 | |
| | | | 47,332 | |
| | | | 5,000 | |
| | | | 500 | |
| | | | 17,957 | |
| 193,883 | | 230,430.59 | 193,883 | |

| ADMINISTRATION FEE: | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Board of Administration - | |
| Special Account | 850.00 |
| Board of Administration - | |
| Insurance Account | 6,000.00 |
| Church Building and Loan Fund | 18,481.55 |
| Connexional Budget | 7,088.00 |
| Connexional Expenses Fund | 1,600.00 |
| Connexional Fire Insurance Fund | 7,500.00 |
| General Purposes Trust Fund | 12,800.00 |
| Home Mission & Church Extension | |
| Funds Board | 1,000.00 |
| Methodist Provident Society Limited | 1,132.00 |
| Methodist Trust Association (Inc.) | 12,984.99 |
| Presbyters Deacons and Lay Workers | |
| Fund | 5,359.20 |
| Prince Albert College Trust | 3,000.00 |
| Probert Trust | 3,500.00 |
| Removal Fund | 1,000.00 |
| Supernumerary and Allied Fund | 22,000.00 |
| Interest, Commission and Sundry | |
| Income | 1,213.55 |
| Connexional Budget | 35,953.00 |
| Commission Received - Investment | |
| Board | 68,646.18 |
| Grants Received - Investment Board | -- |
| Grants Received - Historical Records | 300.00 |
| Printing Receipts | 20,022.12 |
| 193,883 | 230,430.59 |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1981

| <u>1980</u>
<u>\$</u> | | <u>1981</u>
<u>\$</u> | | <u>1980</u>
<u>\$</u> | | <u>1981</u>
<u>\$</u> |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 27,194 | Balance Transferred to Balance Sheet at 30th June 1981 | 39,465.35 | | 1,223 | Excess Income over Expenditure | 1,486.35 |
| | | | | | Special Account Income available for Distribution to Connexion: | |
| | | | | | Allocated to Connexional Budget 1981/82 | 25,848.00 |
| | | | | | Available for Allocation 1982/83 | <u>12,131.00</u> |
| | | | | 25,971 | | 37,979.00 |
| <u>27,194</u> | | <u>39,465.35</u> | | <u>27,194</u> | | <u>39,465.35</u> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1981

| | <u>1980</u>
\$ | | <u>1981</u>
\$ | | <u>1980</u>
\$ | | <u>1981</u>
\$ |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | | <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | |
| 9,048 | | Sundry Creditors | 19,450.58 | | 50 | Cash on Hand | 50.00 |
| | | Bank of New Zealand - Special | | | | Bank of New Zealand - Current | |
| 528,595 | | Account (Note 4) | 627,159.00 | | 1,503 | Account | 1,186.68 |
| 7,642 | | Removal Fund | - -- | | 44,403 | Sundry Debtors | 19,795.83 |
| <u>545,285</u> | | | | 646,609.58 | 685 | Paper Stock | 1,951.02 |
| | | <u>LOANS</u> | | | -- | Removal Fund | <u>1,292.30</u> |
| | | Board of Administration - | | | <u>46,641</u> | | 24,275.83 |
| 10,000 | | Special Account | - -- | | | <u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u> | |
| | | <u>MORTGAGE</u> | | | 554,566 | Special Loans (Note 4) | 665,138.00 |
| 18,600 | | Canterbury Savings Bank | 17,799.96 | | 15,885 | Methodist Trust Association | 30,651.71 |
| | | | | | 1 | Methodist Provident Society | |
| | | <u>PROVISIONS</u> | | | <u>570,452</u> | Limited | <u>1.00</u> |
| 2,057 | | Staff Training | 3,204.00 | | | | 695,790.71 |
| | | Accounting Modern- | | | <u>72,485</u> | <u>FIXED ASSETS (Note 6)</u> | 76,677.83 |
| 19,500 | | isation | 19,500.00 | | | | |
| | | LESS Transfer to | | | | | |
| | | Capital Account | <u>16,089.90</u> | 3,410.10 | | | |
| | | Special Account Income - avail- | | | | | |
| | | able for Distribution to | | | | | |
| 25,971 | | Connexional Budget | 37,979.00 | | | | |
| 19,953 | | Loss on Development Costs | 19,953.49 | | | | |
| | | Archives - Finding Aids and | | | | | |
| | | Catalogue Aids | <u>2,000.00</u> | | | | |
| 67,481 | | | | 66,546.59 | | | |
| | | <u>CAPITAL</u> | | | | | |
| 46,490 | | Balance 1st July 1980 | 48,211.99 | | | | |
| 499 | | ADD Capital Profit | - -- | | | | |
| -- | | ADD Transfer from Provisions | <u>16,089.90</u> | | | | |
| 46,989 | | | 64,301.89 | | | | |
| | | Transferred from Appropriation | | | | | |
| | | Account | <u>1,486.35</u> | | | | |
| 1,223 | | | | | | | |
| 48,212 | | | | 65,788.24 | | | |
| | | | | <u>796,744.37</u> | <u>689,578</u> | | |
| 689,578 | | | | | | | <u>796,744.37</u> |

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1981

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Chairman: G.E.Hill

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the Board of Administration for the year ended 30th June, 1981, 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.Comm., A.C.A.

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 1980 of House Property \$60,000.
- 4. The Board of Administration - Special Account has been amalgamated in the presentation of these Financial Statements.
- 5. The Investment Board Financial Statements have been amalgamated in the presentation of these Accounts.

| | <u>Cost or</u>
<u>Valuation</u> | <u>Depreciation</u>
<u>to Date</u> | <u>Book Value</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | | | |
| House Property - Christchurch | \$53,500.00 | \$ 4,658.27 | \$ 48,841.73 |
| House Furnishings - Christchurch | 802.20 | 647.18 | 155.02 |
| Office Furnishings - Valuation at 1/7/1976 | 3,426.48 | 2,933.49 | 492.99 |
| Office Equipment - Valuation
at 1/7/1976 | 13,866.25 | | |
| ADD Additions | <u>16,089.90</u> | | |
| Office Renovations - Valuation at 1/7/1976 | 5,181.73 | 11,886.72 | 18,069.43 |
| Auckland- Office Equipment | 2,801.95 | 4,491.33 | 690.40 |
| Printing Machinery and Equipment | <u>11,661.03</u> | 1,340.30 | 1,461.65 |
| | <u>\$107,329.54</u> | <u>4,694.42</u> | <u>6,966.61</u> |
| | | \$30,651.71 | \$76,677.83 |

- 7. Capital Expenditure for the year amounted to \$16,089.90.

THE PROBET TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

PROPERTY INCOME ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1981

| 1980 | | 1981 | 1980 | | 1981 |
|--------|---|-----------|--------|---|-----------|
| \$ | | \$ | \$ | | \$ |
| 561 | Insurance | 583.92 | | | |
| 383 | Land Tax | 774.90 | 37,007 | Rent Received | 21,418.43 |
| 930 | Rates | 4,291.92 | | | |
| 915 | Repairs and Maintenance | 1,300.39 | 971 | Insurance Claim (previous financial year) | |
| | Surplus transferred to Income & Expenditure Account | 14,467.30 | | | |
| 35,189 | | | | | |
| 37,978 | | 21,418.43 | 37,978 | | 21,418.43 |

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1981

| | | | | | |
|---------|---|-----------|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 2,572 | Administration Fee | 3,500.00 | 35,189 | Surplus from Property Income Account | 14,467.30 |
| 450 | Audit Fee | 1,000.00 | | | |
| 600 | Computer Processing | 600.00 | | Interest Received:- | |
| 6,157 | Commission Paid | 4,630.89 | 28,242 | Bank Deposits | 49,652.03 |
| 12,554 | Development Expenditure | 848.30 | 24,190 | Term Deposits | 10,924.12 |
| 520 | Office & General Expenses | 1,367.40 | 15,196 | Mortgages | 3,052.62 |
| 924 | Legal Expenses | 145.60 | 67,628 | | 63,628.77 |
| | Excess Income Over Expenditure carried to Appropriation Account | 66,003.88 | 63 | Commission Received | |
| 79,103 | | | | | |
| 102,880 | | 78,096.07 | 102,880 | | 78,096.07 |

THE PROBET TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th June, 1981

| 1980 | | 1981 | 1980 | | 1981 |
|---------|--|------------|---------|--------------------------------|------------|
| \$ | | \$ | \$ | | \$ |
| 47,705 | Grants to Theological College | 30,000.00 | 136,880 | Balance as at 1st July, 1980 | 168,278.35 |
| | Balance Carried Forward to Balance Sheet | | | | |
| 168,278 | | 204,282.23 | 79,103 | Income and Expenditure Account | 66,003.88 |
| 215,983 | | 234,282.23 | 215,983 | | 234,282.23 |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1981

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| <u>Current Liabilities</u> | | | <u>Current Assets</u> | | |
| 35,486 | Sundry Creditors | 65,704.04 | | Bank of New Zealand - | |
| | | | 6,808 | Current Account | 19,321.71 |
| | | | 2,790 | Sundry Debtors | 2,225.81 |
| | | | 6,771 | Interest Accrued | 4,833.96 |
| | | | 16,369 | | 26,381.48 |
| <u>Capital Account</u> | | | | | |
| | Balance as at 1st July, 1980 | 913,804.60 | | | |
| 743,805 | Add Transfer from General Reserve | - | | <u>Investment (at Cost)</u> | |
| 170,000 | | 913,804.60 | | Deposits with Official Money | |
| 913,805 | | | | Market Dealers | 50,500.00 |
| | <u>Less Buildings -</u> | | | Deposits with Trading Banks | 295,000.00 |
| | Demolished during year | 26,250.00 | 445,000 | Mortgages | 18,000.00 |
| | | 887,554.60 | 46,700 | | 363,500.00 |
| | <u>Appropriation Account</u> | | 491,700 | | |
| | Balance at 30th June, 1981 | 204,282.23 | | <u>Fixed Assets (at Government Valuation or Cost)</u> | |
| | | | | Land (Valuation 1974) - | |
| 168,278 | | | 583,250 | Note 2 | 583,250.00 |
| 1,082,083 | | 1,091,836.83 | 26,250 | Buildings | -- |
| | | | | Development Costs on Site | |
| | | | -- | (Cost) - Note 3 | 184,409.39 |
| | | | 609,500 | | 767,659.39 |
| | | | | | |
| 1,117,569 | | 1,157,540.87 | 1,117,569 | | 1,157,540.87 |

THE PROBORT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1981

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Chairman: G.H.Peak

We have examined the books of accounts and records of The Probert Trust Board of the Methodist Church of New Zealand for the year ended 30th June, 1981. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Property Income Account, the Income and Expenditure Account, Appropriation Account and the Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of The Probert Trust Board of the Methodist Church of New Zealand as at 30th June, 1981, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K.Woodley

McCULLOCH MENZIES
Chartered Accountants

CHRISTCHURCH
18th September 1981

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

(a) 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.

(b) The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:

- (a) Investments - All Investments have been valued at Cost
- (b) Fixed Assets - Land has been valued at Government Valuation at 1st July, 1974
- (c) Sundry Debtors - Sundry Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.

2. Government Valuation of Land 1979 Valuation - \$792,800

3(a) The Trust Property buildings were demolished during the year having served their useful life. A contract was let to Fletcher Development and Construction Co. Ltd for the construction of a new building on the site.

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| (b) Total Capital Commitment | \$1,098,225 |
| <u>Less Progress Payments to Date (including demolition old premises)</u> | <u>181,968</u> |
| | <u>\$ 916,257</u> |

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1981

| Comparative
30.6.80 | INCOME | TOTAL | Epworth Bookroom | | Stewardship | | Planning & Training | |
|------------------------|--|--------|------------------|--------|-------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| | | | 1980 | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 |
| | <u>TRADING</u> | | | | | | | |
| 157043 | Sales - General and Joint Board | 215459 | 197043 | 210459 | | | | |
| 15915 | - At Cost | 24116 | 15915 | 20116 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 212958 | TOTAL SALES | 243575 | 212958 | 243575 | | | | |
| | | ===== | ===== | ===== | | | | |
| 39624 | Stocks on Hand 1 July 1980 | 36053 | 39624 | 36053 | | | | |
| 160319 | Purchases | 183446 | 160319 | 183446 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 139943 | SUB-TOTAL | 219499 | 199943 | 219499 | | | | |
| 36054 | less: Stocks on Hand 30 June 1981 | 38100 | 36054 | 38100 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 163889 | COST OF GOODS SOLD | 181399 | 163889 | 181399 | | | | |
| | | ===== | ===== | ===== | | | | |
| 45069 | GROSS PROFIT FROM TRADING | 62176 | 49069 | 62176 | | | | |
| | <u>OTHER INCOME</u> | | | | | | | |
| 35494 | Stewardship Services | 24511 | | | 35494 | 24511 | | |
| 60394 | Grants - Connexional Budget | 62988 | | | 10039 | 11338 | 50355 | 51650 |
| 9500 | - St. Pauls, Hamilton | 10173 | | | | | 9500 | 10173 |
| 2762 | - Robt Gibson Trust | 1153 | | | | | 2762 | 1153 |
| 4050 | - Other | 9145 | | | 1000 | 2945 | 3050 | 6200 |
| 414 | - Budget Promotion | 484 | | | 414 | 484 | | |
| - | Holiday Camps - Income & Bank Interest | | | | | | | |
| - | - Other Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| - | C.E.H. Cost Recovery | | | | | | | |
| 134 | Miscellaneous Income | 5150 | 34 | 3000 | | 2080 | 100 | 70 |
| (4799) | Exchange Variance | (4265) | (4799) | (4265) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 157018 | TOTAL INCOME | 171515 | 44304 | 60911 | 46947 | 41358 | 65767 | 69246 |
| ===== | | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1981

| Comparative
30.6.80 | EXPENDITURE | TOTAL | Epworth Bookroom | | Stewardship | | Planning & Training | |
|------------------------|--|--------|------------------|--------|-------------|--------|---------------------|-------|
| | | | 1980 | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 |
| 310 | Advertising | 10 | 310 | - | - | 10 | | |
| 414 | Budget Promotion | 484 | | - | 414 | 484 | | |
| (64) | Bad Debts Provision | 35 | (64) | 35 | | | | |
| 1335 | General Expenses | 1009 | 348 | 348 | 309 | 383 | 678 | 278 |
| 589 | Insurances | 683 | 300 | 354 | 106 | 117 | 183 | 212 |
| | National CYMM Expenses | | | | | | | |
| 567 | Packing Materials | 574 | 567 | 574 | | | | |
| 3988 | Postages | 1544 | 3743 | 1271 | 20 | 9 | 125 | 264 |
| 2056 | Printing & Stationery | 12689 | 1461 | 1408 | (192) | 233 | 787 | 1048 |
| - | Promotion Expenses | 21 | - | 21 | - | - | - | - |
| 20228 | Rent or Property Expenses | 22921 | 4837 | 5250 | 3892 | 3958 | 11499 | 13713 |
| 344 | Resource Materials & Subs | 483 | | | 166 | 198 | 178 | 285 |
| 73444 | Salaries | 88131 | 35530 | 43426 | 18643 | 22058 | 19271 | 22647 |
| 1270 | Superannuation Subsidy | 1688 | 1270 | 1688 | | | | |
| 135 | Synod Education Convenors Expenses | 224 | | | | | 135 | 224 |
| 620 | Special Activities Expenses | 947 | | | | | 620 | 947 |
| 1282 | Telephone, Tolls & Telegrams | 1059 | 339 | 279 | 666 | 328 | 277 | 452 |
| 18292 | Travelling Expenses | 13482 | 408 | 211 | 12377 | 8565 | 5507 | 4706 |
| 195 | Training Expenses - New Zealand | 28 | | - | | | 195 | 28 |
| 2831 | - Overseas | 652 | 98 | - | 1533 | 152 | 1200 | 500 |
| 34 | Youth Ministry - General | 51 | | | | | 94 | 51 |
| 9500 | - Hamilton | 10173 | | | | | 9500 | 10173 |
| 2762 | - Robt Gibson Trust | 1153 | | | | | 2762 | 1153 |
| 140092 | TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURE | 148041 | 49147 | 54865 | 37934 | 36495 | 53011 | 56681 |
| | | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| 26167 | Office Overhead Allocation (refer
attached Administration Office
Income & Expenditure Account) | 33150 | 9776 | 12385 | 6615 | 8380 | 9776 | 12385 |
| 166259 | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 181191 | 58923 | 67250 | 44549 | 44875 | 62787 | 69066 |
| | | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| (9241) | EXCESS INCOME (EXPENDITURE) | (9676) | (14619) | (6339) | 2398 | (3517) | 2980 | 180 |
| | | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

PROPERTY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1981

| Comparative
30.6.80 | <u>INCOME</u> | <u>TOTAL
1981</u> | <u>Stewardship
Naenae Prop</u> | <u>Planning & Training
Avalon Prop.</u> | <u>Planning & Training
Auckland Prop</u> | <u>Office</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|---------------|
| 13010 | Parsonage Rents - Provision | 14410 | 3310 | 5700 | 5400 | |
| 3637 | Office Rents - Epworth Bookroom | 4050 | | | | 4050 |
| 582 | - Stewardship | 648 | | | | 648 |
| 873 | - Planning & Training | 972 | | | | 972 |
| 4183 | - Administration | 2430 | | | | 2430 |
| 20235 | TOTAL INCOME | 22510 | 3310 | 5700 | 5400 | 8100 |
| ===== | | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| | <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | | | | |
| 660 | Office Cleaning | 861 | - | - | - | 861 |
| 841 | Depreciation | 841 | - | - | - | 841 |
| 1332 | Electricity | 1347 | - | - | - | 1347 |
| 530 | Insurances | 802 | 86 | 102 | 124 | 490 |
| 7643 | Interest | 2109 | 1086 | - | 986 | 37 |
| 1262 | Rates | 1494 | 511 | 593 | 390 | - |
| 3677 | Repairs & Maintenance | 672 | 67 | 359 | 98 | 148 |
| 2617 | Telephone Rentals | 2341 | 187 | 181 | 184 | 1789 |
| 13532 | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 10467 | 1937 | 1235 | 1782 | 5513 |
| ===== | | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| 6753 | EXCESS INCOME TO BALANCE SHEET | 12043 | 1373 | 4465 | 3618 | 2581 |
| ===== | | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

To provide for - Loan Repayments
 - Capital Expenditure
 - Property Reserves

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1981

| <u>1980</u> | <u>INCOME</u> | <u>1981</u> | |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 1337 | Interest received | 533 | |
| 227 | Salaries Recovered | 80 | |
| 320 | Miscellaneous Income | 291 | |
| ----- | | ----- | |
| 1884 | | | 904 |
| | <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | |
| 1454 | Accounting & Audit Services | 2405 | |
| 433 | Depreciation - Equipment | 433 | |
| - | Equipment R & M | 320 | |
| 1568 | General Expenses | 934 | |
| 117 | Insurances | 144 | |
| 1344 | Postages | 1848 | |
| 1994 | Printing & Stationery | 2381 | |
| 2183 | Rent | 2430 | |
| 18912 | Salaries | 23037 | |
| 46 | Tolls & Telegrams | 122 | |
| ----- | | ----- | |
| 28051 | | | 34054 |
| | | | ----- |
| \$26167 | EXCESS EXPENDITURE - OFFICE OVERHEAD | \$33150 | |
| ===== | | ===== | |
| | <u>ALLOCATION OF OFFICE OVERHEAD</u> | | |
| 9776 | To: Epworth Bookroom (37.36%) | 12385 | |
| 6615 | Stewardship (25.28%) | 8380 | |
| 9776 | Planning & Training (37.36%) | 12385 | |
| ----- | | ----- | |
| 26167 | | 33150 | |
| ===== | | ===== | |

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE, 1981.

| Comparative
30.6.80 | <u>LIABILITIES</u> | 1981 | Comparative
30.6.80 | <u>ASSETS</u> | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> | | | | |
| 44131 | Sundry Creditors | 6163 | 5177 | Cash on Hand and at Bank | 6190 |
| 4550 | Subscriptions paid in advance | 5096 | 24934 | Trade Debtors | 27830 |
| 1230 | Stewardship Deposits paid in advance | 1232 | 15473 | Miscellaneous Debtors | 16211 |
| 4716 | Un-utilized Budget Promotion Receipts | 4383 | (100) | Less: Provision for doubtful debts | (100) |
| 4727 | | 16874 | 45484 | | |
| ===== | | ===== | ===== | | |
| | <u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u> | - | - | Prepayment and other debtors | - |
| 31477 | Secured Loans and Mortgages | 29391 | | | |
| | <u>RESERVES</u> | | 36053 | Stocks on Hand - Trade | 38100 |
| 114025 | Properties - Balance 1.7.80 | 121967 | | | |
| 1190 | Plus Interest earned on Investments | 1673 | 3448 | - Stationery | 3311 |
| 6752 | Surplus - Property A/c | 12043 | 21664 | Short Term Investments | |
| 131967 | | 135683 | 106649 | | 91542 |
| 2450 | Youth Work Hamilton | 4582 | | <u>INVESTMENTS</u> | |
| 1743 | Youth Projects | 4366 | 11407 | Reserve Funds - Properties | 2234 |
| 1828 | CYMM | 4200 | 1828 | - CYMM | - |
| - | Staff Training Overseas | 1708 | - | - Staff Training Overseas | - |
| 6021 | | 14856 | 13235 | | 2234 |
| | <u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u> | | | <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | |
| 52937 | Balance 1.7.80 | 43696 | 4551 | Furniture & Equipment (at cost) | 4744 |
| (9241) | Add (Subtract) Surplus (Deficit) | (9676) | (2393) | Less: Accumulated Depreciation | 1918 (2826) |
| --- | Sectional I & E Accounts | 34020 | 2158 | | |
| 43696 | | | 145910 | Properties (at cost & subject to | |
| | | | (10064) | Mortgages) | 146033 |
| | | | 135846 | Less: Accumulated Depreciation on | |
| | | | 138004 | office property | (10905) |
| | | | 257803 | | 135128 |
| | | | ===== | | 230822 |
| 257888 | | 230822 | | | |

THE EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1981.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. General Accounting Policy

The general accounting policies recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results and financial position under the historical cost basis have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.

