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DIARY DATES FOR 1998

1. AUGUST SYNODS 7 - 15 August

Material from Committees and Boards to be considered by the August Synods must be in the hands of the Synod Secretaries for effective distribution by 19 July. If material is to be printed and distributed via the Administration Division, Boards/Divisions/Committees should make arrangements with the Division by the end of June to enable printing and distribution in the Connexional Mailing of 10 July.

2. BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Thursday	19 February	20 August
	23 April	15 October
	18 June	3 December

3. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

Wednesday	25 February	26 August
	25 March	23 September
	22 April	28 October
	27 May	25 November
	24 June	16 December
	22 July	

Plans, applications and materials for consideration by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee need to be first considered by the District Property Advisory Committee and then forwarded in time to reach the Administration Division no later than the Wednesday prior to the meeting to enable the Plans Committee consider the proposals.

4. COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE

15-17 May
14-16 August
2- 4 October

5. CONNEXIONAL MEETINGS

Pakeha Meeting	17 March
Tauiti Forum	18 March

Pakeha Meeting	25 August
Pakeha Stationing	25-26 August
Tauiti Forum	27 August

	Pakeha	6 November
	Pakeha Stationing	6 November
	Tauivi Forum	7 November
6.	CONNEXIONAL BUDGET TASK GROUP	12 March 28 April
7.	CONFERENCE	7 - 12 November
8.	COUNCIL FOR MISSION Co-ordinating Committee	30, 31 Jan - 1 Feb.
9.	MISSION RESOURCING UNIT	5 February 4 June 6 August 3 December
	Co-ordinating Committee:	11 March 6 May 8 July 2 September
	Candidates Assessment Weekend	
10.	FIJI ADVISORY COMMITTEE	June
11.	TE TAHA MAORI	
	Hui Poari	27 - 28 February 4 - 5 July 19 - 20 September
	Komiti Whaiti	1 April 27 May 12 August 28 October 2 December
12.	METHODIST TRUST ASSN INVESTMENT BOARD P.A.C.T. 2086) 11 March) 13 May) 15 July 26 August 14 October 3 December

The Executive meets the evening before the Meeting.

Agenda for the meeting closes 10 days before the date of the Meeting.

13. PASTORAL COMMITTEE

20 April (Auckland)

24 August (Wellington)

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Northland U.D.C. (40)

March

August

June

December

Auckland (130)

21 March

7 & 8 August

20 June

5 December

Manukau (60)

17 February

8 August

21 April

20 October

16 June

17 November

Waikato-Bay of Plenty (130)

13 March

9 October

12 June

27 November

7/8 August

Taranaki-Wanganui (57)

21 February

7/8 August

16 May

17 October

1 December

Hawkes-Bay Manawatu (60)

7 March

7/8 August

20 June

17 October

Wellington (100)

24 February

7/8 August

28 April

22 September

23 June

24 November

Nelson-Marlborough (50)

Either 2 or 3 March

7/8 August

North Canterbury (110)

24 February

28 April

23 June

7/8 August

22 September

24 November

South Canterbury (28)

7 March

7 May

20 June

1 August

Otago-Southland (70)

6/10 March

13 June

7/8 August

6 December

Samoa Synod: (20)

7, 8 and 9 August

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Westland Buller District Union Council 20 copies.

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27 Feb/1 March

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LIST OF HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

The following list will be a guide to those wishing to notify Ministers in the cities of those from other areas who are patients in the various city hospitals. The list is not complete. It refers only to the main public institutions. In smaller centres, not listed, those concerned should write to the resident minister.

Northland District:

Whangarei Base - Rev Terry S Palleson (Ecumenical appointment)
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Auckland District:

Auckland Hospital -
Everil Orr Home and Hospital)
Wesley Hospital) Roger J E Hey
Greenlane, National Women's Hospital - Rev Robyn Kerr
(Ecumenical Chaplain)
Carrington and Oakley Hospitals - Rev Gary Husband (Ecumenical)
North Shore Hospital - Rev D Comber (Ecumenical Chaplain)
- Rev Roy M Alexander (Ecumenical Chaplain)

Manukau District:

Kingseat Psychiatric -
Middlemore - (Presbyterian)

Waikato-Bay of Plenty District:

Waikato Hospital - Rev Ross Scott
Queen Elizabeth (Rotorua)) Pastor R Bloomfield

Rotorua Hospital)
Tauranga - Wendy Ward, Jane Williamson (part-time)
Tokanui Psychiatric - Rev Karu Kukutai

Taranaki-Wanganui District:

New Plymouth - (Ecumenical Chaplain)
Wanganui Ecumenical Chaplaincy -
Prison Chaplaincy - Rev Russell G Rigby

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District

Napier - Rev Wendy Harris (Ecumenical Chaplain)
Hastings Memorial - Rev Anne Dargaville (Ecumenical Chaplain)
Gisborne - Rev Bruce White (Ecumenical Chaplain)
Palmerston North - Rev Bruce Ralph (Ecumenical Chaplain)

Wellington District:

Wellington Public Hospital - Rev David Tamock,
- Rev Michael Jones (Part-time)
Lower Hutt Public Hospital - Rev John McCaul
Wesley Hospital, Wesleyhaven - Rev Alison Molineaux
Porirua - Horowhenua Hospitals, Levin - Rev Don Nicholas
Kimberley -

Nelson District:

Nelson Public Hospital) Rev Tamati W Pewhairangi (Anglican)
Ngawhatu Psychiatric) Ecumenical Chaplaincy
Braemar Psychopaedic)
Green Gables Home & Hospital - Rev Beverley Pullar
Wesley House, Picton -
Grey Hospital, Greymouth - Rev Douglas Grierson

Seaview Psychiatric (Hokitika) -
Rev John R Drylie
Deacon Elva M Reynolds

North Canterbury District:

Christchurch Hospital - Rev Donald Prince
- Peg Riley (Ecumenical)
- Rev Matha King-Tamihana (Ecumenical)
- Rev Witamarapa (Ecumenical)
Princess Margaret Hospital - Rev Gerald Tisch (Ecumenical)
Sunnyside Hospital - Rev Gerald Tisch (Ecumenical)
Burwood Hospital - Winstone Marshall (Ecumenical)
Templeton Hospital - David Pierce (Ecumenical)
Christchurch Womens - Dianne Smith (Ecumenical)
Southern Cross Trust Hospital - Rev Stanley J Barnes
St George's Hospital - Rev Stanley J Barnes
Ministry to Elderly & Confused -
Nurse Maude Hospice - Peg Rile (Ecumenical)

Lay Chaplains - Ecumenical
Community Liaisons Chaplains

Anne McCormack (Templeton Centre Base)

Mary Woods (Templeton Centre Base)

South Canterbury District:

Oamaru - no official chaplain

Timaru Hospital - Rev Loma Balfour (Anglican)

Ashburton - Rev Jean Bruce

Otago-Southland District:

Dunedin Public Hospital Chaplains:

Father Brian Winders, Rev Bill Moore, Rev Chris Elliot, Rev

John Wilkinson, Rev Storm Swain

Hospital Chaplains - Southland:

Rev David Jack, Sister Roxanne Parkinson, Rev Helen Metzger

Kew Hospital (Invercargill) -

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for the Connexional Year 1998

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			Angert-Quilter , Theresa Private Bag 28-907, Remuera, Auck. (Home: 1/296 St Johns Rd, Meadowbank)	[O] 0-9-521 2725 ext 822 [H] 0-9-528 3242 Fax: 0-9-521 2420 [Em] t.aquilter@auckland.ac.nz	
1963	1997		Ansell , David H; 29a Cherrywood Drive, Cherrywood, Tauranga	0-7-576 0409	3190

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1963	1979	Armstrong, David ; Unit 13, Peninsular Club, 441 Whangaparaoa Rd Hibiscus Coast, Orewa	0-9-424 1322	2280
1979	1986	Astley-Ford, H Mary ; 40B Nigel Road, Browns Bay, Auckland	0-9-478 0495	2320
	S3	Aumua, Tovia Triinity College, Private Bag 28 907, Remuera, Auckland 1136.		
	4	Baird, David 24 Mouatt Street, Waitara (<i>Supply</i>)	[H] ph/fax 0-6-754 4141	4020
1949	1979	Baker, Edward (Ted) ; 7 Park Ave, Tuakau	0-9-236 8122	2440
1953	1993	Baker, Frederick (Fred) J K 11 Merton Place, ChCh 5	[H] 0-3-352 2671	8140
		Baker, Ken 243B Wairakei Road, Christchurch 8005 (<i>Supply</i>)	[H] 0-3-	8140
1987	1993	Baker, Marcia J ; 11 Merton Place, Chch 5	[H] 0-3-352 2671	8140
1963	1994	Ball, Niven G , 4 Balmoral Street. Taradale, Napier	0-6-844 5863	5010
1965	9	Barnes, Stanley J , 131 Francis Ave, Christchurch 1	0-3-355 7207	8130
1986	D3	Barrow, Shirley-Joy , P O Box 19455, Auckland	[H] ph/fax 0-9-828 3077	2090
1975	4	Bell, Anthony (Tony) N , P O Box 19455, Auckland 7 (214 Rosebank Road)	[O] 0-9-828 2003 [H]ph/fax 0-9-828 3077	2090
1981	8	Bell, David S , 5 Alnack Place, Torbay, North Shore City 10	[O] 0-9-478 6806 [H] 0-9-473 6874	2320
1957	1989	Bell, G Basil W , 10 Peters Ave, Palmerston North	0-6-354 1805	5100

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1967	1992	Bennett, Enid J. , 'Tirohanga', 205 Paku Dr, Tairua, via Thames	[H] 0-7-864 7105 [Em] enidb.tai.@xtra.co.nz	3040
1956	1992	Bennett, George L. , 4/63 Coronation Rd, Papatoetoe	0-9-278 1310	2490
1988	1994	Bennett, John E 20 Whyte Street, Foxton	0-6-363 8559	
1955	1991	Bennett, Trevor L. , 38 Wainui Road, Raglan	0-7-825 7251	3090
1949	1967	Benny, T Ralph 7 Hanrahan St, (PO Box 221) Ashburton	0-3-308 3252	8380
1980	UFS3	Biggs, Donald (Don) F. , 133 Lincoln Road, Carterton	[O Wed.] 0-4385 0485 ph/fax 0-6-379 7090 Cell 025 479 815 [Em] sanz@voyager.co.nz	6180
1954	1989	Billinghurst, Noel D 14 Hamua Place, Waitara	0-6-754 4498	4020
1962	9	Bilverstone, John 20 Yaldhurst Rd, Christchurch 4	[H] ph/fax 0-3-348 5519	8120
1982	D	Birtles, Margaret G P O Box 155, Oamaru	[H] 0-3-439 5767 Fax: 0-3-439 5750	
1971	1996	Blundell, Warren H. , 3 Cascade Crescent, Palmerston North	0-6-354 3729	5100
1994	L5	Boswell, Ruth. , 11 Penruddocke Road, Bucklands Beach.	[O] 0-9-576 2407 [H] 0-9-534 7363 Fax: 0-9-675 5930 [Em} <u>trinity@clear.net.nz</u>	2410
1971	1990	Bowen, Lesley H. (Deacon) 1 North St, Blenheim,	0-3-578 6253	7070
1959	1994	Bowen, Lewis (Lew) A. ; 67 Kennedy Dr, Levin	[H] 0-6-368 9880	6220
1985	4	Bowring, Stuart J. ; 20 Wellington Street, Hamilton	[H] 0-856 5783	3100

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1955	1990	Boyd, Edward (Ed) P, R D 3, Blenheim (Morrin's Hollow, Springcreek)	0-3-570 5165	7070
1960	1991	Brazendale, Graham; 30 Hatfield Heights, Hatfields Beach, Orewa	[H] 0-9-426 3672	2280
	4	Brazendale, Helen 3 Neal Dow Street, Crofton, Marton (<i>Supply</i>)	[H] 0-6-327 5311	5130
1998	1	Bromell, David J 54 Chester Street, Christchurch 1	[O] 0-3-366 6745 [H] 0-3-366 2806 Fax: 0-3-366 6650 [Em] david.bromell@clear.net.nz	8010
1969	3	Brookes, Norman E; 12 Halberg St, Papakura	[O] 0-9-298 4695 [O] fax 0-9-298 3129 [H] ph/fax 0-9-298 8110 [Em] BrookesNE.M@xtra.co.nz	2430
	8	Brown, Robyn (Wellspring) 320 St Heliers Bay Rd, Auckland 5	[O] 0-9-528 4437 [Fax] 0-9-528 8563 [H] 0-9-579 0737 [H] 0800 460 206 [H] fax: 0-9-579 0997 [Em] robynwell@xtra.co.nz	2820
1989	1	Bruce, G Jean, 22 Mount Street, Wakari, Dunedin	[H] 0-3-476 7457 Fax: 0-3-476 7042 Cell 021-214 0968 [Em] jbruce@deepsouth.co.nz	9010
1989	D10	Bryant, David M 11 Lockett St, Lower Hutt	[O] 0-4-568 3029 [H] 0-4-567 6106	6120
1989	4	Bryant, George W; P O Box 58, Pukekohe	[H] ph/fax 0-9-238 7420	2830
1989	D10	Bryant, Margaret I 11 Lockett St, Lower Hutt	[O] 0-4-569 7921 [H] 0-4-567 6106	6120
1993	6	Burgin, Chris, P O Box 113, Inglewood (home: 3 Totara Street)	[O] 0-6-756 8790 [H] 0-6-756 7124	4110
1983	1997	Burnett, Margaret E; 7B Sparks Road, Christchurch	0-3-337 4117	8020

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1951	1987	Burrough , Amos W, 48 Kimberley Grove, Palmerston North	0-6-357 2689	5100
1949	1987	Burt , Douglas (Doug) H, 9-34 Esplanade Road, Mt Eden, Auckland 3	0-9-630 9503	2010
1974	1986	Burton , Restal A, 6 Murray Road, Selsey, West Sussex, U.K. PO20 9AR	01243 602 370	
1979	6	Bush , David J; 125 West Belt, Rangiora	[H] 0-3-313 7259 [Em] d.bush@netaccess.co.nz	8190
	S1	Cable , Alison Ministry Resourcing Unit (Trinity) Private Bag 28907, Remuera, Auckland 1136		
1955	1992	Cable , Wilfred J 25b Thornycroft Ave, Lower Hutt	0-4-567 1671	6120
1947	1985	Campbell , M Jackson 8 Totara Rd, Stanmore Bay, Whangaparaoa	0-9-424 7930	2280
1994	MI	Cassidy , Mere P O Box 20, Rawene. (Duddy's Road, Omanaia, Northland)	[H] 0-9-405 7740 Fax: 0-9-405 7803	1510
1985	SOC3	Caygill , Mary E Private Bag 28 907, Remuera, Auckland 1136	[O] 0-9-521 2725 [H] 0-9-528 4115 Fax: 0-9-521 2420 [Em] m.caygill@auckland.ac.nz	2820
1986	UFS6	Chandler , Clive H; Flat 2, 1 Islington Street, Trentham Upper Hutt	0-4-528 4018	6120
1965	1998	Chessum , William A; 20 Church St, Otahuhu	[H] 0-9-276 3468 fax: 0-9-276 3465	2490
1965	SOC4	Clarke , Edwin B; 378 College Street, Palmerston North	[H] 0-6-358 0867	5110
1950	1985	Clark , Colin D; 120 Kahu Rd, Paremata	0-4-233 1527	6100

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1963	1989	Clarke, Ian L; 9 Hurst Place, Christchurch 9.	0-3-383 0918	8010
1981	4	Clarke, Lois R H; 378 College Street, Palmerston North	[H] ph/fax 0-6-358 0867	5110
1948	1978	Clement, Grace M (Deacon) 1/141 Galloway St, Hamilton East	0-7-856 3805	3100
1990	4	Clifford, Kathy M, 104 Manawapou Road, Hawera	[O] 0-6-278 6270 [H] 0-6-278 7320	4050
1991	1	Clifford, William (Bill) J; 4 Jellicoe St, Greytown 5853	0-6-304 9876	6160) 6170)
1987	3	Clover, Gary A M; 15 Highbury Bypass, Birkenhead, North Shore City	ph/fax. [O] 0-9-419 0272 [H] 0-9-480 9718	2150
1951	1986	Clucas, Ivan J; 635B Devonport Road, Tauranga	0-7-571 2911	3190
1987	1997	Cochrane, Airdre R, 116 Matthews Avenue, Kaitaia (ret'd Deacon)	0-9-408 4019	1010
1948	1986	Collins, Rona W (Sister) Flat 2 / 129 Hills Road, Christchurch 1	0-3-385 4034	
1994	5	Connole, Kevin R, 1 Te Reinga Street, Kaitaia 0500	[O] 0-9-408 2323 [H] 0-9- 408 1078 [Em] connole@ktc.co.nz	1010
1994	L5	Cook, Liz, 58 Kohu Road, Titirangi, Auckland 7	[H] 0-9-817 5972	2100
1980	7	Cooper, K Desmond, PO Box 384, Hamilton (home: 104 Beerescourt Rd)	[O] 0-7-839 3951 [H] 0-7-849 7630 Fax. 0-7-839 3950	3080
1986	2	Cooper, Mark F; 214 High Street, Dannevirke	0-6-374 8659	5070
1969	UFS10	Corlett, Ashley I; 43 Waiheke Road, Waiheke Island	0-9-372 6919	2010

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1949	1977	Cornwell , Gordon A R; Flat 4/40 Richardson Rd, Mt Albert, Auck.3	0-9-846 9554	2080
		Cotton , Clive 57B Yellowstone Drive, Burwood, Christchurch 9 <i>Supply</i>	[H] 0-3-383 4194	8030
1968	1989	Couch , Moke A G; 28 Raymond St, Hamilton	0-7-855 5126	3520
1953	1983	Craig , Hughan M; 41 Ridge St, Tauranga	0-7-576 4223	3190
1957	1998	Cropp , James F; 3 Remuera Avenue, Christchurch 2	[H] 0-3-	8090
1983	UFS	Cubin , Raewyn F 8 Aperahama St, Paekakariki	0-4-292 7002	6010
1980	CHP10	Cumberpatch , Lindsay E; 60 Malcolm Street, Hamilton	[O] 0-7-856 8638 [H] 0-7-858 3977 Fax. 0-7-856 8637	3330
1962	1	Currie , John B; 7/79 Pharazyn Street West, Lower Hutt (<i>Supply</i>)	[O] 0-4-569 6597 [H] 0-4-569 9348 Fax: 0-4-569 9486	6120
1989	D10	Dalton , R Harvey; 417 Parawai Rd, Thames	[O] ph/fax 0-7-868 6123 [H] 0-7-868 7506	3010
1997	2	Dargaville (Ramsay), B Anne 605 Francis Hicks Road, Hastings	[O] 0-6-878 8109 [H] 0-6-876 0431 fax: 0-6-876 4856	5010
1940	1979	Dawson , John B; 17 Bayswater Cres, Woolston, Christchurch 6	0-3-384 9656	8030
1943	1982	Dawson , W Selwyn; 44 Kupe St, Orakei, Auckland 5	0-9-521 0236	2070
1954	1992	Dickie , Arthur W; 31a Ann Street, Hamilton	0-7-849 7445	3100
1983	1995	Dickinson , Audrey N; 332 Redoubt Road, R D 1, Papatoetoe	[H] 0-9-263 4797	2490

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1958	UFS14	Dickinson, J Mervyn; 16 Smuglers Cove, Christchurch 8	[O] 025 345 447 [H] ph/fax 0-3-326 6405 [Em] ppn.z@xtra.co.nz	8010
1959	8	Dine, Mervyn L; 7 Francis Ryan Close, Mt Albert, Auckland 3:	[O] 0-9-846 7624 [H] 0-9-849 5174 Fax: 0-9-849 5187 [Em] Joy4Mervyn.Dine@xtra.co.nz.	2080
1988	5	Dombroski, Christopher (Chris) R; 8 Hulke Street, Foxton.	[H] 0-6-363 7127	5150
1990	4	Doubleday, Andrew D; 10a Grange Street, Christchurch 2	[O] 0-3-337 1305 [H] 0-3-332 8573 fax: 0-3-337 0-092 [Em] doubleday@clear.net.nz	8080
1994	5	Drylie, John F., 118 Fitzherbert Street, Hokitika 7900	[H] 0-3-755 6119	7120
1990	4	Durrant, Joanne A (Jo), 27 Remuera Ave, Christchurch 2	[H] 0-3-332 5202 fax: 0-3-332 5246 Cell 025 389 264	8070
1969	ET3	Eagle, Brian R J; 12 Wyndham Road, Hannahs Bay, Rotorua	[O]ph/fax 0-7-345 5971 [H] 0-7-345 3010	3170
1980	5	Egli, Bruno W, 801E Queen Street East, Hastings	[H] 0-6-876 7965 Fax: 0-6-876 7860	5020
1948	1980	Eisner, Wilf G; 38 Greenwood Park Lane, Greenwood Park, Tauranga	0-7-544 3061	3190
1980	4	Elderton, William E; Private Box 562, Invercargill. (home:70 Miller Street)	[H] 0-3-216 5032 Fax: 0-3-216 5036	9110
1939	1987	Ellemor, Evelyn (rtd Deacon) 4/13 Nursery Place, New Plymouth	0-6-753 4994	4010
1984	2	Elphick, Doris J; 61 Fernleigh Street, New Plymouth	[O] 0-6-758 3592 [H]ph/fax 0-6-753 9242 [Em] doris.e@clear.net.nz	4010
1988	4	Emslie, Marian; 47 Pennington St, Leeston 8172	0-3-324 3315	8170

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1995	MI	Erueti, Hao 21 Simon Road, Raglan	0-7-825 8972	3510
1992	1	Fa'afuata, Iakopo P; 122 Archibald Road, Kelston Waitakere City	[O] 0-9-376 3319 [H] 0-9-	2370
1989	2	Fa'afuata, Fereti, 14 Fairdale Place, Papakura	[H] ph/fax 0-9-298 4092	2430
1943	1983	Falkingham, Wilfred E; 24 Ranui Cres, Diamond Harbour, 1 R D Lyttelton	0-3-329 4439	8140
1989	D10	Fawkner, Brenda R N 21 Findlay Street, New Plymouth	0-6-751 1668 4601	4010
1964	1989	Felderhof, Ludwig; 179 Kingswood Rd, Tauranga	0-7-576-3176	3190
1982	1	Ferguson, I W Les; 31 King Street, Waiuku	[H] 0-9-235 9312 [Em] ferguson@clear.net.nz	2460
1979	4	Ferguson, R Andrew; 120 Colombo Street, Christchurch 2	[H] ph/fax 0-3-332 7017 [Em] bmc@clear.net.nz	8090
1991		Fifita, Saula, LTh	[O] 0-9-638 6644 [H] 0-9-274 3174 Fax: 0-9-368 9651	2340
1994	3	Filemoni, Tavita 1 Waterview Road, Mangere	[H] ph/fax 0-9-275 9508	2410
		Fogg, Jan 1 Awatea Terrace, Palmerston North (<i>Supply</i>)	[H] 0-6-354 6896	5120
		Fonokalafi, Sione, 44 Beach Rd, Te Atatu, Auckland 8 (retired x Free Wesleyan Church in Tonga (Methodist))		
	S4	Forbes, Craig E Trinity College, Private Bag 28 907, Remuera, Auckland 1136		
1949	1985	Ford, Wilfred F; 40B Nigel Road, Browns Bay, Auckland 10	0-9-478 0495	2320

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1957	1986	Fowler , Irwin J; 54 Buscomb Ave, Henderson, Auckland 8	0-9-836 1265	2100
1981	1	Frith , Lynne O, P O Box 6133, Te Aro, Wellington	[O] 0-4-384 7695 fax: 0-4-382 9708	6010
1955	1997	Fuller , June E 37A Waimairi Rd, ChCh 4 (ret'd Deacon)	0-3-348 8039	8120
1985	1994	Garner , Edna J 7 Lemnos Place, Titirangi, Auckland	0-9-817 9231	2010
1990	4	George , Norma J 171 Parsons Road, Wanganui	[O] 0-6-345 7394 [H] 0-6-344 6076 fax: 0-6-345 3385	4090
1964	UFS	Gerritsen , Hendrik, Route de Beaumont 9, CH 1700 ,Fribourg Switzerland	0041-26-424 00 59	2310
1998	1	Gibson , Mark 28 Fitzroy Avenue, Melville Hamilton [Em] nz.assoc.psychotherapists@xtra.co.nz		3080
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1985	1992	Gibson , June L, Pahiatua Track, R D 1, Palmerston North	0-6-354 1463	5100
1952	1989	Gibson , Loyal J, Pahiatua Track, R D 1, Palmerston North	0-6-354 1463	5100
1951	1988	Gilbert , Geoffrey T, 36A Ballance Street, Vogeltown, New Plymouth	0-6-753 6633	4010
1958	1987	Gilbert , Wilfred S, 25 Bay View Road, Raglan	0-7-825 8018	3090
1989	D10	Goodwin , Lorna J 317 Albert Street, Palmerston North	0-6-357 9721	5100
1950	1988	Gordon , D Bruce, 3 Bleakhouse Rd, Howick	[H] 0-9-535 7582	2410
1955	1988	Goreham , Norman J, 50A Takapu St, Henderson, Auckland 1008	0-9-837 8223	2100

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1959	1976	Goudge, Stanley R, 8 Welcome Place, Orchard Grove, Henderson Auckland 1008	ph/fax: 0-9-835 1890	2100
1995	MI	Grace, Mate Ngaro Te Rutu (Sam) c/- Postal Agency, Whatawhata, via Hamilton	0-7-829-8907	3510
1956	1982	Grant, Ian D, 37 Dalton Drive, Papamoa	0-7-542 1265	3210
1986	UFS6	Grant, John M 3 Thames Street, Hamilton	[O] 0-7-834 8888 ex.8719 [H] 0-7-855 8700 fax: 0-7-855 8373 [Em] pcjmg@twp.ac.nz	3000
1980	3	Grant, Paul H 15 Emerald Hill, Havelock North, Hastings	[O] 0-6-877 4191 [H] 0-6-877 4093 Fax: 0-6-877 2433	5020
1973	4	Grant, Stuart C, P O Box 1887, Palmerston North (home: 48 Karina Terrace)	[O] 0-6-358 2860 [H] 0-6-358 7436 fax: 0-6-356 8799	5100
1979	3	Greenwood, I Marie, 3 Goldsborough Ave, Raumati Beach, Kapiti	[H] 0-4-298 5600	6240
1976	SOC3	Greer, Michael W, 58 Dyers Pass Road, Cashmere, [H] ph/fax: 0-3-337 5695 Christchurch 2. [Em} mgreer@voyager.co.nz	[O] 0-3-332 7129	
1959	1992	Griffith, Keith C, 20 Herewini St, Titahi Bay. Wellington	0-4-236 6215	6280
1969		Griffiths, William (Bill) D, 62 Shetland St, Titirangi, Auckland 7. (<i>Supply</i>)	[O] 0-9-629 3348 [H] 0-9-818 9985 Fax: 0-9-818 9449 [Em] williamg@iconz.co.nz	2030
1943	1986	Grounds, Edmund (Ted) D 7 Milton Rd, Mt Eden, Auck. 3	0-9-638 7475	2030
1960	1997	Gust, Warwick, 23 Pisces Rd, Glen Eden, Auckland	[H] 0-9-818 6285	2100
1957	1990	Guthardt, Phyllis M, 5 Cholmondeley Lane, Governors Bay, Fax 0-3-329 9847 1 R D Lyttelton	0-3-329 9675	8070

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1993 July	ASC	Ha'angana , Sione F, 118 Grange Rd, Mt Eden, Auckland 7,	[O]0-9-638 6644 [H] 0-9-638 9018 fax: 0-9-638 9651	2340
1947	1984	Hall , Allen H, 16 Sir Fred Schonell Drive, St Lucia, Brisbane, Queensland, 4067		2010
1952	1981	Hall , John R 6 Snell Cres., Waihi Beach	0-7-863-5166	3040
	S1	Hall , Margaret 19 Brooklyn Road, Carterton.		
1986	D13	Hallam , Valma E, 68 Te Hono St, Maungatapu, Tauranga	[O church] 0-7-578 8493 [O ph/fax Alzheimer] 0-7-577 6344 [H] 0-7-544 0229	3190
1992	7	Hambleton , Warwick J, 1 Hexham Street, Warkworth (residence:11 Cornel Circle, Snells Beach)	[O] 0-9-425 8660 [H] 0-9-425 5898	2290
		Hamilton , Diana P O Box 10, Paparoa (<i>Supply</i>)	[H] 0-9-431 7106	1150
1958	1990	Hamlin , R John, 5 Oak Crescent, Ashhurst	0-6-326 9007	5110
1954	1994	Hammond , George M 24 Mullane Street, Hamilton	0-7-856 1606	3110
1988	UFS4	Handyside , Gwenda J 51A Brunswick Street, Lower Hutt	[H] 0-4-569 3938 fax: 0-4-566 6527	6120
	S2	Hanscamp , Nigel Mission Resourcing Unit (Trinity College) Private Bag 28907, Remuera, Auckland 1136		
1960	10	Hanson , E Francis (Frank) I, Trinity Theological College, Private Bag 28907, Remuera, Auckland 1136	[O] 0-9-521 2073 [H] 0-9-528 6613 fax: 0-9-521 2664 [Em] f.hanson@auckland.ac.nz	2820
1969	1	Harkness , Barry G, 53 Fuller St, Kaiapoi (Home: 3 Muir Ave, Christchurch)	[O] 0-3-327 5274 [H] 0-3-322 8217	8180

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1972	1993	Hauraki , Hana P 6A De Havalland Place, Onerahi, Whangarei	0-9-436-1454	1510
1962	4	Hawkey , Graham E 11 Bruce Place, Alexandra	[O] 0-3-448 6539 [H] 0-3-448 8810	9170
1968	3	Hay , J Cedric, 193 Victoria Street, Devonport, North Shore City.	[O] 0-9-445 6801 [H] 0-9-445 0042	2130
	S1	Heimuli , T Kilifi 507 Sandringham Road, Auckland	[O] 0-9-638 6644 [H] ph/fax 0-9-846 4855 fax: 0-9-638 9651	
1954	1990	Heppelthwaite , Ernest (Ernie) 12 Hockey St, ChCh 5.	[H] 0-3-359 7223	0810
1965	1995	Herbert , C Brice, 86 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	0-9-439 8080	1090
1969	MI	Heremaia , Hoani; c- Kaumatua Flats, cnr Egmont/Gloucester Sts, Patea (Retired)		4510
1983	MI	Heta , Te Uru Te Patunga, Pupuke Rd, Kaeo		1510
1968	Chp6	Hey , Roger J E, 2/7 Tahuri Road, Epsom, Auck. 3	[O] 0-9-846 7159 [H] 0-9-520 0154 fax: 0-9-520 0184 [Em] R.K.Hey@Xtra.Co.NZ	2010
1983	D16	Higham , B June, 47 Higham Rd, R D 2, Te Awamutu	[H] ph/fax 0-7-872 7719	3250
1986	D13	Hight , Dianne C, No. 7 Road, R D Waitoa	[O] 0-7-884 8673 [H] 0-7-887 2842	3050
1948	1988	Hilder , Basil J, 43 Einstein St, Gisborne	0-6-868 8585	5040
1982	1994	Hill , Desmond (Des) A, Hoani Rd, 37 R D, Okato	0-6-752 4147	4080
1983	UFS4	Hingano , Sifa, (in USA)	[H] 0-9-	2400

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1948	1980	Hopkins , George C, 67 Stafford St, Shannon	0-6-362 7532	5100
	S3	Hopner , Elizabeth 33 Sealy Road, Torbay, Auckland	0-9-473 5297	
1962	1996	Hornblow , Edgar R, 45 Rushgreen Avenue, Papakura	0-9-298 8488	2430
1960	1995	Hornblow , Maxwell A [H] ph/fax 0-3-540 2718 Bronte Road East, Upper Moutere, R D Nelson		7040
1960	1997	Horrrill , C Seton, 178A Lyttelton St, ChCh 2	[H] 0-3-338 2914	8010
1959	UFS7	Hosking , John (Jock) S, P O Box 8047, Kensington, Whangarei. (35 Tui Cres, Maunu, Whangarei)	ph/fax 0-9-438 3651	1130
1988	5	Hughson , Gregory (Greg) A; 463 Gladstone Road, Gisborne	[H] 0-6-867 6260 fax: 0-6-868 9970	5040
1993	1998	Hunt , Stan 24 Robertson St, Invercargill	[H] 0-3-217 7416	9110
1991	1	Ieriko , Paulo P O Box 45081, Te Atatu Peninsula, (home: 19 Graham Ave)	[O] 0-9-834 3286 [H] 0-9-834 6257 fax: 0-9-834 6767	2100
1975	1997	Jacobson , Patricia (Pat) M, 50 Albatross Road, Red Beach, Orewa	0-9-427 9076	2280
1961	1995	James , Russell E, 2A Pukeuri Lane, ChCh 2.	[H] 0-3-332 9456	8080
1967	1994	Jamieson , Colin G, 11 Kaikomako Place, Cass Bay Lyttelton	[H] 0-3-328 8190	8090
1968	2	Jeyaseelan , T Wesley 14 St Vincent Ave, Remuera, Auckland 5	[O] ph/fax 0-9-522 1785 [H] 0-9-524 2924	2060
1989	1994	Johnston , Alexander (Lex) C, 28 Tawari Street, Matamata	[H] 0-7-888 5801	
1962	5	Jones , Barry E, 2 Oswald Crescent, Newlands, Wellington 6004	[H] 0-4-478 6283	6080

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1983	9	Kane, Graham A, 4 Lichfield St, Stoke, Nelson	[H] 0-3-547 7322 Fax: 0-3-547 7639	7010
1984	2	Keesing, Neil R, P O Box 2019, Tauranga (home: 122 Edgecumbe Rd)	[H] 0-7-578 6151 fax: 0-7-578 6292	3190
	MI	Keepa, John Tata P O Box 60, Kawhia	[H] 0-7-871 0565	3510
1995	2	Kerr, Jessie S 28 Oxford St, Richmond, Nelson	[H] 0-3-544 8394 fax: 0-3-541 8313	7030
1987	L11	Kilikiti, Vaikoloa, 11 Fulton Crescent, Otara, Sth Auck.	[O] 0-9-638 6644 [H] 0-9-274 0648 fax: 0-9-638 9651	2340
1957	1992	Kitchingman, Henry W 2B Duke Street, Papakura	0-9-296 2688	2420
1995	MI	Kopa, John M K 16 Joanna Place, Hamilton	0-7-843 4134	3510
1988 Mar.	ASC	Langi, Jione 5 Paice Avenue, Auckland	[O] 0-9-630 5742	2007
1961	1987	Langley, John E, 29 Santa Rosa Avenue, Halswell, Christchurch 3	0-3-322 5280	8010
1982	SOC1	Langley, Timothy J,		8010
1985	1991	Lawry, A Joan, 90A Brown St, Invercargill (ret'd Deacon)	0-3-234 9120	9110
1963	1985	Laws, Derek G, 1 Willock Place, St Martins, Christchurch 2	0-3-332 8739	8090
1968	4	Leadley, Alan J, 137 Boundary Rd, Hamilton	[O] 0-7-855 7434 [H] 0-7-855 2919 Fax 0-7-855 7019	3110
1986	3	Leadley, Colin S 100 Jed Street, Invercargill	[O] 0-3-216 0281 [H] 0-3-218 3539 [O fax] 0-3-216 3695 [H fax] 0-3-218 3530	9110

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1930	1970	Leadley , E Clarence, Flat 3, 29 Pupuke Rd, Takapuna, Auck.9	0-9-486 3645	2140
1977	1981	Leary , Gordon A, 103 Office Rd, St Albans, ChCh. 1.	[H] 0-3-355 2340	8130
1991	2	Le Pine , Dianne M, 18 Buchanans Street, Matamata	[O] 0-7-888 8806 [H] 0-7-888 8976 fax: 0-7-888 8542	3140
1958	1987	Lewis , Evan R, 31 Springhill Rd, Dunedin	0-3-453 5951	9020
1942	1981	Lewis , John J, 2/3 Pupuke Rd, Takapuna, Auck. 9	0-9-489 6103	2140
1978	1990	Little , Edith J, 8 Saville Row, Johnsonville, Wellington 4	0-4-478 6719	6070
1964	MI	Livingstone , Para Piripi Pokere, R D 12, Moerewa, Northland (retired)		1510
	S2	Loader , Vilma 50 St David Street, Lyttelton, Christchurch		
1939	1977	Lucas , Campbell P, 15 Tawari St, Matamata	0-7-888 6431	3140
1957	1997	Mabon , John C F 20 Waikare Avenue, Lower Hutt	[H] 0-4-569 5240	6120
19	1	MacLeod , D Ian 61 Wainoni Road, Christchurch 6	[O] 0-3-389 2285 [H] 0-3-389 7843	8030
1990	1996	McInnes , Jean I, 37 Don Street, Oamaru (ret'd Deacon)	0-3-437 1979	8400
1968	UFS2	McIver , Graeme M, 211 Lexington Drive, Menlo Park, California 94025, USA	[Em] KSMciver@aol.com	8010
1953	1981	McKay , Archibald W 1/81 Tui Rd, Papatoetoe, Auckland	0-9-278-8904	2410
1996	D3	McLeod , Malcolm C 293 Rangitira Road, Beachhaven, Auckland 10.	[O] 0-9-520 4743 [H] 0-9-483 3051 Fax: 0-9-520 4245	2150

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1965	1998	Mackie, Bruce E, 441-D Dominion Road, Mt Eden, Auckland	[O] 0-9-522 2808 [H] 0-9-623 2261 fax: 0-9-522 4214 [Em] brucem@pl.net	
1982	7	McNicol, Derek V 3 Mayroyd Terrace, Nelson	[O] 0-3-548 0558 [H] 0-3-548 4672	7010
1968	UFS8	Malcouronne, Brian J, 568 South Titirangi Rd, Titirangi, Auckland 7	[H] 0-9-817 7708	2310
	S1	Mann-Taito, Falaniko 450 Palmerston Road, Gisborne		5040
1997	2	Manu, Tavake 43 Cassandra Street, Stratford	[H] 0-6-765 6192	4030
1989	L10	Manu'atu, Lisiate 18 Vincent Place, Hamilton	[H] ph/fax 0-7-846 0626 [Em] manu.tribe@clear.net.nz	3080
1991	L8	Manukia, Mosese 40 Rankin Ave, New Lynn,	[O] 0-9-638 6644 [H] 0-9-827 7454 Fax: 0-9-638 9651	2340
1961	1991	Marshall, C Russell, 26 Mana Esplanade, Paremata, Wellington	0-4-233 9178	6100
1948	1971	Marshall, Edward M, 28 Surf Rd, Stanmore Bay, Whangaparaoa.	0-9-424 2923	2280
1974	MI	Martin, Huia 74 Franklyne Rd, Otara	0-9-274-9421	2510
1968	6	Meredith, John D, 49 Broadway Ave, Timaru 8601	[O] 0-3-688 1748 [H] 0-3-686 1932 fax: 0-3-688 8716 [Em] J.meredith@xtra.co.nz	8310
1992	1	Millar, Ian 15 Patrick Place, Hamilton. <i>(Supply)</i>	[H] 0-7-843 9015	3250

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1989	L10	Millar, M Anne, 416 Mairehau Rd, Parklands, Christchurch	[O] 0-3-366 5472 [H] 0-3-383 0144 fax: 0-3-379 6235	8000
1963	1988	Miller, Barbara I 12 Arohia Place, Snells Beach, Warkworth	0-9-425 6144	2290
1991	L8	Moa, Kepu 68 La Rosa St, Greenbay, Auckland 7.	[O] 0-9-638 6644 [H] 0-9-817 3667 [Fax] 0-9-638 9651	2340
1976	UFS6	Moala, Taniela T, 40 Kensington Ave, Mt Eden, Auckland	[O] 0-9-620 0128 [H] 0-9-630 8747 fax: 0-9-620 0128	2340
		Molineux, Alison 56 Hatton Street, Karori, Wellington (<i>supply</i>)	[H] 0-4-476 3741 [Em] Thezals@ihug.co.nz	6100
1947	SOC	Money, Deacon Lucy H, c- Edna J Money, "Barolin", 28 Willow Grove, Morrinsville 2251		3060
1997	L2	Morunga, Christina M Runaruna Road, R D 2, Broadwood 0571	[O] 0-9-409 5321 [H] 0-9-409 5841 fax: 0-9-409 5840	1050
1972	MI	Morunga, Winiata, 207 Maunu Road, Whangarei	0-9-435 0584	1510
1960	1997	Mullan, David (Dave) S, 20 Tui Grove, Paihia, Northland	[H] 0-9-402 8071 [Em] colcom.press@xtra.co.nz	1030
1980	3	Murray, John S Private Bag 11903, Ellerslie, Auckland (home: 3 Steele St, Meadowbank)	[O] 0-9-525 4179 ph/fax [H] 0-9-528 7263 [O] fax: 0-9-525 4346 [Em] method@kcbbs.gen.nz	2600
1991	MI	Nathan, Rex E F P O Box 321, (Aoroa Rd) Dargaville	0-9-439 6565	1500
1964	3	Neal, Barry W, 2 Upland Road, Huia, West Auckland 1250	[O] 0-9-849 5526 [H] 0-9-811 8054	2010

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1989	1996	Nesbit, John B 64a Somerfield Street, Christchurch 2	0-3-337 9596	8020
1953	1988	Newman, Alan, 1 Camellia Drive, Ngongotaha, Rotorua.	0-7-357 5235	3170
	S2	Nicholls, Val 57 :Laurence Street, Manly, Whangaparaoa	[H] 0-9-424 5758 fax: 0-9-424 5709	
1980	2	Noa, Nomani, 20 Ireland Road, Panmure, Auckland	[H] 0-9-527 7010	2040
1968	UFS5	Norwell, Ian C 26 Waterview Rd, Devonport, Auck.9	[H] 0-9-445 0204	2130
1949	1982	Nuttall, A Roger G, 103A Ohaupo Rd, Hamilton	0-7-843 6375	3080
1946	1981	Olds, Norman W 74A Fleete St, Burwood, ChCh 6.	0-3-385 1932	8010
1951	1977	Olds, O McLennan, 32 Omokoroa Country Estate, Private Bag, RD 2 Tauranga	0-7-548 0658	3350
1983	2	Oliver, J Allan, P O Box 23 793, Papatoetoe (home: 83 Kolmar Rd)	[O] ph/fax 0-9-278 6442 [H] 0-9-278 6439	2480
1985	UFS7	Olsen, F Anne, P O Box 42105, Homedale, Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt Fax:0-4-564 8399	[O] 0-4-566 4089 [H] 0-4-564 2522	6120
1991	2	Olsen, Ken W, 'Bridson House', 9 Swanson Rd, Henderson Auckland	[O]ph/fax 0-9-832 5521 [H] 0-9-836 2618	2100
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1995	4	Osborn, Beverley, 50 Wakefield Street, Westport 7601	[H] 0-3-789 8714	7100
1953	1986	Osborne, John H, 61 McDowell Cres, Glenfield, Auckland 10	0-9-419 1523	2150
1998	L1	Palelei, Alalafaga 27 Romeny Place, Manurewa, Auckland	[H] 0-9-	2420

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1947	1979	Parker , Francis H, 382 Racecourse Rd, Te Awamutu	0-7-871 3060	3250
1931	1972	Parker , Gordon, Panorama Ave, Whitianga, Coromandel Peninsula	0-7-866 4199	3320
1930	1971	Parker , J Wesley, 8 Ranui Rd, Remuera, Auck.5	0-9-524 2579	2060
1993	L6	Parkes , Judith R "Windermere" Bells Rd, R D 2 Blenheim	[O] 0-3-578 5796 [H] ph/fax 0-3-578 9901	7070
1969	1995	Pate , Heremia H 31 Edward Street, Tokoroa		
1952	1986	Penman , John A, 1/26 New Windsor Rd, Avondale Auckland 7	[H] 0-9-828 8852	2080
1927	1966	Penn , Athol R. Q245 'Northbridge', 454 Akoranga Drive, Northcote, Auckland 9	0-9-489 7130	2140
1992	7	Peterson , Brian C; 67A Gloucester St, Taradale, Napier	[H] ph/fax 0-6-844 2205 [Em] brian-p@clear.co.nz	5010
1960	1974	Peterson , Frederick D 1 Tainui Street, Christchurch 2	0-3-332 8154	8020
1992	7	Peterson , Marion J; 67A Gloucester Street, Taradale, Napier	[H] ph/fax 0-6-844 2205 [Em] brian-p@clear.co.nz	5010
1968	1998	Phillipps , Donald J, 165 Carroll Street, Dunedin	[H] ph/fax 0-3-477 8929	9010
1939	1973	Pointon , Dorothy, Deacon, c/- Everill Orr Homes, 63 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland	0-9-846 7159	2010
1996	MI	Polwart , Riripeti 41 Plunkett Avenue, Petone, Wellington	[H] 0-4-568 8912	6510
1986	1992	Pond , H David, 27 Summer St, Stanley Bay, Auckland	[H] 0-9-445 3364	2140

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1967	SOC1	Pratt, David C 17 First Avenue, St Anne's Park, Bristol BS4 45DU, United Kingdom	[H] 0044 117 977 8131	4090
1975	UFS9	Pratt, G Douglas, 70 Radiata St, Fairview Downs, Hamilton	[O] 0-7-856 2889 ext 8146 [H] 0-7-853 5463 fax: 0-7- 838 5922 [Em] dpratt@waikato.ac.nz	3080
1966	CHP25	Prince, Donald F, 15 Tivoli Place, Bishopdale, Christchurch 8005	[O] 0-3-364 0640 [H] ph/fax 0-3-352 4194 [O] fax: 0-3- 364 0476	8140
1957	1987	Pullar, Beverley, 10 Hunter Ave, Richmond, Nelson	0-3-544 6523	7030
1984	MI	Rakena, Matiu Te Pua Road, Kaikohe	[H] 0-9-401 0843	1510
1954	1995	Rakena, Ruawai D, BA P O Box 62554, Central Park, Penrose	[H] 0-9-570 5234	2510
	S3	Ramacake, Soro Trinity Theological College, Private Bag 28 907, Remuera, Auckland 1136		
	MI	Rauwhero, Heemi, 163 Pukaki Road, Mangere East, Auckland		2510
	S3	Reeves, Marica 1/14 Pitoitoi Road, Days Bay, Eastbourne, Wellington	0-4-562 8692	
1984	L8	Reid, Loraine J 31 Leinster Terrace, Lincoln	0-3-325 2899	8010
1987	D12	Reid, Rita J 1/85 Epsom Rd, ChCh 4	0-3-348 9423	8120
	S2	Rennel, Ravai M 27 Friesian Drive, Mangere, Auckland	0-9-275 4982	
1986	1994	Reynolds, Elva M 70 Fitzherbert St, Hokitika	0-3-755 6112	7120
1989	UFS1	Rice, William R, 9 Granui Crescent, Diamond Harbour, R D 1, Lyttelton	[H] 0-3-329 4112	8000

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1982	L8	Richards, Gillian (Jill) M 10B Paritai Drive, Orakei, Auckland 5	[O] 09-9-303 2443 [H] ph/fax 0-9-524 7562 [Em] hrichards@auckland.ac.nz	2010
1969	2	Rigby, Russell G, 23 Alpha Street, Cambridge	[O]ph/fax: 0-7-827 6523 [H] 0-7-827 7675	3070
1955	1989	Rigg, Frank S 466B Whangaparaoa Rd, Whangaparaoa 1463	0-9-424 1016	2280
1974	ET6	Roberts, John H., 11 Brougham St, Wellington 1	[H] 0-4-384 6660 [Em] jroberts@clear.net.nz	6510
1987	9	Rogers, Douglas I, 15 Waddington Drive, Naenae, Lower Hutt	[H] ph/fax 0-4-567-6110 (for fax phone first) [Em] drogers@voyager.co.nz	6120
	MI	Rogers, Timaru (Mrs) 42 Orrs Rd, Kaikohe	[H] 0-9-405 2097	1510
1990		Rolinson, David T H, 17 Valley Road, Mt Eden, Auckland	[H] 0-9-630 2039	2010
1983	1	Rosewell, Wendie, P O Box 617, Pukekohe (home: 23 Landscape Road)	[O] ph/fax 238 6768 [H] 0-9-238 5214	2440
	MI	Rountree, Ripia 73 Opaheke Road, Papakura, Auckland	[H] 0-9-298 7596	2510
	MI	Rogers, Markus 296 Massey Road, Mangere East, Auckland	[H] 0-9-525 4179	2510
1996	3	Ross, Joan P O Box 29057, Ngaio, Wellington 4	[O] 0-4-479 6329 [H] 0-4-477 3087	6060
1954	1991	Rushton, Percy P, 1 Craig Road, Maraetai, Manukau City	0-9-536 6291	2410
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1957	1997	Russell, Kenneth H 39 George Point Rd, Onerahi, Whangarei	0-9-436 3456	1130
1964	1972	Sage, Deacon Constance E 1 Willis St, Auck ³ ₄₉	0-9-846 5942	2080

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1971	7	Salmon, John B, 19 Temple St, Meadowbank, Auckland.5	[O] 0-9-521 2073 [H] 0-9-521 5949 fax: 0-9-521 2664 [Em] j.salmon@auckland.ac.nz	2820
1982	3	Samoa Saleupolu, Aso T, 62 Stonex Road, Papatoetoe	[O] 0-9-274 8254 [H] ph/fax 0-9-277 5985	2480
1983	1989	Samusamuvodre, Elia 5 Tawa Cres, Manurewa	0-9-266 0126	2420
1981	1998	Sa'o, Tanielu T P O Box 20273, Glen Eden (Home: 32 Te KaNawa Cres, Henderson)	[O] 0-9-838 9244 [H] 0-9-836 1849	2100
1956	1992	Scammell, Bruce, 43 Monmouth Street, Feilding	0-6-323 3463	5120
1950	1988	Schroeder, Leonard P, 90 Mountview Road, Hamilton	0-7-843 0051	3080
1983	6	Sedon, Ashley J, P O Box 68 184, Newton, Auckland (home: 130 Grafton Road)	[O] 0-9-373 2869 [H] 0-9-373 2323 Fax: 0-9-373 2444 [Em] asedon@ihug.co.nz	2010
1988	1995	Shamy, Eileen L, 30 Oriwa Crescent, Otaki	0-6-364 8542	6230
1945	1977	Shapcott, Leonard (Len) 13 Lucinda Place, Glen Eden, Auck 7	0-9-818 3415	2100
1952	1990	Shaw, Harry I. 12 Bowen St, Cambridge,	[H] ph/fax 0-7-827 3366	3070
1946	1982	Shepherd, Trevor 38 Freyberg Street, Cherrywood, Tauranga	0-7-576 2791	3190
1944	1970	Sherson, Donald G, c- Public Trust Office, P O Box 33046, Takapuna		2150
1979	6	Short, Robert (Bob) D 90 Forest Lake Road, Hamilton	[O] 0-7-824 8864 [H] 0-7-846 0576	3120
1961	1991	Sides, Brian W 92A Fraser Street, Tauranga	0-7-578 8499	3190