B. Particular Accounting Policies

The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which have a significant effect on the results and financial position are -

1. Depreciation has been provided for on a diminishing value basis as follows:

Equipment, Furniture and Fittings - 20% per annum

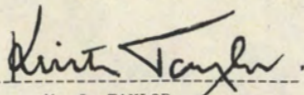
2. Valuation of Properties has been made at cost plus value of improvements.

C. Changes in Accounting Policy

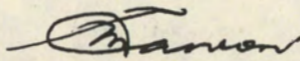
There have been no significant changes in accounting policies during the year.

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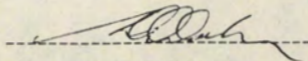
1. Connexional Budget Receipts represent the final payment for the 1979/80 year, received late in August 1980, plus 11 months of the 1980/81 year.
2. The Funds to support the Property Reserves have been unable to be separately invested due to the deficit in the operating sections. The effect of this is that insufficient cash Reserves are being built up to meet the Long Term Building requirements of the Board.



K. J. TAYLOR
Chairman



E.F.I. HANSON
Director

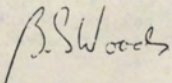


M. L. CLARK
Honorary Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE
EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

I have examined the accompanying Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Accounts together with the books and records of the Education Division of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and have obtained such explanations as I considered necessary.

In my opinion, these accounts present fairly, the financial position of the Division at 30 June, 1981, and the results of its activities for the year to that date.


Chartered Accountant

Wellington
September, 1981.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1981

| 1980
(4 months) | | 1981 |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 3,600 | INCOME: | 13,835.00 |
| 400 | Ex Administration Division | - |
| - | M.S.S.A. Subsidy | 18.35 |
| | Bank Interest | |
| <u>4,000</u> | | <u>13,853.35</u> |
| | | |
| 2,731 | EXPENDITURE: | |
| - | Printing & despatch 7 issues FOCUS | 7,892.00 |
| 262 | Stipend | 5,173.87 |
| | Travel | 84.00 |
| | Expenses:- | |
| | Postage 65.53 | |
| | Tolls 37.66 | |
| | Stationery 114.98 | |
| 133 | Photography 32.50 | |
| | | <u>250.67</u> |
| 874 | Excess Income over Expenditure | 452.81 |
| <u>4,000</u> | | <u>13,853.35</u> |
| | | |
| | | |
| | Balance of Bank Account | |
| | at 30 June 1981 | 1,326.55 |

THE JOINT COMMISSION ON

CHURCH UNION

R E P O R T

SEVENTEENTH REPORT TO THE NEGOTIATING CHURCHES

This report includes reports from

The Joint Commission on Church Union

The Joint National Committee on Church Extension

The Joint Committee of the Womens Organisations of the Negotiating Churches

The Hymnbook Commission

The Joint Board of Theological Studies

and is submitted to the negotiating churches, dated 8 September 1981.

1.1 THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION

Roll of members 1 September 1981:

Anglican: The Rt. Rev. P. W. Mann, The Rt. Rev. E. K. Norman, The Rt. Rev. E. G. Buckle, The Ven. M. Smart, Miss M. Brown, Mr D. M. Wylie, Prof. W. Winiata.

Associated Churches of Christ: The Rev. E. R. Vickery, The Rev. D. E. Hollier, The Rev. G. D. Munro, The Rev. D. L. Woolf, Mr H. J. Voice.

Methodist: The Rev. W. J. Morrison, The Rev. B. E. Jones, The Rev. R. D. Rakena, The Rev. B. K. Rowe, Mrs A. Thomas, Mr E. G. Heggie.

Presbyterian: The Rev. G. E. Hall, The Rev. W. A. Best, The Rev. S. I. Jacobi, Mr D. Inch, The Rev. M. H. Johnston, The Rev. Dr. H. C. Swadling, Mrs M. Simmonds.

Congregational: Mr B. Morris.

Secretary: The Rev. D. M. Povey.

- (i) **The Commission** met at St. Matthew's Joint-Use Church, Brooklyn, Wellington on 8/9 April 1981. The chairman, the Rev. W. A. Best presided, 24 members and proxies being present. Apologies for absence were received from three members. The Commission heard reports from the conveners and considered the steps being taken to consider an initiative taken by the Presbyterian Church.
- (ii) **The Commission** met again at St. Matthew's Joint-Use Church on 2/3 September 1981. The chairman, the Rev. W. A. Best, again presided, 27 members being present. Apologies for absence were received from Miss M. Brown and Mr D. Wylie.
- (iii) **The Executive** met in Baptist House, Willis St., Wellington on 3 December 1980 and reported fully to the Commission.

1.2 THE 1980 INITIATIVE AND ITS RESULT

The Commission reported in 1980 that it had been advised that some of the member churches might seek to explore a union based on the Plan for Union 1971. Just such a proposal was presented to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church addressed as an invitation to all five partners to reconsider the Plan for Union.

(i) The Presbyterian Proposals

The Presbyterian Church, after its General Assembly in November 1980, issued an invitation to all the partner churches to "join in this new initiative". An attempt at that Assembly to seek modifications to the Plan for Union 1971 did not succeed and the Assembly passed the following motions:

1. That the General Assembly record the conviction that its responsibility undertaken in the Act of Commitment to "offer our utmost endeavours" can only be sustained by continuing vigour in consultation, decision and action.
2. That the General Assembly declare its readiness to enter into union as quickly as possible with one or more of the negotiating churches.
3. That the basis of that union be The Plan for Union 1971.
4. That this proposal be sent down to Presbyteries and Sessions for study and report to the Church Union Committee by 31 July 1981.
5. That a vote of the membership of the Church be taken on this proposal in 1981, and the Assembly Executive Secretary be instructed to make the necessary arrangements.
6. That the General Assembly inform the other negotiating churches of the steps the Assembly has initiated.

(ii) The Voting 1981

Membership: The vote of members and adherents was taken in June 1981 and the official result was advised to the Commission as follows:

| Roll | | Votes
For | Votes
Against | Invalid | Total | %
for | %
against |
|-----------|-------|--------------|------------------|---------|-------|----------|--------------|
| Members | 72487 | 27823 | 24573 | 397 | 52793 | 52.70 | 46.54 |
| Adherents | 13547 | 3937 | 2941 | 77 | 6955 | 56.60 | 42.28 |

Presbyteries and Sessions: The Proposal failed to gain the support necessary in the courts of the church, 14 Presbyteries voting against and 8 voting in favour.

The reasons given for this result include a continuing opposition to the Plan for Union in some sections of the church; a reluctance to regard the Plan as a suitable basis should the Anglican Church not favour this initiative in another section; a firm opposition to union in a third section.

(iii) The Methodist Church Response, 1980

On receiving, along with the other negotiating churches, the invitation from the Presbyterian Church to consider the proposal "to unite with one or more of the negotiating churches on the basis of the Plan for Union" the Methodist Conference 1980 passed the following resolutions:

1. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the initiatives taken by the Presbyterian Assembly to proceed as quickly as possible to Union on the basis of the Plan for Union 1971.
2. That Conference declares its willingness to proceed to Union with any or all of our negotiating partners as soon as is constitutionally possible.
3. That the basis of any such Union be the Plan for Union 1971.
4. That in 1981 the proposals, together with supporting material be sent to the Church membership, to Quarterly Meetings, Parish Councils or Sessions in Union and Co-operating Parishes and Synods for information and study.
 - (a) That in 1981 a vote be taken of the Church membership, Quarterly Meetings, Parish Councils or Sessions in Union and Co-operating Parishes and Synods and that this vote be available for Conference 1981.
 - (b) That the Church Union Committee make every possible endeavour to have the same questions with respect to the actual vote on Union referred to their Courts and Members by each denomination.
5. That at Conference 1981, in the event of a favourable decision by two or more of the denominations a combined planning committee be formed to arrange for the inauguration of the Uniting Church.
6. That the Conference inform the other negotiating churches of these decisions.

(iv) **Voting in the Methodist Church, 1981**

Membership: The vote of members and office-bearers was taken in June 1981 and the official result advised as follows:

| Roll | Votes | | Invalid | Total | %
for %
against | |
|---------|-------|------------------|---------|-------|----------------------------|---------|
| | 21985 | For Against | | | for | against |
| Members | 21985 | 11628 2901 | 142 | 14671 | 79.26 | 19.77 |

1.3 THE PRESENT POSITION

(i) The initiative taken by the Presbyterian Church has gained insufficient support for the Presbyterian Church to proceed with the proposal to unite with one or more of the negotiating churches on the basis of the Plan for Union 1971. A determination of future policy awaits the outcome of the deliberations of the General Assembly in November 1981.

(ii) The Methodist Church gained the necessary support to allow it to proceed as soon as constitutionally possible to unite with any or all of the negotiating churches on the basis of the Plan for Union 1971.

(iii) The Associated Churches of Christ and the Congregational Union will now respond to the initiative taken in 1980 by the Presbyterian Church in the light of the information reported in paragraphs (i) and (ii) above.

(iv) The Anglican Church will determine its response and future action at the General Synod meeting in April 1982 in the light of decisions made at the Presbyterian General Assembly and the Methodist Conference this year.

1.4 THE COVENANT AND UNIFICATION OF THE MINISTRY

(i) The Anglican General Synod which met in Dunedin in 1980 made the approval of the Covenant 1978 a standing resolution of the church. The Methodist Church Union Committee, in its replies to questions asked by the Commission in 1980 suggested further exploration of the Covenant and Unification of the Ministries as the next step. Because the Covenant sums up what has resulted from the search for a basis of union and points forward to some future possibilities, the Commission has encouraged the Anglican representatives to interpret the meaning and possible significance of the General Synod's resolution.

Two views have emerged:

1. That the Covenant could be signed when an acceptable way of unifying the ministries has been found. A possible next step is to attempt to resolve difficulties surrounding the unification proposals.
2. That the Covenant could be the basis of a working relationship amongst the churches while they develop further co-operation and seek an acceptable basis for the unification of ministries.

In any case, a unification of ministries remains integral to any implementation of the Covenant.

The Commission awaits further comment from the churches on the future usefulness of the Covenant.

1.5 ISSUES INVOLVED IN UNION — 1981

It is the Commission's first order of reference "to study the issues involved in union". The Commission now believes that there are a number of issues to be addressed in the months ahead if there is to be any significant progress. Among these are:

- ★ issues which relate to the nature of the unity we now seek; are we as churches committed to being brought "into one church";
- ★ issues which are domestic to each of the partner churches;
- ★ our continued accountability to each other as churches for our policies, actions and lack of action;
- ★ issues which relate to our failure under successive proposals to achieve movement on a national basis;

- ★ issues which are demographic, social, or relate to the present enthusiasm or will of the church for further organic unity;
- ★ issues which arise out of developments in ministry and mission since the Plan for Union was written.

The Commission is giving serious consideration to its role in the future if any or all of these issues are to be studied in a new and creative way.

1.6 AN AFFIRMATION

The Commission offers this affirmation to the churches.

The Joint Commission on Church Union is heartened by

- the continuing desire of each church to seek new forms of Christian obedience and to overcome division among God's people.
- the reality of reconciliation evidenced in 155 co-operative ventures.
- news of new initiatives in mission and evangelism, in ministry and in forms of Christian gathering.

The way forward is not clear to us.

- The Plan for Union 1971 has not gained sufficient acceptance to unite our churches.
- Our setting is a needy, unjust and fragmented world and society.
- There is an urgent need to discover new and innovative ways of acting together.
- Many members of our churches are finding sources of renewal in their denominational heritages and are anxious to share what they are discovering.

It is our conviction that God is at work in this uncertainty

We remind our churches that the way of unity is **essentially simple**

- It has to do with the truth of the Gospel of Christ
- It has to do with acceptance and appreciation of people and groups shaped by traditions other than our own.
- It has to do with giving to and receiving from each other.
- It requires a willingness and desire to work together with other Christians, overcoming competition and personal and group ambition in the service of the gospel.
- It has to do with learning to appreciate and value diversity within the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic church.
- We receive God's gift of unity while engaged together in His mission in the world.

A new and bold facing of our society is an essential part of our understanding of the unity God intends for the church.

1.7 OTHER MATTERS

WCC Consultation of United and Uniting Churches

The Commission has received an invitation to send a representative to a consultation to be held in Sri Lanka 18-25 November 1981. The purpose of the consultation is to bring together churches that have united or are negotiating to share matters of common concern.

The Secretary, the Rev. D. M. Povey has been appointed as the Commission's representative and will include visits to India as a guest of the Church of South India and to Australia. He will report to the churches in due course.

2.0 JOINT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS

The committee met in March this year with four of the five associations represented, and each delegation being led by the National President. Attendance was: Association of Anglican Women (3); Churches of Christ (1); Methodist Women's Fellowship (2); Association of Presbyterian Women (3). Guest, President of Waikato JCWO.

Delegates' Reports as directed by the 1980 meeting, related mainly to the relevance of the committee's work — (a) Co-operation and interchange between the five women's associations; (b) Partnership of women and men in life and mission of the Church. The second topic has never fully been covered by the JCWO and to this end all members have been provided with "The Community of Women and Men Studies" from WCC in preparation for the 1982 meeting.

The Rev. Dennis Povey attended the meeting and brought the committee up to date with current church union moves.

Fees. There was much discussion on the fees of the associations present. Each president explained how her fees were used at national level. The difference was mainly in how business meetings and conferences were paid for. A motion to raise the fee to \$1 per member in union and co-operating groups was moved, seconded and carried. This means a change to the Guidelines.

The Joint Statistics and financial returns used by AW, APW and MWF proved unsatisfactory.

Visitation Questionnaire. Mrs B. Dey, Waikato JCWO, brought up the lack of questions about women on the visitation questionnaire, and it was agreed to inform the JNCCE.

Looking at Ourselves. It was agreed by all that it was important that the work of the committee continue, particularly in the light of Rev. D. M. Povey's report and the new dimensions contained in the decisions to be made by church courts this year.

Proposals for the year's work are:

1. Exchange of president's Christmas messages.
2. The production of a combined Christmas programme.
3. That the month of October be designated as a month of prayer for the women of the negotiating churches, the Women's Associations, and the churches themselves.
4. Encourage the interchange of meetings between the women's groups of the five churches.

It was agreed that the sharing and learning process had been very worthwhile. The retiring president, Mrs Isobel Burn, was thanked for her able and loving leadership over the past two years, as was her recorder Mrs Kath Turkington.

President's Comments. It is evident from the meetings over the past three years that present thinking about the continuing place of the Women's Associations in the churches has changed from the JCCU papers prepared by Mrs Joan Anderson's Committee in 1973. It may be the time for the JCCU to consult with JCWO about the place of women and their separate organisations within the Church structure.

LORRAINE I. SEALY President

JENNIFER ORANGE Secretary

3.0 HYMNBOOK COMMISSION

Work on an ecumenical New Zealand Hymnbook, as outlined in last year's report, continues. The Handbook is to comprise the Australian Hymnbook plus a New Zealand Supplement, under the title of "With One Voice — a Hymnbook for all the Churches".

During the past year significant progress has been made between representatives of the Australian Hymnbook Committee and the New Zealand Committee, and many of the difficult questions of musical content and legal agreement towards the publication of the book in New Zealand, were resolved.

At the present time a group of church executives, representing the Anglican, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches are meeting to set up a Charitable Trust under which the Hymnbook will be published and distributed here in conjunction with Collins Publishers. All these Churches have now given their official support to the project.

The musical contents of the Hymnbook, including contemporary English and traditional Maori, Samoan, Cook Island and Niuean hymns, are now being edited for printing under the direction of Professor Wesley Milgate, Executive Editor of the Australian Hymnbook Committee.

The publication day has not yet been fixed but at present rate of progress, it should certainly be within the next twelve months.

JOHN MURRAY, Chairman

4.0 JOINT BOARD OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES ANNUAL REPORT 1981

The Board continues to provide an opportunity for the theological colleges of the negotiating churches to work together in the setting of common standards and shared examinations. 14 people completed the LTH in 1980 and during 1981 142 people are enrolled for papers.

The number of extra mural students engaged in lay ministries continues to be high and indicates a growing interest in theological study. Men and women preparing for non-stipendiary ministry in their churches also help to swell the number of extra mural students.

The appointment of the Rev. Watson Rosevear as Assistant Bishop of Wellington means that the Board will lose his services as Registrar. Mr Rosevear has acted as Registrar since the inception of the Joint Board. His wise guidance and attention to detail will be greatly missed.

The Joint Assessment Committee continues its work assisting the Churches in the selection of ministerial candidates.

At the annual meeting in February 1981, constitutional amendments were made to permit churches other than the negotiating churches to join the Joint Board of Theological Studies as associate members with the approval of the negotiating churches.

KEITH ROWE, Chairman

5.0 THE JOINT NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION ANNUAL REPORT, SEPTEMBER 1981

5.1 THE COMMITTEE

The Committee met on 7-8 April and 1-2 September 1981. Membership of the committee at 1 September 1981 is as follows:

Anglican: The Rt. Rev. E. G. Buckle, The Ven. M. R. Smart, The Ven. M. Welch, Miss M. Brown, Mr R. Jebson.

Churches of Christ: Mr T. G. Todd, The Rev. E. R. Vickery.

Congregational Union: Mr B. Morris.

Methodist: The Rev. A. K. Woodley, The Rev. B. E. Jones, Mr E. G. Heggie.

Presbyterian: The Rev. W. A. Best, The Rev. E. W. Body, Mr I. Stirrat, The Rev. R. J. Weeks.

Joint Committee on Women's Organisations: Mrs L. Sealy.

Secretary: The Rev. D. M. Povey.

Chairman: The Rt. Rev. E. G. Buckle.

5.2 THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

The terms of Reference of the Committee published in our report set out its major functions:

Seeking ways of common action — acting in a consultative and advisory capacity and ensuring that the negotiating churches plan their extension work together rather than in isolation from each other.

New style of mission — encouraging the exploration, based where necessary on appropriate sociological research, of new ways of mission.

Joint Regional Committees — maintaining regular contact with the Joint Regional Committees and consulting and advising on all matters referred to it.

The Maori Council — maintain regular contact.

Ministry appointments — after receiving the recommendation of Joint Regional Committees, decide on the denomination of the minister to be appointed to a union or co-operating parish.

This year's report will again relate to these sections of the Committee's Terms of Reference and its work.

5.3 SEEKING NEW WAYS OF COMMON ACTION

5.3.1 New Area Development

Last year we reported that localised developments in energy and horticulture continue to demand new housing and co-operation in development among the churches. In order to pursue the question of appropriate goals and strategies in these new areas, the committee proposes to convene a consultation on ministry in developing residential areas in 1982. The purposes of the consultation are:

- (i) To enable joint reflection on the experience and learnings emerging from the exercise of ministry and parish life in co-operative ventures in new areas.
- (ii) To clarify goals for ministry, parish life and mission.
- (ii) To distinguish common and diverse sociological characteristics in existing and future developments.

5.3.2 Property clauses

The clauses as submitted to the churches in the 1980 report have been adopted with amendments in four churches and recommended for adoption in a fifth. Their agreed form has been circulated to all the churches and Joint Regional Committees and revised property schedules have been made available to all co-operative ventures where property is held for mutual benefit.

It is hoped that the Anglican Church can ratify acceptance of the amendments at the next General Synod.

5.3.3. Dissolution clauses

The first dissolution of a joint-use agreement has taken place in Strathmore, Wellington. As a result of this experience the clauses relating to the dissolution of agreements have been restudied and some amendments have been found to be necessary. These are included in an appendix to this report.