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1975	8	Sinclair, Paul F, 406 Thames St, Morrinsville	[H] 0-7-889 7623	3060
1991	L5	Siulangapo, 'Inoke 35 Alport Street, Christchurch	[H] 0-3-384 2183 fax: 0-3-332 5246	8020
1964	2	Slinn, Stuart G 9 Rhodes Street, Timaru	0-3-688 8401	8310
1979		Small, Brian N, 11 Morse Street, Napier	ph/fax 0-6-843-9183	5160
		[Em] Brian.Small@clear.net.nz		
1970	1998	Smith, G Clive, 8 Taranaki Street, Picton	[h} 0-3-	7080
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1985	6	Smith, Kenneth R, 356 Wairakei Road, [Em] Kenneth.R.Smith@xtra.co.nz Christchurch 5.	[H] 0-3-359 8115	8140
1928	1966	Snowden, Rita, c/- Mr F H Stott, N Z Guardian Trust, P O Box 1934 Auckland	0-9-846 7159	2140
1952	1976	Spindler, Sydney J 2/6 Hoyle Place, New Plymouth	0-6-757 8745	4010
1984	1977	Springett, Margaret, Allens Road, R D 12, Hawera, Taranaki	[O] 0-6-273 8481 [H] 0-6-272 2806 fax 0-6-272 2033	4050
1951	1985	Stead, Peter A, 10 Newton Rd, Oneroa, Waiheke Island	0-9-372 7288	2010
1995	4	Stephenson, P Anne, 1 Redwood St, Upper Hutt	[O] 0-4-528 8915 [H] 0-4-528 0260 Fax: 0-4-527 3326	6140
1979	1	Stroobant, Anthony (Tony) D 3/14 Blockhouse Bay, Auckland 7,	[H] 0-9-627 9367	2380
	ASC	Stuart, Dr W James, 168 Mitchell St, Brooklyn, Wellington 6002	[O] 0-4-472 9211 [H] 0-4-384 5688	
1953	1988	Stubbs, David G, 51A George St, Blenheim	0-3-578 6083	7070

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1989	D10	Sulzberger , Elva M J 111 Govett Avenue, New Plymouth	[H] ph/fax 0-6-753 5432	4010
1995	MI	Taiawa , Tiaki Hoani Wereta 6 Bush Street, Paeroa		3510
1991	L8	Takau , Salesi, DipAcc,NZCC 2 Wairau Place, Palmerston North	[H] 0-6-356 8346	5100
1975	ET6	Tana , Diana A P O Box 20353, Te Rapa Postal Centre, Te Rapa, (home: 36 Delamere Road), Hamilton	0-7-849 6643	3510
1996	L3	Taufa , Samiuela 5 Awarua Street, Elsdon, Porirua City	[H] 0-4-237 7256	6010
1987	1995	Ta'ufu'ou , Peni Mafi 14 Bingara Pl, Mangere, Auck.	[O] 0-9-638 6644 [H] 0-9-275 4352 fax: 0-9-638 9651	2340
	S3	Taufu'i , Hausia, 65 Banks Street, Mt Wellington, Auckland.		
1991	2	Taungapeau , 'Eveli, 237 Kennedy Road, Napier	[O] 0-6-835 8163 [H] ph/fax 0-6-843 8665	5010
1955	1985	Tauroa , Lane M, 22 Hauiti Drive, Warkworth	0-9-425 7365	2290
1966	5	Taylor , Keith J, , P O Box 9380, Marion Square Wellington	[O] 0-4-478 8072 [H] 0-4-382 9795 Fax: 0-4-478 8036	6070
1957	1993	Taylor , Philip F 12 Melandra Road, Whangaparaoa	[H] 0-9-424 3059	2280
1980		Telford , Gillian A, 7 Balfour Crescent, Hamilton	[H] 0-7-856 2083	3080
1993	2	Te'o , Suiva'aia, 30 Britannia St, Petone, Lower Hutt	[O] 0-4-568 5411 [H] 0-4-568 4687	6120
1967	MI	Te Uira , Phillip, Taharoa, via Te Kuiti	[H] 0-7-876 7316	3520
1941	1978	Thomas , Gordon V, 36A Kennedy Drive, Levin	0-6-368 3301	6220

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1993	UFS	Thompson, Susan J,		2000
1995	MI	Thompson, Sunnah R P P 4 Primrose Street, Raglan	0-7-825 7116	3510
1955	1983	Thornicroft, Neville, 7 Walton Ave, Warkworth	0-9-425 7225	2290
1935	1975	Thornley, Robert, Astley House, 55 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert, Auck. 3	0-9-846 3346	2080
	S3	Tonga, Vilami 64 Banks Street, Mt Wellington, Auckland		
1954	1983	Trebilco, David L 16 Coppelia Ave, Omokoroa, R D 2, Tauranga		3350
1988	SOC11	Trebilco, Paul R; 6 Grandview Crescent, Opoho, Dunedin [Em] paul.trebilco@stonebow.otago.ac.nz	[O] 0-3-479 8798 [H] 0-3-473 9629 fax: 0-3-479 5158	9020
1994	5	Tregurtha, Paul 7 Ajax Street, Milton	[H] 0-3-417 8134	9080
1982	D16	Tregurtha, Rachel A, 208 King St, Rangiora	0-3-313 7506 fax: 0-3-313 9083	8190
1963	UFS	Tucker, W Geoffrey 38 Braemar Rd, Rothesay Bay, Auckland	[O] 0-9-302 2496 [H] 0-9-479 2960 fax: 0-9-377 4804	2320
1996	3	Tufuga, Fatuatia 9b Severn Place, New Plymouth	[O] 0-6-758 3592 [H] 0-6-751 0618	4010
1981	1997	Tugia, A Fa'aoso 18 Renton Place, Mount Albert, Auckland	0-9-846 2234	
	L5	Tu'itupou, Molia 15 Catherine St, Onehunga		2370
	MI	Tupaea, Marangai (Mara) P O Box 112, Tuakau (133 George Street, Tuakau)	[H] 0-7-236 8283	3510
1985		Tupou, S Tavake,		

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1969	UFS2	Turner, Brian H, 762 Gloucester St, Avonside, Christchurch 6	[O] ph/fax 0-3-385 3535 [H] 0-3-389 0234 [Em] tradeaid@chch.planet.co.nz	8000
1991	L8	Uasi, Langi'ila, 7 Archboyd Ave, Mangere East, Auckland	[O] 0-9-638 6644 [H] 0-9-275 6379 fax: 0-9-638 6951	2370
1991	L5	Uhi, Siosifa Latu 38 Wise St, Wainuiomata	[O] 0-4-568 4687 [H] 0-4-564 7637	6120
1995	4	Unasa, Uesifili S T, P O Box 196, Dargaville (107 Normanby Street)	0-9-439 8724	1090
1991	1997	Unasa-Su, Piula A 64 Ormond Rd, Gisborne	0-6-868 5789	5040
1964	1	Ungemuth, Shirley V 47 Glendevon Place, Vauxhall, Dunedin	[O Waimate] 0-3-689 8701 [H] 0-3-454 4705	8350
1978	4	Upson, Alan R, P O Box 515 (2/45 Great South Rd), Manurewa	[O] 0-9-266 5301 [H] 0-9-267 6420 fax: 0-9-266 7408	2420
2100	2	Vaeluaga, Sani T P O Box 20-273, Glen Eden, Auckland (Home:20 Mackenzie St, Te Atatu Sth)	[O] ph/fax 0-9-818 6542 [H] 0-9-834 9652	2100
1995	5	Vickers, Ralph A 4 Oroua St, Te Puke	[H] 0-7-573 7676	3210
1962	1998	Wakeling, W J Douglas 10 Forrest Lane Raumati South Paraparaumu		6240
1978	4	Wall, Lynne J, 1 Tennyson Ave, Takapuna, North Shore City 10	[O]ph & Fax 0-9-489 4590 [H] 0-9-489 4584	2140
1978	4	Wall, Terence W, 1 Tennyson Ave, Takapuna, North Shore City 10	[O]ph & Fax 0-9-489 4590 [H] 0-9-489 4584	2140
1961	1995	Wallace, William L, 215A Mt Pleasant Rd, Mt Pleasant, Christchurch 8	[H] 0-3-384 0111	

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1985	8	Watkin, Gillian M, Trinity College, Private Bag 28 907, Remuera, Auckland 1136 (17 Havelle Ave, Titirangi, [Em] gillianwell@xtra.co.nz Auckland 7)	[O] 0-9-528 4437 [H] 0-9-817 5368 fax: 0-9-528 8563 [Em]	2820
	S2	Walters, Kathryn Mission Resourcing Unit (Trinity College) Private Bag 28907, Remuera, Auckland 1136		
1954	1985	Watson, Alexander C. 376 Halswell Rd, ChCh 3	0-3-322 7805	8110
1987	1995	Waugh, Jean M Flat 3, 77 Golf Road, Tahunanui, Nelson	[H] 0-3-548 6626	7010
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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.

		1943	Dawson, W Selwyn (Sup)
1927	Penn, Athol R (Sup)		Falkingham, Wilfred E M.B.E. (Sup)
1928	Snowden, Rita (Deacon ret)		Grounds, Edmund D (Sup)
1930	Leadley, E Clarence (Sup) Parker, J Wesley (Sup)	1944	Sherson, Donald G (Sup)
1931	Parker, Gordon (Sup)	1945	Shapcott, Leonard (Sup)
1935	Thornley, Robert (Sup)	1946	Olds, Norman W (Sup) Shepherd, Trevor (Sup)
1936	Wharemaru, Heeni (Deacon ret)	1947	Campbell, Michael J (Sup) Hall, Allen H (Sup) Money, Lucy H (Deacon ret) Parker, Francis H (Sup)
1939	Lucas, Campbell P (Sup) Pointon, Dorothy (Deacon ret)		
1940	Dawson, John B (Sup)	1948	Clement, Grace M (Deacon ret) Collins, Rona W (Deacon ret) Eisner, Wilf G. (Sup)
1941	Thomas, Gordon V (Sup)		
1942	Lewis, John J (Sup) Willing, Leonard V (Sup)		

1948	Hilder, Basil J (Sup) Hopkins, George C (Sup) Marshall, Edward M (Sup)	Rakena, Ruawai D (Sup) Rushton, Percy P (Sup) Trebilco, David I (Sup) Watson, Alexander C (Sup)
1949	Baker, Edward (Sup) Benny, T Ralph (Sup) Burt, Douglas H (Sup) Cornwell, Gordon A R (Sup) Ford, Wilfred F, C.M.G. (Sup) Nuttall, A Roger G (Sup)	1955 Abbott, William K (Sup) Bennett, Trevor L (Sup) Boyd, Edward P (Sup) Cable, Wilfred J (Sup) Goreham, Norman J (Sup) Rigg, Frank S (Sup) Tauroa, Lane M (Sup) Thornicroft, Neville (Sup)
1950	Clark, Colin D (Sup) Gordon, D Bruce (Sup) Schroeder, Leonard P (Sup) Woodfield Frank H (Sup) Woodfield, Owen T (Sup)	1956 Andrews, Robert S (Sup) Bennett, George L (Sup) Grant, Ian D (Sup) Scammell, Bruce (Sup)
1951	Burrough, Amos W (Sup) Clucas, Ivan J (Sup) Gilbert, Geoffrey T (Sup) Olds, O MacLennan (Sup) Stead, Peter A (Sup)	1957 Bell, G Basil W (Sup) Cropp, James F (Sup) Fowler, Irwin J (Sup) Guthardt, Phyllis M (Sup) Kitchingman, Henry W (Sup) Mabon, John C F (Sup) Pullar, Beverley (Sup) Russell, Kenneth H (Sup) Taylor, Philip F (Sup)
1952	Gibson, Loyal J (Sup) Hall, John R (Sup) Penman, John A (Sup) Shaw, Harry I (Sup) Spindler, Sydney J (Sup)	1958 Dickinson, J Mervyn Gilbert, Wilfred S (Sup) Hamlin, R John (Sup) Lewis, Evan R (Sup)
1953	Baker, Frederick J K (Sup) Craig, Hughan M (Sup) McKay, Archibald W (Sup) Newman, Alan (Sup) Osborne, John H (Sup) Stubbs, David G (Sup)	1959 Bowen, Lewis A (Sup) Dine, Mervyn L Goudge, Stanley R (Sup) Griffith, Keith C (Sup) Hosking, John S Widdup, Robert W (Sup)
1954	Billinghurst, Noel D (Sup) Dickie, Arthur W (Sup) Hammond, George M (Sup) Heppelthwaite, Ernest (Sup)	1960 Brazendale, Graham (Sup)

	Gust, Warwick (Sup)		Mackie, Bruce E
	Hanson, E Francis I		West, Norman J
	Hornblow, Maxwell A (Sup)		
	Horrill, C Seton (Sup)	1966	Alexander, Roy M
	Mullan, David S (Sup)		Prince, Donald F
	Peterson, Frederick D (Sup)		Taylor, Keith J
	Wedding, P Joan (Sup)		West, Stanley J
1961	James, Russell E (Sup)	1967	Bennett, Enid J (Sup)
	Langley, John E (Sup)		Jamieson, Colin G (Sup)
	Marshall, C Russell (Sup)		Pratt, David C
	Sides, Brian W (Sup)		
	Wallace, William L (Sup)	1968	Allan, Robert A
1962	Bilverstone, John		Couch, Moke A G (Sup)
	Currie, John B		Hay, J Cedric
	Hawkey, Graham E		Hey, Roger J E
	Hornblow, Edgar R (Sup)		Jeyseelan, Wesley T
	Jones, Barry E		Leadley, Alan J
	Wakeling, W J Douglas (Sup)		McIver, Graeme M
	Woodley, Alan K (Sup)		Malcouronne, Brian J
			Meredith, John D
			Norwell, Ian C
			Phillipps, Donald J (Sup)
1963	Ansell, David H (Sup)	1969	Alley, David R
	Armstrong, David (Sup)		Brookes, Norman E
	Ball, Niven G (Sup)		Corlett, Ashley I
	Clarke, Ian L (Sup)		Eagle, Brian R J
	Laws, Derek G (Sup)		Griffiths, William D
	Miller, Barbara I (Sup)		Harkness, Barry G
	Tucker, W Geoffrey		Rigby, Russell G
			Turner, Brian H
1964	Felderhof, Ludwig (Sup)	1970	Smith, G Clive (Sup)
	Gerritsen, Hendrik		
	Neal, Barry W	1971	Blundell, Warren H (Sup)
	Sage, Constance G		Bowen, Lesley H
	(Deacon ret)		(retd Deacon)
	Slinn, Stuart G		Salmon, John B
	Ungemuth, Shirley .V	1971	Wright, Jack (Sup)
1965	Barnes, Stanley J	1972	Hauraki, Hana P (Sup)
	Chessum, William A (Sup)		MacLeod, D Ian
	Clarke, Edwin B		
	Herbert, C Brice (Sup)		

	West, Peter J L		Grant, Paul H
1973	Grant, Stuart C		Murray, John S
			Telford, Gillian A
1974	Burton, Restal A (Sup)	1981	Bell, David S
	Roberts, John H		Frith, Lynne O
1975	Bell, Anthony N		Noa, Nomani
	Jacobson, Patricia M (Sup)		Sa'o, Tanielu T (Sup)
	Moala, Taniela T		Tugia, A Fa'aoso (Sup)
	Pratt, G Douglas		Whaley, Graham H
	Sinclair, Paul F	1982	Clarke, Lois R H
	Tana, Diana A		Birtles, Margaret
1976	Greer, Michael W		(Deacon)
	Ieriko, Paulo		Hill, Desmond A
	White, Graeme R		(retd Deacon)
1977	Leary, Gordon A (Sup)		Hunt, P Anne (Deacon
	Webster, Alan C (Sup)		to 1992)
1978	Wall, Lynne J		Langley, Timothy J
	Wall, Terence W		McNicol, Derek V
	Upson, Alan R		Ferguson, I W Leslie
1979	Astley-Ford, H Mary (Sup)		Richards, Gillian M
	Bush, David J		Samoa Saleupolu, Aso T
	Ferguson, Robert A		Tregurtha, Rachel A
	Greenwood, I Marie		(Deacon)
	Little, Edith J (Sup)	1983	Burnett, Margaret E (Sup)
	Short, Robert D		Cubin, Raewyn (Deacon)
	Small, Brian N		Dickinson, Audrey N (Sup)
	Stroobant, Anthony D		Higham, B June (Deacon)
	Webster, Edna E		Hingano, Sifa
	(Deacon)		Kane, Graham A
1980	Anderson-Carter,		Oliver, J Allan
	Glenys R		Rosewell, Wendie
	Biggs, Donald F		Sedon, Ashley J
	Cooper, K Desmond	1984	Abbott, Bryant S L (Sup)
	Cumberpatch, Lindsay E		Elphick, Doris J
	Egli, Bruno W		Keesing, Neil R
	Elderton, William E		Ramsay, B Anne
			(Deacon until Jan '97)
			Springett, Margaret
			Wagh, Richard J

- 1985 Bowring, Stuart J
Caygill, Mary E
Gibson, June L.
(ret'd Deacon)
Lawry, A Joan
(ret'd Deacon)
Olsen, F Anne
Rogers, Douglas I
Smith, Kenneth R
Tupou, S Tavake
Watkin, Gillian M
Wicks, Raymond G (Sup)
- 1986 Barrow, Shirley-Joy
(Deacon)
Chandler, Clive H
Cooper, Mark F
Garner, Edna J (Sup)
Grant, John M
Allen-Goudge, Robyn D
Hallam, Valma E (Deacon)
Hight, Dianne C (Deacon)
Leadley, Colin S
Pond, H David (Sup)
Reid, Loraine J
Reynolds, Elva M
(ret'd Deacon)
- 1987 Ambler, Mavis
Baker, Marcia J (Sup)
Clover, Gary A M
Cochrane, Airdre R
(ret'd Deacon)
Mika, V Salafai
Reid, Rita J (Deacon)
Unasa-Su, Piula (ret'd Deacon)
Waugh, Jean M (Sup)
Wicks, Kay (Deacon)
- 1988 Bennett, John E (Sup)
Dombroski, Christopher R
- Emslie, Marian
Hughson, Gregory A
Shamy, Eileen L (Sup)
Southward, Gwenda J
Trebilco, Paul R
Westaway, Robyn E
- 1989 Bryant, David M (Deacon)
Bryant, Margaret I
(Deacon)
Bruce, G Jean
Dalton, R Harvey
(Deacon)
Fa'afuata, Fereti
Fawcner, Brenda R N
(Deacon)
Goodwin, Lorna J
(Deacon)
Johnston, Alexander C
(Sup)
Millar, M Anne
Manu'atu, Lisiate F T
Nesbit, John B (Sup)
Rice, William R
Sulzburger, Elva M J
(Deacon)
Webb, Ronald H
- 1990 Clifford, Kathy
Doubleday, Andrew D
Durrant, Joanne A
George, Norma J
McInnes, Jean I
(ret'd Deacon)
Rolinson, David T H
- 1991 Ancrum, Audrey P (Sup)
Clifford, William J
Fifita, Saula
Le Pine, Dianne
Manukia, Mosese
Olsen, Kenneth W
Takau, Salesi

	Taungapeau, 'Epeli Uasi, Langi'ila Yasa, Mike	1996	McLeod, Malcolm Taufa, Samiuela Tufuga, Fatuatia
1992	Fa'afuata, Iakopo Moa, Kepu Peterson, Brian C Peterson, Marion J Tu'itupou, Molia	1997	Abernethy, Gordon 'Akauola-Tongotongo, Sylvia Manu, Tavake Morunga, Christina Dargaville, Anne Vaeluaga, Sani, Williams, Kenneth
1993	Hunt, Stan (retd Deacon) Parkes, Judith Te'o, Suiva'aia Thompson, Susan J Zanders, Gloria J	1998	Anderson, Bruce Bromell, David Gibson, Mark Palelei, Alalafaga
1994	Alaelua, Faiva Boswell, Ruth Connole, Kevin Cook, Liz Filemoni, Tavita Siulangapo, 'Inoke Tregurtha, Paul Uhi, Siosifa Latu Wood, Chris		
1995	Bryant, George Kerr, Jessie Osborn, Beverley Stephenson, P Anne Unasa, Uesifili Vickers, Ralph Westaway, Francis		

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Besant, Mrs Joyce, 1 Arlington Street, Christchurch 5
Brown, Mrs Constance, 1 Armagh Tce, Marton
Brown, Mrs Mavis, 18 Baretta Street, Christchurch 2
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WELLINGTON - NOVEMBER 1997

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VICE-PRESIDENT	-	Mrs Susau Strickland
SECRETARY	-	Rev. Stan West

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CONFERENCE 1997

THE BUSINESS FROM DAY TO DAY

THURSDAY, 6 NOV.

8.30am - 9.00pm	Methodist AFFIRM	
9.00am	Pakeha Meeting <i>Convener:</i>	<i>Trinity Church Newtown 100 Riddiford Street</i>
10.15am	Morning Tea	
10.45am	Pakeha Meeting	
11.00am	Ordinands Retreat	
12.30pm	Lunch (for members of Pakeha Meeting)	
1.30pm	Pakeha Stationing	<i>Trinity Church</i>
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
4.00pm	Pakeha Stationing	
6.00pm	Evening Meal (for members of Pakeha Stationing)	
6.00pm	Bi-cultural Network Meeting	<i>Wesley Chapel</i>
7.30pm - 9.00pm	Pakeha Stationing	

FRIDAY, 7 NOV.

9.00am	Pakeha Stationing Bi-cultural Network Meeting	<i>Trinity Church</i>
9.00am-3.00pm	Methodist AFFIRM	
10.15am	Morning Tea	
10.45am	Tauiwi Forum	<i>Trinity Church</i>
12.30pm	Lunch for Tauiwi Forum members	
1.30pm	Tauiwi Forum	
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
4.00pm - 6.00pm	Tauiwi Forum	
5.30pm - 8.00pm	Wesley Historical Society Meal and Annual Meeting	<i>Drama Christi</i>
7.00pm	Law Revision Meeting	<i>Chapel</i>

SATURDAY, 8 NOV.

9.30am	<i>Conference Secretary, President & Vice-President meets with Conveners, Committee of Detail</i>	
10.30am - 12.30pm	Introduction to Conference	<i>Drama Christi</i>
11.00am	President's lunch with families of the deceased	<i>New Hall</i>
2.00pm	Powhiri	<i>Wesley Church</i>
	Conference Worship Induction of the President and Vice-President	
5.30pm	Rotuman Traditional Presentation	
6.00pm	Fiji Meal & Cultural Celebration	<i>New Hall</i>

SUNDAY, 9 NOV.

Morning Worship with Parishes

11.00am - 1.15pm	Lay Preachers Assn meeting Lunch (12.30 pm.)	<i>New Hall</i>
2.00pm	Ordination of Presbyters and Deacons	<i>Wesley Church</i>
4.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
5.00pm	Notices of Motion box cleared	
5.00pm	Conference Convenes Introductions & Acknowledgments Staff, Observers, Elders Those nominated for President-Elect and Vice-President-Elect	<i>Wesley Church</i>
	Questions 1-2, Questions 3-5 & 7 Questions 9-20 Law Revision (R) Notices of Motion Memorials	
6.00pm	Meal	<i>New Hall</i>
7.00pm	Recognition of those Retiring	<i>Wesley Church</i>

MONDAY, 10 NOV.

8.30am	Morning Prayers at Te Aro Park	
9.00am	Committee of Detail Meetings <i>NOTE: The business of Conference is considered in Committees of Detail before being presented to the Conference.</i>	
	Morning Tea (at Committee of Detail venues)	
1.00pm	Lunch	<i>New Hall</i>

MONDAY, cont'd

2.00pm	Taha Maori & Tauwi Meetings	<i>side Chapel Church</i>
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.30pm	Taha Maori & Tauwi Meetings cont'd	
6.00pm	Theological Reflection	<i>Church</i>
6.30pm	Evening Meal Notice of Motion Box cleared	
7.30pm	Celebration 'This is OUR Life' Conference receives the Reports of this year's activities of Standing Committees and Boards. Ex-President & Ex-Vice-President share with the Church	<i>Church</i>
	Thanksgiving Conference acknowledge the leadership of those who move from Connexional Appointments, etc.	
8.50pm	Close of day.	

TUESDAY, 11 NOV.

8.30am	Morning Prayers	
8.45am	Conference Session convenes - Notices of Motion	<i>Church</i>
	B. Communications/Organisations	
10.15am	Morning Tea	<i>New Hall</i>
10.45am	Questions 6 & 8 Reception Full Connexion Reception of the Stationing Sheet Process for selection of President and Vice-President	
12.30	Theological Reflection	
1.00pm	Lunch Deacons Luncheon Provident Society Meeting	<i>New Hall Chapel Drama Christi</i>

TUESDAY, cont'd.

2.00pm	J.	Taha Maori
3.30pm		Afternoon Tea
4.00pm	A.	Administration & Connexional Properties and Funds
6.00pm		Evening Meal
7.00pm	F.	Mission & Ecumenical
8.50pm		Close of day

WEDNESDAY, 12 NOV.