5.4 NEW STYLES OF MISSION

5.4.1. Diversity in Ministry: Discussion papers on a range of diverse developments in ministry have been collected by the JNCCE and will be edited and made available to the churches in 1982.

5.4.2. Non-stipendiary Ministry: The placement of non-stipendiary ministries in co-operative ventures is an opportunity for extending the mission of the local church. In order to pursue these opportunities the following guideline is referred to the churches for comment.

A Guideline for Placement

Draft guidelines for the appointment of non-stipendiary Deacons, Presbyters, Priests or Ministers in Union and Co-operating Parishes.

INITIATIVE

1. The initiative for the appointment of non-stipendiary ministry in a co-operative venture may come from the parish council, the minister-in-charge, an applicant or from the responsible district authority.
2. Should applicants offer for selection and training for the NSM then the regulations and procedures of the church of which they are a member should be followed.

APPROVAL

3. If the candidate is or is about to be ordained for service and designated in a co-operative venture as a deacon, presbyter, priest or minister, the proposal must have the full support of
 - (a) the parish council/Session and the minister-in-charge,
 - (b) the Joint Regional Committee,
 - (c) the candidate's own district church court.
4. In giving its approval the JRC shall be informed as to whether the primary form of ministry to be exercised is in a **parish** or **non-parish** setting.
5. If the ministry is primarily a parish ministry then the JRC shall be satisfied
 - (a) that the candidate understands the position to be that of an honorary assistant to the minister-in-charge at the time,
 - (b) that the candidate is familiar with the guidelines for appointments to co-operative ventures,
 - (c) that the appointment does not seem to create an unhelpful predominance of ordained ministry by one partner church,
 - (d) that the appointment will advance the unity and mission of the co-operative venture,
 - (e) that the minister-in-charge and parish council have begun to define the specific duties of the NSM,
 - (f) that a date (not later than twelve months following the appointment) be set for a review.

COMMENCEMENT

6. The parish may arrange a suitable service of recognition of the ministry about to begin, taking care that the form of recognition is congruent with that of the church which has ordained the minister.
- 5.4.3 Eldership in Co-operative Ventures:** In considering the growing diversity in ministry the committee has begun to re-examine the opportunities for and varieties of long service in co-operative ventures. We set out this analysis of the current situation and discuss briefly some of the questions arising.

A. UNION PARISHES

1. **The Guide to Procedures** (II.3 Page 4, clauses 1-8) provide for elders functioning within a Session or parish council.

Note: (1) No reference is made to their qualifications.

- (2) They are **ordained** for life.
- (3) They may be elected for a specified period within the parish or for life.
- (4) A parish council was intended as an addition not an alternative to Sessions and managers.
- (5) These guidelines preceded the Plan for Union.

2. In Practice

- (a) 15 union parishes return statistics for elders and managers. The remainder for parish councillors.
- (b) Some parish councils are now modelled on the Plan for Union but allow for full membership of parish council by councillors who are neither commissioned nor ordained.
- (c) Some elders are **commissioned** to parish councils and expect that to be totally equivalent to ordination — i.e. for life. It should be noted that the Presbyterian Church only included co-operating parishes in its regulation accounting as elders those commissioned according to the Plan for Union 1971.

- (d) Some parish councils require all members to be elders; others treat eldership as a pastoral and leadership office, ordaining all those on the Pastoral Committee and conveners of other P.C. committees.
- (e) A minister cannot assume that the practice followed in one union parish is identical with or even similar to that followed in another. There is considerable diversity of practice.
- (f) Most local agreements define
 - (i) the **setting** in which lay officers will function, Session, parish council, etc.
 - (ii) the status and functions of such officers.

3. Commissioning Ordaining

The most frequent request for guidance comes from ministers seeking a satisfactory service for ordaining elders in a union parish. What should that guidance be?

B. CO-OPERATING PARISHES

1. **The Guide to Procedures II.** 1 clauses 12-15 provide for a parish council and for the Session, Vestry etc. to meet separately if and when required by the church's constitution.

Note: (1) The parish council is to function as outlined in the Plan for Union 219-235.

- (2) Elders so commissioned, clause 212, are commissioned for service in that parish only; but in 1979 the Presbyterian Church adopted the following regulation:

"That a member of the parish council when elected appointed and commissioned in a co-operating parish in accordance with the proposals for the commissioning of elders in the Plan for Union 1971 page 90 following, and the concept of the parish council and its functions, page 46-50, (which includes clause 209-235), be accounted to be an ordained elder of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, and therefore eligible to be elected as a representative on its higher courts."

A person so accepted will **not** require to be recommissioned or ordained should that person move to another parish, and is elected to be a member of a parish council or Session.

2. In Practice

- (a) Some co-operating parishes elect parish councillors and do not commission them in any way.
- (b) Some parishes elect and commission elders to the parish council as in the Plan for Union and add non-voting, non-commissioned members.
- (c) Some parishes elect and commission both elders and parish councillors, making the decision one of preference or function.
- (d) Some parishes continue to elect elders to the Presbyterian Session which still functions separately from the parish council and tends to see itself as having the major oversight of all matters Presbyterian.

3. What Needs to be Clarified

- (a) The commissioning-ordaining question; which is it for union parishes and what service should be used? The JNCCE suggests that the service in the Plan for Union is an appropriate service, and is seeking further clarification on the ordaining/commissioning question.
- (b) What part does eldership have within co-operating parishes? Is it up to the local parish to decide? Local agreements have spelt this out in many diverse and suitable ways. Further work is being done to explore the potential for

mission represented by eldership and the JNCCE will report further to the churches on this question.

- (c) Can parish councillors be **commissioned** and not be called elders? Yes. The service in the Plan for Union can be modified appropriately.
- (d) Do co-opted members of parish councils (231) have a vote on the parish council? The JNCCE suggests that they should, but there may be local reasons why this should not be so.

5.5 MINISTRY APPOINTMENTS

5.5.1 As at 1 September 1981, 10 Anglican, 2 Churches of Christ, 53 Methodist, and 55 Presbyterian ministers are serving in union and co-operating parishes. Currently 19 are vacant: 3 Anglican, 8 Methodist, 8 Presbyterian.

5.5.2 Multiple Ministries

The Committee **adopted** the following guidelines for those making appointments to ecumenical team ministries.

Guidelines for Those Appointing Staff to Team Ministries in Co-operative Ventures

Definition: A Team Ministry is one where the participants (2 or more) commit themselves to support, challenge and supplement each other as persons and as ministers.

The effectiveness of a Team Ministry depends a great deal on the Team Members committing themselves to

- ★ meet regularly
- ★ engage in open dialogue
- ★ develop mutual trust and respect for each other's strengths and limitations.

Team Ministries do not automatically happen when a parish has more than one staff member.

Negative inter-personal and inter-professional relationships between the staff members inevitably prejudices the possibility of team ministries developing.

Consequently, care must be taken when appointing bodies are facilitating the placement of new and/or additional staff members to a co-operative venture.

The following guidelines are offered as a way of encouraging the placement of staff who are prepared to exercise their ministries with the support and encouragement of their colleagues.

NOTE: These guidelines should be read in the light of Section IV 1. "Appointments to Co-operative Ventures".

1. Existing denominational procedures for the appointment of ministers should be interpreted and exercised with sufficient flexibility to ensure that the parish, existing team member/s and prospective team member/s, feel they have a creative role in the making of any new appointment/s.
 2. Care should be taken to acknowledge the specific emphases, needs and expectations of the parish into which a new team member is being appointed.
 3. Discussions should be held with the existing team member/s to ensure that their expectations and skills are acknowledged in the process of choosing a new team member.
 4. Prospective appointees should meet with existing staff member/s, and also parish leaders, before any appointment is ratified.
 5. As a guide to designation of a new team member, appointing bodies/officials should note the broad personality characteristics that facilitate constructive team relationships.
- e.g.
- (a) a high level of self-esteem,
 - (b) an ability to communicate one's own feelings — needs,
 - (c) an ability to develop sustainable relationships
 - (d) an ability to handle conflict constructively
 - (e) an ability to accept and understand others
 - (f) a consultative style of decision making

6. Once the team ministry has been reconstituted, the Joint Regional Committee should ensure that the new team has a facilitator to help build and develop the team relationships.

5.5.3 Extensions of Ministry

A number of related questions have been concerning the committee. The limited tenure of ministry and the ways by which appointments may be extended are features of ministry in co-operative ventures which do not sit altogether easily with our separate traditions. The committee tries to create the best possible climate for ministry and seeks to minimise the disruption to parishes and families.

A draft guideline for approving extensions of appointments has been circulated to church courts and JRCs and this amended version has been **adopted** by the committee in **September 1981**.

Extension of Term — Co-operative Ventures

Guide to Procedures II.1 (1980)

“Normally not more than twelve 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 JNCCE has received sufficient information to suggest that all the participating churches experience difficulties in interpreting and applying the somewhat vague clauses under which an extension of ministry may be considered. The consideration of an extension is intended to be a process by which the best interests of a parish, minister and district are fairly, sensitively and confidentially assessed. Such consideration requires full consultation and careful report. This guideline provides an agreed understanding of the appropriate steps.

As long as specified terms of ministry are part of the life of co-operative ventures, each of the participating churches will find itself dealing with an unfamiliar situation which will require some modification of standard denominational procedures. It is a task which requires the attention of those who normally carry responsibility for the placement and pastoral care of ministers. All normal courtesies and consultations will be expected to be part of the Review Committee's work.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. That the appointment expires at the end of the initial term unless the minister and parish council are notified in writing that, after full consultation and on the recommendation of the Joint Regional Committee, the denominational authority of the minister is extending the appointment for a further specified period.
2. That subject to the terms of the original appointment the minister is entitled to have the possibility of an extension properly considered but should not expect an extension as of right.
3. **Length of Appointment to Union Parishes.** While particular agreements may vary, the understanding of the Methodist Development Division, the Presbyterian Ministry Committee, and the Department of Ministry of the Churches of Christ, is that 5 years is the normal length for an initial appointment and one excursion may be given for up to a further 3 years.
4. **Length of Appointment to Co-operating Parishes.** The guidelines for the forming of a co-operating parish state that normally a minister may be appointed for up to 5 years. Clause 10 implies that extensions may be granted but does not specify either the circumstances or the period for such an extension. Some agreements have clarified the position by writing in terms of extension. If this is not specified then those conducting a review should establish the policy on the possibility of extension of each of the participating churches.

5. Under these agreements church courts are not authorised to extend appointments beyond a total of 8 years. In some circumstances a minister may remain in an appointment under a new designation (e.g. "supply") for up to a further one year, with the clear understanding that this arrangement must not inhibit the appointment of a successor.

RECOMMENDED STEPS IN CONSIDERING EXTENSIONS

1. Initiative

- 1.1 Responsibility for initiating steps belongs with the district court of the minister concerned. Joint Regional Committees may assist such courts by drawing their attention to the question at the appropriate time.

2. Consultation

- 2.1 A responsible officer of the district church court will discuss in person with the minister and spouse whether they intend to consider an extension of ministry, should it be offered. This discussion does not pre-empt later consultation with the parish council and the Joint Regional Committee. (It should be noted that if at this stage there is any uncertainty in the mind of the minister concerned, the review process should be allowed to take its course).
- 2.2 The result of this discussion issues in one of two ways: The minister's district court or bishop informs the JRC **either** that it wishes the question of an extension of ministry to be pursued; **or** that after consultation with the minister concerned the ministry will terminate at the end of the current appointment.

3. Appointment of Review Committee

- 3.1 The district church court appoints the responsible officer to act as in 2.1 and 2.2 above and in due course notifies the JRC, the parish and the participating churches **either** that it is ready for the review to proceed; **or** that an extension of term is not being pursued and steps for a new appointment may begin.
- 3.2 If the question of an extension is not being pursued, the JRC proceeds as in 5.6
- 3.3 If an extension is to be considered the above responsible officer or nominee acts as convener of a Review Committee.
- 3.4 The JRC appoints a further one or two people to act with this convener, and notifies the convener accordingly. Those so appointed should be drawn from the other participating churches.

3.5 Terms of Reference

- 3.5.1 To review the needs and wishes of the parish, district court and minister with relation to an extension of ministry.
- 3.5.2 To report to the JRC with any recommendation for an extension of the present ministry.

4. Duties of Review Committee

4.1 District Consultation

- 4.1.1 It is the first duty of this Committee to inform itself on the current position of the participating churches with regard to an extension in this instance. The Bishop, Methodist Chairman, Presbyterian Director of Ministry, and Convener of Churches of Christ Placement Committee are the appropriate people to consult.
- 4.1.2 If those consulted wish the review to proceed then the Committee acts as in 4.2.1 and following. If those consulted will not support an

extension the Review Committee reports this to the minister and spouse, the senior lay person of the parish, and the JRC. The JRC then acts as in 5.6 below.

4.2 Parish Consultation

4.2.1 The Committee meets with a properly convened regular or special meeting of the Parish Council/Session from which the minister and any lay clerical colleague or associate absent themselves. At least one week's notice should be given of the meeting and its purpose. The Committee seeks to obtain a consensus on the question of and length of an extension, and may use a secret ballot. If the meeting approves an extension the meeting records a decision to request:

"That the Rev. X be invited to accept an extension of up to years".

No motion is required if an extension is not being recommended.

4.2.2 The Committee considers this request and all other relevant factors including the view of any colleague or associate given in confidence and in person, and prepares a recommendation for submission to the JRC.

4.2.3 The Committee should, as soon as possible, discuss this recommendation in preson with the minister and spouse before reporting to the JRC, and where necessary, seek to reconcile expectations. If new factors emerge during this consultation, the Review Committee may request the parish council to reconsider its recommendation. It may also be necessary to consult further with any associate or colleague to obtain their concurrence with the recommendation.

5. Reporting

5.1 The Committee reports to the JRC and submits any recommendation for extension. The JRC considers the report and recommendation in the absence of the minister or any colleague or lay or clerical associate or assistant.

5.2 The JRC should at the earliest possible opportunity report its recommendation to the district courts of the participating churches, the parish council and the minister, seeking their written concurrence with the recommendation.

5.3 If those so advised make no contrary response within 30 days of notification being mailed, then they will be considered to concur with the recommendation. Any contrary responses should be referred to the Review Committee.

5.4 It is the responsibility of the Review Committee to reconcile differences wherever possible.

5.5 In any event, the JRC confirms or modifies any recommendation no later than 2 months after the step referred to in 5.1 above.

5.6 The JRC reports to the participating churches that the consultation process is completed and **either** that the district court of the minister concerned is being asked to extend the ministry for a specified period, **or** that the ministry will terminate at the end of the current appointment.

5.7 The minister's district court considers this recommendation and formally notifies the minister, Parish Council/Session and the JRC of its action.

5.8 The JRC records the decision in its minutes.

5.9 It is important that this process should be **completed** and decisions advised not less than 6 months before the initial term is due to expire.

CONCLUDING NOTE

Experience suggests

1. That normal visitations are generally not the most suitable occasion for dealing with the question of an extension of ministry.
2. That ministers should not be asked, nor should they volunteer, to commit themselves to a further term until the Review Committee has properly consulted and is able to discuss a firm recommendation.
3. That it is not proper for parish councils to raise, discuss or decide on this question in the presence of the minister concerned, or in the absence of the duly appointed Review Committee.
4. That nobody should take the process for granted; it can be an occasion for honest appraisal and acceptance of strengths and weaknesses.

E. G. BUCKLE, Chairman
D. M. POVEY, Secretary

APPENDIX

Clauses to replace Dissolution Clauses 26 to 29
in the Outline Agreement of
Guidelines for Forming a Co-operating Parish

VII. DISSOLUTION

26. (1) If difficulties are being experienced within the parish, the parish council or any of the parties may request the Joint Regional Committee to convene a special visitation to discuss the matter.
(2) A decision to dissolve the agreement may be reached on the initiative of
A. the parish council
B. the Joint Regional Committee
C. a party to the agreement.

A. Dissolution by the Initiative of the Parish Council

27. If it is manifest to the parish council that the agreement cannot be made to work satisfactorily, the parish council may by resolution decide upon the dissolution of the agreement. That resolution shall immediately be communicated to the Joint Regional Committee and to each local church court. The resolution shall not be deemed effective until the following steps have been taken:

(1) Upon receipt of the resolution, the Joint Regional Committee shall, within seven days, communicate the terms of the resolution to each of the district courts* of the participating churches.

(2) The Joint Regional Committee shall appoint a Commission of not less than two members to oversee the settlement of all procedures relating to the dissolution.

(3) Each district court shall:

(a) Convene a meeting of the local parishioners and office-bearers in the area to discuss the resolution. Members of the Commission will attend and each meeting should be convened within one month of receiving the resolution of the parish council.

(b) Consider its response to the resolution in the light of (a) above and forward its concurrence or otherwise to the Joint Regional Committee within three months of receiving notification.

*In the case of the Church of Christ or of the Congregational Union the district court shall be taken to mean the congregational meeting which decides all matters.

(4) On receipt of replies from each district court the Commission shall consider these replies and all other relevant information and report to the Joint Regional Committee.

The Committee may **either**

defer dissolution pending further discussion;

or

set the soonest possible date for the agreement to be deemed to be dissolved.

In either case the Joint Regional Committee shall advise the churches and the parish council accordingly.

28. The Commission shall act with the parties to wind up the agreement in accordance with clause 23 of the Property Clauses as approved in 1980.

B. Dissolution by the Initiative of the Joint Regional Committee

29. If the Joint Regional Committee decides that the agreement cannot be made to work satisfactorily and for any reason a resolution to dissolve the agreement is not forthcoming, the Joint Regional Committee may decide to recommend the dissolution of the agreement, but such resolution shall not be deemed effective until the following steps have been taken:

(1) The Joint Regional Committee shall, within seven days, notify the parish council and the district courts of the participating churches of its recommendation. (It is expected that each district court will take this opportunity to discuss the question with its parishioners and office bearers).

(2) On receiving (within three months) confirmation of the recommendation from any of the district courts, the Joint Regional Committee shall appoint a representative Commission of not less than two members.

(3) The Commission shall meet with the parish council explaining the reasons for the Joint Regional Committee's actions, and clarifying the point of view of each party.

(4) Upon receiving the report from the Commission the Joint Regional Committee shall formulate a recommendation to the district courts who shall communicate their concurrence or otherwise within three months to the Joint Regional Committee and the parish council.

(5) When the concurrence of the district courts has been obtained, the Joint Regional Committee shall set the soonest possible date for the agreement to be deemed dissolved and advise the churches accordingly.

30. The Commission shall act with the parties to wind up the agreement in accordance with clause 23 of the Property Clauses as approved in 1980.

C. Dissolution by the Initiative of one Party to the Agreement

31. Any one of the parties (local or regional) may give notice of withdrawal from the agreement. Such notice shall be considered valid providing:

(1) No action has been or will be precipitated without reference to the appropriate higher church courts.

(2) The district court of the party intending to withdraw gives notice (with reasons) in writing to the parish council, the Joint Regional Committee and the other parties to the agreement.

(3) That those giving notice allow up to six months from the day of posting notice to the other parties to negotiate satisfactory terms of dissolution.

(4) That no steps shall be taken to dispose of any property included in the agreement to other than participating churches without the approval of the Joint Regional Committee.

32. The Joint Regional Committee shall appoint a representative Commission of not less than two to consult with all parties and act with them to wind up affairs under clause 23 of the agreement as approved in 1980.

Clauses to replace Dissolution Clause 25
in the Constitution and Membership of Union Parishes of
Standard Rules, Procedures and Constitution for Union Parishes

VI. DISSOLUTION

25. (1) If difficulties are being experienced within the parish, the session/parish council or any of the parties may request the Joint Regional Committee to convene a special visitation to discuss the matter.
(2) A decision to dissolve the agreement may be reached on the initiative of
A. the session/parish council
B. the Joint Regional Committee
C. a party to the agreement.

A. Dissolution by the Initiative of the Session/Parish Council

26. If it is manifest to the session/parish council that the agreement cannot be made to work satisfactorily then the session/parish council may resolve to request the Joint Regional Committee to set up a commission to discuss the question at a congregational meeting in the parish.
27. The Joint Regional Committee shall notify the district courts and set up a representative Commission of at least two members.
28. The Commission meets with the congregation, and should that meeting reach a decision that irreconcilable differences exist such as to call for the dissolution of the agreement, then the following steps shall be followed:
(1) The JRC shall within seven days of the meeting communicate the terms of the resolution in writing to each of the district courts of the participating churches.
(2) The decision must be confirmed one month after the congregational meeting by the session/parish council. The confirmation shall be at least 70 per cent majority of the office-bearers of each of the participating churches.
(3) Upon receiving confirmation of the decision the Joint Regional Committee reports to the district courts of the participating churches.
(4) On receipt of replies from each district court the Commission shall consider these replies and all other relevant information and report to the Joint Regional Committee.

The Committee may **either:**

defer dissolution pending further discussion;

or

set the soonest possible date for the agreement to be deemed to be dissolved. In either case the Joint Regional Committee shall advise the churches and the session/parish council accordingly.

29. The Commission shall act with the parties to wind up the agreement in accordance with clause 22 of the Property Clauses as approved in 1980.

B. Dissolution by the Initiative of the Joint Regional Committee

30. If the Joint Regional Committee decides that the agreement cannot be made to work satisfactorily and for any reason a resolution to dissolve the agreement is not forthcoming, the Joint Regional Committee may decide to recommend the dissolution of the agreement, but such resolution shall not be deemed effective until the following steps have been taken:

- (1) The Joint Regional Committee shall within seven days notify the session/parish council and the district courts of the participating churches of its recommendation.
 - (2) On receiving (within three months) confirmation of the recommendation from any of the district courts, the Joint Regional Committee shall appoint a representative Commission of not less than two members.
 - (3) The Commission shall meet with the session/parish council explaining the reasons for the Joint Regional Committee's actions, and clarifying the point of view of each party.
 - (4) Upon receiving the report from the Commission the Joint Regional Committee may confirm the recommendation to dissolve the agreement and report to the district courts who shall communicate their concurrence or otherwise within three months to the Joint Regional Committee and the session/parish council.
 - (5) When the concurrence of the district courts has been obtained, the Joint Regional Committee shall set the soonest possible date for the agreement to be deemed dissolved and advise the churches accordingly.
31. The Commission shall act with the parties to wind up the agreement in accordance with clause 22 of the Property Clauses as approved in 1980.

C. Dissolution by the Initiative of one Party to the Agreement

32. Should action under sections A. and/or B. fail to resolve serious disharmony within the parish, any one of the parties may give notice of withdrawal from the agreement. Such notice shall be considered valid providing:
- (1) No action has been or will be precipitated without reference to the appropriate higher church courts.
 - (2) The district court of the party intending to withdraw gives notice (with reasons) in writing to the session/parish council, the Joint Regional Committee and the other parties to the agreement.
 - (3) That those giving notice allow up to six months from the day of posting notice to the other parties to negotiate satisfactory terms of dissolution.
 - (4) That no steps shall be taken to dispose of any property included in the agreement to other than participating churches without the approval of the Joint Regional Committee.

Clauses to replace Dissolution Clauses 23 to 26
in the Outline Agreement of
Standard Agreement for Co-operative Ventures
Based on the Joint Use of Buildings

VII. DISSOLUTION

23. (1) If difficulties are being experienced within the joint venture, the joint local committee or any of the parties may request the Joint Regional Committee to convene a special visitation to discuss the matter.
- (2) A decision to dissolve the agreement may be reached on the initiative of:
- A. the joint local committee
 - B. the Joint Regional Committee
 - C. a party to the agreement.
- A. Dissolution by the Initiative of the Joint Local Committee**
24. If it is manifest to the joint local committee that the agreement cannot be made to work satisfactorily, the joint local committee may by resolution

decide upon the dissolution of the agreement. That resolution shall immediately be communicated to the Joint Regional Committee and to each local church court. The resolution shall not be deemed effective until the following steps have been taken:

(1) Upon receipt of the resolution, the Joint Regional Committee shall, within seven days, communicate the terms of the resolution to each of the district courts* of the participating churches.

(2) The Joint Regional Committee shall appoint a Commission of not less than two members to oversee the settlement of all procedures relating to the dissolution.

(3) Each district court shall:

(a) Convene a meeting of the parishioners and office-bearers in the area to discuss the resolution. Members of the Commission will attend and each meeting should be convened within one month of receiving the resolution of the joint local committee.

(b) Consider its response to the resolution in the light of (a) above and forward its concurrence or otherwise to the Joint Regional Committee within three months of receiving notification.

(4) On receipt of replies from each district court the Commission shall consider these replies and all other relevant information and report to the Joint Regional Committee.

The Committee may **either**:

defer dissolution pending further discussion

or

set the soonest possible date for the agreement to be deemed to be dissolved. In either case the Joint Regional Committee shall advise the churches and the joint local committee accordingly.

25. The Commission shall act with the parties to wind up the agreement in accordance with clause 20 of the Property Clauses as approved in 1980.

B. Dissolution by the Initiative of the Joint Regional Committee

26. If the Joint Regional Committee decides that the agreement cannot be made to work satisfactorily and for any reason a resolution to dissolve the agreement is not forthcoming, the Joint Regional Committee may decide to recommend the dissolution of the agreement, but such resolution shall not be deemed effective until the following steps have been taken:

*In the case of the Church of Christ or of the Congregational Union the district court shall be taken to mean the congregational meeting which decides all matters.

(1) The Joint Regional Committee shall within seven days notify the joint local committee and the district courts of the participating churches of its recommendation. (It is expected that each district court will take this opportunity to discuss the question with its parishioners and office-bearers.)

(2) On receiving (within three months) confirmation of the recommendation from any of the district courts, the Joint Regional Committee shall appoint a representative Commission of not less than two members.

(3) The Commission shall met with the joint local committee explaining the reasons for the Joint Regional Committee's actions, and clarifying the point of view of each party.

(4) Upon receiving the report from the Commission the Joint Regional Committee shall formulate a recommendation to the district courts who shall

communicate their concurrence or otherwise within three months to the Joint Regional Committee and the joint local committee.

(5) When the concurrence of the district courts has been obtained, the Joint Regional Committee shall set the soonest possible date for the agreement to be deemed dissolved and advise the churches accordingly.

27. The Commission shall act with the parties to wind up the agreement in accordance with clause 20 of the Property Clauses as approved in 1980.

C. Dissolution by the Initiative of one Party to the Agreement

28. Should action under sections A. and/or B. fail to resolve serious disharmony within the parish, any one of the parties (local or regional) may give notice of withdrawal from the agreement. Such notice shall be considered valid providing:

(1) No action has been or will be precipitated without reference to the appropriate higher church courts.

(2) The district court of the party intending to withdraw gives notice (with reasons) in writing to the joint local committee, the Joint Regional Committee and the other parties to the agreement.

(3) That those giving notice allow up to six months from the day of posting notice to the other parties to negotiate satisfactory terms of dissolution.

(4) That no steps shall be taken to dispose of any property included in the agreement to other than participating churches without the approval of the Joint Regional Committee.

29. The Joint Regional Committee shall appoint a representative Commission of not less than two to consult with all parties and act with them to wind up affairs under clause 20 of the agreement as approved in 1980.

6. THE WORKING OF THE COMMISSION

- 6.1 At the April 1981 meeting the Commission received from the treasurer a statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 31 Decemeber 1980. The statement has been duly signed by the auditor, Mr P.H. Johnson, and is follows:

JCCU — JNCCE

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1980

Receipts

Contributions from churches:

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Anglican | \$10,000 | |
| Churches of Christ | 424.00 | |
| Congregational | 25.00 | |
| Methodist | 3,478.00 | |
| Presbyterian | 10,487.00 | \$24,414.00 |

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Interest received | 54.75 | |
| Bank Balance at 1.1.80 | | |
| Bank current a/c (credit) | 980.55 | |
| Interest bearing deposits | 2,000.00 | |
| Air New Zealand — Balance 1.1.80 | 268.20 | |
| | | <u>\$27,717.50</u> |

Expenditure

| | | |
|---|----------|-------------------------|
| Stipend and allowances | | 11,312.86 |
| Car allowance | | 1,642.74 |
| Beneficiary Fund JCUU contribution | | 1,418.64 |
| Rent of Manse | | 3,379.92 |
| Wages — office staff | 3,178.41 | |
| plus temporary staff | 272.66 | |
| | | <hr/> 3,451.07 |
| Office rent | | 699.51 |
| Office expenses | 1,974.48 | |
| Less refunds | 148.14 | |
| | | <hr/> 1,826.34 |
| Phone rentals and tolls | | 943.59 |
| Travel Expenses Secretary | 1,703.69 | |
| Less refund | 82.75 | |
| | | <hr/> 1,620.94 |
| Annual reports | 545.65 | |
| Less sales | 285.60 | |
| | | <hr/> 260.05 |
| Other Travel Expenses | | 172.60 |
| Camp | 495.00 | |
| Less refunds | 163.00 | |
| | | <hr/> 332.00 |
| Office chair | | 156.00 |
| Credit at 31.12.80 | | 438.21 |
| Air New Zealand Credit Balance 31.12.80 | | 63.03 |
| | | <hr/> <hr/> \$27,717.50 |

L. I. STEVENS,
Treasurer

I have inspected the books of account and vouchers of The Joint Commission on Church Union for the year ended 31st December 1980 and report that the foregoing Financial Statement gives a true and fair view of the transactions for the year ended on that date.

P. H. JOHNSON,
Honorary Auditor

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1. **Income** Income fell short of budgeted amount:

| Allocated to churches | | Received |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Anglican | 13,604 | 10,000 |
| Methodist | 3,371 | 3,478 |
| Churches of Christ | 424 | 424 |
| Presbyterian | 10,487 | 10,487 |
| Congregational | 20 | 25 |

The Methodist contribution includes one payment from 1979.

2. **Expenditure** Generally in line with budget
3. **Balance at end of year**
The credit balance at the end of 1980 leaves a very small operating credit now that all reserves have been expended.
4. **Furniture, etc.**
All items listed are at the Commission office.

LIST OF ASSETS AS AT 31.12.80

| Furniture Purchased | Year of Purchase | Amount |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|
| Typewriter | 1979 | 450.00 |
| Desk | 1979 | 167.85 |
| 2 chairs | 1979 | 107.10 |
| Dictaphone | 1979 | 315.78 |
| Office furniture | 1979 | 567.00 |
| Xerox copier | 1979 | 2,137.50 |
| Chair | 1980 | 156.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Sub total | | 3,910.23 |
| Credit balance at Air New Zealand 31.12.80 | | 63.03 |
| Credit balance at bank 31.12.80 | | 438.21 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$4402.47 |

6.2 Requests to the Churches 1982

The requests to the churches in 1982 are:

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Anglican | \$18,901 |
| Churches of Christ | 588 |
| Congregational | 40 |
| Methodist | 5,844 |
| Presbyterian | 14,520 |

- 6.3 The Commission has reconsidered the basis of allocation of requests in the light of changing JCCU-JNCCE emphases. In 1983 requests will be based on 50% JNCCE. The JNCCE allocation will be related to membership in co-operative centures, namely: 17% Anglican, 25% Methodist, 55% Presbyterian, .88% Churches of Christ and .2% Congregational.

Estimated allocations for 1983 are:

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Anglican | \$15,022 |
| Churches of Christ | 541 |
| Congregational | 50 |
| Methodist | 8521 |
| Presbyterian | 21,077 |

W. A. BEST, Chairman

D. M. POVEY, Secretary

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

R E S O L U T I O N S

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1981

CONFERENCE STAFF 1981

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <i>President</i> | : Rev. Edmund D. Grounds |
| <i>Vice-President</i> | : Mr. Graham B. Keightley |
| <i>Ex-President</i> | : Rev. Loyal J. Gibson |
| <i>Ex-Vice-President</i> | : Sister Rona W. Collins |
| <i>Secretary</i> | : Rev. Alan K. Woodley, B.A. |
| <i>Associate Secretary</i> | : Rev. Wilfred J. Cable |
| <i>Assistant Secretaries</i> | |
| <i>Journal</i> | : Rev's Robert S. Andrews &
Paul F. Sinclair |
| <i>Minute Book</i> | : Rev. Shirley V. Ungemuth &
Mrs Patricia M. Teague |
| <i>Year Book</i> | : Rev. Stuart C. Grant, B.A.,
LL.B., L.Th.(Hons.) |
| <i>Daily Record</i> | : Rev. Ian L. Clarke, A.C.A.
Mr. Eric Russell |
| <i>Corresponding</i> | : Rev. W.J. Douglas Wakeling |
| <i>Media Officer</i> | : Rev. Michael W. Greer, L.Th. |
| <i>Organists</i> | : Rev. Victor G.C. Jones
Rev. John S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus. |
| <i>Typists' Liaison Officer</i> | : Mrs Vin Percy |

QUESTION 1--Who are members of this Conference?

- (a) Those in Full Connexion: As listed on page 9f of the Reports, and those Ministers of other Churches, appointed to Union and Co-operating Parishes and Co-operative Ventures serving with the Conference printed in the Reports on page 19 together with any additions and deletions recorded in the Journal.
- (b) Representatives: As printed in the Reports, pages 13f with the additions and deletions as recorded in the Journal.

QUESTION 2--What Members from other Conferences and Churches are associated with this Conference?

Those listed in the Reports on page 19 together with any additions or deletions recorded in the Journal.

QUESTION 3--What Candidates are now received for training as Presbyter or Deacon?

- (a) Deacon Mark Loyal Gibson (Self Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
 Desmond Arthur Hill (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
 Patricia Anne Hunt (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
 Margaret Harris (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
 Susanne Margaret Spindler (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
 Rachel Ayers Tregurtha (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
- (b) Presbyters: Stuart J. Bowring (accepted 1980 Conference)
 Mary Elizabeth Caygill
 John Murray Grant (entry to Theological College deferred until 1983)
 Neil R. Keesing
 Kenneth Smith
 Malo Tiapu'e (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)

QUESTION 4--Who are to continue as Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) in training?

- (a) Deacon: For a Second Year?
 John Elliott Bennett (Home Setting Training)
 Daniel C. Devadhar, M.S.; F.R.C.S.; F.R.A.C.S.; F.I.C.S.; F.R.S.M. (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training).
- (b) Presbyters: Bryant S.L. Abbott
 Margaret E. Burnett, B.Sc., Dip.App.Soc.St.
 Christopher J. Dyson, B.Sc.
 Sifa Hingano, L.Th.
 Nomani Noa (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
 Iosua Sefuiva (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)

Margaret Springett
Richard J. Waugh

- (a) Deacon: For a Third Year?
Victor Sealey (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
Unasa Su (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
- (b) Presbyters: A. Bruce Alcorn
Glenys R. Anderson (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
Audrey N. Dickinson
William E. Elderton M.A., A.N.Z.L.A., Dip.N.Z.L.S.
(Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
Robin J.G. Gray
David Harding, B.Ag.S.
Graham A. Kane (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training) (See Q.7)
Sialoga Lemalu
J. Allan Oliver, M.Sc.
Ashley J. Sedon
Gillian A. Telford (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
Ann M. Thomas (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)

QUESTION 5--Who are to be stationed by the Conference as Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) in training?

- Presbyters: Lois R.H. Clarke, B.A., L.T.C.L.
Brian N. France (Home Setting for 1982)
Timothy J. Langley
Derek V. McNicol
I.W. Leslie Ferguson
J. Murray Peat, B. Mus.
Aso Saleupolu
Jeffrey W. Sanders (Home Setting for 1982)

QUESTION 6--Who are now ordained Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s)?

- (a) Deacon: Edna Elizabeth Webster
- (b) Presbyter: Clive G. Dyson
Lynne O. Frith-Upson
Edith J. Little
Derek R. McCullum
Gillian M. Richards
Graham H. Whaley

QUESTION 7--Who continue to be stationed by the Conference as Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) in training?

- (b) Presbyter: Graham A. Kane
David S. Bell

QUESTION 8--Who is now admitted as Prebyter(s) in full connexion with the Conference?

Clive G. Dyson
Lynne O. Frith-Upson
Edith J. Little
Derek R. McCullum
Gillian M. Richards
Graham H. Whaley
William Morrison (Reinstatement)

QUESTION--9 Are there any objections to any Deacon, Minita-a-Iwi or Presbyter?

None

QUESTION 10--What Presbyter(s) in full connexion now ceases to be recognised as Presbyter(s) of the Conference?

Eric R. Eastwood
Duncan R. Graham
Warren Green

QUESTION 11--What Deacon(s) now ceases to be recognised as a Deacon(s) of the Conference?

None

QUESTION 12(A)--What (a) Deacons & (b) Presbyters are available for Self-Supporting ministries?

(a) Edna E. Webster
Fisiga Tuimaseve

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| (b) William K. Abbott | Gillian M. Richards |
| Ashley I. Corlett | T. Tanielu Sa'o |
| Frank Glen | Tua'au Tiatia |
| Faleaana Kopelani | A. Fa'aoso Tugia |
| Edith J. Little | |

QUESTION 12(B)--What (a) Deacons & (b) Presbyters are available for partially Self-Supporting ministries?

None

QUESTION 12(C)--What appointments are authorised for Self-Supporting (a) Deacons or (b) Presbyters?

(a) Hamilton
Okato
Papatoetoe, 3rd
Wellington South Union Parish 2nd.

(b) Auckland Central, 4th
Henderson 3rd
Taumarunui
Hastings, 3rd
Glen Innes
Johnsonville Union Parish

Wellington Central, 3rd
Nelson 3rd
Rangiora, 2nd
Gore
Stratford
Auckland East

QUESTION 12(D)--What appointments are authorised for partially Self-Supporting (a) Deacons or (b) Presbyters?

None

QUESTION 13--What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) is designated for service through the Overseas Division with a Church or Conference overseas?

None

QUESTION 14--What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) is transferred to or received from any other Conference?

(a) None

(b) Formal transfer of the Rev. Phillip D. Ramsay to the Uniting Church in Australia was completed in February 1981.

QUESTION--15 What Presbyter(s) formally member(s) of the Conference is now exercising ministry in another Church(es) overseas, such Presbyter(s) having the right to return to the Conference on the completion of service overseas?

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 Presbyter(s) is now released to exercise ministry in another Church(es) overseas with the right to return to the Conference on completion of such service?

Leonard P. Schroeder - Botswana Council of Churches
- who will serve through the Joint Board for Mission Overseas.

(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 Presbyter(s) has the Conference released to exercise ministry in another Church(es) within New Zealand, such Presbyter(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 Presbyter(s) is now released to exercise ministry in another Church(es) within New Zealand, such Presbyter(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) 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
Taniela T. Moala

I. Donald Borrie
W. James Stuart

- (j) What Deacons(s) has been received from another Church(es) 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) 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) 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?

Due to ill health Graewyn H. O'Sullivan has sought the leave of the Conference to withdraw from the Diaconate and from preparation to ordination.

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. Prison Chaplain
Lewis A. Bowen, Chaplain, Kimberley Hospital
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, Life-Line, Auckland.
John I Manihera, Chaplain to the Forces, Linton.
Donald F. Prince, N.C.C. Prison Chaplain
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.
Peter E. Glensor, N.C.C. Regional Secretary, Wellington.

Owen T. Woodfield, Supply Ministry Uniting Church in Australia.

Darrell R. Curtis, Supply Ministry Uniting Church in Australia.
R. John Hamlin, Wallis House.

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?

- | | | |
|-----|----------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) | Shirley Wiki | |
| (b) | David R. Alley | C. Russell Marshall |
| | Enid J. Bennett | John D. Meredith |
| | Amos W. Burrough | Alan H.V. Newton |
| | Hughan M. Craig | Brian L. Olsen |
| | John B. Currie | Maynard G. Rutherford |
| | Laurence H. Currie | Lawrence E. Salter |
| | Ludwig L. Felderhof | A. Kerry Taylor |
| | Ronald W. Ferguson | Robert Te Whare |
| | Allen H. Hall | David L. Trebilco |
| | C. Brice Herbert | Napi T. Waaka |
| | Arnold C. Hight | Alan C. Webster |
| | Brian J. Malcouronne | Frank H. Woodfield |

QUESTION 18--What Deacon(s) and Presbyter(s) retire at this Conference?

- | | | |
|-----|----------------------|---------------------|
| (a) | None | |
| (b) | R. Frederick Clement | Dorothea M. Noble |
| | W. Selwyn Dawson | A. Roger G. Nuttall |
| | Ian D. Grant | Trevor Shepherd |
| | William J. Morrison | Leonard V. Willing |

QUESTION 19--What Deacons, Home Missionaries and Presbyters continue in retirement?