8.30am		Morning Prayers
8.45am	G.	Ministry & Mission Resourcing Units
10.15am		Morning Tea
10.45am	G.	Ministry & Mission Resourcing Units
12.30pm		Theological Reflection
1.00pm		Lunch
2.00pm	D.	Fiji-Samoan-Tongan
3.30pm		Afternoon Tea
4.00pm	C.	Faith & Order
5.00pm	I.	Social Services
6.00pm		Evening Meal
7.00pm		Theological Reflection
7.30	H.	Public Questions
8.50pm		Close of day

THURSDAY, 13 NOV.

8.30am		Morning Prayers
8.45am	K.	Welfare of the Church
10.00am		Remaining Questions Unfinished Business Concluding activities
11.00am		Morning Tea
11.30am		Covenant Service
12.30pm		Lunch

**Please note these times may vary during
the course of the Conference.**

COMMITTEES OF DETAIL - BUSINESS:

- A. ADMINISTRATION/CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES & FUNDS:** *St Johns No. 2.*
Convener: Donald Phillipps
Administration Division
Investment Board
Methodist Trust Association
Methodist Provident Society
P.A.C. Distribution Group
Robert Gibson
James and Martha Trounson Trust
- B. COMMUNICATION/ORGANISATIONS** *St John's No. 1*
Convener: Ruth Bilverstone
Media
PAC Communications Endowment
Epworth Bookshop
Lay Preachers
Women's Fellowship
Community of Women and Men
Methodist AFFIRM
Wesley Historical Society
- C. FAITH & ORDER** *Epworth Centre*
Convener: Terry Wall
Faith and Order
- D. FIJI-SAMOAN-TONGAN** *Congregational Church*
Conveners: Lupeti Fihaki
Aso Samoa Saleupolu
Tevita Finau
Fiji Advisory Committee
Tongan Advisory Committee
Samoa Synod
- F. MISSION & ECUMENICAL** *St Peters*
Conveners: Ian Faulkner
Council for Mission and
Ecumenical Co-operation
Christian World Services
CCANZ
Council of Mission Review

G. MISSION & MINISTRY RESOURCING UNIT

*Salvation Army
Citadel*

Convener:

- Mission Unit** - Ministry matters
- Educational Ministry
- English Speaking Youth
- Church Union
- Forum of Co-operative Ventures
- Futures Task Group
- Chaplaincies
- Wesley College
- Ministry Unit** - Trinity College

H. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

*Laughton House
(Presbyterian
Church H.Q.)*

Convener: Fletcher Thomas
Public Questions

I. SOCIAL SERVICES

*Wesley Mission
Board Room*

Convener: Chris Wood
Methodist Mission Aotearoa
Auckland Methodist Mission
Wesley Wellington Mission
Christchurch Methodist Mission
Dunedin Methodist Mission

J. TE TAHA MAORI

Chapel

Convener: Markus Rogers/Elaine Dell
Taha Maori
Grey Institute Trust
Wellington Charitable Trust

K. WELFARE OF THE CHURCH *Drama Christi*

Convener: Norman West/Nicola Grundy
Welfare of the Church
Council of Conference
Bicultural Committee
Restructuring Task Group
Central Complaints Committee
Disputes/Discipline - National Church

DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR CONFERENCE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

At Conference new ways of making decisions have been used for some years. It now seems appropriate to collate those which have been helpful and to make them known, so Conference members can become familiar with them. It is expected that many of the methods detailed here will also be appropriate for use at district and parish level.

The primary goal of the decision-making process outlined is to enable Taha Maori (Tangata Whenua, the people who are the land) and the Tauwi (the people who came later and settled here) - partners of Te Hahi Weteriana o Atoearoa, the Methodist Church of New Zealand - to make decisions which demonstrate partnership.

The church has discovered that the Westminster Parliamentary method did not do this and was appropriate for only some sections of the partnership, so more equitable ways have been sought and tried.

Facilitation of the partnership decision-making process requires particular skills, which not all elected leaders will have developed, so an experienced facilitator may be asked by the President or Vice-President to lead the Conference at such times.

PRINCIPLES

The following are principles for making decisions in a manner which demonstrates Taha Maori/Tauwi partnership:

- A decision is made only when it is clear that both partners - i.e. Taha Maori and Tauwi - can state that they agree with the suggested decision.
- Taha Maori or Tauwi may caucus at any time in the process to work out their position.
- Partners may choose their own language for the discussion. (Tauwi will need to decide the language(s) appropriate for them).
- When the partners do not agree, no decision can be made. Instead, a process will be established which may lead to agreement in the future.
- The Council of Elders will monitor the process and may guide it.

DECISION-MAKING STRATEGIES:

1. Consensus is a term often used when general agreement rather than majority rule is a group's aim. "Consensus", as generally understood in relation to decision-making in large groups, enables:

- participation by a larger number of members
- the opportunity for minority opinions to be acknowledged
- a greater chance of obtaining unity of purpose in a group with a variety of values
- more stable, longer-lasting decisions.

Consensus does not mean unanimity or total agreement. Rather it is the group agreeing to work together in a certain way, even though some members might prefer not to, e.g.

"We are prepared to support this decision because:

- it is for the good of the group
- we see it is so important
- we feel that our viewpoint has been adequately expressed
- we are prepared to live with the decision".

In consensus decision-making, if it is clear that no agreement is possible at the time of the discussion, the topic is adjourned and plans made for other approaches which may lead to consensus in the future. In the meantime the status quo will continue.

The process of seeking consensus can use a number of techniques which may assist the group to reach its general agreement. Some of these are:

- caucussing
- brainstorming to collect ideas
- buzzing in pairs or threes to clarify a position
- dividing into small groups to respond to the same or different parts of the topic
- having a prepared presentation of the issues involved
- adjourning the topic till later in the agenda and having two or three people work at finding an alternative way forward
- a majority decision
- straw votes to give an indication of the mind of the group
- having members indicate non-verbally if they agree/disagree with the ideas being expressed
- identifying common ground and then working on areas of difference
- asking those with a different opinion if recording their view will enable them to live with the decision.

2. **Caucussing** is a method used in large groups to assist decision making. It is a meeting of group(s) within the larger group. Caucussing enables any group to clarify its position on the business in hand. Conference does not continue when it divides into Taha Maori/Tauiwi caucus groups, so it is not appropriate for the President, Vice-President, or facilitator of the Conference to continue facilitating any of the smaller groups. In the Conference Taha Maori or Tauiwi can call for their group to caucus, but only if doing so seems likely to assist the full group to reach a decision.

There are 3 ways for this to happen:

- (a) The person presiding over the Conference may determine that caucussing is appropriate.
- or (b) Tauiwi may call for a caucus.
- or (c) Taha Maori may call for a caucus.

Conference then divides into Taha Maori and Tauiwi groups. The people who facilitate the full Conference do not lead the small groups, so these groups need to have their own facilitators ready.

Caucus process:

Each group decides its own process for establishing its position on the topic.

- (a) They may work in one group
- or (b) They may divide into smaller caucus groups, e.g. ethnic, gender, district or interest groups, who discuss their position regarding the topic.

The sub group(s) come to their decision so they rejoin the larger group and report their position. Then that group seeks to reach agreement. This continues until all the sub-groups have rejoined the caucus. A sub-group may decide it cannot reach an agreed position but that it is prepared to support the one reached by the full group.

If at any time a sub-group cannot reach an agreed position and this prevents a decision being reached by the full group, then the sub-group may ask for a specified time to explore other approaches if that is expect to result in an eventual decision.

The Caucus then discusses its position to see if it has been able to reach a common mind. If it has, the caucus rejoins the Conference.

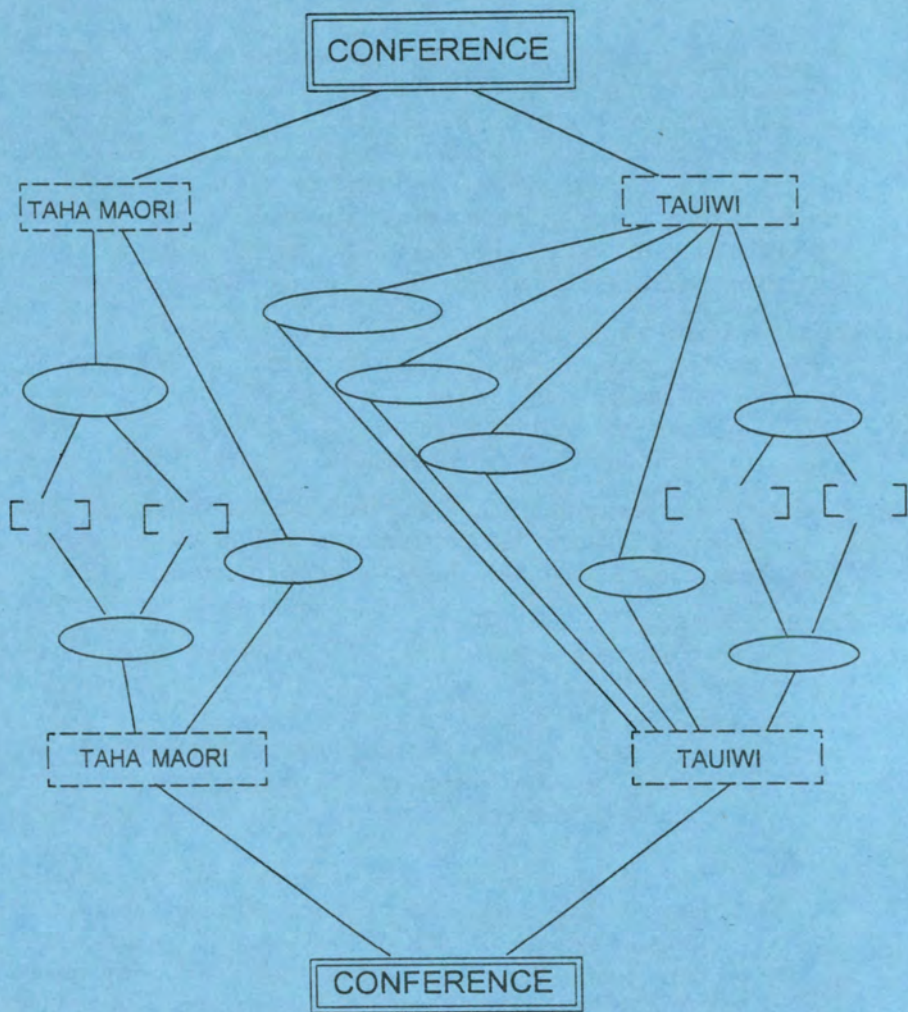


DIAGRAM OF
POSSIBLE CAUCUS
PROCESS

Key: CONFERENCE Full Conference Group
TAHA MAORI Partners of Conference
TAUIWI Sub-groups of Tauwi /Taha Maori caucuses
[] Sub-groups of a sub-group

What does the Conference do?

When Taiuiwi and Taha Maori groups rejoin, Conference reconvenes, so the person presiding resumes his/her role. Normally, the group which called the caucus reports first, then the other group reports its position. If the person presiding called the caucus, he/she will determine the order of reporting back. Then the whole Conference works toward a consensus decision.

When the process is complete the person presiding shall make a clear statement of the decision.

MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES:

Consensus decision-making requires a high level of member responsibility and individuals need to be aware of how they can contribute in a helpful manner. Members should:

- expect to contribute briefly, to the point, and only once on a topic
- prepare what they have to say and speak only if that point has not already been made
- contribute material if it assists the discussion or reconciles an apparent difference
- keep silent if they cannot contribute in a way which aids the discussion.

SUMMARY

- Conference decision-making has for some time been evolving toward a process which demonstrates Taha Maori-Taiuiwi partnership agreement and enables full participation from all member groups.
- Consensus agreement using caucus groups, and other methods of assisting decision-making, is an appropriate mode for making partnership decisions.
- For such processes to be successful all group members need to participate in an informed and responsible manner.
- Facilitation of these processes is a skilled task and the President and Vice President may request experienced people to lead some sessions.

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.)

FUNCTION - COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The Council of Elders shall enable and assist the Church in its Bicultural Journey by seeking to model the equal partnership prefigured in the Treaty in the Treaty of Waitangi, and specifically it may:

- (a) monitor recommendations of all Conference Committees and Boards of the Conference, and
- (b) reflect and comment on the style, work and priorities of all Conference Committees and Boards, and
- (c) refer back for further consideration any report or recommendation which the Council of Elders considers will hinder or divert the Church from its Bicultural Journey, and
- (d) report each year to the Conference

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| 1020 Kaikohe Union | - |
| 1030 Bay of Islands Co-op | - |
| 1040 Kaeo-Kerikeri Union | - |
| 1050 North Hokianga Community | - |
| 1060 South Hokianga Co-op. | - |
| 1070 Hikurangi Union | - |
| 1080 Whangarei Uniting Church | - |
| 1090 Dargaville | - |
| 1100 Ruawai Co-operating | - |
| 1120 Wellsford Co-op. | - |
| 1130 St John's Raumanga | - Michael Dymond |
| 1140 St Paul's Kamo | - |
| 1150 Otamatea Co-op | - |

2000 AUCKLAND DISTRICT

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| | - Ivan Whyte |
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| 2040 Auckland East | - Jane Alo |
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-	- Motuopuaa Lauaki
	- Ken Skinner
	- Sheila Thorne
2120 Te Atatu Union	-
2130 Devonport	- Karl Tu'inukuafe
2140 Takapuna	- June Dewhurst
	- Harry Dewhurst
2150 Birkenhead	- Judy Cooper
2160 Glenfield Anglican/Methodist Community Church	-
2180 Northcote	- Kathleen Brant
2270 South Kaipara Co-op.	-
2280 Whangaparaoa	- Joan Braddock
2290 Mahurangi	-
2300 St Austell's Co-op.	-
2310 Waterview	-
2320 East Coast Bays	-
2330 Lynfield Co-op	-
2340 Auckland-Manukau Tongan Parish	- Kilifi Heimuli
	- Moi Kaufononga
	- 'Evaline Ha'angana
2370 Auckland-Samoan Parish	- Limu Isaia

2400 MANUKAU DISTRICT

2410 Howick Pakuranga	- Jonathan Lane
	- Peter Williamson
2420 Manurewa	-
2430 Papakura	- Myra Smith
	- Tulua Seulupe
2440 Pukekohe	- Russell Officer
2450 Tuakau Union	-
2460 Franklin West Co-op.	- Audrey Bruce
2470 Bucklands Beach Co-op	-
2480 Papatoetoe Otara	- Muaimalae Aiolutepotea
	- Ofa Dewes
-	-
2490 Mangere Otahuhu	- Apulu Apulu
	- Ivan Hall
	- Peter Letiu

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3010 Thames Union	-	
3020 Hauraki Plains Co-op.	-	
3030 Paeroa Co-operating	-	
3040 Waihi Beach/Waihi	-	
3050 Te Aroha Co-op.	-	Lynnette McInnes
3060 Morrinsville	-	
3070 Cambridge Union	-	Chris Astridge
3080 Hamilton	-	Rhonda Gibbison
	-	Hilda Schroeder
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3090 Raglan Union	-	Barbara Kennett
3100 Hamilton East	-	
3110 Chartwell Co-op.	-	
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3120 Ngaruawahia Union	-	Kirk Spragg
3130 Huntly Co-op.	-	
3140 Matamata Union	-	Ron Keightley
3150 Putaruru Co-op.	-	
3160 Tokoroa	-	
3170 Rotorua	-	Dorothy Dyson
3180 Taupo Union	-	Christine Hardwick
3190 Western Bay of Plenty	-	Alison Kehely
	-	Elaine Short
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3200 St James Union	-	
3210 Te Puke/Maunganui	-	Veronica Lowe
3220 Whakatane Co-op.	-	Betty Rondon
3230 Kawerau	-	Alan Speirs
3240 Opotiki Union	-	Alan Young
3250 Te Awamutu	-	
3260 Otorohanga	-	
3280 St Paul's Co-operating Parish (Taumarunui)	-	
3290 Turangi Co-op.	-	
3330 Hillcrest Co-op.	-	
	-	
3340 Pio Pio-Aria Mokau Co-op.	-	
3350 Omokoroa Co-operating	-	
3360 Dinsdale - Parish of St Clare	-	
3390 All Saints (Bryant Park) Co-op.	-	Mary West
3400 Whangamata Co-operating	-	

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4020 Waitara	-	David Baird
4030 Stratford	-	Lois Wharton
4040 Eltham-Kaponga Co-op.	-	
4050 Hawera	-	
4060 Manaia Union	-	
4070 Opunake Co-op.	-	
4080 Okato Co-op.	-	
4090 Wanganui	-	Audrey Cox
4110 Inglewood Union	-	
4120 Patea Co-op.	-	
4130 Bell Block Lepperton Co-op	-	

5000 HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

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5020 Hastings	-	Edna Peachey
	-	Megan Schmidt
	-	Olive Tanielu
	-	Tau Lasi
5040 Gisborne	-	
5050 Mangapapa Union	-	
5060 Presbyterian-Methodist Parish of Wairoa	-	
5070 Dannevirke	-	
5080 Woodville Union	-	
5090 Pahiatua Union	-	
5100 Palmerston North	-	Miriell Fisher
	-	Jan Fogg
5110 Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe-Pohangina	-	
5120 Feilding-Oroua	-	Rae Scammell
5130 Marton	-	Duclie Powell
5140 Rongotea-Sanson Co-op.	-	
5150 Foxton/Shannon Co-operatiang	-	
5160 Tamatea Community Church	-	
5170 Waipawa Co-op.	-	
5180 Milson Community Church	-	

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	- Manasa Rayasi
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	- Catherine Gibson
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6050 Miramar Uniting	- Brian Chisholm
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6070 Johnsonville Union	- Margaret Inch
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	- Bob Hopkirk
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	- Kitty Young
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6160 Greytown St Andrews Union	-
6170 Featherston Union	-
6180 Carterton Union	- Margaret Hall
6190 Masterton St Lukes Union	-
6200 St James, Masterton Union	-
6220 Levin	- Brian Sutton
6230 Otaki	-
6240 Kapiti Co-op.	- George Forster
6250 Hataitai-Kilbirnie Co-op.	-
6260 North Wairarapa Rural Sup Ministry	-
6270 Brooklyn Co-op.	-
6280 Karori-Northland Uniting	-

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7020 Nelson, St Luke's Union	-
7030 Waimea	- Beverley Pullar

7040 Motueka-Moutere Hills Regional Co-op.	-	
7060 Murchison	-	
7070 Blenheim	-	Elspeth Wells
	-	
7080 Picton Union	-	
7090 Reefton District Union	-	
7100 Buller Union	-	
7110 Greymouth District Union	-	
7120 Hokitika Union	-	

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8020 Christchurch South	-	Cherryl Brown
8030 Christchurch East	-	
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8040 New Brighton Union	-	Helen Buxton
8050 Sumner-Redcliffs-Lyttelton Union	-	
8060 South East Christchurch Union	-	
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8090 Beckenham-Sydenham	-	Alison Greening
8110 Halswell Union	-	
8120 Christchurch (Riccarton/Hornby)	-	Garth Cant
	-	Ruth Bilverstone
8140 Christchurch North	-	
8160 Lincoln Union	-	
8170 Ellesmere Co-op.	-	
8180 Kaiapoi Co-op.	-	
8190 Rangiora	-	Beryl Ward
8200 Malvern Co-op.	-	
8210 Oxford District Union	-	
8220 Parklands Co-op.	-	
3250 St Albans Uniting Parish	-	
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8330 St David's Marchwiell Union	-

8350 Waimate	-	
8360 Geraldine Co-op.	-	
8380 Ashburton	-	George Aitken
8390 Allenton Union	-	
8400 Oamaru Union	-	Alan Birtles

9000 OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

9020 Dunedin Mission	-	Martin Anderson
	-	
Dunedin Parish	-	Janet Marsh
	-	Anne Abernethy
9070 Grant's Braes Union	-	
9080 Tokomairiro Co-op.	-	
9090 Balclutha	-	
9110 Invercargill	-	Audrey Leadley
	-	
9120 Riverton Union	-	
9130 Otautau-Waiono Union	-	Judith Day
9150 Bluff Co-op.	-	
9160 Teviot Union	-	
9170 Alexandra-Clyde-Lauder Union	-	
9190 Flagstaff Co-op.	-	
9220 Blueskin Co-op.	-	
9230 Lawrence	-	
9240 Kaikorai Union	-	
9250 Brockville Union	-	

TE TAHA MAORI

Kaiarahi	-	Paewhenua Nathan
	-	Te Rua Winiata
Hui Poari	-	Elaine Dell
Rangatahi	-	Kataraina Thompson
	-	Lana Lazarus
	-	Susan Rogers
Lay Representatives	-	Timaru Rogers
	-	Kiri Haretuku
	-	Lillian Vaoga
	-	Freda McRae
	-	Bill Nathan
	-	Charlotte Rountree

Council of Conference

- Aroha Houston
- Riripeti Polwart
- Markus Rogers
- Ripia Rountree

**REPRESENTATIVES OF DEPARTMENTS,
COMMITTEES AND FUNDS--**

Administration Division

- Donald Phillipps

Mission Resourcing Unit

-

Ministry Resourcing Unit (Trinity College)

- Robyn Brown
- Charlie Fenwick

-

-

Ministry Resourcing Unit (College Council)

- Douglas Pratt

Youth Directors

- Russell Fleete

-

Youth Representatives

- Patisepa Saafi
- Siniva Moli
- Leisa Kama
- Rajieli Langi
- Sifaga Sao-Aiavao
- Naomi Toaga
- Clare Wall

-

Council for Mission and

Ecumenical Co-operation

- Ian Faulkner

Methodist Affirm

-

Samoan Synod

- Lani Tupu

-

Tongan Advisory Committee

- Tevita Finau
- Senorita Laukau

Fiji Advisory Committee

- Lupeti Fihaki
- Akisi Renner
- Rupeni Balawa

President's Legal Adviser

- Geoff Peak

N Z Women's Fellowship

- Alison Kane
- Robin Nacagilevu

Wesley College Trust Board

- Graeme Cowley

N Z Lay Preachers' Assn

- Jayne Alexander

Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowments	- Neville Price
Grey Institute Trust	-
Robert Gibson Trust	- Alan Hughson
N Z Methodist Trust Assn)	
Investment Board	- Barbara Lawrence
Wesley Historical Society	- Verna Mossong
Community of Women and Men in Church and Society	- Olive Bain
Council of Elders	- Bella Ngaha
	- Rua Rakena
	- Pari Waaka
	- Vonnie Keightley
	- Wendie Rosewell
	-
Connexional and other Appointments	- Judy Allison
	- Winifred Murray
	- Graham Weir
	-
Tauiwi Forum	- Margaret Hamilton
	- Helen Hay
	- Diane Paterson
	- Matthew Roberts
	- Betty Watson
District Superintendents	- Barbara Halliwell
	- Barbara Lawrence
Council of Conference	- Nicola Grundy
	- Jan Tasker
	- Fletcher Thomas

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES APPOINTED TO UNION AND CO-OPERATING PARISHES

-
- Tom Etuata
-
- Karima Faiai
- Roger Gillies
- Alan Hawksworth

- Peter Kennett
- Fogatia Lavea Levi
- Elizabeth Mansill
- Alison Molineux
- John Peill
- Leonard Pierce
- Rai Sporry
- Barbara Stephens
- Nancy-Jean Whitehead

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

- Sione Finau Ha'angana
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ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

- David Smith
- John Heberton
- Jill van de Geer
-

ORDINANDS:

- Abernethy, Gordon
- Christina Morunga
- Fatuatia Tufuga
-

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

- Sylvia 'Akau'ola-Tongotongo
- Ken Williams
- David Bromell
- Tavake Manu
- Ravai Rennell
- Sani Vaeluaga

OFFICIAL OBSERVERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES:

Anglican

- Rev Canon John McCaul
-

Associated Churches of Christ

- Mr Bryan Whisker
-

Baptist Union of New Zealand

-

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

-

Roman Catholic Church

- Mrs Patricia Belgrave
-

Salvation Army Church

-
-

President, Methodist Church in Fiji

- Rev Dr Ilaitia S Tuwere

Forum of Co-operative Ventures

-

Christian World Service

- Jill Hawkey

OBSERVERS:

(People who have indicated that they will be attending Conference but without the right to vote.)

- Taiana Anderson
- Beryl Beitcher
- Helen Bowick
- Jan Cormack
- Craig Forbes
- Elizabeth Hopner
- Fatanika Levi
- June Stichbury
- Lyn West
- Peg Young
- Sione Fukofuka
- Diane Gilliam-Weeks
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**REPORTS FROM
CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES
AND BOARDS
WELLINGTON**

**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Hāhi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON THE CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

SECTION A

1996-97 Connexional Budget

Contributions from Parishes toward the wider work of the Church through the Connexional Budget totalled \$839,270 for the year to 30 June 1997. This amount represented 97.1%, of the targets set at the beginning of the year, which totalled \$864,279. In the previous year parish contributions totalled 853,998 which also represented 97.1% of the targets. Contributions from parishes continued to decline with a decrease of around 1.7% over contributions made in the previous year.