- | | | |
|-----|-----------------------|---------------------|
| (a) | Deacons (Deaconesses) | |
| | Grace M. Clement | Constance Sage |
| | Atawhai George | Rita F. Snowden |
| | Airini Hobbs | Heeni Wharemaru |
| | Madeline Holland | Anne Wilson |
| | Jean A. Miller | Betty Yearbury |
| | Dorothy Pointon | |
| (b) | Home Missionaries | |
| | Roy Coombridge | A.E. Tardiff |
| | Frank L. Johnson | H.R. Wright |
| (c) | Presbyters | |
| | Stanley G. Andrews | Arthur T. Kent |
| | David Armstrong | Owen A. Kitchingman |
| | A. Francis Attwood | George I. Laurensen |
| | John H. Bailey | William R. Laws |

Edward Baker
 George E. Beckingsale
 Charles H. Bell
 R. Graham Bell
 T. Ralph Benny
 William T. Blight
 F. Gardner Brown
 Harold K. Brown
 W.E. Allon Carr
 Owen L. Christian
 Leslie C. Clements
 Frederick J. Climo
 Herbert A. Cochrane
 James H. Conway
 Gordon A.R. Cornwell
 George A. Cramond
 Harold A. Darvill
 John B. Dawson
 Reginald Day
 Haddon C. Dixon
 Clifford L. Duder
 Wilfred G. Eisner
 William R. Francis
 Leslie R.M. Gilmore
 George H. Goodman
 Stanley R. Goudge
 William W.H. Greenslade
 Reginald Grice
 John D. Grocott
 Charlie O. Hailwood
 John R. Hall
 Eric W. Hames
 Alan J. Handyside
 Howard E. Harkness
 George C. Hopkins
 H. Ian K. Hopper
 Leonard C. Horwood
 William C. Jenkin
 Andrew J. Johnston
 Alan O. Jones

E. Clarence Leadley
 Gordon A. Leary
 John J. Lewis
 Campbell P. Lucas
 A. Alexander McDowell
 Archibald W. McKay
 Edward M. Marshall
 Howard C. Matthews
 Harry Moore
 Leslie T. Norwell
 Charles B. Oldfield
 Norman W. Olds
 O. McLennan Olds
 Francis H. Parker
 Gordon Parker
 J. Wesley Parker
 Walter Parker
 Ralph E. Patchett
 Herbert W. Payne
 Cuthbert F. Peart
 Athol R. Penn
 Ashleigh K. Petch
 Frederick D. Peterson
 Gordon R.H. Peterson
 Andrew G. Reid
 Idris J. Ruck
 Leonard Shapcott
 Donald G. Sherson
 John Silvester
 Sydney J. Spindler
 Gordon V. Thomas
 George R. Thompson
 John H. Thompson
 Robert Thornley
 A. Henry Voyce
 J.C. Aldwyn Williams
 David O. Williams
 Arthur O. Witheford
 J. Henry Woolford

QUESTION 20--What Deacons, Home Missionaries, Minita-a-Iwi and Presbyters have died since last Conference?

(a) Deacons

Edna Jenkin

(b) Minita-a-Iwi and Home Missionaries

Neil Redvers Hooper
 Wiremu Paki Ihaka

Tawai Te Riri Kawiti

(c)

Presbyters

Clifford G. Brown
Robert E. Fordyce
Lawrence Greenslade
G. Raymond Harris

Arthur H. Ivory
Norman P. Larsen
D.J. Alister McDonald
Ernest E. Sage

QUESTION 21--What Lay Persons who have given leadership in the Conference have died since last Conference?

Winifred Bateup
Alfred Currie
George F. Whitlock
Elizabeth C.L. Woodnutt

Laurel G.B. McAlister
Joan M. Ford
Robert J. Thomas

QUESTION 22

(A) Are there any congregations where through unavailability of Presbyters, the Sacraments are not being provided?

(B) Who are now given special authority to administer the Sacraments during the ensuing year?

The Vice-President
Taitokerau

Tamaki Makarau

Waikato

Rohe Potae

Taranaki
Paparoa
Ohura
Wellington South

Gore
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe
South Bay of Islands Co-operating
Kaeo-Kerikeri Union
Manurewa
Stratford
Ngāio Union
Lower Hutt-Petone
St James Masterton Union

Graham B. Keightley
Mack Morunga
Robert Taka
Tohu Cassidy
Para Livingstone
Winiata Morunga
Maru Toki
Tahuhu Heremaia
Te Orahi Tonga
Henare Pate
Wiremu Te Hiko
Henare Gray
Phillip Te Uira
Mary Te Whare
Hoani Heremaia
Alan L. Trethowen
James L. Woodhouse
Alison Beetson
Graham E. Brown
Graham H. Kane
David S. Bell
George Barke
I.W. Leslie Ferguson
Lois R.H. Clarke
Jeffrey W. Sanders
Derek V. McNicoll
Aso Saleupolu
J. Murray Peat

Tokomairirio Union
Dunedin Mission
Tongan Fellowship Wellington

Oamaru Union

Rakaia

Brian N. France
Timothy J. Langley
Siofua Latu
Samu Taufu
Mary L. Addison
L. Noel Radburn
Cyril A.M. Stevens
Bob B. White
John H. Fruin

QUESTION 23(A)--Does the Conference sanction the amalgamation or division of any District, Circuit, or does it originate any proposal having reference thereto?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

- 1(a) That Conference approve the formation of a new District in South Auckland to be known as the Manukau District.
- (b) That the new District encompass the following Circuits/Parishes:
Manukau North; Manurewa; Papakura; Tuakau Union Parish; Pukekohe; Waiuku; Bucklands Beach Co-operating Parish.
- (c) That the boundary between the Manukau and Auckland Districts be:
The Manukau Harbour; the Tamaki Estuary and the Northern Boundary of the present Otahuhu Circuit.
- 2(a) That a new Circuit be formed incorporating the following congregations:
Pakuranga; Otara; Papatoetoe; Otahuhu; Mangere East; Mangere.
- (b) That the Circuit be called Manukau North and the staffing be five full-time Presbyters and one Self-Supporting Deacon.
- 3(a) That the new Auckland East Circuit incorporate the following congregations:
Mt Eden; Epsom; Panmure; St Stephens-Oranga; Onehunga.
- (b) That the staffing be two full-time Presbyters and one Self-Supporting Presbyter.
4. That Conference approve the amalgamation of the Timaru Woodlands Street and Timaru Bank Street Circuits. That the staffing be two Presbyters, one of whom shall exercise ministry in the Temuka Circuit. (Effective as from 1/7/1982)
5. That approval be given to the name of the Lyttelton Union Parish being changed to the Lyttelton Harbour Union Parish.

QUESTION 23(B)--What other Agreements affecting Circuits/Parishes and/or Use of Buildings, are approved by Conference?

HORNBY CIRCUIT - JOINT USE OF BUILDING AGREEMENT.

1. That Conference agree in principle to the Hornby Circuit entering into a Joint Use of Building Agreement with the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch in respect of the Sockburn Methodist Church, and that final approval be given by the President on the advice of the North Canterbury Synod and the Development Division.

QUESTION 24--To what Circuits/Parishes are additional Deacons, Home Missionaries or Presbyters appointed?

None

QUESTION 25--From what Circuits/Parishes are Deacons, Minita-a-Iwi withdrawn?

None

QUESTION 26--How are the Presbyters, Presbyters in training, Deacons (Deaconesses), Deacons in training, Minita-a-Iwi and Minita-Rehita stationed for the ensuing year?

LIST OF STATIONS
of the
METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

President----Edmund D. Grounds
Vice-President----Graham B. Keightley
Secretary----Alan K. Woodley, B.A.

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PRESBYTERS, DEACONS,
MINITA-A-IWI AND MINITA-REHITA 1982

Unless otherwise determined by the Conference a Circuit is an area in which is situated a Church or number of Churches, a preaching place or number of preaching places, and is designated and numbered in the list of stations printed in the Resolutions of Conference. A Circuit shall not include for purposes of administration any Connexional Department, College or Institution situated within its bounds.

The Presbyterian first named is the Superintendent, except in the case of a Presbyterian in training, in which instance the Chairman of the District is Superintendent. The Superintendent and/or other Presbyterian 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 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

Darrell R. Curtis, B.A. See Q.16b.

1010 MANGONUI COUNTY UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt:

1020 KAIKOHE UNION PARISH

Colin A. Milner

1030 SOUTH BAY OF ISLANDS CO-OPERATING PARISH

One Wanted. Supply:

1040 KAEAO-KERIKERI UNION PARISH

I.W. Leslie Ferguson - who shall be supervised by Rev. Kenneth H. Russell

- 1050 NORTH HOKIANGA COMMUNITY CHURCH
Anglican appt: Christopher Apthorp
- 1060 SOUTH HOKIANGA CO-OPERATING PARISH
G.Basil W. Bell
- 1070 HIKURANGI UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Frank Boggs
- 1080 WHANGAREI UNITING CHURCH
Barry W. Neal, M.A.,C.F.,Dip.Ed. (Raumanga)
Kenneth H. Russell (St. John's)
Ronald W. Ferguson See Q.17b
- 1090 DARGAVILLE
Henry W. Kitchingman
C. Brice Herbert See Q.17b
- 1100 RUAWAI CO-OPERATING PARISH
Anglican appt: John Deacon
- 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, J.P. (Tumuaki Rohe)
Alan S. Pickering: Minita-a-Iwi
Hokianga Mack Morunga: Minita-a-Iwi
Tohu Cassidy: Minita-a-Iwi
Peowhairangi Para Livingstone: Minita-a-Iwi
Waha Wiki: Minita-a-Iwi
Herehere Maaka (Sup.)
Whangarei Winiata Morunga: Minita-a-Iwi
Robert Taka: Minita-a-Iwi
Hemara Hemara: Minita-a-Iwi

HENRY W. KITCHINGMAN (Chairman of the District)

2000 AUCKLAND DISTRICT

- Maynard G. Rutherford See Q.17b
- 2001 AUCKLAND DISTRICT TONGAN MINISTER
Taniela T. Moala, L.Th., Dip.R.E.
- 2002 AUCKLAND HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN
Roy M. Alexander
- 2500 MAORI DIVISION
Ruawai D. Rakena, B.A. (Tumuaki)
- 2600 DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
Barry E. Jones, B.A. (Superintendent)
Siauala T. Amituana'i, B.A., B.D.

- 2700 JOINT BOARD FOR MISSION OVERSEAS
 W. Geoffrey Tucker (Joint Secretary)
 David C. Evans, B.A. (Joint Secretary)
- 2800 EDUCATION DIVISION
 Loyal J. Gibson - Director Planning and Training until 30/6/82
 - who shall supervise the Tuakau Union Parish.
- 2820 THE COLLEGE OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
 Methodist Staff:
 B. Keith Rowe, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. (Union N.Y.), Ranston Lecturer
 in Ministry, Education Homiletics; Principal.
 W. James Stuart, B.A., M.Div., D.Theol., Wesley Lecturer in
 Systematic Theology
 David S. Mullan, M.A., Dip.Ed. Field Worker in Ministry.
- 2010 AUCKLAND CENTRAL
 John A. Penman, B.A.
 P. Joan Wedding
 One Wanted
 Fa'aoso Tugia (Self-Supporting Presbyter)
 B. Keith Rowe, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. (Union N.Y.) (College of St John)
 Siauala T. Amituana'i, B.A., B.D. (Development Division)
 Allen H. Hall, M.A., Dip.Tchg, Ph.D.(Qld). See Q.17b
 Bruce E. Mackie See Q.16b.
 Walter Parker (Sup.)
- 2020 AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION
 D. Bruce Gordon, M.A.
 Graham Brazendale, M.A.
 Andrew G. Reid (Sup.)
- 2030 BALMORAL-ROSKILL
 Edmund D. Grounds. President of the Church.
 Brian J. Eagle
 Lynfield: Anglican appt:
 Barry E. Jones, B.A. (Development Division)
 W. Geoffrey Tucker (Joint Board for Mission Overseas)
 Taniela T. Moala, L.Th., Dip.R.E. - A Minister of the Free Wesleyan
 Church of Tonga with responsibility for Tongan Work
 in the Auckland and Manukau Districts, under the
 Auckland District Chairman.
 Roy M. Alexander, Hospital Chaplain
 Arnold C. Hight See Q.17b.
 W.E. Allon Carr (Sup.)
- 2040 AUCKLAND EAST
 Ian H. McKenzie, M.Sc., B.D. (Epsom)
 William Morrison (Onehunga)
 Falea'ana Kopelani (Self-Supporting Presbyter)
 George I. Laurenson, C.B.E. (Sup.)
 Athol R. Penn (Sup.)

2060 ORAKEI

Norman E. Brookes, M.A. (2nd Class Hons.)
 I. Marie Greenwood, B.Theol., P.G.Dip. (Theol.)
 W. James Stuart, B.A.,M.Div., D.Theol. (College of St. John)
 David S. Mullan, M.A., Dip.Ed. (College of St. John)
 Roger J.E. Hey See Q.16b
 Eric Hames, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College (Sup.)
 Brian L. Olsen, B.Ed., Dip.S.T.L. (Massey) See Q.17b.
 J. Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D. (Sup.)

2070 GLEN INNES CO-OPERATING PARISH

Supernumerary Supply: W. Selwyn Dawson (Sup.)
 Gillian M. Richards, (Self-Supporting Presbyterian)

2080 MT ALBERT

Graham H. Whaley, B.A.
 Ruawai D. Rakena, B.A. (Maori Division - Tumuaki)
 Leonard C. Horwood (Sup.)
 David O. Williams, O.B.E., M.A.,Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity
 College (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.
 Presbyterian appt: Leao T. Si'itia, L.Th.

2100 HENDERSON

William D. Griffiths
 George G. Carter, M.A.,Dip.Ed. (who shall supervise the
 Waterview Circuit)
 Brian J. Malcouronne, B.A., See 17b

2110 RANUI ECUMENICAL MINISTRY

2120 TE ATATU UNION PARISH

Irwin J. Fowler
 Presbyterian appt: William J. Millward

2130 DEVONPORT

Gavin B. Sharp, B.Sc.

2140 TAKAPUNA

Mervyn L. Dine
 Anthony D. Stroobant, C.Eng.,M.I.E.R.E.,N.Z.C.
 Loyal J. Gibson (Education Division) until 30 June 1982
 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.)
 Leslie C. Clements (Sup.)
 John J. Lewis, M.A.,B.D.(Melb.), Ph.D.(Lond.) Fellow of Trinity
 College (Sup.)
 William J. Morrison, M.A. (Sup.)

- 2150 BIRKENHEAD
John H. Osborne, M.A.
Donald G. Sherson B.A. (Sup.)
- 2160 GLENFIELD-ALBANY CO-OPERATING PARISH
John B. Salmon, M.A., Th.M. (Princeton), Ph.D., L.Th., S.Th., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.,
Anglican appts: Peter Beck and Susan Adams
- 2170 BIRKDALE-BEACHHAVEN UNION PARISH
Patricia M. Jacobson, B.A., L.Th.
- 2180 NORTHCOTE
David J. Bush, B.Sc.
J. Henry Woolford, M.A. (Sup.)
- 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.)
William R. Francis, B.A., B.D. (Lond.) (Sup.)
F. Gardner Brown (Sup.)
David Armstrong (Sup.)
Norman W. Olds (Sup.)
- 2290 MAHURANGI
Neville Thornicroft
- 2300 ST AUSTELL'S CO-OPERATING PARISH - New Lynn
Hendrik Gerritsen, B.A., B.D.
- 2310 WATERVIEW
Supply: See 2100
George R. Thompson (Sup.)
- 2510 TAMAKI
Runga Ruawai D. Rakena, B.A. (Tumuaki Rohe)
Barbara I. Miller
Harold A. Darvill (Sup.)
Waenganui Te Marunui Toki: Minita-a-Iwi
Wiki Popata: Minita-a-Iwi
Huia Martin: Minita-a-Iwi
Raka Hunapo: Minita-a-Iwi
Raro Tahuu Heremaia: Minita-a-Iwi
Piriniha Tawhai: Minita-a-Iwi
Rau Raunatiri: Minita-a-Iwi

D. BRUCE GORDON, M.A., (Chairman of the District)

DEPUTY CHAIRMEN---

JOHN H. OSBORNE, M.A. (North Shore)

GEORGE G. CARTER, M.A., Dip.Ed. (West Auckland)

GRAHAM BRAZENDEALE, M.A. (Central Auckland)

2400 MANUKAU DISTRICT

2410 MANUKAU NORTH

George L. Bennett
Lane M. Tauroa, B.A.
Ronald C. Collingwood
Beverley J. Taylor
One Wanted
Fisiga Tuamaseve (Self-Supporting Deacon)
Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed., (Sup.)
John Silvester, M.A. (Sup.)
R. Frederick Clement, M.A. (Sup.)

2420 MANUREWA. (formerly 2220)

Edwin B. Clarke, M.A., B.D. (hons.) (Melb.) - Shared Ministry
Lois R.H. Clarke, B.A., L.T.C.L. - Shared Ministry - who shall be
supervised by R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol.M. (Sup.)
Leslie R.M. Gilmore, B.A. (Sup.)

2430 PAPAKURA. (formerly 2230)

Philip F. Taylor
R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D. Theol.M. (Sup.)

2440 PUKEKOHE. (formerly 2240)

J. Cedric Hay
William A. Chessum, Mus. B. (Wesley College, Paerata -
Teacher - Chaplain)
Edward Baker (Sup.)

2450 TUAKAU UNION PARISH. (formerly 2250)

Ian E.M. Anderson - (Supervisor Loyal J. Gibson)

2460 WAIUKU. (formerly 2260)

Maxwell L. Bruce, B.Comm., A.C.A.
Frederick J. Climo (Sup.)

2470 BUCKLANDS BEACH CO-OPERATING PARISH. (formerly 2050)

Anglican appt:
A. Kerry Taylor, B.A., Dip.Ed. See Q.17b.

GEORGE L. BENNETT (Chairman of the District)

3000 WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

David L. Trebilco See Q.17b
Ludwig L. Felderhof See Q.17b.

3000 HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN; Alan J. Leadley, B.D., B.A.

3010 THAMES UNION PARISH

Dougal H.C. Bruce, L.Th.
Reginald Day (Sup.)

3020 HAURAKI PLAINS CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Edward W. Body, B.Com., A.C.A.

3030 PAEROA

Arthur W. Dickie, C.Eng., M.Inst.F., M.N.Z.I.E. (shared with Waihi
Circuit, with pastoral oversight of Coromandel)

- 3040 WAIHI
 Arthur W. Dickie, C.Eng., M.Inst.F., M.N.Z.I.E. (shared ministry with
Paeroa Circuit)
 A. Francis Attwood (Sup.)
 John R. Hall (Sup.)
- 3050 TE AROHA CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Presbyterian appt: M. Alison Gray, M.A.
- 3060 MORRINSVILLE
 Trevor L. Bennett
- 3070 CAMBRIDGE UNION PARISH
 Harry I. Shaw
 Reginald Grice (Sup.)
 Leslie T. Norwell (Sup.)
 Leonard Shapcott (Sup.)
- 3080 HAMILTON
 Wilfred F. Ford, C.M.G., B.A. - Shared Ministry
 H. Mary Astley - Shared Ministry
 Lindsey E. Cumberpatch, B.A.
 Edna E. Webster (Self-Supporting Deacon)
 Alan H.V. Newton See Q.17b.
 A. Roger G. Nuttall, B.A. (Sup.)
 Charlie O. Hailwood (Sup.)
 Wilf G. Eisner, B.A. (Sup.)1
- 3090 RAGLAN UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian appt:
- 3100 HAMILTON EAST
 Stanley J. Barnes, B.A. (Rhodes)
 Idris J. Ruck (Sup.)
 Cuthbert F. Peart (Sup.)
- 3110 CHARTWELL CO-OPERATING PARISH
 David H. Ansell
 Anglican appt: Vance Vidal
- 3120 NGARUAWAHIA UNION PARISH
 James C. Fulbright
- 3130 HUNTLY CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Presbyterian appt: Neil W. Johnson
- 3140 MATAMATA UNION PARISH
 Church of Christ appt: Roger G. Russ
 Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th. (Sup.)
- 3150 PUTARURU CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Restel A. Burton - who will supervise the Tokoroa Circuit
- 3160 TOKOROA
 One Wanted See 3150
- 3170 ROTORUA
 Ivan J. Clucas
 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.
 Hughan M. Craig See Q.17b
 Arthur T. Kent (Sup.)
 O. McLennan Olds (Sup.)
 Samuel J. Crawford (ASC)
 Trevor Shepherd (Sup.)
 James H. Conway (Sup.)
- 3200 ST JAMES UNION PARISH, GREERTON
 Presbyterian appt: Ria Sporry
- 3210 TE PUKE
 Wilfred S. Gilbert
 Allan J. Handyside (Sup.)
 Ian D. Grant (Sup.)
- 3220 WHAKATANE CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Norman J. Goreham, B.A.(B'ham), B.D. (Lond.) (who shall exercise
 Anglican appt: Michael Smart Ministry in the
 Kawerau Circuit)
- 3230 KAWERAU
 See 3220
- 3240 OPOTIKI UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian appt:
- 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
 See 3260
- 3280 TAUMARUNUI
 Ashley I. Corlett, L.Th. See Q.12b - refer Circuit 3260
- 3290 TURANGI CO-OPERATING PARISH
 R. Leslie George
- 3300 OHURA
 See 3260 Lay Supply - James L. Woodhouse
- 3310 KAWHIA
 Ministry exercised through the Rohe Potae Circuit.
- 3320 COROMANDEL
 See 3040
 Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.) (Sup.)

3330 HILLCREST CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian appt:

Anglican appt: Anthony W. Sutton, LL.B.