After taking account of the other income received into the Connexional Budget which amounted to \$63,081, paying the direct costs of operating the Connexional Budget as well as paying the Ecumenical Groups whose funding is guaranteed, the other recipients from the Connexional Budget received payments which equated to 96.8% of their original allocations

Budget Requests 1996-97

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Net Amount Allocated</u>
Divisions/Committees	3,586,141	3,568,174
Recipients of guaranteed funding	<u>89,910</u>	<u>85,410</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 3,676,051</u>	<u>\$ 3,653,584</u>

To be funded from:

	<u>Net Amount Allocated</u>	<u>Actually received</u>
Connexional Budget from Parishes:		
Recipients of guaranteed funding	85,410	90,130
Divisions/Committees etc	<u>826,797</u>	<u>795,406</u>
	912,207	885,536
Special grants	50,000	56,750
Other funds etc.	3,058,097	3,058,097
Total requirements for the wider work of the Church	<u>\$ 4,020,304</u>	<u>\$ 4,000,203</u>

(i) Receipts from both Methodist and Union Parishes

	<u>Allocations</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$	\$	%
1996-97	864,279	839,270	97.1
1995-96	879,171	853,998	97.1
1994-95	899,990	873,659	97.1
1993-94	924,995	877,935	94.9
1992-93	944,958	918,375	97.2

(ii) Results from parishes

	<u>Fully Paid</u>		<u>Not Fully</u>	
	Methodist	Union	Methodist	Union
1996-97	64	71	13	47
1995-96	68	62	9	51
1994-95	66	69	15	47
1993-94	60	66	20	46
1992-93	67	73	14	40

(b) Percentage of Budget Allocation reached from Parishes:

	<u>Methodist</u>			<u>Union</u>		
	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Contri- bution</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Contri- bution</u>	<u>%</u>
1996-97	638,234	610,988	95.7	226,045	228,282	101.6
1995-96	672,379	662,234	98.5	206,792	191,764	92.7
1994-95	704,905	678,150	96.2	211,457	195,510	92.5
1993-94	726,431	682,797	94.0	217,882	195,138	89.6
1992-93	717,652	704,688	98.2	227,306	213,687	94.0

(iii) Payments to Divisions and Committees

<u>Guaranteed</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Payment</u>
	\$	\$
Forum of Cooperative Ventures	19,100	24,030
Conference of Churches in Aotearoa	20,000	20,000
Tertiary Chaplaincies	12,500	12,500
Travel and Study Grants Fund	9,300	9,300
Churches Education Commission	6,000	6,000
Programme on racism within NZ	5,000	5,000
World Council of Churches	4,500	4,500
Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi	2,720	2,720
WCC 1998 Assembly	2,500	2,500
Christian Conference of Asia	1,100	1,100
WCC Programme to combat racism	1,075	1,075
World Methodist Council	1,090	880
WCC Central Committee - Travel	525	525
	<u>85,410</u>	<u>90,130</u>

<u>Non-Guaranteed</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Payment</u>	
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	
Mission Resourcing Unit	267,684	259,215	
Ministry Resourcing Unit	180,000	174,305	
Connexional Expenses	177,468	171,853	
Council for Mission Ecumenical Affairs	83,667	81,020	
CROSSLINK	45,000	43,576	
Samoan Synod	16,500	15,978	
Epworth Bookshop	15,000	14,526	
Tongan Advisory Committee	12,400	12,008	
Fiji Advisory Committee	5,341	5,172	
Churches Broadcasting Commission	1,000	968	
RESPONSE (Joint Stewardship)	0	0	
Te Taha Maori	0	0	
Budget Contingency Reserve	5,737	0	
Overseas Aid-			
2% of parish contributions	<u>17,000</u>	<u>16,785</u>	
	<u>826,797</u>	<u>795,406</u>	96.8
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 912,207</u>	<u>\$ 885,536</u>	97.7

(iv) **Payments to Divisions and Committees:**

	<u>Guaranteed</u>	<u>Non-Guaranteed</u>	<u>Percentage Paid to Non-Guaranteed</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
1996-97	90,130	795,406	96.8
1995-96	80,568	785,647	88.1
1994-95	79,738	762,756	90.1
1993-94	90,097	834,479	94.9
1992-93	89,085	953,877	97.5

SECTION B

1997-98 Year

Members of the Connexional Budget Task Group for the current year are; Stan West, Ruth Silverstone, Paewhenua Nathan, Te Rua Winiata, David Annett, Jan Leman Christiansen, Norman Brookes and Ashley Sedon with secretarial support from David White of the Administration Division.

The process that was followed to establish the Connexional Budget for presentation to the Council of Conference was the same as used in the previous year. This required the task group to establish an initial budget and report which was circulated amongst Synods and spending groups for discussion and comment prior to preparing the report for the Council of

Conference. The task group acknowledges that the timetable being followed gives little opportunity for discussion and dialogue at parish or congregational level. While it would be preferred to enable wider discussion on the proposed budget, it is felt that the process of setting the budget cannot be started earlier and the deadline for the completion of setting the budget can not be moved.

From the difference between the initial requests for funding from the Connexional Budget and amount being offered by parishes through Districts was a shortfall \$175,305. As has been the case in the last two or three years the shortfall results from a decrease in the amount being contributed toward the budget rather than increasing expenditure from the asking groups. The task group noted the significant contribution which the connexional banking arrangement makes to the budget and strongly urges any Methodist parishes and other Methodist church group who operates an account outside of the Bank of New Zealand arrangement to transfer to the banking arrangement that the Church has negotiated with the Bank of New Zealand.

In light of the reducing contributions to the Connexional Budget, the task group has challenged those Districts, the Samoan Synod and the Auckland Manakau Tongan Parish where the level of contribution is less than the national average to increase the giving to the level of the national average over the next three years.

The Budget, which was adopted by the Council of Conference for the year for the year to 30 June 1998, was:

Contributions from Parishes

Northland	15,300	
Auckland	220,000	
Manukau	78,903	
Waikato – Bay of Plenty	125,000	
Taranaki – Wanganui	31,090	
Hawkes Bay – Manawatu	62,352	
Wellington	127,720	
Nelson	38,960	
North Canterbury	112,004	
South Canterbury	34,060	
Otago – Southland	25,654	
Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish	50,000	
Te Taha Maori	<u>10,000</u>	931,043
Special Account Grant		46,500
Connexional Legacies and Other		<u>10,000</u>
Total Income		\$ <u>987,543</u>

Allocations to Divisions & Committees

<u>Guaranteed</u>	<u>Amount requested</u>	<u>Amount allocated</u>
	\$	\$
Forum of Cooperative Ventures	22,000	22,000
Conference of Churches in Aotearoa	20,000	20,000
Travel and Study Grants Fund	18,300	15,000
Tertiary Chaplaincies	12,500	12,500
Programme on racism within NZ	5,000	5,000
World Council of Churches	4,500	4,500
Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi	2,720	2,720
WCC 1998 Assembly	2,500	2,500
Christian Conference of Asia	1,100	1,100
World Methodist Council	1,090	1,090
WCC Programme to combat racism	1,075	1,075
Churches Broadcasting Commission	1,000	1,000
WCC Central Committee – Travel	525	525
	<u>\$ 92,310</u>	<u>\$ 89,010</u>

<u>Non-Guaranteed</u>	<u>Amount requested</u>	<u>Amount allocated</u>
	\$	\$
Mission Resourcing Unit	288,677	281,677
Connexional Expenses	240,832	224,665
Ministry Resourcing Unit	213,500	193,500
Council for Mission Ecumenical Affairs	75,300	70,000
CROSSLINK	45,000	41,000
Epworth Bookshop	45,000	36,536
Samoan Synod	23,100	10,000
Tongan Advisory Committee	12,400	12,400
Fiji Advisory Committee	5,340	5,320
Te Taha Maori	0	0
Board of Administration	0	0
Overseas Aid-		
2% of parish contributions	17,000	16,855
	<u>\$ 966,149</u>	<u>\$ 891,953</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 1,058,459</u>	<u>\$ 980,963</u>

The Council of Conference notes with appreciation the commitment of Taha Maori to contribute toward the work of the Connexional Budget.

In making this report to Conference, attention is drawn to the significant work that is made possible through the contributions made by Parishes to the Connexional Budget. For Te Hahi Weteriana being part of the Connexion is important, and it is this Connexional Church, which

includes Cooperative ventures, that becomes possible through the Connexional Budget.

The Budget enables the support for the Mission and Ministry Resourcing Units, Overseas Missions and the ongoing work of the various Committees as approved by Conference. In this way the Budget enables the Church to give expression to, and the carrying out of, the Mission statement.

Connexional Budget Task Group

This task group of the Council of Conference for 1998 will consist of; President, Vice-President, General Secretary, three person appointed by Taha Maori and three persons appointed by Tauwi. The Tauwi Council is to consider the Tauwi members of the Connexional Budget Task Group and will report to Conference.

SUGGESTED DECISION

1. The report be received



TE TAHA MAORI REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1997

*Kia whai korooria te Atua ora i runga, i raro, i waho, i roto.
Kia mau te rongo ki te whenua me te whakaaro pai ki ngaa taangata katoa.
Nga mate o te tau kua pahure nei ko Whati Rountree, ko wai atu, ko wai atu.
E moe mai, e moe mai, moe mai i roto te Ariki.
E ngaa iwi, e ngaa reo, e ngaa huihuinga taangata. Tena koutou, tena koutou,
tena koutou katoa.*

SHARING WHAT HAS HAPPENED

THEOLOGY AND LITURGY SHIFTS

Shifts in God understandings with consequent liturgy shifts was central to our 1996 report to Conference. In the presentation on the floor of Conference all members were invited to reflect on the theological shifts they would like to see taking place in our church. These were collated and reflected on in the report "*God For Tomorrow?*" which was distributed earlier this year. It indicates that there are people in the wider church seeking fresh God understandings and ways of being church for today and the future. Te Taha Maori seems not to be alone in seeking theological shifts within the church.

Identifying and clarifying our God understandings has continued into 1997. This has seen members continue to opt for *ka ora theological understandings that liberate and empower, that are both life centred and life enhancing*, and move us forward in ways that are more relevant to *te ao hurihuri* (the ever changing world). The comments of a Maori Member of Parliament on the Ten Commandments and the Treaty of Waitangi, were of particular interest, providing an opportunity for us to reflect further on the relationship of our God, Jesus Christ and Biblical understandings to the Treaty and our Aotearoa context of mission today. Council of Conference reflections on this theme were also encouraging.

As liturgy is an expression theology, we have also explored further the matter of liturgy shifts. Discussion has centred on liturgical expressions which reflect a more relevant theology and are more appropriate to *te ao hurihuri*.

SOCIAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONCERNS

Globalisation has again been a key agenda topic this year. Included in the discussion has been the effect of the **Multilateral Agreement on Investment** on Maori and indeed all Indigenous Peoples. Having seen a draft of the

proposal it is easier to understand why there has been a cloak of secrecy surrounding its content.

The trend towards globalisation is counter to the gospel. The focus marginalises the poor and centres on the supremacy of the most powerful nations. The free market system is about commodities. God's freedom is about the wholeness of life and all creation.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Education programmes and training wananga continue to be the way in which Te Taha Maori strives to achieve its goals of enabling every member to be a minister - within his/her own whaanau and community/rohe and producing our own resources for nurture and growth in the faith; for continuing education, ministry and mission in the world.

Hui Poari

The first session of every Hui Poari focuses on *Theological Shifts in Aotearoa* as outlined earlier. These sessions are participant centred with a short introduction and an evening of discussion. John Robert's written resources have then been made available to Te Taha Maori members. The Social, Political, Economic concerns' session often makes links with the theology session and focuses on concerns of the day as mentioned in the previous section of the report.

Hui Waahine

Whakatuora was the venue for the 1997 hui, the theme of which was *Waahine Maori I Tenei Ao Hurihuri*.

Enabling Team Consultations

The Enabling Team met in February, May and September at Whakatuora from a Monday to Wednesday or Sunday to Tuesday. The purpose of the consultation is for forward planning, reviewing of work, staff development, and when appropriate, meeting with another section of the Hahi to share information or discuss matters of common concern. The Tumuaki led a lively session in May on *Karakia Tawhito/Hou*. This theme was then continued at other hui. Supervision, work diaries, recent resources we have produced, and a critique of facilitation skills are other agenda items.

Training of Minita-a-Iwi Candidates

Candidates in training under the new process during 1997 were Jack Whitikia, Glen Katu, Sonny Tamou, Kiri Haretuku, Bella Ngaha, Lillian Vaoga, Sonny Livingstone, Wiremu Waioimio, Te Raumoa Kawiti, Horotai Tito, and Patrick Briggs. John Roberts (for Taranaki) and Diana Tana (for Tamaki ki te Rerenga Wairua) are doing the key supervision work with assistance from Paewhenua Nathan, Brian Eagle and trained Minita-a-Iwi. Most of the candidates named will be continuing their training in 1998. The names of those who have completed their training are taken to the September Hui Poari and subsequently named at Hui Toopu.

Minita-a-Iwi Annual Wananga

This hui was held in July at Whakatuora. The theme of *Theological Shifts in Karakia* provided an opportunity for Minita-a-Iwi to critique the liturgies they are currently using in terms of Ka ora and Ka mate theology; to look at the great variety of events they are asked to provide karakia for; to look at ways in which shifts may be made and to write a liturgy in a more ka ora way.

Minita-a-Iwi for 1998

TAMAKI KI TE RERENGA WAIRUA: Mere Cassidy, Timaru Rogers, Winiata Morunga, Rex Nathan, Te Uru Heta, Matiu Rakena, Waha Wiki, Markus Rogers, Ripia Rountree, Hemi Rauwhero;

Authorised to Administer the Sacraments: Te Waihoroi Tana (to the sick and dying)

WAIKATO TE ROHE POTAE: Sunnah Thompson, Hao Erueti, Tiaki Taiawa, Sam Grace, Mara Tupaea, John Kopa, Tata Keepa, Philip Te Uira,

TARANAKI, OTAUTAHU, PONEKE: Riripeti Polwart

FINANCE AND PROPERTIES

Finance

At the beginning of each year a small **budget working group** has been meeting to have an overall look at income and expenditure in preparation for the budget of the ensuing year. This is not a decision making group, rather it makes recommendations for **Hui Poari** to discuss before decisions are made.

Questions are asked in terms of how the resources enable Te Taha Maori members to achieve their goals. For example, what finances are available to enable our people to realise Maori styles of Christian life, witness and service? How can we become financially independent, self-sufficient and self-determining? How best can we produce other resources for nurture and growth? During 1997, the use of both Kai Iwi and Grey's Trust funds have been topics for discussion.

For the second consecutive year, Te Taha Maori has been able to stay off the Connexional Budget and for the first time was able to make a small contribution to help the wider church achieve its goals. This will continue to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Properties

Te Taha Maori continues to **identify those properties which enable members** to minister and provide a place for continuing nurture and growth. These include: James Buller, Atawhai and Rongopai Centres in Tai Tokerau, Te Kopua Wairua and Whakatuora in Tamaki, Te Rahui Centre in Hamilton, Tahupotiki Centre in Hawera and Matairangi in Poneke.

We have continued to work through the Church's process for **returning properties** to the original owners that are surplus to our requirements. This has proved slower than we hoped but it has been important to allow time for as much discussion as required by whanau and other groups, to ensure the legal

requirements have been strictly adhered to and that the returned "gift" is not in a state that is a liability to the recipients. We hope by the end of the year that the final documents for two properties have been completed and handed over.

Staff housing is now under annual review to ensure that maintenance is done on a regular basis. Te Taha Maori wishes to thank Alan Bettany (Hamilton), Barry Smith (Wellington) and Eric Laurenson (Auckland), for their time and expertise in viewing and recommending maintenance required in the short and long term.

Te Taha Maori **acquired** a small piece of **land in Dargaville** this year. It was gifted by the Northland Dairy Products Company being surplus to their needs. It adjoins the Maungawhare Block.

RANGATAHI

Waitangi

This was the first event that some Rangatahi attended this year. They stayed for the time that there were people at Waitangi. It was good to be there in a supporting role and to be able to sit and listen to those in the tent as well as the happenings on the marae. Hopefully this will become an event we attend on a regular basis.

Rohe Events

Tai Tokerau hosted two events this year. The first was a regional hui and the second a training event. The Training event focused on how to run a hui wananga. Some potential leaders were present at both these events.

Tauitiwi/Te Taha Maori, Youth Event

This was a follow on event from the previous year. It was not well supported. At the time of writing it was hoped that the October meeting will have different participants and a different focus.

The National Rangatahi Hui

This year the hui was held at Camp Epworth in the Waikato. It was an awesome venue with kayaks, canoes, a gymnasium and heaps of space to do our thing. The programme included some history of Maori and Pakeha Missionaries from the Waikato area. Everyone was appreciative of the work done by the Planning Committee members who helped to make this an enjoyable event. It continues to be the main Rangatahi event for Te Taha Maori.

Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Haahi

During August, a small group met for one day over a four week period to look at the issue of *Gospel and Culture* based on the reports from Tara Tautari who completed an internship with WCC in March. Lana Lazarus reported on her experience at the Conference on World Mission and Evangelism. We also focused on some of the material from a Rangatahi hui last year.

The Big E

This is a week long event for full-time National and Regional Youth Workers. Markus attended this as part of week of study leave and for his own

on going education. There was good Methodist representation at this event and it was a good place to suss out what other Haahi youth workers are doing.

THE BICULTURAL JOURNEY

Te Taha Maori remains committed to the bicultural journey of the Methodist Church. Rohe meetings, Komiti Whaiti and Hui Poari continue to keep issues of the journey on the agenda. These meetings have always been open.

Members have been involved in the **4+4 process** for the appointment of General Secretary, Chaplain for Wesley College, Principal for Trinity College, Superintendents for Christchurch Methodist Mission and Methodist Mission Northern and Taiuiwi National Resource Person in Education.

Te Taha Maori continues to work on **Council of Conference**. A workshop for the training of new members and substitutes was held in August. A handbook has been prepared for new and present members of the Council outlining their role and function, responsibilities and guidelines for facilitation.

Nga Kaiarahi attended a **bicultural workshop** in February which was organised for new Connexional appointees and new District Superintendents.

We await with interest to see the outcome of new selection process for President and Vice President.

TOMORROW'S ECUMENICAL VISION

We need to affirm the vision of an inhabited world (oikumene) based on values which promote life for all" (WCC 7th Assembly 1991, Canberra).

"In the context of churches as institutions for a common purpose, to be ecumenical is to be part of a movement and network around the world endeavouring to relate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the whole world, that its peoples and places come to know and experience life in all its fullness. (WCC Draft Statement, 1996)

These statements reflect both the nature of our ongoing concern and the direction in which the vision of our current ecumenical understanding is pointing.

The personal and direct involvement of Nga Kaiarahi, Te Rua Winiata and Paewhenua Nathan, together with Tara Tautari and Lana Lazarus, has helped shape Taha Maori's response to this vision. Written reports have become available to the wider constituency of Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga Haahi. In brief, these have comprised:

A Sokoni Conference An expanded WCC Commission meeting of Unit III (Justice Peace and Creation). Held in Kenya 13-19 January 1997, it adopted a typical African format for meeting creatively and in a way that encouraged all participants to contribute and receive. Both Te Rua and Tara attended.

Mission and Evangelism Tara and Lana have written of their impressions and learnings from this World Conference held in Salvador, Brazil at the end of last

year. Both noted a difference in perception by those attending as Indigenous Peoples representatives.

Indigenous Peoples Concerns Tara's year as a WCC Youth Intern gave her enormous understanding of the issues faced in common by Indigenous Peoples around the world. Hence, a perseverance with the UN Declaration of Indigenous Peoples Rights. However, back home in Waiomio and Tai Tokerau, being indigenous and ecumenical has taken on a whole new meaning!

Sustainable Development Since the Earth Summit in Rio, 1992, the implementation of Agenda 21 has been regularly monitored by a Commission of United Nations. For this 5th meeting of the Commission, Tara was invited to join the WCC delegation, giving a presentation during the dialogue session of Indigenous peoples. This further experience to her Internship has been written and distributed beyond just Te Taha Maori circles.

Sharing the membership of **Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga Haahi** has of course added to the contextual concerns of Te Taha Maori, such as developing relationship under the new understandings of Te Tiriti o Waitangi; the current MMP Coalition Government; Compulsory Retirement Superannuation Scheme; Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) and so on.

Gospel and Diverse Cultures This long term WCC study and dialogue theme (at least since 1973) and the above issues prompted the holding of a third wananga, this time at Whakatuora Centre, Mangere in mid July.

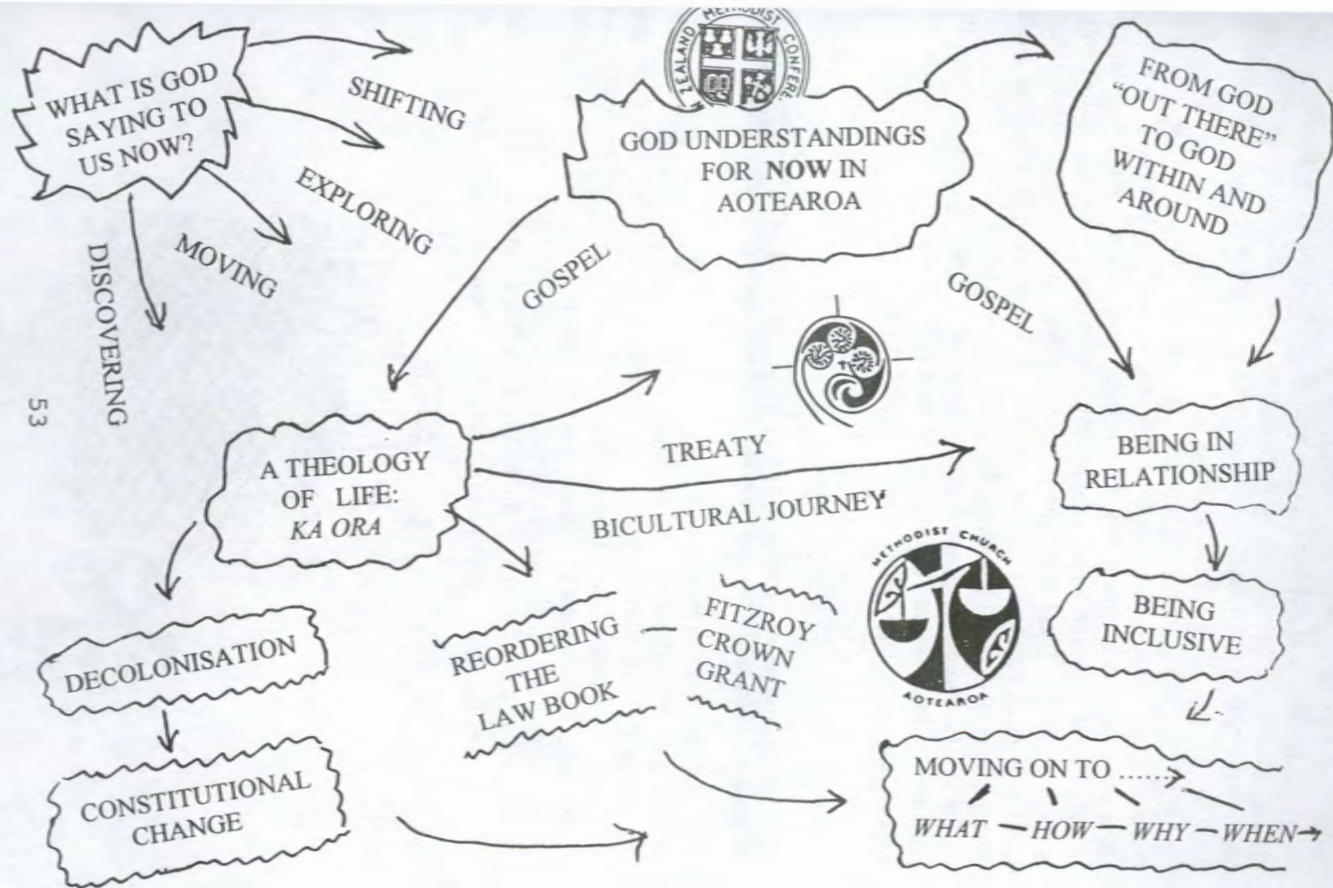
The theme has served to underline quite fundamental understandings and interpretations, which may be helpful or unhelpful. The opportunity to continue exploring and satisfying any "hermeneutical suspicion" held among the participants, was greatly appreciated. Acknowledged too in this connection is the catalyst resource *Gospel and Cultures ZAP! POWER! WHAMMO!* produced by our partner Council, CCANZ.

Currently time to meet and work through such pivotal questions together is at a premium (and this time we missed Katorika participation). Nonetheless, the "packaging" of the Gospel question remains crucial, we believe, for our Aotearoa New Zealand context.

Amorangi (Turoro) Services Becoming the funding channel for this need in the community, adds another dimension altogether to the responsibilities of the Auckland based members of Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Ngaa Haahi.

In the meantime, Eru Patuone Wright (Middlemore); Huria Cooper (National Women's) and Marino Perewi (Auckland Starship), minister ecumenically in this connection under a two-year contract with North Health.

Anticipating the 8th **Assembly of the World Council of Churches** (now rescheduled for December 1988), Te Taha Maori sustains a long-standing Methodist commitment to an ecumenical vision through the accepted nomination of John Roberts.



At Conference every year, Question 68 asks: (a) **what is God saying to us now?** (b) **What more can be done to promote the work of God?** This seems to be a useful (though seemingly unanswered) question to be asking.

In looking ahead at the work of Te Taha Maori, in terms of this question, there might well be further parts to the question under the headings of - *shifting to ... exploring what/where... moving in what direction and discovering what...?*

As part of our ongoing programming we will continue to clarify our God understandings for now in Aotearoa; continuing to understand what it means to move from *the God out there* to the *God within and around*. We will continue to explore and discover what being in relationship means in terms of the treaty and our Methodist Bicultural Journey. At the time of writing this report, the conversations on reordering the Law Book have yet to take place and there has been just one meeting to talk about the Fitzroy Crown Grant.

Present God understandings reveal a *theology of life - Ka ora ...* we will continue to look for an expression of this as we identify the process of decolonisation as a step towards constitutional change.

SUGGESTED DECISIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the 1998 membership for Hui Poari be: Nga Kaiarahi, Mere Cassidy, Matiu Rakena, Kiri Haretuku, Ripia Rountree, Pari Waaka, Sunnah and Hine Thompson, Rita Bublitz, Christine Kershaw, Riripeti Polwart, Huia Tahere, Erina Barnes, Markus Rogers, Diana Tana, Brian Eagle, John Roberts, Rohe Potae representative to be clarified; 3 Rangatahi
3. That the 1998 membership for Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Haah be: Nga Kaiarahi, John Roberts, Diana Tana, Markus Rogers, Keita Hotere



JOINT METHODIST-PRESBYTERIAN PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

REPORT

SECTION A: WHAT THE COMMITTEE HAS DONE

Planning Meeting

At the December 1996 planning meeting we decided that our major topics for the 1997 year would be Human Sexuality, the Eradication of Poverty, New Right Ideology, the Theology and Philosophy of 'Public Questions' and Bicultural issues. Other matters would be taken up as the need arose.

Bicultural Journey

For each meeting of the Committee, the Bicultural workgroup provides a ten minute Bicultural perspective reflection. Since the Committee's report to the 1996 Conference, the Bicultural workgroup has addressed the following issues on behalf of the Committee:

- An analysis of the proposed compulsory Retirement Savings Scheme.
- The Multilateral Agreement on Investment.
- The reissuing of the 1994 Public Questions paper on "The Treaty and Immigration" with a new introduction and questions which address the focus requested by the Council of Conference.

- Monitoring the Government's Fiscal Envelope Policy for settling Treaty claims.

Eradication of Poverty

The Committee was fortunate to receive \$4500 from the Methodist Provident Society Limited for 'research into the eradication of poverty'. We cooperated in this research with the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services who received an equivalent sum. The booklet produced is to be launched on 17 October 1997, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Copies of the booklet will be available from the Committee office.

Military Expenditure/Frigates

We have followed the frigate debate since the late 1980s when the Labour Government ordered the first batch. To assist in this work we have become associate members of the National Consultative Committee on Disarmament. We have written to all MPs reminding them of our position and asking them to do all they can to prevent the purchase of any more frigates.

Multilateral Agreement on Investment

This Agreement came to the Committee's attention in June 1997. We have since been trying to find out the Government's full negotiating position. We have published in *PQ Broadsheet* an article by Aziz Choudry and have sought information from the relevant Ministers of the Crown. We also submitted material for an article that appeared in *Crosslink* (September 1997).

Compulsory Superannuation

The Committee monitored this issue through all its stages. The Committee is opposed to the proposed Retirement Savings Scheme and published various pieces of information putting our position, including a front page article in *Crosslink* (September 1997).

Gambling

There has been much interest in this issue over the last year. Many groups and individuals have approached the Committee for assistance in challenging possible casinos in their towns. We have received several responses to our publication *Gambling: A Discussion Paper* distributed last year.

The Committee was part of petition campaign to support the thrust of Philidda Bunkle's private members Bill the Casino Control (Poll Demand) Amendment Bill. We also lobbied all MPs to elicit support for the Bill before its second reading. We were pleased that this Bill went to a Select Committee, providing opportunities for further public input.

The Committee has also written to the Advertising Standards Authority suggesting that a new code be introduced to deal specifically with gambling.

Capital City Forum

This year we continued these events in Wellington. Speakers in the last year have been Nigel Roberts on the 1996 general election results, Professor Brian Brookes on the Employment Contracts Act, and Helen Hughes on the environment. It is expected that these events will continue into 1998.

In November 1997 Capital City Forum plans to hold a day-long forum on the concept of 'social capital'.

Broadsheet

PQ Broadsheet is now being issued 6 times a year - a long term aim of the Committee for many years. It has been expanded in size to 8 pages and circulation is now in excess of 2000. Feedback has been generally positive

Crosslink

We have a good relationship with *Crosslink* and have had two articles and smaller pieces of Committee news published in the year.

Research/Executive Officer

The Committee was able to employ a new Research/Executive Officer during the year and appointed Richard Davis to the position in December 1996. This remains a part-time position.

SUBMISSIONS

Department of Internal Affairs Gaming Review

The Committee is opposed to any extension of gambling facilities and supports reforming the gambling framework. We believe that all forms of gambling should be treated similarly, and any policy adopted should be consistent with the Treaty of Waitangi. We think that the Government has a role in determining policy, enforcing regulations, educating the industry and the wider community, and raising money for community purposes. The Government should also be undertaking monitoring and research within the gaming industry and on the social consequences of gaming.

The Maori Reserved Land Amendment Bill 1996

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Maori Reserved Land Act 1955. The provisions of the Bill aim at bringing in more frequent rent reviews and market rents on Māori reserve lands. In general PQ supports the Bill. However, we think the time frame for bringing in market conditions for Māori is far too long.

Housing Responsibilities Bill

The Committee supports the passing of this Bill which will, if passed, insert a definition of the term "Social responsibilities" into the Housing Restructuring Act. This will have the effect of eliminating the conflict between Housing New Zealand's social responsibilities and the requirement to be "profitable and efficient."

Shop Trading Hours Act Repeal (Easter) Amendment Bill

The passing of this Bill would have made Easter Sunday just like any other shopping day. The Committee opposed the Bill and was heartened to hear that it was defeated in the House 54 votes to 50 on 30 July 1997.

Standard A18 - Food Derived From Gene Technology

This submission to the Australia New Zealand Food Authority was on the issue of genetically modified food. Our conclusion was:

The Public Questions Committee has serious concerns about the risks to human health and the environment from the introduction of food derived from gene technology. We think that the safeguards in proposed standard A18 are unfeasible and unworkable. Therefore we believe that genetically modified food and derivative foods should be banned.

Retirement Savings Scheme Referendum Bill

This Bill set up the referendum through which voters can have their say on the proposed compulsory retirement savings scheme. The PQ Committee pointed out some inconsistencies in the Bill and suggested that the wording of the question and explanatory note be changed to be neutral, rather than biased toward the scheme.

Design and Implementation of the Government's Employment Strategy

The Government set up the Employment Implementation Steering Group to assist it in policy design and implementation of the Coalition Government's Employment Strategy, as outlined in the Coalition Agreement. A key element of this strategy is the proposed introduction of community work for the unemployed. The Committee opposes compulsory work for beneficiaries. Voluntary work that protects workers, gives them genuine work experience and training provided certain protections are maintained would be acceptable to us.

Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Bill

In our opinion the Bill as outlined is comprehensive and covers most aspects of Human Assisted Reproductive Technology, a service which enables previously infertile couples to achieve the fulfilment of parenthood. Of great concern is that human assisted reproductive technology, which offers hope to those experiencing the profoundly distressing problem of infertility, like many medical services in New Zealand, remains accessible only to those who can afford the high costs involved.

Tertiary Students Association Voluntary Membership Bill

The Committee is opposed to voluntary membership on the grounds that the current system preserves necessary services for all students who can and do benefit from these services. Some services are such that people cannot be excluded from the benefits and therefore we think that all students should pay. By

making membership voluntary we think that fees will necessarily increase and the sense of community among students will decrease.

SECTION B: LOOKING FORWARD

Application for Partnership

The New Zealand Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) has formally approached the Committee to be full partners of the Committee. They currently have observer status. We circulated a discussion paper on this issue to Committee members and are still working through the implications of partnership. Conference can expect a full report and recommendation on this request next year.

Internet

In the next year the Committee hopes to have a presence on the internet with a World Wide Web homepage. We expect that this will increase the profile of the Committee's work and make assessing our material easier for people with internet access. There has been considerable international interest in New Zealand's reforms and race relations in recent years. It is hoped that through the internet we can contribute a much needed alternative perspective on these matters.

Priorities for 1998

Our priorities for the year will again be set by our December planning meeting. Possible topics at this stage include the legal status of cannabis, Universal Basic Income, and further work on poverty. We welcome suggestions for work from individuals and groups within the Church.

SUGGESTED DECISIONS

1 Conference urges the Government to support legislation and change in the standing orders that will provide a framework that would prevent the Government ratifying a treaty without prior parliamentary approval. Specifically we seek support for the recommendations of the Clerk of the House

David McGee, in Annex D of his Review of the Operation of the Standing Orders.

2 Conference urges the Government not to implement the Multilateral Agreement on Investment without a full disclosure of its position and an opportunity for meaningful public debate on what effects this agreement will have on Māori and the rest of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

3 Conference urges the Government not to introduce compulsory work for benefits schemes.

4 Conference urges the Government to develop an official measure of poverty in Aotearoa/New Zealand so that the true level of poverty can be monitored on a regular basis.

5 Conference commends the Committee papers on poverty and the New Right to Methodist Parishes, Cooperative Ventures and Synods for study. Responses be sent to the Joint Methodist-Presbyterian Public Questions Committee by 30 June 1998.

6 Noting the addictive nature of gambling, and in particular the relatively high number of Māori who gamble, Conference calls on Government to establish a Public Health Policy which seeks to minimise the social risks of gambling on people and the community.

7 Conference urges Government to implement a moratorium on all Casino licences until fully independent social impact reports have been done on the two existing casinos.

8 Conference urges the Government to implement, without delay, the recommendations of Sir Thomas Thorp in his Review of Firearms Control in New Zealand.

6 The members of the Committee for 1998 are John Currie, Barry Jones, Don Gordon, Gwenda Handyside, Graham Hulston, John Roberts,

Anne Stephenson, Terry Sugrue, Rowan Tautari, Fletcher Thoma (convenor), and other members appointed by the President.

Faith and Order Committee

Report to Conference 1997

Section One – reviewing the year

The committee has welcomed the participation of new members Shirley-Joy Barrow and Andrea Williamson. As Robyn Brown retires from the committee, we thank her for her work.

During this last year the committee has been active in the process of preparing a variety of materials for parishes and synods. It is hoped the resource materials have stimulated dialogue that will help the various parts of our church to understand one another better.

Joint Liturgical Consultation

This ecumenical consultative body meets twice a year bringing together representatives of the Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic traditions. The aims of the reconstituted group, established at its November 1996 meeting in Rotorua are:

1. To foster and promote the use of common texts, given our commitment to ecumenism.
2. To share liturgical developments and resources among our churches.
3. To maintain links with the English Language Liturgical Consultation (the ELLC) and other appropriate groupings.

Recent agenda items have considered questions being raised in our churches related to the traditional baptismal formula, the possibility of widening membership, and developments in regard to liturgical revision in each of our churches. At the next meeting in October 1997 it is proposed to reflect on the World Council of Churches Faith and Order document, "So We Believe, So We Pray."

Anglican-Methodist Conversation.

An initial meeting was arranged for September 1996 at Wellspring. The subject under discussion was the interim report of the Anglican-Methodist International Commission entitled "Sharing in the Apostolic Communion." The Faith and Order Committee report on this was shared with the Anglicans. The response was positive, though it was suggested that much of their energy was focused on the implementation of the restructured Anglican Church in this land. Anglican members undertook to analyse General Synod statements on ecumenism, and this report has been received.

A second conversation planned for March 1997 was not held. The Anglicans subsequently have indicated that they are not ready to take the dialogue further at this point, though they remain committed to unity by stages.

Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue

This second series of conversations continues those begun in 1980. We seek to keep in touch with the international dialogue between our two churches, which is long term. There is a commitment to a gradual growing together through arriving at greater understanding between our two traditions. Subjects considered at the June 1997 meeting focused on Wesleyan Spirituality and Roman Catholic Spirituality, Evangelisation in the Catholic Church and Making Disciples in Methodism. In addition a public meeting was held at Trinity/St Johns on the theme of "Bound by Tradition." John Salmon spoke from a Methodist viewpoint, and John Owens from the Roman Catholic perspective. A valuable exchange took place and a wider membership of our two churches joined in the experience of engaging in dialogue.

Adult Baptism Liturgy

Copies have been circulated to all presbyters and parishes for use on a trial basis. The committee would welcome comments and suggestions, which should be sent to the convenor by 30 April 1998. Further comments on the revised infant baptism liturgy are also being sought (see Minutes of Conference 1995).

Funeral Resources

The committee has put a considerable amount of work into completing the new set of funeral resources and expects that by Conference 1997 copies will have been distributed to presbyters and deacons. Additional copies may be purchased from the Connexional Office. We would like to thank all those who have contributed in any way to what we believe will prove to be a valuable resource for the Church.

Communion Beyond the Gathered Congregation

Because of other demands, completion of this liturgy has been delayed. It is expected to be available during 1998.

Alternative Covenant Service

In response to a decision of Conference, work has begun on preparing an alternative to the recently revised covenant service. The intention is to use contemporary symbolism and language while preserving the spirit of the traditional order. Suggestions about the form or wording of the service should

be sent as soon as possible to Rev. Alan Upson, Box 515, Manurewa, Auckland.

Church Union

In 1995 Conference encouraged the Church Union Committee to explore further possibilities for a year of dialogue with the Presbyterian Church and Associated Churches of Christ.

However, the 1996 Conference chose a quite different direction, namely to pursue a dialogue on unity within the Methodist Church before continuing with further external initiatives. The old committee was disbanded, and the Conference requested the Faith and Order Committee and the Mission Resourcing Unit to jointly produce material that would enable the church to begin an internal dialogue on issues surrounding unity, justice and shalom. Consequently, a sub-committee was duly formed by John Murray and Terry Wall, including Rua Rakena, Robyn Brown, Eric Laurenson, Susan Thompson and David Bell.

A number of meetings were held and an individual position paper by David Bell was distributed for critical comment and response. This was printed in the *Methodist Theological Review*, and also distributed through the Connexional mailing. Following on from this, the sub-committee considered responses and initiatives to discern patterns of replies and to stimulate the debate across the whole church. The following resources were written and distributed:

- Reflections on a Church Divided by Concepts of Church Unity and a Possible Church Union;
- The Methodist Church & the Search for Unity;
- Unity, Justice and Shalom;
- A Timeline of Methodist Involvement in Church Union Negotiations in New Zealand.

The Mission Resourcing Unit undertook to promote the documents in synods for widespread use in parishes and other groups. No time limits were set for responses though it was noted that some feedback prior to the 1997 Conference would be helpful. Responses are to be sent to the Mission Resourcing Unit, and the Faith and Order Committee looks forward to continuing the discussion.

Section Two – looking forward

“Every Member a Minister”.

The Faith and Order Committee was requested by Conference 1995 to consider the theology of the phrase “every member a minister”, which is found in the church’s mission statement.

An initial report was made to Conference 1996, which indicated a discussion paper would be distributed. In preparing the paper, the committee recognised the complexity of the issues involved, and decided to engage in further discussion. We offer some of the resulting material to the Church in this report.

In the first instance we note that it is of great significance to Te Taha Maori, and has forwarded their understanding and their missiology. At the same time, we acknowledge it has not been universally accepted in the Church, and confusion about its meaning has arisen. Therefore, it is important to deal with the two different contexts appropriately and with sensitivity. The debate about the phrase is lively and potentially further enriching for all.

In the second instance we note that other aspects of the mission statement are also currently being debated. The Faith and Order Committee and the Mission Resourcing Unit have produced a discussion paper on “The Methodist Church & the Search for Unity”, which has been circulated to all parishes and synods. In it, we draw attention to the new debate arising over the adequacy of the mission statement.

Keys to understanding “every member a minister” are found in clusters of New Testament words such as discipleship, company, gifts, kingdom, service etc., along with contextual variations on the word ‘church’. We cannot dwell on the latter here, but the former terms are highly instructive, and convey rich, suggestive meanings.

The Gospels help us see that Christian discipleship is a matter of both being chosen and choosing. Jesus invites some to follow, that is, actively recruits people to work for the reign of God. At the same time, others who hear his teaching find themselves volunteering. (See Luke 9:57-62 for a jewel-box of sayings associated with recruits and volunteers.)

Discipleship is realised within a group or company (whose Latin origin is *cum + panis* = with/together + bread). The company of disciples is essentially a

community, *koinonia*, the distinguishing signs of which are prayer and breaking bread together. Discipleship means learning within that framework, walking within that framework, where all at times find themselves called (recruited) and at other times volunteers.

Ministry literally is service within that framework. As is very well known, the word minister derives from Latin and is the translation of the Greek word *diakonos*. This *diakonos* originally meant a form of service, as we learn in the Jewish Scriptures, and later on in New Testament times takes on the connotation of "lowly service". It is unambiguously clear throughout the Gospels and Paul's letters that anyone who follows Christ, whether recruit or volunteer, is the Lord's servant. That is, all the baptised are ministers. Every disciple is a minister in this sense of serving the Gospel without expectation of attaining personal gain, power or importance.

It is also unambiguously clear that the gifts of God for the people of God, (charisms) are given across the company for the benefit of the life and mission of the church. Sometimes those charisms are "natural endowments" recognised through the eyes of faith and sometimes they are "endowments of the church" in the various orders and functions of servanthood.

The ordained ministries, presbyteral and diaconal, are but two charisms among the many in the church. They are representative gifts, where the presbyter breaks bread for the company and the deacon is found rendering service in humility. At the same time, every member, every individual, contributes to and shares in the ministry of the church. In this way ministry has both corporate and individual dimensions, which avoids the dangers of a theology of ministry based on just one of these polarities.

Much confusion has arisen because the word "minister" has been used for a long time in the English language as a short-hand way to denote the representative presbyteral and diaconal tasks. If the church wrote in its mission statement "every member a presbyter" or "every member a deacon" then it would soon be in difficulties. But we suspect that a number of church members do see the phrase "every member a minister" in exactly that light. However, further education on the use of these terms could go some way to clearing the fog of misunderstanding.

The committee encourages individuals and groups in all parts of the church to consider the meaning and significance of the phrase "every member a minister", in the light of the comments made in this report and in the light of local experience. Please send your thoughts to the convenor.

Confirmation Order

In order to complete the revision of liturgies for Christian initiation, the committee proposes to revise the 1973 Confirmation order, but does not anticipate that this task will be finished within the next year.

Date of Easter

The committee has received from the World Council of Churches a report on a consultation held in Aleppo, Syria, in March 1997 which gave consideration to a common date for Easter. For centuries the west and the east have employed different calendars and ways of calculating the date of Easter. The report observes, "By celebrating this feast of feasts on different days, the churches give a divided witness to this fundamental aspect of the apostolic faith, compromising their credibility and effectiveness in bringing the gospel to the world." In the year 2001, according to both current methods of calculation, Easter will fall on the same date, 15th April. So that this should be not the exception but the rule, the consultation advocates the adoption by all churches the decision of the Council of Nicea 325AD in regard to the calculation of Easter. The recommendation to the churches is:

1. to maintain the Nicene norms (that Easter should fall on the Sunday following the first vernal full moon) and
2. to calculate the astronomical data (the vernal equinox and the full moon) by the most accurate possible scientific means,
3. using as the basis for reckoning the meridian of Jerusalem, the place of Christ's death and resurrection.

The report notes that "for the eastern churches, changes in the actual dating of Easter/Pascha will be more perceptible than for the western churches.

Suggested decisions:

1. Conference commends the section "Every member a minister" to synods and parishes for discussion in 1998.
2. Conference requests the Faith and Order Committee to begin work on a revision of the Confirmation order.
3. Conference endorses the World Council of Churches report on the common date of Easter and accepts the directions recommended.
4. The Committee for 1998 is:

WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

Report to Conference 1997

LOOKING BACK

Welfare of the Church Committee has struggled with two major issues this year. These have been (i) *The nature of the Presidency in a Bicultural Church*, in response to which we have prepared an introductory discussion document with discussion questions. This paper has been submitted to the Taiuiwi Forum as required by the decisions of the 1996 Conference as a discussion opener. Part of the brief this committee has is that it 'each year may consider issues affecting the Church and the Kingdom of God'. We have done this, resulting in (ii) *The Welfare of the Church*, a discussion document concerning current trends in the Church and our projected future, with suggested decisions. Both of these discussion documents are included in the body of this report. We also considered Decision 13 from the 1996 minutes of Conference concerning the appropriateness of exclusively Taiuiwi or English speaking part of the Church business taking up the time of Conference. We have approached Taha Maori over this matter and anticipate progress being made in 1998. We started the year with fewer members than we anticipated, a committee of four already very busy people struggling with the work before us.

LOOKING FORWARD

Having sought to bolster our membership we look forward to a stronger team in 1998.

THE NATURE OF THE PRESIDENCY

BACKGROUND

Each year two different people get to interpret "presidency" in the life of our church. Colourful and various are the interpretations made of the role. Warm and popular, inspirational and prophetic, feared, forgettable, presidencies come and go. Our Methodist Church now has over 120 years experience of presidency in New Zealand to draw on as it considers the nature of presidency in a bicultural church, preparing for a rapidly changing world in a new millennia.

In some situations the role and function of the position are both exacting and tightly prescribed by law and precedent. In others, the responsibilities are known but the function can only be loosely inferred because the situation is unprecedented. While on balance the Church has benefited greatly from the many ways in which incumbents have made the most of the laissez fair opportunities presented, in a social milieu of increasingly sophisticated cultural, political and legal complexity with attendant risks, it is appropriate the nature of the presidency be re-examined and its responsibilities and authorities more closely redefined. The Welfare of the Church Committee is committed to this task.

PASTOR OR EXECUTIVE?

Some of the greatest variances in the interpretation of the presidential role have been between the President as the leader, figurehead, strategist, spokesperson and chief pastor, and the President as the manager, Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director and employer on behalf of Conference.

To address these issues a little understood but important distinction between leadership - which is about offering inspiration and direction to people; and management - effectiveness and efficiency of systems and processes needs to be made. The etymology of the words 'manager' and 'leader' are illuminating.

The origins of our English word 'manage' are to be found in the French word of the same spelling which, until the 16th century, had referred to the mucking out and general care of horses. At that time 'manage' became expanded in compass to include the care of animals in general and with the advent of the industrial revolution the term was further broadened to include the use and ordering of inanimate objects and things. Only in the 20th century during the first world war with its unprecedented deployment and sacrifice of vast numbers of men, was 'manage' applied to the use and ordering of people. This term for the use, care and ordering of animals and things assisted the war lords and generals depersonalise the human cost of their stratagems and manoeuvres and, once applied, probably contributed to it.

Perhaps we find in the functionary, mechanistic origins of the word 'manage', concerned as it was only with what something or someone does, and not with what something or someone is, a clue to the source of the widespread unpopularity of the experience of being managed. The rules and processes that apply to the use and ordering of 'things' are not easily transferable to people without compromise to the unique sovereignty and dignity of those made in the image of God.

The word 'leader' is of early Scandinavian origin. When embarking on a voyage of discovery as distinct from normal trade and passage, certain guidelines applied. In recognition of the dangers involved only volunteer crew members were selected. One of the volunteers had to have been previously initiated into the mysteries of the interrelationship between the North Star or lode star, known for it's constancy in the sky, and the lode stone, a magnetically active rock which, dangled from a piece of twine,

demonstrated a similar constancy. As this person uniquely knew where the ship was, their other roles included that of the helmsman steering the ship, and also being responsible for the maintenance of 'esprit de corp' - morale on board ship. This person was known as the 'loder'.

Talk of 'initiation into the mysteries' may sound outdated in a church concerned about the ministry of all members, but only to a superficial understanding of our situation. Leadership is a phenomenon made up of identifiable gifts and qualities like discernment, courage, integrity and devotion. All of those capacities looked for in the loder of long ago; the courage to take the journey and to shoulder the responsibility for the welfare of others, the ability to open oneself to the guidance of the universe and discern the signs sufficient to steer a course, and an ability to share the vision of the goal and demonstrate devotion to the crew in ways that inspire and motivate all involved, endure through the centuries.

Management and leadership are different functions. Both are important. They are not similar or equal. At its very best, management is competent, even wise, but great leadership is incarnational. Nelson Mandela might not even make it as a competent manager but he is revered in the global community as a great leader. He embodies those capacities of the loder; discernment, courage, integrity and devotion, and illuminates additional qualities; compassion, grace under pressure, the capacity to live by principles rather than values, forgiveness. Leadership is like preaching. The sermon isn't over until you have walked your talk. It's possible to be a good manager and loveless. Not so a leader.

The church needs to be very well managed. Our church needs excellent systems and processes based on the best practice in other denominations and the market place. All the churches resources, financial, property and administrative have benefited from the wise and careful stewardship of paid and volunteer staff alike. Yet sometimes the church has forgotten what it knows

about people, made in the image of God and only a little lower than the angels. We can fall unconsciously into subscribing to the worlds consumerist view of humans as a resource to be managed instead of co-workers to be led, with the result that down through church history people have been pushed around, used and abused under the guise of leadership.

The church also needs to be very well led. Since those voyages of discovery undertaken on the other side of the world in ancient times, we have grown in our understanding of what constitutes good leadership. We have our own legends of ancient voyages in long boats, ably led, and our own learnings about the strength of shared and corporate leadership. With a renewed emphasis on every member a minister and the priesthood of all believers we are much more likely to ensure all our crew members are initiated into the mysteries of the 'lodestone and lodestar'. Similarly we are vigilant in ensuring as many people as possible have opportunities of 'steering' and the maintenance of morale is now better understood as something we are all responsible for.

Another similar, perhaps even more basic way of exploring these contrasts is through the words power and authority. Power involves status over another, is something done to another, reliant on external phenomenon. Authority is both innate and internal and is always exercised on behalf of.

LAW BOOK INSIGHTS

We believe the Methodist Law Book provides much helpful clarification that the Presidency is primarily, principally, essentially a pastoral role. The pastoral task is not one of management or power - it is one of leadership and authority.

The first-stated, and thus the primary function of the President, is the pastoral, so that the other functions must be seen in relation to it. Neither the prophetic nor the administrative task should compromise that prior pastoral responsibility.