3340 PIO PIO-ARIA CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Warwick J. Hambleton

3510 WAIKATO

Henare Pate: Minita-Rehita (Tumuaki riwhi)

Diana Tana

Te Napi Waaka, O.B.E. See Q.17b

Waaka Kukutai: Minita-a-Iwi

Te Orahi Tonga: Minita-a-Iwi

Alan Mahara: Minita-a-Iwi

Henare Gray: Minita-a-Iwi

Paddy Searancke: Minita-a-Iwi

Wiremu Te Hiko: Minita-a-Iwi

Pukerau Rangitutia: Minita-a-Iwi

Charlie B. Fenwick: Minita-a-Iwi

Graham Hinkley, Dr.: Minita-a-Iwi

ROHE POTAE Morehu Te Whare (Tumuaki Rohe)

Charlie Turner: Minita-a-Iwi

Phillip Te Uira: Minita-a-Iwi

Nguru Winikerei: Minita-a-Iwi

IVAN J. CLUCAS (Chairman of the District)

MOREHU TE WHARE (Deputy Chairman-Waikato)

BRIAN W. SIDES (Deputy Chairman - Bay of Plenty)

4000 TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

4010 NEW PLYMOUTH

Stanley J. West * - who shall supervise the Stratford Circuit

Russell G. Rigby, B.A.(Hons.) * *Team Ministry

4020 WAITARA

Noel D. Billingham

4030 STRATFORD

Jeffrey W. Sanders

4040 ELTHAM-KAPONGA CO-OPERATING PARISH

Robert A. Ferguson, B.A.

4050 HAWERA

Loyal J. Gibson - Regional Resource Person from 1 July 1982.

William K. Abbott See Q.12b.

4060 MANAIA UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt:

4070 OPUNAKE CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Ian Millar

4080 OKATO CO-OPERATING PARISH

J. Mervyn Dickinson, B.A., B.D., Ph.D.

4090 WANGANUI

(With pastoral oversight of Taihape, Ohakune and Raetihi)

Norman J. West *

*Team Ministry

David C. Pratt *

C. Russell Marshall See Q.17b

Charles H. Bell, B.A. (Sup.)

Alan Q. Jones (Sup.)

Sydney J. Spindler (Sup.)

4110 INGLEWOOD UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt:

4510 TARANAKI-WAIMARINO

North Moke A.G. Couch, B.A. (Tumuaki Rohe)

Ruanui North Leonard V. Willing (Sup.)

Ruanui South Hoani Heremaia: Minita-a-Iwi

Ngaonepu Kahu: Minita-a-Iwi

LEONARD V. WILLING (Supply Chairman of the District until 30/6/82)

LOYAL J. GIBSON (Chairman of the District from 1/7/82)

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.)

5020 HASTINGS

Edgar R. Hornblow, LL.B.

T. Tanielu Sa'o See Q.12A (Self-Supporting Presbyter)

John E. Bennett: Deacon See Q.7a

John B. Currie, B.A. See Q.17b

5030 FLAXMERE CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Ivan Dunnnett

5040 GISBORNE

Bruce Scammell

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

Supply: Hans U. Schranz - Fraternal Worker

William C. Jenkin (Sup.)

5090 PAHIATUA UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: B. Hellyer

5100 PALMERSTON NORTH
Frederick E. Waine, B.A. - Joint Responsibility
Alan Newman - Joint Responsibility
Amos W. Burroughs See Q.17b
Enid J. Bennett, M.A.,B.D. See Q.17b
Alan C. Webster, M.A.,M.Div.,Ed.D.,Ph.D. See Q.17b
John I. Manihera See Q.16b.

5110 ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE
David S. Bell *

* Who will jointly exercise
Ministry in Ashhurst-Bunny-
thorpe, Feilding-Oroua and
Marton Circuits

5120 FEILDING-OROUA
Warren H. Blundell *

5130 MARTON
*

5140 RONGOTEA-SANSON CO-OPERATING PARISH
Jack Wright

5150 FOXTON UNION PARISH
One Wanted. Ministerial Supply - George C. Hopkins (Sup.)

5160 TAMATEA COMMUNITY CHURCH
Geoffrey T. Gilbert

5170 WAIPAWA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt:

WARWICK GUST, B.A.,B.D.(Melb.) (District Chairman)

6000 WELLINGTON DISTRICT

6800 EDUCATION DIVISION
E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A.,B.D. (Executive Director)
John S. Hosking, M.A., Dip. Mus. (Director-Stewardship)

6010 WELLINGTON CENTRAL
Keith J. Taylor, B.A.
David Arrowsmith, M.A.
Tuauu Tiatia (Self-Supporting Presbyter)
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

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
Derek V. McNicol - who shall be supervised by E. Francis I. Hanson
- 6070 JOHNSONVILLE UNION PARISH
Ian C. Norwell (exchange Ministry with Dr. H. Alan Elmore
until August 1982)
Edith J. Little, J.P. (Self-Supporting Presbyter)
- 6080 NEWLANDS UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt:
- 6090 PORIRUA
One Wanted. I. Donald Borrie, M.A., S.T.M. (See Q.15(i)
Porirua Hospital Chaplain: Ian Bayliss
- 6100 PLIMMERTON-PAEKAKARIKI
Colin D. Clark, M.A.
Gordon V. Thomas, B.A. (Sup.)
George H. Goodman (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
Derek R. McCullum, B.Sc., B.Com.
Aso Saleupolu
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. (Sup.)
Haddon C. Dixon, O.B.E., M.A., B.D. (Sup.)
John C.F. Mabon See Q.16b
R. John Hamlin See Q.16b
Peter E. Glensor, B.A. See Q.16b
- 6130 TAITA UNION PARISH
Ministry will be exercised by the Ministers of the Lower Hutt Circuit.
- 6140 UPPER HUTT CO-OPERATING PARISH
Graeme M. McIver, B.A.
Presbyterian appts: John A. Howell, B.A., B.Sc., B.Th.
Norman W. Knipe
- 6150 WAINUIOMATA UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt:
- 6160 GREYTOWN ST ANDREWS 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 CARTERON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: C. Styles
- 6190 MASTERTON ST LUKES UNION PARISH
Roger M. Gibson
Presbyterian appt: Charles Naylor

- 6200 ST JAMES, MASTERTON UNION PARISH
J. Murray Peat, B.Mus. - who shall be supervised by Roger M.Gibson
- 6210 EKETAHUNA UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: K. Allen
- 6220 LEVIN
Richard J. Hendry
Lewis A.Bowen See Q.16b
- 6230 OTAKI
Co-operative Agreement with the Otaki Anglican Parish - Methodist
Liaison, Charles B. Oldfield (Sup.)
- 6240 PARAPARAUMU
W.J.Douglas Wakeling
M. Alexahder McDowell, D.D.(Mt Union, U.S.A.) (Sup.)
Charles B. Oldfield (Sup.)
Frank H. Woodfield See Q.17b
- 6250 HATAITAI-KILBIRNIE CO-OPERATING PARISH
Paul F. Sinclair
Anglican appt: Ian Bourne, B.A.,B.D.,L.Th.
- 6510 PONEKE
Hana Pae Hauraki (Tumuaki Rohe)
Robert Te Whare See Q.17b

E. FRANCIS I. HANSON, B.A.,B.D. (Chairman of the District)
ROBERT W. WIDDUP (Deputy Chairman)
ROGER M. GIBSON (Deputy Chairman)

7000 NELSON DISTRICT

- 7010 NELSON
Wallace C. Chapman
One Wanted - Supply
Frank G. Glen See Q.12A(b)
- 7020 NELSON, ST LUKE'S UNION PARISH
Clive G. Dyson (who shall also exercise ministry in the Murchison
Circuit).
- 7030 WAIMEA
Bruno W. Egli
- 7040 MOTUEKA UNITING PARISH
D. Ian MacLeod
- 7050 MOUTERE HILLS UNITING PARISH
- 7060 MURCHISON
See 7020
- 7070 BLENHEIM
David G. Stubbs
Donald F. Biggs,
Laurence H. Currie See Q.17b

- 7080 PICTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Richard H. Lawrence
- 7090 REEFTON DISTRICT UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Lindsay Day
- 7100 BULLER UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Mark P. Stephens
- 7110 GREYMOUTH DISTRICT UNION PARISH
Graham E. Hawkey
Presbyterian appt: Douglas M. Riddle, O.B.E., B.A.
John D. Meredith See Q.17b
Gordon A. Leary, M.A., Dip.Ed., J.P. (Sup.)
- 7120 HOKITIKA UNION PARISH
Brian N. Small

DAVID G. STUBBS (Chairman of the District)
GRAHAM E. HAWKEY (Deputy Chairman)

8000 NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

- Johanna M. Bouchier (available for supply ministries)
Owen T. Woodfield, B.A. See Q.17b
- 8900 CONNEXIONAL OFFICE and 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.
William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Melb.) (Sup.)
Ralph E. Patchett (Sup.)
H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A. (Sup.)
Owen A. Kitchingman (Sup.)
Rona W. 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
William L. Wallace, B.A. - shared ministry with Parklands
Co-operating Parish
J. Herbert Thompson (Sup.)
William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (Melb.) (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 HARBOUR UNION PARISH
 G. Clive Smith, L.Th.
- 8080 CHRISTCHURCH (OPAWA)
 Russell E. James
- 8090 BECKENHAM-SYDENHAM
 Maxwell A. Hornblow
 Brian H. Turner, M.A.(Hons.), Dip.R.E. (Melb.) See Q.16b
 Harold K. Brown (Sup.)
- 8100 CHRISTCHURCH (SPREYDON)
 Victor G.C. Jones, M.A., Mus.B., B.D. See Q.15(i)
 Herbert A. Cochrane (Sup.)
- 8110 HALSWELL UNION PARISH
 Prebyterian 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.
 James F. Cropp
 John D. Grocott, B.A. (Sup.)
 George G. Cramond (Sup.)
- 8140 CHRISTCHURCH (PAPANUI)
 Albert A. Grundy, M.A.
 Lynn J. Wall, B.A., B.D. - Shared Ministry
 Terence W. Wall, M.A., S.T.M. - Shared Ministry
 Alan K. Woodley, B.A. (Administration Division)
 Rona W. Collins - Deacon (Deaconess) See 8010
 Ernest Heppelthwaite See Q.16b
 Donald F. Prince See Q.16b
- 8150 HORNBY
 Derek G. Laws, F.C.A., A.C.I.S.
- 8160 LINCOLN UNION PARISH
 Robert A. Allan
- 8170 LEESTON CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Presbyterian apt:
- 8180 KAIAPOI CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Anthony N. Bell, L.Th.
- 8190 RANGIORA
 Douglas H. Burt

- 8200 MALVERN CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Lionel E. Brown, B.A.
- 8210 OXFORD DISTRICT UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: R.B. Tait
- 8220 PARKLANDS CO-OPERATING PARISH
William L. Wallace, B.A. - Shared ministry with Christchurch East
Circuit
- 8510 OTAUTAHU-TE WAIPOUNAMU
Wati Tahere (Tumuaki Rohe)

ALBERT A. GRUNDY, M.A. (Chairman of the District)

8300 SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

- 8310 TIMARU (BANK STREET)
H. David Besant (who shall exercise ministry in the Temuka Circuit)
- 8320 TIMARU (WOODLANDS STREET)
Percy P. Rushton, B.A., B.D.
- 8330 ST DAVID'S MARCHWIEL UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt:
- 8340 TWIZEL
Ecumenical Chaplaincy: Jon J. van Royen (Presbyterian)
- 8350 WAIMATE
Clifford J. Keightley
- 8360 GERALDINE CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Frank G. Grimshaw
Archibald W. McKay (Sup.)
- 8370 TEMUKA
See 8310
- 8380 ASHBURTON
John Silverstone
Graeme R. White, L.Th.
T. Ralph Benny (Sup.)
- 8390 ALLENTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Robert P. Fendall, B.A.
- 8400 OAMARU UNION PARISH
Supply: Derick Rogers
- PERCY P. RUSHTON (Chairman of the District)

9000 OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

David R. Alley See Q.16b

9020 DUNEDIN MISSION

Donald J. Phillipps, B.A., B.D.

Colin G. Jamieson, Dip.R.E.(Melb.)

Shirley V. Ungemuth

G. Douglas Pratt, M.A., B.D., L.Th., A.S.B.

Timothy J. Langley

Alan R. Upson See Q.17b.

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

Lynne O. Frith-Upson

9080 TOKOMAIRIRO CO-OPERATING PARISH

Brian N. France - to be supervised by Colin G. Jamieson

Presbyterian appt: Alan Simpson

9090 BALCLUTHA

Anglican Pastoral Ministry

9100 GORE

One Wanted: Presbyter in training - Graham A. Kane See Q.5b

9110 INVERCARGILL

Norma M. Graves

Evan R. Lewis, B.Sc., B.A.

Edward P. Boyd See Q.16b

9120 RIVERTON UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt: N. Cowie

9130 OTAUTAU UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Alan Shaw

9140 WAIONO UNION PARISH

John S. Murray - who shall supervise the Gore Circuit

9150 BLUFF CO-OPERATING PARISH

Robert D. Short

9160 TEVIOT UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Peter Wishart, B.A. (Hons.)

9170 ALEXANDRA-CLYDE UNION PARISH

George M. Hammond

Presbyterian appt: Paul Ranby

9180 PORT CHALMERS UNITED PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Ian W. McIntosh

DONALD J. PHILLIPPS, B.A., B.D. (Chairman of the District)
EVAN R. LEWIS, M.Sc., B.A. (Deputy Chairman)

QUESTION 27—What is the report of the Church Council?

CHURCH COUNCIL

Reports pp. 101-103
368-369

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the dates for 1982 be approved.
3. That Conference encourages the Council to explore the agenda items as set out in the report.

QUESTION 28—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Ministry?

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1981

The Committee looks forward to the appointment of the Field Worker in Ministry and the assistance that will then be given to beginning clergy.

The attention of Circuits and Districts is drawn to the requirements in the law that candidates offering for preparation for ordination as Presbyter be "accredited lay preachers or be able to give evidence of preaching ability". The Committee regards the requirement that a candidate be an accredited Lay Preacher as normative and that those who are not so accredited must be able to give clear evidence that equivalent study has been completed and evaluated and the candidate's ability as a preacher has been demonstrated.

Circuits are also reminded that where a Circuit seeks non-stipendiary diaconal or presbyteral ministry or where a person applies for such a ministry, the process of candidature be preceded by a discussion regarding the future strategy for ministry in that Circuit and that the Committee on Ministry and Development Division be involved in these discussions.

J.H. Osborne,
Convener.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That commencing with those appointed to Circuits at Conference 1982, the normal period of probation following College-setting preparation for ordination as Presbyter be two years.
3. That in order to facilitate a review of Methodist Candidate Assessment procedures, the Methodist Church withdraw from Joint Assessment Committee courses for 1982 and that the Standing Committee:
 - (a) plan for a single national Methodist assessment course for Candidates for the Presbyterate.
 - (b) explore the whole question of criteria and procedures for candidates for the Methodist ministry.
4. That the following concerns be referred to the Standing Committee for report to Synods and Conference.
 - (a) The intolerably long period between application and the Church's final response.

- (b) The unknownness of the criteria required of Candidates.
 - (c) The discrepancies occurring between Synod Committee recommendations and the Candidate Selection Committee.
 - (d) The attitude to Evangelical and Charismatic Candidates by Candidate Committees.
 - (e) The pastoral care offered by the Selection Committee to Candidates at the selection retreat.
5. That the members of the Standing Committee for 1982 be:
The members of the Conference Committee resident in Auckland, Manukau and Waikato Synod areas together with such additional members appointed by the President.
 6. That the Officers of the Committee on Ministry for 1982 be:
Convener: Rev. John H. Osborne, M.A.
Associate Convener: Rev. Graham Brazendale, M.A.
Assessment Convener: Rev. Donald Phillipps, B.A., B.D.
Supervisor of Probationer Studies: Rev. W.A. Chessum, Mus.B
in association with Rev. D.S. Mullan, M.A., Dip.Ed.

QUESTION 29—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Welfare of the Church?

WELFARE OF THE CHURCH

Reports pp. 340-341

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference request the Welfare of the Church Committee to examine the term "Chairman of District" with a particular view to accommodating inclusive language.
3. That Conference refer to the Board of Administration and the Welfare of the Church Committee the desirability of common personnel at all meetings of the Stationing Committee.
4. That the Rev. Alan R. Upson be the Convener.
5. That the Committee for 1982 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?

LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Reports pp. 341-342

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.

QUESTION 31—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Women's Fellowship?

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Reports pp. 341-346

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.

QUESTION 32—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Media?

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Reports pp. 351-352

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That a Methodist Media and Communications Convener and Committee be appointed, initially in Wellington, from 1 February 1982.
3. That the duties of this Committee be:
 - (a) to be the means through which the Methodist Church relates nationally with the print and electronic media;
 - (b) to produce the official newspaper or magazine of the Methodist Church;
 - (c) to guide, educate, and assist the Church in internal and external communications.
4. That the Media and Communications Committee have authority to establish "Sections" in other centres to carry through particular defined parts of its responsibility.
5. That the personnel of the Media and Communications Committee be nominated by the District, and that once this Committee is established the Dunedin-based interim Committee and the Radio and TV Committee transfer their responsibilities to it.
6. That the Dunedin-based Communications Committee be thanked for its services and discharged.
7. That the funding for the Media and Communications Committee for 1982 shall be not less than approximately one third of the standard minimum stipend, together with the provision for any official newspaper or magazine.
8. That (subject to annual review) FOCUS continue to be published seven times a year on the present minimum-cost basis, and that the employing body of the editor be paid one twenty-fifth of a standard minimum stipend for each issue produced.
9. That Rev. Evan R. Lewis be appointed editor of FOCUS for a period of two years, through 1982 and 1983.
10. That the members of the Media and Communications Committee for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

Report p. 352

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Radio & Television Committee be thanked for its services and discharged.

QUESTION 33—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Chaplaincies?

ARMED SERVICES CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

Reports pp. 349-350

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the Rev. R.F. Clement, Senior Chaplain, for his services to the Connexion through Armed Services Chaplaincy.
3. That the Rev. Mervyn L. Dine be appointed Senior Chaplain of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
4. That the Chaplains for 1982 be:
 - (a) Full-time: The Rev. John I. Manihera (Army)
 - (b) Part-time: The Senior Chaplain, the Rev's S.C. Grant, B.W. Neal, R.D. Short.
5. That the Methodist representatives on Regional Advisory Committees be:
Northern: Rev. Mervyn L. Dine
Central: Rev. J.S. Hosking
Southern: Rev. W.L. Wallace
6. That the Committee for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

QUESTION 34—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Wesley Historical Society?

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Reports p. 354

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

Reports pp. 235-276

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report, together with the Report on the Commission on Episcopacy, be received.
2. (a) That Conference leaves the matter of publication of the Communion Order a year.
(b) That all members of Conference take this Service back to congregations, Quarterly Meetings, retreats and Synods for further consideration and suggestions, to the Faith and Order Committee. A deadline to be set by that Committee.
3. That Conference approve the Order for a Funeral, and authorise its publication.
4. That the following statement be referred to the Faith and Order Committee and the Law Revision Committee for further study, in

conjunction with clause f.1 of Section 2 of the New Law Book and report in 1982 to Synods and Conference:

That "Reception into Full Connexion" in regard to the presbyterate be defined as follows: "Reception of a Presbyter into Full Connexion confers membership of 'The Conference' which establishes that mutual responsibility between the Conference and the Presbyter as expressed in the Laws and Regulations of the Methodist Church of N.Z."

5. That the Commission on Episcopacy prepare proposals in which episkope as caring oversight can be exercised in the Methodist Church of N.Z., and report to Church Council, Synods and Conference.
6. That Conference request the Faith and Order Committee to prepare Guidelines and Resources for Alternative Orders for Holy Communion, such Resources to include the Apostles' Creed.
7. That the Report on Baptism and the Order for Re-affirmation of Baptism be forwarded to March Ministerial Synods and District Synods for discussion and report to the Faith and Order Committee, and that the Report be accompanied by some critique of the proposal as an aid to discussion and decision making.
8. That the Report on 'Inclusive Language' be commended to the Church for study and that the Faith and Order Committee be asked to prepare a kit on Inclusive Language.
9. That the Faith and Order Committee in consultation with the Education Division prepare the statement on "Methodist Emphases and Ethos" for presentation to the Church for discussion and study.
10. That the Faith and Order Committee prepare a statement on the central doctrines of Methodism, both historical and contemporary; such statement to be made available to all Methodist for reflection and action.
11. That the Faith and Order Committee give consideration to Lay Celebration of the Sacraments.
12. That the Faith and Order Committee prepare a statement on theology of death, dying, and eternal life.
13. That the Faith and Order Committee consider the liturgical and theological implications of only ordinands and their families receiving communion at the Ordination Service.
14. That in view of the divergent opinions present within our Church concerning the use of property and money, and aware of the critical needs of people both in New Zealand and the wider World, the Faith and Order Committee review earlier statements on wealth and the simple life style with the intention of providing guidelines for future Conference decisions on the use of our material resources.
15. That the Faith and Order Committee be authorised to continue its work on the unfinished business mentioned in the Report.
16. That the Committee for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

QUESTION 36—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Law Revision?

LAW REVISION

Reports pp. 277-278

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Law Book as tabled in this Conference be accepted by this Conference.
3. That the Law Book as tabled in this Conference be adopted for immediate use, subject to Resolution 4 hereof.
4. That Conference recognise that on any matter deemed by the Conference to affect the rights of the ministry or laity under Section 370 of the previously current Law Book the provisions of that Law Book remain extant until Conference 1982 adopts the new law.
5. That the Committee for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

QUESTION 37—What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting the 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

Reports pp. 194-204

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report and Supplementary Report be received.
2. That given the strategic importance of the Philippines in the South East Asian region, and the pressures the Church in the Philippines is facing in the task of mission, the Conference ask the Joint Board for Mission Overseas to investigate a relationship with the Churches in the Philippines and to report back results.
3. That Conference ask the Joint Board for Mission Overseas and the Joint International Relations Committee to develop relations with the Protestant Church in New Caledonia, and to give through that Church, whatever support is possible and practical to help that nation's people achieve their aspirations and determine more fully their own destiny.
4. That Conference ask the Ecumenical Secretariate on Development (ESOD) to develop a brief parish study resource on the North-South Report and its implications for personal and corporate Church life.
5. That in the interests of promoting better relationships with all the peoples of Asia, Conference asks the International Affairs Committee to explore through a variety of contacts the possibility of closer relationships between New Zealand Churches and the Christian Federation of North Korea.
6. (a) That Conference give its approval in principle to a further

consultation, this time in Australia, between the representatives of those committees of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches which consulted with their Australian counterparts at Lower Hutt, Labour Weekend, 1980.

(b) That the financial implications of this decision be explored with the appropriate Church Committees.

7. That being aware of the agonising world-wide search for an enduring peace and mindful of the critical and growing need for safe energy resources:

and being concerned for the future well being of the many different peoples, nations and cultures of the Pacific area:

Conference cannot ignore the increasing development and deployment of nuclear weapons in the Pacific by the nuclear powers, and of the threat that nuclear waste may be dumped in Pacific waters:

Accordingly,

(a) Conference calls on the Government and all political parties to adopt a policy of keeping the Pacific area free from nuclear weapons and nuclear waste, and to work in close co-operation with the other peoples of the Pacific to achieve this end; and

(b) Conference calls on all members and local Church courts to challenge local political candidates to commit themselves to a similar policy and commensurate actions.

8. That as a practical and meaningful response to the growth of militarism world-wide, and the consequent threat to life and the liberty of humanity, Conference urges Circuits and Parishes to explore at depth the implications of the escalating deployment of nuclear weapons and, as an educational strategy and symbolic gesture, urging the Methodist Churches to declare their properties and inviting Methodist people to declare their homes "nuclear weapons free zones".

9. That we encourage our sister Methodist Conferences within the U.S.A. to actively promote within their constituencies the Pacific Conference of Churches' call for a nuclear free Pacific.

10. Conference

(a) affirms its belief in the value of the Commonwealth as a fellowship of nations; and

(b) believes that in addition to the tangible social and economic benefits enjoyed by its members, the Commonwealth is a major factor in the world's quest for stability, human rights and peace; and

(c) Conference recognises that for historical reasons, member nations are at various stages in the achieving of Commonwealth ideals; but

(d) would regret any suggestion that there are two Commonwealths, the old and the new, and that the old is superior; and

(e) would condemn any actions by Governments or private individuals which would weaken New Zealand's standing within the Commonwealth, damage our effectiveness within it or lessen our attachment to Commonwealth ideals, and this resolution be conveyed to the Government and Leaders of all opposition political parties.

11. That the Conference endorse the principles contained in the following edited Statement of the World Methodist Council:

"STATEMENT ON POVERTY AND THE NORTH-SOUTH DEBATE . . .

The fundamental fact today, and the challenge to Methodism in the 80's is a world in which the rich get richer and the poor poorer.

The poverty on the majority of the people of the world is a dehumanizing oppression which is an offence to God. It is the product of an unjust system which produces affluence for the minority.

Hunger, illiteracy, disease, landlessness limit the fullness of human dignity which is God's purpose for all people.

We condemn - in the name of the God of Jesus - the taking of bread from the poor to buy guns to bolster a faltering economic system.

Jesus calls his Church to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, which biblically is a time of radical correction of the injustices of society, a time of redistribution of the land accumulated by the few to the benefit of the whole people of God.

The Gospel, as Jesus defines it, is the announcement of the presence of the kingdom of the God of Justice - an announcement which is good news to the poor, to those whose poverty is the product of injustice. Rich Christians and a rich church in the 1980's are called to repent, to discover for themselves biblical poverty and to believe, which means, like the poor, to have no other hope except in the truth of the presence of the kingdom of the God of Justice."

and asks representatives to commend it to Circuits and Parishes, and that the International Affairs Committee ensure that congregations are made aware of the issues raised by the North-South Report.

12. (a) That Conference commends the message of the Obedience '81 Conference of the Methodist Conference of Southern Africa and asks representatives to convey it to Circuits and Parishes.
(b) That the other matters raised in the Memorial from the Waitara Circuit
- * to seek further information and fraternal contact
 - * to consider initiating a similar call to repentance, soul-searching and a seeking of God's will for our N.Z. situation,
 - * and as part of that call consider inviting a President or Ex-President of the Methodist Church of South Africa to New Zealand
- be referred to the International Affairs Committee for further consideration and action.
13. Conference recognises that there is a significant divergence of opinion within the membership of the Methodist Church of New Zealand on what are the appropriate ways to show our opposition to apartheid; and also recognises that there is a divergence amongst those who opposed the 1981 Springbok Tour, about the lengths to which Christians should go in expressing their opposition to that Tour once it had started; and invites all

Methodists of whatever conviction on this issue, to accept this divergence, and the rights of others to differ sincerely on the extent of opposition which is appropriate; and encourages Methodists to continue or re-establish the dialogue between those of divergent views, in order that in the spirit of the Gospel they may hear more of what God is saying to us on these issues.

14. That Conference 1981 send greetings to:
South African Council of Churches,
Methodist Church of South Africa,
Presbyterian Church of South Africa,
expressing our prayerful interest and support for all the peoples of South Africa in their quest for racial equality.
15. That this Conference express its strongest disapproval to the President of the United States for his country's naming of the recently launched nuclear armed submarine Corpus Christi, "The Body of Christ".
16. That in the light of a misleading report on the radio broadcast Morning Report regarding the Hamilton Memorial about HART, Conference takes immediate steps to inform both the media and our Methodist people that the Methodist Church of New Zealand has no financial stake in HART.

"We wish to clarify the position of the Methodist Church of New Zealand in its relationship to 'HART : The N.Z. Anti-apartheid Movement'.

Along with the National Council of Churches in New Zealand and a number of other bodies, the Methodist Church is a sponsoring organisation of 'HART : The N.Z. Anti-apartheid Movement'.

Sponsorship does not imply any financial support from the funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

In 1975 the Methodist Church of New Zealand contributed the sum of \$50 to HART. At no time since 1975 has the Church contributed any funds from its National Church funds."

17. That the Committee for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

QUESTION 39—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Public Questions?

PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

Reports pp. 205-230

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report and Supplementary Report be received.
2. That Conference reaffirm its opposition to apartheid and to sporting contacts with South Africa until such time as the whole apartheid system is genuinely being dismantled.
3. That Conference calls on all political parties as part of their policies to reaffirm adherence to the intent and spirit of the Gleneagles Agreement as it is interpreted by the majority of

Commonwealth Nations.

4. That Conference, recognising the deep and hurtful divisions revealed and accentuated in our country by the Springbok Tour, commits itself to a positive ministry of reconciliation in terms of the Gospel, and calls on all congregations to seek ways of fulfilling that ministry as are appropriate to their local situation.
5. That Conference asks the Public Questions Committee to prepare a working paper on "The Church and Civil Disobedience" for Quarterly Meetings, Synods and Conference 1982.
6. That Conference reaffirms the traditional right and duty of all members of the Methodist Church
 - (a) to follow their consciences on matters of public debate, such as the Springbok Tour, and
 - (b) in forming their conscientious decisions on such matters, to listen carefully to what the Church is saying about them, and as far as they can, to make up their minds not simply in response to social, economic and political pressures, but in sincere response to the Gospel.
7. That in view of the growing concern in the Church and in the community at large, over issues of Church policy and Law and Order, Conference affirms that our ultimate allegiance as Christians is always to the will of God, even on those sad and rare occasions when our efforts to honour this allegiance brings us into conflict either with the law of the land or the declared policy of the Church. Therefore, in the light of this principle, and without passing judgement on any or every particular action, Conference recognises the sincerity and integrity of those Christians who, in making their response to the recent Springbok Tour felt in conscience bound either to go beyond the limits of the law or to depart from the official policy of the Church.
8. That Conference affirms the need for independent assessors on any Police Tribunal dealing with actions resulting in death or personal injury and ask the Government seriously to consider this proposal.
9. That Conference affirm the basic right of all people to work and urge the Government to
 - (a) give priority to policies aimed at full employment and
 - (b) give sufficient funding for adequate research into future employment opportunities including their impact on personal and social factors, and
 - (c) continue the pilot scheme of regular household surveys.
10. That Conference requests Synods to promote study of the unemployment situation especially in their own areas and to set up Task Groups to explore and initiate local action to lessen the problem and to see to the care of those disadvantaged.
11. That Conference endorse the summary of submissions made to the Justice Department's Penal Review Committee.
12. That Conference call Synods, Quarterly Meetings, and all congregations to become informed in matters of prisons and penal policy, the needs of prisoners and the possibilities of involvement in the practice of Community sentences.

13. That Conference asks the Public Questions Committee, in consultation with the Investment Board and the Welfare of the Church Committee, to prepare a set of guidelines for investment both individual and corporate and report to Synods and Conference in 1982.
14. That Conference establish a Standing Committee on the Role of Women in Church and Society to work jointly with a Special Committee of the Presbyterian Church and asks the Public Questions Committee to nominate the Methodist members to the President for approval.
15. That Conference conveys to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice, and to the Leaders of the Opposition Parties, its opposition to the passing of the amendment to section 15 of the Human Rights Commission Act and respectfully requests its repeal.
16. That Conference asks the Public Questions Committee to consider the advertising methods employed by the Liquor industry in the Media and to report to Quarterly Meetings, Synods and Conference in 1982.
17. That Conference receive and forward the working paper "The Local Church and Social Action" to Synods, Quarterly Meetings and Parish Councils for discussion and comment.
18. That Conference records its thanks to the Rev. John Mabon for his outstanding contribution as a member and Convener of the Public Questions Committee over a period of eleven years.
19. That the Committee for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

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

Reports pp. 104-130

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Constitution as printed in the Reports pp. 106 - 108
(a) amended by 1.2.2 becoming 1.2.1
" " 1.2.3 " 1.2.2
" " 1.2.1 " 1.2.3,
(b) 1.7.3, 1.7.4, 1.7.5, being included within Section 3, Functions as 1.3.6, 1.3.7, 1.3.8,
(c) 1.3.6 becoming 1.3.9
be approved.
3. (a) That Conference congratulate the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship on the excellent results of the 1981 Special Objective, "Family Support Fund".
(b) That the agreement between the N.Z.M.W.F. and the N.Z.M.S.S.A be endorsed by the Conference.
4. That the N.Z.M.S.S.A. executive consult with the Administration Division, re constitutions for Circuit Social Service work.
5. That the Conference thank the Rev. W.E. Falkingham for his 12 year's service as Convener and Official Representative of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
6. That the Rev. D.B. Gordon, M.A. be appointed Convener and Official Representative of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
7. That Mr Roger Hames be appointed Treasurer.
8. That the Central Districts N.Z.M.S.S.A. be asked to act as a working party to respond to the request that:
(a) the N.Z.M.S.S.A. be asked to prepare for the 1982 Conference, comment and proposals for action with respect to the needs and areas of concern affecting the concept and practice of the Welfare State in New Zealand.
(b) the N.Z.M.S.S.A. explore with the Public Questions Committee ways and means whereby the practical expertise within the N.Z.M.S.S.A. can be utilized within the context of Public Questions.
(c) the N.Z.M.S.S.A. report to the 1982 Conference ways and means of implementing a decision-making process whereby the "Provided" become effective partners with the "Providers", keeping in mind the factors of sex, age, and race.

QUESTION 41—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the M.S.S.A. Branches?

AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION

Reports pp. 110-113

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board of Management for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

MANAWATU SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

Reports pp. 114-115

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Management Committee for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES

Reports pp. 116-120

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board of Management for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

AROHAHUI

Reports p. 121

RESOLUTION:

1. That the Report be received.

CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION

Reports pp. 122-128

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Rev. J.H. Roberts, B.A., L.Th., Dip.Crim(Hons) be designated at the Conference, 1981, as Superintendent of the Christchurch Central Mission for appointment at the 1982 Conference.
3. That the Board of Management for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

DUNEDIN METHODIST MISSION

Reports pp. 129-130

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference record the valuable work and experience that the Rev. D.S. Mullan has given to the Board of the Dunedin Mission.
3. That the Rev. Donald J. Phillipps, B.A., B.D. be appointed Superintendent of the Dunedin Mission as from 1 February, 1982.
4. That the Board for 1982 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 pp. 131-139

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Reports be received.

2. That Conference record its appreciation for the contribution Rev. T.L. Bennett has made to the College Council as Secretary.
3. That the Rev. David S. Mullan, M.A., Dip.Ed., be appointed to the position of Fieldworker in Ministry for an initial term of five years, commencing 1st February, 1982.
4. That the Council for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

QUESTION 43—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to

(a)

WESLEY COLLEGE

Reports pp. 140-144

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Rev. W.A. Chessum be appointed for a further year as College Chaplain in 1982.
3. That Conference notes the Section on the Public Questions report on page 213 of the Reports relating to the integration of private Schools and requests that before any further report on the integration of independent Schools into the State system is made and any recommendations formulated, the Public Questions Committee ensure that full consultation takes place with members of the Wesley College Trust Board whose experience in school integration appears to have been creative and positive.
4. That the membership of the Board for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

(b) RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST

Reports pp. 145-147

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Reports be received.
2. That the Board for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

QUESTION 44—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Joint Board for Mission Overseas?

A. JOINT BOARD FOR MISSION OVERSEAS

Reports pp. 148-158

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Conference approve the Board's initiative in establishing a relationship with the Church in Botswana.
3. That Conference support the Agreements between the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand and the Presbyterian Church of Korea and the Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea.
4. That Conference approve the action of the Board in recruiting staff to work in Taiwan as an expression of a relationship with the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan.
5. That Conference ask the Board to explore the possibility of relating to the Methodist Church of Korea.

6. That Conference ask the Joint Board to explore the possibilities of further developing the relationships of the Conference with the Methodist Churches of South Africa.
7. That the Methodist membership of the Board for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

B. OVERSEAS ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Reports pp. 162-166

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Mrs Helen Grant and Rev. Dr. J.B. Salmon be the Methodist representatives to the World Council of Churches 6th Assembly in Vancouver, 1983.

C. CONSULTATION ON COMMITTEES

Reports pp. 355-357

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That general approval be given to the direction set out for bringing the Joint Board for Mission Overseas, the Presbyterian Ecumenical Affairs Committee, the Presbyterian International Relations Committee and the Methodist International Affairs Committee together into a Commission.
3. That general approval be given to the theological basis as outlined in the Report.
4. That general approval be given to the outlined structure.
5. That a popular report be prepared and sent down for wide discussion in the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, with reporting back from Presbyteries, Synods, Circuits, Sessions, Parish Councils and Parishes by 31 May, 1982.
6. That the Special Consultation under the present convener be continued and asked to present specific details of structure and finance to Synods by 31st July, 1982.

QUESTION 45—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Development Division?

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Reports pp. 172-181

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the concerns expressed within the notice of motion requesting that the Development Division consider making available to the Church a second evangelism resource person able and willing to conduct missions of a more evangelical charismatic type, with a definite challenge to personal commitment to Jesus Christ and opportunity to respond personally to Him, be referred to the Making Disciples Task Group for their consideration and appropriate action.

3. That the schedule of Grants-in-Aid for 1981/82 be received and approval be given to the Development Division to revise it should it be necessary in the light of consultations with the Presbyterian Assembly Ministry Committee.
4. That the Methodist representatives on the Inter-Church Advisory Council on Hospital Chaplaincy for 1982 be Rev's C.D. Clarke and B.E. Jones.
5. That the Rev. Barry E. Jones be designated as Superintendent of the Development Division for a further two years as from the 1st February, 1983.
6. That the Board for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

GUIDELINES FOR PRESBYTERS/DEACONS WISHING TO RECEIVE LESS THAN THE MINIMUM STIPEND

7. That Conference approves the following guidelines:
 - (a) That Ministers may make a confidential request through the District Chairman to receive less than the minimum stipend rate determined by Conference.
 - (b) That the District Chairman shall forward to the Superintendent of the Development Division for consideration, details concerning the proposed variation in remuneration.
 - (c) That in approving any specific proposal between a Minister and his/her respective employing body the Superintendent of the Development Division shall take care to ensure that:
 - (i) the welfare of the Presbyter/Deacon and his/her dependents is not jeopardized by the proposed reduction in stipend.
 - (ii) that there is no change in the person's relationship to the Supernumerary Fund.
 - (iii) that the agreement does not imply any change in the full-time status of the Conference appointment, and is not to become a factor in determining moves to continue or terminate the appointment.
 - (iv) that all provisions relating to allowances, holiday and special leave continue to apply.
 - (d) That the Minister can request, without prior notice, that arrangements to receive less than the minimum stipend cease immediately.
 - (e) That the balance/difference between what the Minister chooses to receive and the minimum stipend be paid by the employing body to a special Connexional Fund administered by the Development Division, to be used for:
 - * the support of Ministers in marginal areas.
 - * the development-maintenance of new expressions of Ministry.
 - * the supplementary support of Ministers who are ill.
 - (f) That if at the end of each Financial Year, the balance within the Special Fund is in excess of one third of the minimum stipend for the new year, then the excess be transferred to the Connexional Budget Account.
 - (g) That the Development Division report to Conference each year on the state of the Fund and the nature of the payments made.

It will not identify from which employing bodies contributions were received.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF METHODISM

Reports pp. 346-347

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Committee be thanked and discharged.
3. That Conference express its appreciation for the competent and sensitive way in which Mrs Edith Gorringer has carried out her duties as Convener of the Scholarship Fund.

QUESTION 46—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Samoan Policy Committee?

SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE

Reports pp. 182-183

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the membership be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

QUESTION 47(A)—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Tongan Fellowship?

A. AUCKLAND TONGAN DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP

Reports pp. 363-368

B. WESLEY, WELLINGTON - PETONE TONGAN FELLOWSHIPS

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That both Reports be received.
2. (a) That the Development Division initiate discussions with Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Petone, Christchurch Tongan groups to consider an appropriate way of co-ordinating the Conference's oversight of Tongan ministry and the method of reporting to Synods and Conference.
(b) That the Division report to Conference 1982.

QUESTION 47(B)—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Fijian ministry?

A. AUCKLAND METHODIST FIJIAN FELLOWSHIP

Reports p. 348, pp. 367-368

B. WESLEY FIJIAN CONGREGATION-WELLINGTON

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That both Reports be received.