The President never acts alone. The President acts 'corporately, in consultation with appropriate advisers'. There is no area of the Church's life in which the President can act without taking advice. Nor does the President personally promulgate a ruling made by the President - this is done through the District Superintendent, or the General Secretary. Even then there is a further limitation on the power of the President it would seem, for the former General Purposes Committee could make its own recommendation on the ruling so given. The whole spirit of this matter of the powers and functions of the President when Conference is not in session, as outlined in the Law Book, is to hedge those powers and functions and to expect, if not require, consultation with those appointed to give the President advice.

The powers and the exercise of Conference's functions when Conference is not in session are vested in an office and not in a person - the powers of the President are the powers of that office and not of the person holding it for the time being. We believe this to be an important distinction. If the President is in a situation where the Law Book cannot give an adequate lead or provide a relevant precedent, two principles must be observed - the first is the primacy of the pastoral role, and the second is the necessity to seek advice.

The pastoral role is compromised if the President becomes an initiator or an executive agent in disciplinary matters relating to either presbyter or laypersons. Disciplinary provisions are carefully spelled out in the appropriate sections of the Law Book. So far as laypersons are concerned there is no role for the President unless the matter comes to the Complaints and Appeals Committee in which the President has a presiding role. So far as ministers are concerned the restrictions on the role of the President are even more clearly defined reaffirming that the President must give priority to the guidance and pastoral care of ministers. The only situation in which the President has an investigative role is in respect to District Superintendent's.

In the foregoing the whole emphasis on the pastoral function of the President is interpreted in terms of 'guidance and pastoral

care'. The President cannot therefore be consistent with this emphasis while exercising an executive role, be it in the stationing, terms of appointment or discipline of ministers. The President's participation in the work of administration is not a well-defined function, and therefore must be subservient to those aspects of administration which are well, or better defined by the laws and regulations.

In summary, we suggest that the spirit of the Law Book supports the view that the President does not initiate action in matters of Church government, in the interpretation of action already taken, or in discipline. Only in the pastoral role, and there the operative words are 'guidance and pastoral care', would it be appropriate for the President to take an initiative.

Similarly with regard to Conference, the inference that may be drawn from the Law Book is that the President's role in Conference debate is to exercise control in accordance with Standing Orders. A consequence may be drawn from this - that the President is not expected to be, nor seen to be, a leader or director of the debate in terms of its content. The President is the facilitator rather than the manager of the business of Conference, and it has been the exception rather than the rule that the President has been asked to give a lead to the direction or content of a matter under discussion.

In earlier Law Books the section on the Presidency was part of the larger section on the ministry. With the advent of lay Presidents this was no longer appropriate, and it might be said that by including it in the section on the Conference, the role of the President has been inadvertently elevated. By this we mean that formerly the presidency was part of the 'discipline' of the ministry. There are those who still speak of it in this way and who reject the view that the nomination for the incoming President should be negotiated with the nominee. That discipline was important, in the Committee's view, in reminding the holder of the fundamental equality of Methodist ministry - presidency is therefore a privilege and a duty before it is a position of power or authority.

WHAT KIND OF LEADERSHIP?

The committee believes that these current Law Book provisions shed light on the nature of the presidency in a manner which still provides a helpful lead to the Church for the future. We also believe the strong emphasis on the pastoral role offers the church insight into the nature of the 'leadership' sought. Surely, gone are the days when the church was well served by strong, charismatic leaders who pulled the church off onto their particular enthusiasms and themes, first this way, then that. Consistent with the rest of the role, the leadership role of the presidency is intended to be essentially pastoral.

The nature and primary leadership role of the presidency, then, is to lead by pastoring the Church, modelling quality pastoral care for all the members, not as a one-off theme for a particular presidential incumbent to emphasise, but year after year.

We know from our pastoral experience that the abused invariably becomes the abuser. We similarly know that we love as we know ourselves to be loved. Wisely discerning and compassionate pastoral care is offered by church members because it's received by church members and leaders and that starts with the President.

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

In its analysis of the intention of the Methodist Law Book, the Welfare of the Church Committee finds precedent for concluding that the nature of the President's role is not that of 'Chief Executive Officer'. It would be a distortion of the words to claim, for example, that the President's role in 'sharing in the administrative work of the Church' justifies such a position. There is an analogous situation in the secular world, where the Governor General signs into law decrees and statutes which have been through the parliamentary process. The meeting at which this takes place is called the Executive Council, but in no way could it be credibly argued that the Governor General is therefore an

executive officer of the State. Unless there is similar clarity on the nature of the role and a separation of powers, the Church runs the risk of a President seeking to usurp the prerogatives of Conference and to disregard the express terms of the Law Book.

It is the contention of the Welfare of the Church Committee that there continues to exist the need for a Presidency - the presence of the church in a representational role while Conference is not sitting. It is further contended that although the distinction between the authority of leadership and managerial power is in some few instances necessarily blurred, the Presidency of Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa is primarily a pastoral and leadership role.

The responsibilities of the position invite graces, gifts and qualities not common to everyone. For the welfare of the whole Church, no less than the incumbents, it is important the nature of this office is clarified and confirmed.

Paper 'B'

Welfare of the Church Committee is concerned for the Welfare of the Church.

We observe that the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa, is in a state of decline. Although our overall numbers remain static, the growth in numbers of the Fiji, Samoan, and Tongan congregations mask the real decline in numbers across the breadth of the church.

Most pakeha congregations are rapidly greying, many having already gone from grey to white, and the majority are faced with death by attrition, if not in the immediate, then in the not too distant future. While we value their significant contribution to the Church, there are few signs of renewal. Some congregations are shutting up shop all together, others are being forced into a

reduction in 'ministry'. Still others are 'choosing' to enter co-operative alliances with other denominations and congregations, sometimes driven by a theological imperative, often by an instinct for survival.

Another indicator of our malaise is that the place of the stipended presbyteral ministry seems to be ill defined and uncertain. Combing the 'Situations Vacant' columns of Saturday morning papers for new employment opportunities has become a regular ritual of life for many. There seems to be little optimism and little hope or vision for the future. Many of the clergy have slipped into the roll of palliative nurse, believing themselves powerless to do little more than smooth the pillow of a dying church. Others throw their commitment, energy and resources into 'community facing' activity often with little success in bridging those activities into the community of faith in which they are called to serve.

The signs are clear. In the face of our imminent demise, rather than recognise the reality of our situation as a church, we appear to be taking refuge in our own version of 'newspeak', seeking to use language in such a way as to put a positive spin on our situation, portraying failure as success.

We believe that the Methodist Church has lost its way. Where is the real vision, where is the passion for the gospel, where is the commitment to church growth that goes beyond putting bodies on seats in order to pay the church budget?

Rather than face up to the root causes of our decline we play around at the edges and seek to solve our problems with an apparently endless process of restructuring of our institutions.

Perhaps the reality of our situation as a church is too painful for us to face. Perhaps we do not agree it is that serious. However we feel about it, Welfare of the Church Committee believes that if the Church is to have any meaningful future into the 21st century there needs to be a real urgency brought to our situation.

We believe that our problem is real, considerable, and complex. We also believe that there are two readily identifiable areas where work needs to be done with a sense of urgency in order to start reversing our movement toward oblivion:

- we are suffering a crisis of leadership.
- we have little or no heart for evangelism

These two problems are inextricably intertwined and pervade the whole of our life. A serious consequence is that although they are taught to think theologically and acquire pastoral skills, students coming through the Theological College and destined for stipended presbyteral ministry are not intentionally equipped with any leadership skills and if they have a heart for evangelism it is often in spite of their training and not because of it. 'The redemption of the world rests in the hands of the local church, and the future of the church rests in the hands of its leaders.' If Bill Hybels, Pastor of one of the largest churches in the USA with multitudinous community facing ministries, is anywhere near right, we need to take this challenge seriously.

Rev. Dr Keith Rowe, former President of the Church and one time Principal of the Theological College, once suggested that 'Synod was a meeting in search of a reason for its own existence.' While acknowledging some truth in this, the Welfare of the Church Committee nevertheless believes that Synods, because of their proximity to the local parish are in the best position to initiate first aid to an ailing Church.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Synods in partnership with the Ministry Resourcing Unit be charged with taking responsibility for providing training opportunities in leadership and evangelism to the congregational leaders in their synodal district and regard this brief as their primary and priority activity.

3. That the Ministry Resourcing Unit be charged with networking with other denominational and parachurch organisations; be committed to ensuring a broad theological spectrum of training opportunities; and initiate regular postings to Synods and parishes informing of training opportunities in leadership and evangelism that are becoming available.
4. That the Ministry Resourcing Unit be charged with initiating training opportunities, on a user-pays basis, where suitable training events in leadership and evangelism are not readily accessible elsewhere.
5. That both Leadership Training and Evangelism Training be added to the Theological College curriculum as core courses for all Methodist presbyteral students.

CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

- Establishment of Ministry & Mission Resourcing Board -

THE PAST

The Committee meets 4 times a year, and since its inception has had some difficulties in carrying out its mandate to co-ordinate the work of the Mission Resourcing Unit and the Ministry Resourcing Unit. It has not been possible for the group to actually influence the shape of the budgets prepared by the two Units because of time constraints. Difficulties have also been encountered in aligning lay education tasks and resourcing because of the way in which the present structure has created overlapping responsibilities between the Units.

The Co-ordinating Committee saw that if it was going to address the needs of the Units and the expectations of the Church then some tidying up was needed.

THE FUTURE

The enclosed diagram illustrates some fundamental shifts which we believe should be implemented:

1. The establishment of a central Board covering the work of both present Units.
2. The establishment of "Comprehensive Resource" personnel, accountable to the central Board.
3. There is a need to re-align tasks.

This structure enables:

- * a more flexible approach,
- * a more creative response to the needs of the Church,
- * the implementation of emerging trends of "comprehensive" resourcing. (Comprehensive resourcing does not compartmentalise Youth, Children and Adult Education, but holds them together).

In preparing background material for this change, the Co-ordinating Committee does not intend spelling out all the details - there are too many. This is the beginning, and changes in other areas will provide the specific details, such as the preparation of job descriptions over the next two years, the establishment of new candidating processes, and regional/national resourcing requirements as identified by Districts and Conference.

Some of this is reflected in the job descriptions being circulated this year for the Principal's and Educational Ministries Co-ordinators' positions.

Work being done on the Candidating Process will also reflect changes in several

key areas:

The place of the parish and region in a person's experience of "call", the need for high quality distance learning programmes for those doing either degree or ministry formation in preparation for lay or ordained deployment by the Church. This programme envisages a change in the importance of Church-provided 3-year residential programmes for ministry training.

There is also a need to acknowledge that some things still have to be done:

1. We will still provide one lectureship at Trinity/St. Johns (the Wesley Lecturer).
2. There is a need for a Superintendent of the Ministry Resourcing Unit, who may be the Principal of the Theological College.
3. Parish/District resourcing personnel are required to carry out local/regional programmes for people in strategic planning, youth and children's resourcing, deployment of Lay and Ordained people to meet local, regional, and national needs.
4. The Unit will have to spend considerable time in dialogue with Taha Maori and within Taiwi, identifying the nature of resources - whether they are Taiwi or Connexional.

The diagram depicts the central role of the Board and the three key areas through which its tasks are carried out. There will need to be work groups within each of these areas, e.g. Board of Studies, Parish Grants, and Strategic Planning for Parishes. There will probably be a need for other work groups also, e.g. Finance, Personnel.



Recommendation:

Conference approves the ongoing work of the Mission and Ministry Resourcing Units' Co-ordinating Committee in establishing a common Board: "The Ministry & Mission Resourcing Board".

"SUPERVISION" - Co-ordinating Committee Report to Conference 1997

PREAMBLE:

Conference, 1994, recommended that "Professional supervision of all people who give pastoral care in an employment or covenant relationship with the Church is to be compulsory from 1997 when budgetary resources for training supervisors and paying for supervision have been established, and when a system for accountability of supervisors is in place. The Fieldworker, Ordained Ministry is requested to continue working at these tasks." (Conf. '94 pg. 771 4a & 4b).

In 1995 Conference approved "Conference requests that the proposed discussion paper on compulsory supervision, which includes criteria for accreditation of supervisors and detailed funding proposal be circulated to Parishes, Synods, Boards and Taha Maori for full discussion during 1996 to enable decisions by Conference 1996. Conference requests that the Administration Division investigate possible models for funding compulsory supervision for inclusion in the proposed discussion document." (Conf. '95, pg. 757 9a & 9b.)

Conference, 1996, did not have time to receive the report of the Co-ordinating Committee, so the report on Supervision was not received and the recommendations not approved by Conference.

This new report addresses several concerns expressed by the 1996 Committee of Detail G, pages. 151-156 Minutes of Conference.

POLICY:

Supervision is a regular sustained review of a supervisee's self and work, undertaken within a structured supervisory relationship.

Good supervision enables the supervisee to grow, both in person and in their ministry: it helps ensure that the supervisee's ministering is safe, effective and ethical.

- All persons, paid or who undertake ministry **in the name of the Methodist Church**, shall have appropriate professional supervision.
- District Superintendents are responsible for ensuring that these people receive appropriate supervision.
- It is the supervisee's responsibility to enter into a contract with a qualified supervisor.
- The Supervisee, and the body they are accountable to (Parish, District, Board, etc), will be expected to share the cost of supervision. This will be negotiated between the two parties.

- Co-operative Ventures, accountable to the Methodist Church, will be required to meet these criteria.
- Districts will keep a register of suitably trained supervisors.

RESPONSIBILITY OF SUPERVISEE:

- To ensure their Supervisor has all documents relating to the position in which they are deployed. These include the Methodist Church's Ethical Standards for Ministry, Disputes/Discipline Procedures, Guidelines for Sexual Harassment/Abuse, and any Covenants.
- They receive a minimum of one (1) hour of supervision every 4 weeks.
- An approved contract is entered into between them and their Supervisor.
- The District Superintendent or Parish Superintendent is informed of their Supervisor's name, address and supervisory training.
- The Supervisor is sympathetic to the Christian perspective and the Methodist ethos.
- Their supervisor works within, and understands, boundaries.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A SUPERVISOR:

That the Supervisor has approved training in supervision. It is preferable to use a non-Methodist as a supervisor, and that he/she is in supervision themselves.

To have appropriate qualifications and experience in human relationships, sympathy to the Christian perspective and understanding of the Methodist ethos, as well as supervision training, to supervise a person undertaking ministry in the name of the Methodist Church.

To sign a supervision contract with the supervisee, detailing dates, times, fees, purpose and aims, and confidentiality of supervision, as well as the availability and accountability of the supervisor.

To recognise when there is a risk of danger to the supervisee, or to the people with whom they minister, and to take appropriate action to rectify this or inform the supervisee's District Superintendent.

To keep up to date with appropriate skills and knowledge.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Several books which may help you in finding a supervisor and what to expect in that relationship are:

How to get the Best from Supervision, Mission Resourcing Unit, Private Bag 11903, Ellerslie, Auckland, 1997.

Transforming the Rough Places: The Ministry of Supervision, Kenneth Pohly, Whaleprints, Dayton, 1993.

Recommendations:

1. Report be received.
2. Conference commends and thanks those who have already entered into supervision.
3. That the Law Book be amended to read: "That all persons, whether paid or unpaid, ordained or lay, adult, youth or children's workers, who undertake paid or covenanted ministry in the name of the Methodist Church, shall have approved professional supervision."
4. Conference approves the process as contained in this report.
5. The Mission Resourcing Unit prepare information leaflets for supervisees and supervisors to assist in establishing supervision.

MINISTRY RESOURCING UNIT:
TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
Report to Conference 1997

Section One - Sharing what has happened

PART I - COUNCIL REPORT

Principal's job description

The Rev Frank Hanson has indicated his intention to retire on 31 January 1999. A group of Council members, including student and faculty representatives, has spent considerable time during the year preparing a person profile/job description for discussion at August Synods. Responses from Synods formed part of the agenda of the Four plus Four which met on 12 September 1997 to formulate the job description to be presented to Conference 1997. It is the Council's intention to advertise immediately after Conference and seek responses by 31 January 1998, have the Four plus Four interview panel in February 1998 and to take the name of the nominee to the April Council of Conference.

Reappointment of Wesley Lecturer

The process for the reappointment of the Wesley Lecturer has been completed and the Council of Conference has approved the name of the Rev Dr John Salmon being placed on the stationing sheet.

Fitzroy land

The Revs John Salmon and Jack Penman represented the Council at a meeting of the Grafton Land Group. The group reached some significant conclusions:

- The meeting accepted the "Fitzroy Crown Grants" statement (*Minutes of Conference 1995, pp 328-336*) as a summary of what has happened since 1844;
- The meeting reached agreement that the sole recipient of funds from the Fitzroy grant was/is Wesley College;
- It was also agreed that the educational intentions associated with the original grant have been passed to Trinity College, Wesley College, Te Taha Maori and the Mission Resourcing Unit.

The group was reminded that Governor Fitzroy granted land to the Wesleyan Church for the purpose of a Wesleyan Native Institution, and in

the following year the three areas of education for leadership, religion and civilisation were seen as the intention. The question needing to be addressed is "How has this been achieved to date and how can this intention be honoured in the future?"

Currently the church aims to fulfil its educational role through Te Taha Maori education and ministry, the education section of the Mission Resourcing Unit, Wesley College and Trinity College.

Finance

The year was difficult from a financial management point of view. The year started in the knowledge that there would be a large deficit - \$40,000. Consequently strong measures had to be taken to stay within the financial resources available.

As the year progressed, the financial position improved, thanks to tight control of expenditure and much better income. A small surplus was achieved, and a great deal of appreciation is due to those people who helped achieve it.

Income received from ACTE for tuition fees continues to be a valuable source of funding and produced \$36,000 more than anticipated during the year. A \$20,000 grant from the PAC Trust through the Coordinating Committee was gratefully received. A significant grant of \$15,000 was received from the Tidd Trust of Hamilton, to help with maintenance costs of student accommodation and for book grants to students. The continued support from this Trust is acknowledged with gratitude.

The Council acknowledges the ongoing support from the Church through the Connexional Budget. While less than 30 percent of College programmes are funded from the Connexional Budget, it is still a significant proportion of the total Church budget, and absolutely essential for the continuation of the work of the College. The Council is aware of the pressures faced each year by the Budget Task Group and it is appreciative of their commitment to the task, and the difficulty of the decisions they must make.

Board of Studies procedures

The Committee on Ministry ceased to exist in January 1997 and Council, in consultation with the Coordinating Committee, has worked on the way in which the progress of students and probationers is reported to Conference. The Board of Studies will formally report to Trinity College Council who will report to the appropriate Conference committee.

Housing

Council has been appreciative of the work undertaken by Graham and Ruth Keightley in preparing an extensive property maintenance schedule which will be put into operation from November 1997.

Auckland Consortium for Theological Education (ACTE)

The final graduation for the Melbourne College of Divinity was held at McLaurin Chapel, Auckland University, in May. This was a significant occasion, followed by a dinner to honour all who had played a part in the negotiations with Melbourne in 1986-87 and had contributed to the successful relationship with Melbourne over the ten year period. Trinity College staff were thanked for the significant contribution they had made particularly to the administration of the degree. There are two students who will complete Melbourne degrees this year and they will both attend the graduation in Melbourne in 1998.

ACTE has undergone changes since it was first established in 1988, both in direction and personnel. The Senate indicates that it is time to pause and share in discussions with each college and its parent church and to evaluate all that has happened thus far and to share dreams and hopes so that there is a common understanding regarding directions for the future.

St John's College

The Board of Governors has undertaken an extensive management review in the past twelve months which has resulted in some management changes.

In April 1997 the Rev Dr John Wright took up the task of Dean of the College of the Southern Cross and Mr Peter Johnson the newly created task of Administration Manager of the College of St John the Evangelist. These two people, along with Ms Jenny Te Paa (Ahorangi of Te Rau Kahikatea), Judith Bright (Librarian) and the Methodist Principal form the management team which is responsible for the overall management of the Anglican colleges. The Methodist Principal's main task is to ensure that all aspects of the partnership are properly considered. Retired Judge Mick Brown has been appointed to facilitate the work of this group.

Council

The Rev Dr Lynne Wall has been Acting Chairperson for most of 1997 while the Chairperson, Douglas Pratt, was on sabbatical leave. Council appreciated her guidance through this period. Council was also fortunate to have the services of Rev Jack Penman as Executive Secretary while Jill van de Geer was on study leave.

Deacon Malcolm McLeod joined the Council this year and it has been good to have the diaconate represented on Council.

PART II - FACULTY REPORT

Students and Programmes

The College has 11 residential and 4 home setting students training for presbyteral ministry, 2 deacons in training and 6 sponsored private students taking papers towards a BTheol, and 46 in the TELM process. There is currently one Auckland University PhD student being supervised in Theology, and in 1998 it is hoped that a Methodist student will be part of the residential life of the College as she undertakes important historical research on Trinity College for her PhD dissertation. This year's Auckland University graduation included Trinity's first Masters graduate, Sani Vaeluaga, who graduated in Systematic Theology, with a thesis comparing Samoan and Palagi theological attitudes to death and euthanasia, and a further two students are undertaking Masters study, one in Biblical Studies and the other in Pastoral Care. The College has a policy of offering postgraduate study to only a limited number of students but the hope is that over the years a pool of resource people trained beyond the basic levels will be available to the Methodist Connexion for use in districts and regions. Graduating BTheol were Tavake Manu, Viliami Tonga and Craig Forbes. As far as the residential programme is concerned, the benchmark is for students to complete a Bachelor of Theology degree during their three years of residential training.

There are also Methodist students (other than those being sponsored) enrolled in degree courses being taught by ACTE (the Auckland Consortium for Theological Education), and Trinity College faculty teach papers which involve people from a wide variety of backgrounds and engaging in theological education with a range of goals. Most cultures represented in the Tauivi part of the church are represented in the College programmes. Ravai Rennel, the first Rotuman student, is part of the home setting programme.

On the St John's site a total of 655 Bachelor of Theology papers are being undertaken by 146 students:

- College of the Southern Cross	41
- Trinity College	16
- Te Rau Kahikatea	14
- University of Auckland	75

There are 13 taking papers for 'interest only'.

Peter Williamson was awarded the Associate in Christian Ministry by the New Zealand Association of Theological Schools.

Student leadership within the residential programme in 1997 has been in the hands of Bruce Anderson and Hausia Taufui, who have been meticulous and responsible about the arrangements that have fallen into their hands.

The probationary studies programme has been in place in its present form for six years.

Joint Faculty

The Rev Dr John Wright, a former student of St John's College, who has taught in Australia over the past 21 years, has taken up the position of Dean of the College of the Southern Cross this year. He continues the tradition of ecumenical relationships between Heads of Colleges which has been a feature of the last decade. As well as his administrative and leadership roles in the life of the colleges, he will also be doing some teaching in First Testament.

Of other faculty, the Rev Janet Crawford received a PhD from Victoria University in December of last year and the Rev Hone Kaa has been appointed to a position of lecturer in Maori studies. The Rev Dr Mary Caygill, who has been in a temporary position for the past two years, has now been appointed to a permanent position by the Anglican Board of Governors as a lecturer in pastoral studies.

Trinity College Faculty

Rev Gillian Watkin is involved in research for Master of Ministry studies from the Melbourne College of Divinity.

The Principal, the Rev Frank Hanson, has been on research and study leave and long leave for most of the second half of 1997, and Dr John Salmon is Acting Principal during that time. John also continues as Head of the Christian Thought and History Department of ACTE.

Robyn Brown plans to complete a post graduate Diploma in Adult Education through Auckland University this year. This has included a research paper, a practicum and a masters paper during the last two semesters.

Jill van de Geer is completing the Melbourne BTheol this year.

Trinity College has two part-time joint faculty members. Rev Dr Lynne Wall is teaching Introduction to New Testament Greek, and in 1998 Rev Dr Douglas Pratt teaches a stage 2 and 3 paper in World Religions.

Activities during the year

Some valuable discussions have taken place during this past year between faculty members of Trinity College and members of the National Candidates Selection Committee in order to talk about the kind of ministry needs and attributes that are being looked for in future ministries.

Although the way ministry develops is subject to the decisions of the Connexion, it is important to detect trends and to consider the implications of these for ministry, and to bear these in mind during both selection and training.

The students of the college have been involved in a family camp in the period after Easter - for the second year running - and also in the Wesley Day celebrations. These celebrations brought together over seventy people for a formal dinner in the dining room, the guest speaker this year - our third Wesley Dinner - being the Rev Donald Phillipps who spoke about Susanna Wesley.

The same weekend there was a meeting at the Meadowbank site of representatives of the Fijian, Samoan and Tongan Methodist theological colleges to update each other and to talk about their theological and teaching needs. The consultation was hosted by Trinity College, with Frank Hanson and Gillian Watkin as representatives. This was the second such consultation in two years, and a third is planned for 23-24 May next year, when the subject will be "Being Methodist in the South Pacific in the 21st century".

The Summer School has become a feature of the annual programme, bringing together home setting students and a range of other interested people. Rev Dr Robyn McPhail was guest tutor at the 1997 event which focussed on the practice of ministry. Preparation for the 1998 school on worship and liturgy is underway.

The Ecumenical Institute of Distance Theological Studies (EIDTS) is working towards charitable trust status and registration as a private training establishment under NZQA.

TELM (Training and Education for Lay Ministry) continues to be enthusiastically supported with three new intakes during 1997: one North Island, one South Island and a new initiative in the Hawkes Bay/Manawatu District at Havelock North. Two groups completed the TELM requirements during the year. Those who received certificates of completion are: Kathi Egli, Edna Peachey (Hastings); Jocelyn Boys, Jean Wilson (Greenmeadows); Robin Hall (Matamata); Ron Davis (Auckland); Val Nicholls (Manly); Beverly Grimmer (Greymouth); Lyn McHarg, Dale Peach, Helen Buxton (Christchurch); Amy McCorkindale (Oxford); Janice Gillions (Lawrence). A warm appreciation of the support of parishes through the participation of presbyters as co-facilitators of TELM residential needs to be recorded.