CHURCH UNION

Reports pp. 358-359

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report including the Voting Figures in Appendix I be received.
2. That the 17th Report of the Joint Commission on Church Union be received.
3. That the 1981 Report of the Joint National Committee on Church Extension be received.
4. That Conference approve the new clauses relating to dissolution within the Agreements of Co-operating Parishes, Union Parishes, Joint Use of Buildings, as contained in the 1981 Report of the Joint National Committee on Church Extension, pp. 14-19.
5. That the Methodist Church of New Zealand affirms;
 - (a) its commitment to the principle of Church Union.
 - (b) its commitment to the following four principles:
 - (i) we accept of the Scriptures as containing all things necessary for salvation.
 - (ii) we assent to the Creeds as incorporating expressions of the Faith relevant to their day and age. Realising the continuing necessity to seek to define the faith in contemporary terms the Church assents to 'The Faith we Affirm Together' in the Plan for Union, 1971.
 - (iii) we affirm the validity and practice of the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion as a means by which the grace of God may enter the life of His people.
 - (iv) we recognise the ministry of all the people of God and affirm that within this ministry the office of Deacon and Presbyter are gifts to the whole Church that it may more faithfully discharge its ministry. Furthermore, we recognise that in each area of ministry, both ordained and lay, episcopate and oversight are personal responsibilities integrally associated with the relevant office. Thus at local, district and national level ministry is exercised personally as well as through the councils of the Church.
 - (c) That any future Plan for Union recognise in structure and ethos the multi-cultural nature of our Church.
6. That Conference recognises the desire of its members to enter into Union on the basis of the Plan for Union 1971, with any or all of the other negotiating Churches, but delays voting on the proposal until Conference 1982, and that this information be conveyed to all congregations by way of a pastoral letter sent over the signature of the President.
7. (a) That Conference reaffirm that whether in our out of a church union the Methodist movement has a historic task to fulfil and to this continuing task, in ways relevant to our nation and world, we call our people -
+ to confess Christ and to be continually open to new steps in

costly discipleship

- + to live out the love of God for all people particularly the poor, ignored and minority groups in our society
- + to develop centres of caring fellowship where faith may be nurtured and a true Christian obedience discerned
- + to work for the transformation of both persons and society, refusing to divide these two aspects of Christian mission and bearing the pain of the struggles involved
- + in all this to live with a genuinely "Catholic Spirit".

(b) That this resolution be conveyed to all congregations by way of a pastoral letter sent over the signature of the President.

8. That Conference expresses its appreciation for the competent leadership the Rev. W.J. Morrison has given to the cause of Church Union, both within the life of the Methodist Church and the Joint Commission on Church Union.
9. That the representatives on the J.C.C.U. be Mrs A. Thomas, Mr E.G. Heggie, Rev's B.E. Jones, B.K. Rowe, R.D. Rakena, A.K. Woodley.
10. That the Methodist representatives on the J.N.C.C.E. be Mr E.G. Heggie, Rev's A.K. Woodley, B.E. Jones.
11. That the Church Union Committee be constituted a Committee of the Development Division.
12. That the Committee for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

QUESTION 49—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Statistics?

Reports pp. 425-439

RESOLUTION:

1. That the general statistical returns for the year to the 30th June 1981 be received.

QUESTION 50—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Maori Division?

MAORI DIVISION

Reports pp. 167-171

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference approve the use of the term Minita-a-Iwi to replace the term Honorary Home Missionary, and (Stipendiary) Home Missionary with Minita Rehita.
3. That Conference encourage the Board's deliberation and intentions relating to leave by the Tumuaiki in 1983 and his future replacement.
4. That the N.C.C.-Maori Section members for 1982 be: Rev's S. Toia, H. Pate, R.D. Rakena, L. Tauroa and Mrs P. Waaka.
5. That the Board for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

QUESTION 51—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Education Division?

EDUCATION DIVISION

Reports pp. 184-193f,
518-524

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Reports be received.
2. That Conference receives with appreciation information regarding the new educational resource LIVING FAITH incorporating as it does, so many of the felt needs and comments of Methodist people.
3. That Conference affirms LIVING FAITH to be the basic resource to be used for educational ministry in the Methodist Church of New Zealand and strongly recommends local congregations to make full use of it in their educational work.
4. That Conference congratulates Dr. David Merritt and the Staff of the Joint Board of Christian Education for the meticulous nature of the planning which has led to LIVING FAITH and for the quality of the resources.
5. That Conference gives general approval to the strategies for "Making things happen in Educational Ministry" (pp 186-7) and encourages ministers, decision-making bodies, teachers/leaders and Congregations to seek to implement them in appropriate ways.
6. That the Education Division be encouraged to pursue its study of "the Relationship Between Worship and Educational Ministry" (pp 187-190) and prepare material in a form which can be used helpfully by Congregations.
7. That Conference receives the Report on Youth Ministry (pp 190-1) and commends the initiatives of Connexional and Regional Youth Task Groups.
8. That the proposed amendments of the Constitution of the Churches Education Commission, pp 193(a) and (b) be agreed to.
9. That Conference refers to the Education Division for further consideration the request that the due dates for Lay Preachers' assignments be more flexible and that subjects be available for Students to study in either half of the year.
10. That the Section "Designations - Connexional Staff" (pp 191-2) be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee for consideration and report during 1982.
11. That Conference approves the changes in staff titles referred to on page 192, i.e. that "Director" becomes "Executive Director" that "Associate Director (Stewardship)" becomes "Director (Stewardship)" and that "Associate Director (Planning and Training)" becomes "Director (Planning and Training)".
12. That the Rev. E.F.I. Hanson be appointed Executive Director for a further term of up to four years from February, 1982.
13. That the appointment of the Rev. J.S. Hosking as Director (Stewardship) be extended by one year to the end of January, 1983.
14. That Conference acknowledges with gratitude the 6½ years of service given to the Church in the Education Division by the Rev. Loyal Gibson. He has shared himself unstintingly, has been at the

forefront of new developments, has retained an unwavering vision of the educational possibilities of local congregations, has played a major role in the redevelopment of youth ministry, and has proved to be an understanding and sensitive colleague with staff, board members, ministry and lay people.

15. That the Financial Statements as printed on page 518f. of the Reports be received and adopted, but that the concern expressed in page 193 of the Division's report be noted.
16. That the Board members for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

QUESTION 52—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Administration Division?

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Reports pp. 291-339

A. SUPERNUMERARY FUND

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board of Administration consult with members of the Fund and Synods, concerning changing needs.
3. That the concerns of the Memorial "that Clause 4.1.3 of the Trust Deed of the Supernumerary Fund be deleted, and that it be replaced in such a way as to distribute more equitably throughout the Connexion responsibility for the Employer's Contribution in those cases where Ministers are not associated with an employing body" from the Onehunga Circuit, re the Trust Deed of the Supernumerary Fund, be noted and the Administration Division report to Synods and Conference next year on the implications and outworkings during 1981/82 year.

B. LAY WORKERS FUND

RESOLUTION:

1. That the Report be received.

C. INSURANCE

RESOLUTION:

1. That the Report be received.

D. PRESBYTERS, DEACONS & LAY WORKERS FUND

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Methodist Provident Society Car Replacement Accounts be commended to all Presbyters as a suitable means of saving towards a replacement motor vehicle.

E. CONNEXIONAL BANKING SCHEME - SPECIAL ACCOUNT

RESOLUTION:

1. That the Report be received.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the sum of \$3,021.92 from the Undesignated Legacies Account, be made available to the Finance and Stewardship Committee.
3. That 33 1/3rd% of the income of the Thorndon Deposit Account for the year ended 31st January 1982 be paid as a capital contribution to the Benevolent Fund of the Supernumerary Fund.
4. That Conference approve the following grants from the Bradley Trust Fund.
 - (i) St. John's College - up to \$3,000 setting up some ways for Educational endeavours in Pacific and Maori Studies, with a possible outcome in a Pacific Centre; such endeavours overseen by a steering committee representing the College, the Development Division, and the Maori Division.
 - (ii) Education Division - up to \$2,500 - conducting a survey by mail for factual information about current levels of contribution of Church members.
5. That due to the particular circumstances surrounding the Strawbridge bequest, and in accordance with the terms of the bequest "to the Methodist Church of New Zealand for its general purposes", the nett proceeds of the sale of the Strawbridge bequest, together with the earnings thereon, be transferred to the Richmond Trust.

G.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the funds held in the Church Building and Loan Fund be divided in three categories:
 - (a) The capital of the Fund and earnings thereon.
 - (b) The funds from church property realisations held in trust for later use in approved capital projects.
 - (c) Funds for on-lending from Nominated Trust Advances.
3. That Conference decides to protect, as far as possible, the capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund against the effects of inflation.
4. That new loans up to \$10,000 from the Capital Fund
 - (a) be subject to inflation adjustments applicable to each instalment, these adjustments to be at the rate of 7.5% cumulative (as shown in Table I of the Report).
 - (b) That the charge of 2.5% flat of the amount of each loan for working expenses remains unaltered.
 - (c) That all new borrowers from the Fund be advised that all terms of their loan will be reviewed triennially.
5. (a) That from the funds held from Church property realisation Supplementary Building Finance Loans (S.B.F. Loans) be made available for approved building projects, to be repaid in six years in monthly instalments, at an interest rate of not less than flat 6% over the full amount of the loan for the full term, all terms of these loans to be subject to triennial review.

- (b) That S.B.F. loans be a maximum of \$25,000.
 - (c) That the total of S.B.F. loans outstanding at any time do not exceed 75% of total deposits of proceeds of church plant realisations in the Fund.
 - (d) That the interest credited to deposits of proceeds of church properties realisations be increased from 6% to 7.5% per annum.
6. That a review be undertaken of all existing Church Building & Loan Fund loans and an endeavour made to agree with borrowing Circuits/Parishes on a new repayment schedule in an effort to protect, as far as possible, the available funds against the effects of inflation.
 7. That the Report on the Consent for Property, Sales, Purchases, Buildings, Loans (pp. 305-310) be received.
 8. That the Board of Administration, with the Development Division be asked:
 - (a) to review and report on the basis of the Sector Ministries' Fund, and
 - (b) to continue to discuss the basis on which Grants are made; and report to Synods and Conference 1982.

H. METHODIST ARCHIVES

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Conference gives general approval to the Guidelines and encourages their implementation in accordance with the general directions outlined in the Report.
3. That the appointment of associates to the Custodian of Early Church Records be approved.

I. THE PLACE OF PROPERTY IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. (a) With the aim of strengthening the strategy and policy-making roles of the Quarterly Meeting relating to property, and for the purpose of increased flexibility in the holding of Title, Conference authorises and encourages Trustees under the Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand 1887 to transfer Title to the Board of Administration.
- (b) That Quarterly Meetings in consultation with Trustees and Synods decide on the timing and ways in which transfer will be effected and appropriate Circuit arrangements made for the management of property in each Circuit.
- (c) That appropriate arrangements for the management of commercial property be made in consultation with the Synod and as appropriate with the Investment Board.
- (d) That in accordance with the Resolution of Conference 1980 the Church aim to achieve transfer of Title from Model Deed Trusts to the Board of Administration by the end of 1985.
3. That the section on property Law paras 1-10 be approved (noting in 1.2 "control" replaced by "final authority" and pp. 318-9 paras. 1.4.1(h): 1.4.3(b): 1.6.2(b): deleting "spiritual" and "or which

are likely to bring reproach upon the Church")

J. THE SIZE OF CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP

RESOLUTION:

1. That the Report be received.

K. GENERAL PURPOSES, STATIONING, FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEES: CHURCH COUNCIL

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. (a) That the General Purposes, Stationing and Finance and Stewardship Committees function as Standing Committees of the Conference.
(b) That Synod representation, either Ministerial or Lay be appointed on the proportionate basis of 1 to approximately 1,700 members, with at least one representative appointed from each Synod being a Lay Person.
3. Membership of the General Purposes and Stationing Committee to be: the President, President-Elect, Ex-President, Vice-President, Vice-President-Elect, Ex-Vice-President, the Chairman of each Synod, General Secretary. The President-Elect and Vice-President Elect following election at Conference shall become members. Representatives from the Districts, based upon 1 to approximately 1,700 members, initially as follows: Northland, Manakau, Taranaki-Wanganui, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu, Nelson, South Canterbury, Otago-Southland, a Lay Representative. Auckland, Waikato-Bay of Plenty, Wellington, North Canterbury, one Lay and one Ministerial Representative. Unless appointed in another capacity the Superintendent of the Development Division, the Principal of the Theological College, the Executive Director of the Education Division, a Secretary of the Joint Board, the Tumuaki, the President's Legal Adviser shall function as Consultants to the Stationing Committee but shall be full members of the General Purposes Committee.
4. Membership of the Finance and Stewardship Committee to be: President, President-Elect, Ex-President, Vice-President, Vice-President-Elect, Ex-Vice-President, the Chairman of each Synod, General Secretary, the Superintendent of the Development Division, the Principal of the Theological College, the Executive Director of Education Division, a Secretary of the Joint Board, the Tumuaki, Finance Manager, Associate Director-Stewardship. Representatives from the Districts, based upon 1 to approximately 1,700 members, initially as follows: Northland, Manakau, Taranaki-Wanganui, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu, Nelson, South Canterbury, Otago-Southland, a Lay Representative. Auckland, Waikato-Bay of Plenty, Wellington, North Canterbury, one Lay and one Ministerial Representative.
5. (a) Membership of Church Council at its April/May Meeting be: President, Vice-President, President-Elect, Vice-President-Elect, Ex-President, Ex-Vice-President, District Chairmen, General Secretary, Finance Manager, Tumuaki, a Secretary of the Joint Board, Superintendent of Development Division, Executive Director of Christian Education, Principal of Theological College, a representative of the Women's Fellowship,

and a representative of the Connexional Youth Task Group, representative(s) of Synod based upon 1 to approximately 1,700 members and up to seven additional members to provide representation of as wide a cross section of the Church Membership as possible (ethnic, age, sex), such members to be appointed by the Conference.

- (b) The Membership of the Church Council at its October Meeting be those representatives appointed to Stationing and Finance and Stewardship Committees meeting at that time.
- 6. Conference expresses the hope that the content of the Report will be heeded by Synods when considering the appointment of Committee Representatives and in particular
 - (a) their likely availability to attend all meetings in any one year, and
 - (b) their willingness to serve on the Committee for sufficient time to provide for reasonable continuity of membership.

L. ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS - NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES - WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. That the Report be received.
- 2. That the Antiochan Orthodox Church be received into membership of the National Council of Churches with the right to appoint one voting representative to the Council.
- 3. Confirming our concern about Race relations in N.Z., Conference commend the N.C.C. Race Relations Programme to Circuits and Parishes and encourage them to make use of resources and workshop proposals and particularly during Lent.
- 4. (a) That Conference expresses its dissatisfaction with official Waitangi Day celebrations as at present arranged and supports efforts to hold an alternative national church event on an appropriate site in which Maoris and Pakehas jointly and equally share.
 - (b) That this matter be referred to the Church and Society Commission of the N.C.C. for discussion with the authorities responsible for the present national observance, with a view to seeking a change in the nature of the observance that would render an alternative event unnecessary.
- 5. That Conference express gratitude for the heartening response to the 1980 Christmas Appeal and commend the 1981 Christmas Appeal to Circuits and Parishes.
- 6. That Conference appoint the following for 1981/82 -
 - (a) Women's Committee of N.C.C. - Mesdames R. Turner, D. Roberts and M. Balfour.
 - (b) Council of the N.C.C. - Rev's R. Rakena, J. Roberts, A. Woodley and three others to be appointed by the President.
 - (c) Executive: Rev's Rua Rakena and John Roberts.
- 7. That Conference confirm the action of the President in nominating Rev. Alan Woodley to the Executive of the World Methodist Council and to membership of the Social and International Affairs Committee.
- 8. That the following recommendations be referred to Church Council:
 - (a) That a contribution of about \$200 be made to the general budget of the World Methodist Council and this be included in the

Connexional Budget.

(b) That \$300 be contributed from the Connexional Budget to the Social and International Affairs Committee of the World Methodist Council.

9. That our priorities as a Church in Overseas Relationships continue to be World Council of Churches, Christian Conference of Asia, and Pacific Council of Churches and then World Methodist Council, and that the financial contributions reflect these priorities.
10. That Conference extends to Mrs Vera Dowie its best wishes on her election as Secretary of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

M.

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) Board of Administration Insurance Account.
 - (i) Connexional Fire Insurance Fund.
 - (j) Connexional Budget.
2. That as an aid and encouragement in the use of Conference Reports at local level this Conference requests the Administration Division to prepare each year an Appendix to the Conference Report Index which lists by topic or issue those matters dealt with by the previous five Conferences under:
- Public Questions Committee
 - International Affairs Committee
 - Faith and Order Committee
- and such other Committees as deemed appropriate with a reference to the Report and year as soon as possible.
3. That Conference, noting the number of memorials received, expresses concern that this method of bringing business before the Conference tends to by-pass the normal and tried procedures whereby matters of concern to the life of the Church should, wherever possible, be first received in Quarterly Meetings and pass from there through Synods to Conference. It also notes that implementation of the agreed practice that only Policy matters be referred by Boards and Standing Committees to Synods tends to create a gap in the reporting and consultative process. It therefore requests the Board of Administration in consultation with the Welfare of the Church Committee to reconsider established procedures and to report to Synods and Conference 1982.
4. That the Board of Administration for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE MANAGER TO CONFERENCE 1981

I report that I have received all audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year ended since last Conference of the Boards and Funds under the Conference, with the exception of the following:

1. Trinity Theological College Accounts: These have been completed but owing to serious illness of the Auditor have not yet been audited.
2. The Accounts of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments Trust.

All audited accounts will be included in the Conference Journal.

D.J. Janus,
Finance Manager.

QUESTION 53—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Investment Board?

INVESTMENT BOARD

Reports p. 285

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Investment Board for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

QUESTION 54—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Methodist Trust Association?

METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

Reports pp. 283-285

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That the Methodist Trust Association Board for 1982 be the members of the Investment Board for 1982 as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

QUESTION 55—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Connexional Trusts?

PROBERT TRUST BOARD (INC.)

Reports pp. 281-282

RESOLUTIONS:

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

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD

Reports p. 281

RESOLUTION:

1. That the Report be received.

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

Reports pp. 279-280

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board for 1982 be: Rev. N.J. West (Chairman), Messrs A.R. Wallis (Secretary/Treasurer), W.S. Thrush, L.C. Wake, C.B. Wake, L.J. Fordyce.

ROBERT GIBSON TRUST

Reports pp. 279-280

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received, noting that the total of Trusts grants should read \$20,727.
- 2 (a) That grants and the contributions to Reserves be made on the following basis:

| | | |
|--------------|-----|-----------------|
| Bursaries | 35% | 25,000 |
| Manaia Trust | 2½% | 1,825 |
| Child Care | 10% | 7,300 |
| Youth Work | 7½% | 5,475 |
| Reserves | 45% | 32,850 |
| | | <u>\$72,950</u> |

- (b) That the grant for Youth Work be distributed in accordance with the terms of the approved scheme by the Education Division after consultation with the Board.
- (c) That the Grant for Child Care be distributed in accordance with the terms of the approved scheme by the N.Z.M.S.S.A. after consultation with the Board.
3. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
4. That the Board for 1982 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

Reports pp. 289-290

RESOLUTION:

1. That the Report be received.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

Reports p. 286

RESOLUTIONS:

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

METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LTD

Reports pp. 287-289

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Annual Report and the Annual Report to Members be received.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

3. That the sum of \$3,030 be paid to the Theological College to assist with the training costs of students training in "Home Setting".
4. That Conference commends Development Deposits to all Church Members for their support.

QUESTION 56—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Connexional Budget?

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

Reports pp. 369-370

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the amount of the Budget allocated to Districts for the 1982/83 year be increased by no more than 10% over the current 81/82 figure.
3. That the Joint Stewardship Section plan a series of Regional Seminars to equip Circuits and local Churches with resources and material to lift the level of local giving.

QUESTION 57—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Stipends?

A. REPORT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS

Reports pp. 231-234

RESOLUTION:

1. That the Report be received.

B. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS

Reports pp. 371-374

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That Conference adopt, from 1st April 1982 the principles contained in proposal B on p. 372 of the Report.
- 2 (a) That the total of the tax-free allowances deductible for tax purposes by all ministers be fixed at 7½% of the notional stipend.
(b) That the Special Committee, through the Administration Division clear as soon as possible with the Inland Revenue Department the acceptability of such percentages as tax free allowances for all ministers.
3. That annual adjustments be as from 1st July on the basis of the 12 month movement in C.P.I. figures for the period ending 31st March immediately preceeding the adjustment, and that the base stipend figure for the 1982/83 adjustment be \$12,835.
4. That in the light of the changes in Stipend formula the Central Committee on Stipends be thanked for its services and discharged and that its functions be carried within the Administration Division.
5. That Conference express its deep appreciation of the work of the Central Stipends Committee over a long period in which the stipend

has been raised from a level that was not always adequate, often embarrassing, and inappropriately reviewed to a point at which the Connexion is proud to offer its full-time servants an appropriate system of remuneration with a careful system of regular reviews.

QUESTION 58—Who is elected President of the Church for induction at next Conference?

Rev. Percy P. Rushton, B.A.,B.D.

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?

Mr Allan K. Surrey, A.N.Z.I.M.,J.P.

QUESTION 62—Who are elected as District Chairmen for the ensuing year?

The District Chairmen for 1982 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 1982 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 1982 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 1982 are as printed in the Year Book on page 4.

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?

6th-11th November 1982 at Hastings-Napier.

QUESTION 68—When shall the Annual Meeting of Synods be held?

4th-14th August 1982.

QUESTION 69—(a) What is God saying to us now?

(b) What more can be done to promote the work of God?

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ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION:

That Conference records and expresses appreciation to Rev. Wilf Cable for his loyal and efficient service on the secretarial staff of the Conference for the last seventeen years.

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