In the main, requests for Robyn's involvement in parish reviews, consultations and workshops arise out of needs identified by TELM participants.

Robyn continues her involvement with the development of the Diploma in Youth Ministry and is working with Marion and Brian Peterson to produce material on the discernment of lay ministry. This will be trialed in Greenmeadows during 1998.

Historical note

This year marks twenty-one years since Conference extended the presbyterate to include "persons who, while continuing secular employment, have been accepted as candidates for the ministry and received appropriate training and been ordained by the Conference". It also declared the diaconate was inclusive of women and men. These two resolutions paved the way for the home setting programme. Local ministry is now an accepted part of the Methodist Church and has developed in ways never envisaged at the time. It would also be true to say that the possibilities and potential for pioneering and creative ventures in ministry have not been as significant as may have been proposed by the original planners.

Section Two - Looking Ahead

The Ministry Resourcing Unit is glad to participate with the Mission Resourcing Unit in the work of the Coordinating Committee in considering and bringing to the wider church possibilities for new structures. The Council and faculty believe that it is important to bring together in a coordinated way processes for selection, education and deployment for ministry. The details are being brought to Conference by the Coordinating Committee.

DOUGLAS PRATT
Chairperson

JOHN SALMON
Acting Principal

Suggested decisions

- 1 That the report be received.
- 2 That Conference approves the job description for the position of Principal, Trinity Methodist Theological College.
- 3 That membership of the Council for 1998 be:
Douglas Pratt (Chairperson), Frank Claridge (Treasurer), Lynne Wall (Deputy Chairperson), Frank Hanson (Principal), Graham Cowley, Charlie Fenwick, Jock Hosking, Jan Leman Christiansen, Malcolm McLeod, Vaotane Unasa Samoa-Saleupolu, Ashley Sedon, Karl Tuinukuafe, Terry Wall. One person to be nominated by Taha Maori.
In attendance: Faculty Representative, Student Representative.

CANDIDATURE

Introduction

The reports to Conference 1992 and 1993 of the Theological Review Commission, the work of the Interim MINESCO Group, and issues arising from the work of the Budget Task Group, are the basis of the recommendations on Candidature coming to this Conference. As well as addressing issues of safety in deployment, the need for flexible learning paths, an emerging diversity of ministry needs, strategies and understandings, the group developed the following process. This process seeks to be flexible, with clear steps and criteria, and to be suitable for ordained presbyters, deacons and those lay people deployed in supply ministries.

The detail of the process will be prepared as each stage is developed. This report is presented as the framework - not the definitive process. It is expected that between now and March, 1998, we will have developed a hand book for the Regional Candidates' Assessors, and brought those people together for discussions on the process. Superintendents will be involved in the identification of the Regional Candidates' Assessors.

STEP 1

Aim:

To enable individuals and parishes (groups or faith communities), in dialogue with the wider Church, to begin the assessment process of an individual's ability for ongoing ministry in the name of the Church.

Call to Ministry:

This call may be articulated by

- an individual (expressing his/her interest in offering for ministry)
 - a congregation or community (as a vision for their future, in which they look at and dialogue with the wider church about various ministry options)
 - the wider church (which intentionally recruits people with appropriate gifts and skills, or who may offer the church leadership).
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Criteria:

- Lively faith
- Flexibility
- Pastoral sensitivity
- Toleration of diverse views
- Clearness in own mind about relationship to Jesus Christ

- Ecumenical commitment
 - Willingness to further own bicultural journey
 - Cultural awareness
 - Literary skills (particularly English), if an academic programme is envisaged)
 - Clarity of vision
 - Awareness of one's own vulnerability
 - Spiritual depth
 - Personal awareness
 - Trust in self and others
 - Acceptance of boundaries - personal and relational
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Support set-up:

When the local parish is aware of a possible candidature then the following steps will be outlined to parishioners by Regional Ministry Assessor, who will ensure that the candidate is aware of the steps and that they are completed:

- Local support group established
 - * a small group of people, who will help, guide, and nurture the prospective candidate throughout the process.
 - Parish, aided by the Regional Ministry Assessor, helps and supports candidate in preparation information
 - * C.Vs.
 - * References & Referees
 - * other supporting information.
 - * Parish support group members are part of ongoing dialogue, evaluation and discussion between candidate and assessors. They are also available to answer questions and express an opinion. (See Step 2)
 - For some Step 1 may happen quickly, for others it may take some time.
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National Ministry Assessor ⇔ equals present National Candidates Convenor

Regional Ministry Assessor ⇔ equals present Regional Candidates Convenor

Principal - Oversees all **educational** processes and ensures the related steps are completed.

Superintendent has oversight of candidature as a whole - that the process is followed and completed, and is responsible for the individual files, supporting the

National Ministry Assessor and the Regional Ministry Assessor, and ensuring the National Assessment Event takes place.

File Opened:

- This is initiated and monitored by the Superintendent of the Mission Resourcing Unit
- Key contributors are the National Ministry Assessor and the Principal.
- The file will contain:
 - * C.V.
 - * Birth Certificate
 - * Educational Transcripts
 - * Certificate of Permanent Residency (if appropriate)
 - * Medical report
 - * Local supporting letters
 - * Report on current and past ministry prepared, showing involvement in parish/faith community
 - * leadership skills observed
 - * worship led, or pastoral care undertaken, if appropriate
 - * "Dreams" of ministry outlined (i.e. local, parish, itinerant, stipendary, deacon, presbyter, lay, youth, national resourcing, creative options, alternative faith group, etc.)
 - * Records specific concerns raised and other documentation
 - * Approval to share information with Negotiating Churches
 - * Declaration that he/she has not candidate for another one of the Negotiating Churches.

Outcome:

Sense of "call" for individual and church is emerging and the support is such that further exploration is appropriate.

STEP 2

Aim:

To design a learning process which enables the individual and church to resource and extend a person's faith and skills.

Regional Dialogue:

- Applicant and Parish support group request a meeting with Regional Ministry Assessor, Representative of Ministry Resourcing Unit, National Representative (Lay person - same gender and culture as applicant).

- * this meeting is convened by the National Ministry Assessor in association with the Regional Ministry Assessor.

- Review preparation to date
 - * 'Receive' the C.V. and supporting data (dialogue and clarify contents of CV)
 - * Discuss dreams
 - * Address areas of strengths
 - * Explore applicants knowledge of:
 - Mission Statement
 - personal faith
 - contemporary N.Z. Theology
 - bicultural journey
 - boundaries - personal and relational
 - competency in the English language is assessed
 - * Seek further psychological information if necessary.
- The above is the equivalent of the present National Assessment. Importantly it involves National Resource people, regionally and vice versa.
- check that it is appropriate for the individual to continue the procedure.

Learning programme:

- Negotiate learning programme (guided by Ministry Resourcing Unit), bearing in mind:
 - appropriateness of any existing qualifications
 - nature of possible deployment opportunities (particularly if there are restrictions or limitations)
 - hopes and dreams of applicant and church
- * Programme to include ministry formation and theological education. Academic learning programme built to suit needs of both church and applicant.
This may include:
 - a)
 - Degrees
 - Post graduate studies
 - Which may be by Local and Distance learning, undertaken through University or Theological College.
 - b)
 - Formation programme is both theoretical and practical
 - Involves study, practice, and reflection

* Limited scholarships may be available.

There will be components which, in order to be deployed by the Methodist Church, as either lay or ordained, an individual must complete. The core subjects will be approved by Conference on the recommendation of the Ministry Resourcing Unit.

Check List:

- Approved supervisor/mentor (individual or group) established
- Learning programme covenant signed
- Programme started
 - * The Church funds supervision/mentor meetings
 - * Travel, related to Ministry Formation, paid by Church
 - * For all other components, individuals cover own costs
 - * Scholarships may be available
 - * Whether the programme is residential or non-residential is negotiated

Reviews:

- 6-monthly review of a person's progress, involving:
 - a)
 - * Applicant
 - * Support team
 - * National evaluation team
 - * Supervisor/mentor
 - * Mission Resourcing Unit representative
 - b)
 - * Covenanted components completed
 - * Pastoral care
 - * Progress review/monitoring
 - * Concerns raised
- If an individual is training in the local setting, then there will be Regional Tutorial meetings quarterly (initiated by the Ministry Resourcing Unit). The focus on these meetings shall be:
 - * Pastoral
 - * Progress review and monitoring
 - * Concerns raised.

There is an expectation that they shall have 6 monthly evaluations and monthly supervision must be undertaken.

- Learning programmes are monitored and will be reported to the Board of Studies.

Identifying Potential:

This stage is crucial as opportunities are explored and potential evaluated. It is a process which:

- is negotiable
- acknowledges and develops gifts of applicant
- is aware of community needs
- identifies potential leadership
- encourages the development of resource skills
- practices the development of resource skills
- is an experiential adult learning model which requires the student to be self-motivated and responsible for their own learning needs.
- practices the development of "every member a minister"
- looks to the future needs of the church
- discourages:
 - * an individualistic understanding ministry
 - * the theologically intolerant
 - * the power seekers
 - * anyone without a sense of justice
 - * people who have no experience of, and no wish to convey, the grace of God
 - * and those who create dependency

This step begins to clarify options in ministry - Presbyteral, Diaconal, and Lay. It may take several months or it may take up to seven years to complete. If inappropriate understandings of leadership, relationships or an unacceptable degree of intolerance emerges, then a "No" will be signalled to applicant. The whole of Step 2 is administered by the Board of Theological Studies (as at present).

The applicant's file is reviewed annually. All contents are available to the applicant.

Outcome:

Individual feels affirmed in achieving learning goals, and can identify specific areas of ministry for which they need further preparation.

STEP 3

Aim: *To clearly identify an individual's future ministry option, and design a learning process which is appropriate.*

Evaluation:

- Contracted areas of theological study and ministry formation completed.
 - Progress review by **Assessment Team**¹
 - * Identify models of ministry to pursue (presbyter/deacon/chaplain/lay/Stipendiary/non-stipendiary), then
 - * explore future directions in deployment, then
 - * identify any further specific training/education needs, and how they might be completed.
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Specific Preparation (present probation):

- Engage in specific preparation for:
 - * lay worker/lay supply covenanted to the Methodist Church for employment
 - * Ordination as a Presbyter
 - local
 - itinerant
 - * Ordination as a Deacon
 - local
 - itinerant
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Covenant:

- Covenant prepared involving applicant, region, parish/faith community, Mission Resourcing Unit
 - * Components:
 - learning programme
 - Parish/community project or strategy
 - portfolio
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Assessment team, made up of representatives from:

- * Mission and Ministry Resourcing Units
- * Regional Representatives
- * And any other people required to ensure a balance of age, gender and culture

- personal file reviewed

<p><u>Outcome:</u> Satisfaction that learning programme is complete, ministry area identified and affirmed.</p>

STEP 4:

Aim: *To affirm the chosen direction of ministry of an individual, and acknowledge as a Church their readiness for ordination and/or deployment.*

National Assessment:

- National Assessment Event
 - * Evaluate - portfolio
 - project or strategy
 - language skill (English competency)
 - Pastoral skill
 - learning process, then
 - * Review progress and development over the entire training period, then
 - * Meet with applicant
 - Interview
 - Observe
 - Measure against appropriate criteria
- National Assessment Team (same as present)
 - * Independent team involving:
 - Convenor (appointed by Conference every three years)
 - team of people chosen from national pool, by the convenor, to meet the specific needs of the applicants. People in this pool are nominated by Districts and approved by Conference.
 - * Who prepare a report for August Synods' information, and Recommends to Conference via Co-ordinating Committee:
 - * Readiness and suitability for deployment
 - * Ordination

<p>Outcome: A healthy, robust, disciplined ministry is made available to the Church; either as lay, diaconal, or presbyteral.</p>
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This process is for those:

- * seeking ordination as presbyter or deacon
- * to be deployed as lay (supply) in parish/congregation appointments

Recommendation:

Conference approves introduction of the Candidating Procedures, as outlined in the Report, during 1998.

MISSION RESOURCING UNIT

Report to Conference 1997

The Past

KEY AREAS:

i) The Board:

- a) The Mission Resourcing Unit Board has structured its work to involve a wider group of people in major planning events. We have held an all-day event to consider "Mission", and the input to this discussion has enable us to:
 - * hold together diverse understanding within Taiwi,
 - * bear in mind the views of youth
 - * and consider the impact of mission on ministry - whether it be Presbyteral, Diaconal or Lay.
- b) During the year we have become more aware that Mission and Ministry do not fit so neatly into the compartments we have created for them! Our discussion day on Mission is confirmed. The Mission Resourcing Unit supports the concept of a common Board for the Mission Resourcing Unit and the Ministry Resourcing Unit. The success of such a union will be seen in the better administration of this whole area of work within Taiwi. However, it will require a commitment to prepare Job Descriptions for all related staff which reflect the new understanding of comprehensive resourcing for ministry.

ii) Grants:

Grant-in-Aid is a valuable tool to the Church for encouraging parishes to see a responsibility for the development of one another. Now that Grant-in-Aid is negotiated ecumenically between ourselves, the Presbyterian Church and the Anglican Church, grants can be made wisely and strategically.

Development Grants have highlighted the desperate need for property maintenance support. In receiving grant applications, the Board has become aware that parishes need to look far more closely at the long term strategic need for property and its maintenance. It is our intention to acknowledge and support parishes in various phases of life:

- a) Parishes functioning and surviving well using existing ministry deployment and models
- b) Parishes seeking to better use diminishing resources by entering into an ecumenical relationship

- c) Parishes who see the need to explore new ways of being the Church, because present models are too expensive or no longer relevant to their community.

Development Funds:

This year the following grants have been made:

i)	<u>Ministries Fund:</u>	
	Otara	\$2,500
	Wesley, Hawera	\$4,500
	Johnsonville Union	\$3,000
	St. Albans, Chartwell	\$1,000
ii)	<u>Properties Fund:</u>	
	Fijian Pastor-at-Large	\$7,000
	St. Austell's Union Parish	\$1,500
	Wesley, Gisborne	\$4,000
	St. Oswald Union, Wgtn.	\$1,500
	Christchurch North	\$3,000
	Avondale Union	\$5,000
	Wesley, Mt. Roskill	\$4,000
	Dunedin Methodist	\$3,500

Future

Grant-in-Aid Applications: (Total amount)

Glen Innes Co-op.	\$3,000
Avondale Union	\$3,000
St. Austell's Co-op	\$6,000
Turangi Co-op.	\$3,500
Hutt City Uniting	\$6,000
St. Luke's, Nelson	\$9,000
Westland/Buller Union	\$17,500
Greymouth	\$10,000
Otatara	\$5,000
Parklands Co-op.	\$2,500
Bluff/Greenhills	\$6,000
Bell Block Co-op.	\$3,000
Botany Ecumenical Project	\$26,600
Franklin West Co-op.	\$6,000
Levin	\$10,000
Dannevirke	\$11,500

Board Finance:

The Mission Resourcing Unit is dependent on the Connexional budget for its survival. With diminishing resources, the staff of the Education section have, by rigorous evaluation of their projects, been able to stay within an incredibly tight budget. The work of the Youth Co-ordinators has also been under pressure financially. However, we are indebted to the Robert Gibson Trust for their support given over the years, providing \$20,000 last year towards the Church's work with youth.

CANDIDATURE

The Past

The Unit has been responsible for Candidature since the closure of the Committee on Ministry. We have concerns that few people are candidating for ministry within the Methodist Church, and the Unit is committed to exploring recruitment with individuals, parishes, faith groups, communities, etc. For us the question to wrestle with is recruitment to what?

Future

We support the suggested changes to the Candidature procedures being brought to Conference through the Co-ordinating Committee. Hopefully these changes will enable us to have greater diversity in those accepted into Full Connexion, balanced by a greater discipline.

NATIONAL CANDIDATES CONVENOR

The Past

Rev. Roy Alexander completes his 5 years this year. He has served both the Church and Candidates well in this task, being responsive and clear about the criteria, and also caring and sensitive to the needs of individual candidates. We are indebted to Roy for his thoroughness, and professionalism as National Candidates Convenor.

Future

The Mission Resourcing Unit Board has carefully considered a replacement for Roy and believe it can confidently recommend the Rev. Ken Olsen as National Candidates Convenor. Ken will have the unenviable task of continuing the reshaping of Candidature processes.

RESPONSE

Conference 1996 asked the Mission Resourcing Unit, in consultation with the Mission Resource Board of the Presbyterian Church to review and relocate the

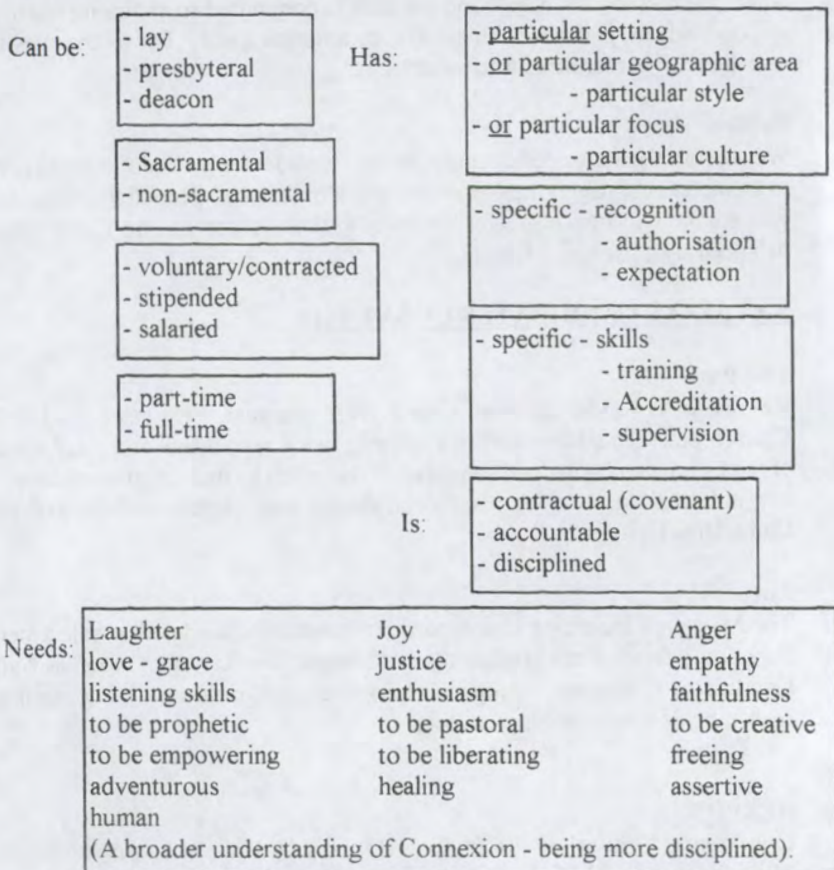
tasks of RESPONSE during 1997. The Superintendent met with the Presbyterian Co-Directors and agreed that it is important to review what tasks can be done, and how they can be done, together. Representing the Mission Resourcing Unit in these discussions are: Gary Clover and Bill Peddie.

CHAPLAINCY

The Past

During 1997 representatives of the various chaplaincies gathered and discussed issues affecting the area of Chaplaincy. These discussions primarily reflected a Tauwiwi view, which noted some key components and understandings of chaplaincy.

Identity and Role of a Chaplain:



Chaplains are relational. They are about relationships and need confidentiality. This is when people can ask real questions out of interest.

All have accreditation
All have accountability

Future

The Mission Resourcing Unit applauds the work that the Chaplains have done in trying to find some common elements within chaplaincy. With the Mission Resourcing Unit being responsible for the funding of all chaplaincies, it is important for us to be able to apply some criteria. From the work of the chaplains, we believe that future chaplains must be able to provide:

- ii) A job description which compliments and does not compete with other ministries
- iii) An accreditation process
- iv) A model of ministry which is in accord with our Mission Statement and Bicultural journey.

STATIONING

The Past

Over the past few years the process has evolved and, on the whole, has served the Church well. Parishes and Presbyters have grown to trust and understand the dynamics of Stationing. Those who avail themselves of the right to observe the Stationing Committee at work have always commented on the pastoral way in which the work is done. The last 2 years have seen some trends emerge:

- * The long vacancies experienced by some parishes
- * The diminishing number of full itinerant presbyters
- * The selective behaviour of some parishes and presbyters
- * The increasing number of part-time appointments.

The 1996 Stationing Committee asked the Superintendent of the Mission Resourcing Unit to pursue a slightly "unorthodox" procedure for filling a parish which had had a long vacancy. Without expanding on what exactly was done, the process used proved creative and worthwhile.

Future

The Stationing Committee enshrines important Methodist principles of Connexion, District strategy, and parish needs in its work, and the essence of this should never be departed from. But, there is a need to explore alternative ways of meeting the future deployment needs of the Church. Therefore, the Mission Resourcing Unit requests Conference approval for the Superintendent and the Taiwi Stationing Committee to trial alternative methods with a limited number

of specific parishes during 1998, and bring to Conference 1998 reflections and recommendations about any future Stationing processes.

ORDER OF ST. STEPHEN

A number of the Order of St. Stephen members from Palmerston North met with the Mission Resourcing Unit Superintendent during 1997. As a result of that meeting the work of the Order is affirmed and some new ideas for promoting the Order will be introduced during 1998.

Suggested Decisions:

1. The Report be received.
2. The following Grants-in-Aid are approved:

Glen Innes Co-op.	\$3,000
Avondale Union	\$3,000
St. Austell's Co-op	\$6,000
Turangi Co-op.	\$3,500
Hutt City Uniting	\$6,000
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(See Committee of Detail)
3. Conference notes, and records its appreciation for, the work of the Rev. Roy Alexander in his role as National Candidates Convenor.
4. Conference appoints the Rev. Ken Olsen as National Candidates Convenor.
5. The Mission Resourcing Unit Superintendent, on the approval of the President, may trial, during 1998, with no more than 3 parishes, alternative methods of finding possible matchings for Stationing. Such trials must continue the Methodist principles of: itineracy, Connexional oversight, District strategy, and parish requirements.

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Report to Conference 1997

Part A - The year that has been

The Educational Ministry staff, Margaret Hamilton and Winifred Murray have this year worked as part of the Mission Resourcing team which has been a rewarding experience. As in previous years Winifred and Margaret have worked in a variety of areas responding to the requests of synods and parishes as well as initiating educational projects. Their major work has been:

Training:

- Sexual Harassment/Abuse: Two events for new Synod and Advisory Committee Trainers and new Connexional people have been held this year. Most districts and groups now have trained local Contact People and have held educational events in their area.

Education:

- Bicultural education resourcing has continued in close liaison with the Bicultural Committee.

Relationships:

- Staff have continued to be part of the New Zealand Christian Educators Network.
- Links with the Uniting Education Commission of the Uniting Church of Australia (formerly the Joint Board of Christian Education) have been strengthened and sharing of talents is occurring.
- In consultation with Central Complaints Committee an Administrative Assistant has been appointed to oversee the process for dealing with sexual harassment/abuse incidents and cases.
- Work on a Facilitators Handbook, including in it a 'theology of facilitation' has continued.
- Participated in an NZQA Expert Panel on Leadership.

Accountability:

Margaret and Winifred have regularly attended supervision for their professional activities. They have also been intentional about their continuing education. Winifred has taken papers at the Theological College in first Testament, and Church, Ministry and Sacraments. Margaret has attended a Christian Spirituality course through the College House Institute of Theology. Regular very useful and supportive staff meetings have been held with the other members of the Mission Resourcing Unit Staff.

Part B - Looking Forward:

During the coming year the Educational Ministry staff plan to:

- Explore other ways of resourcing language and parish education.
- Assist people working in education in parishes to hone their skills for nurturing Christian faith. This is the next stage of the Policy for Children, i.e. the 'how' to put it into practice.
- Begin to prepare members to be the church in the 21st century by going on exploring how church and faith can be relevant then.
- Prepare resources that look at how people can be helped to grow into creating relationships that enable humans to live in harmony with Godde, the world, each other, and ourselves.
- Continue education against sexual harassment/abuse.
- Further bicultural education in the church.
- With other Mission and Ministry Resourcing staff to continue to explore co-operative ways of resourcing the Connexion.

Suggested Decisions:

1. The Report be received.
2. Conference note that Uniting Education will no longer be producing its own curriculum material, however it will remain in consultation with MediaCom in this area and the Life Plus modules will still be available. Publications for use in the educational ministries of the churches will continue to be published under the imprint of JBCE books.

DIACONATE TASK GROUP REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1997

The Task Group has kept in touch with deacons by phone throughout the year and is encouraged by the dedication and loving service to church and community in ongoing diaconal ministry

It is with some sense of disappointment that there does not appear to be a widespread interest in offering for diaconate ministry over recent years. We believe the Church needs to question why this is so.

Does the Church believe the diaconal ministry is an important outreach into the community? If so, what encouragement and resources might be needed for this to happen?

It is 21 years since the Diaconate began. We want to celebrate that, as those who are, or have been, in active ministry as deacons believe that it is a vital part of the whole ministry offered by the Church.

The Task Group has decided to continue its role of being available for consultation on matters concerning deacons - rather than disbanding as was suggested last year.

Suggested Decision:

The Report be received.

EVANGELISM TASK GROUP REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1997

The Past

Supported by Waikato - Waiariki Synod, this Group is now established and has met twice so far during 1997. Membership is:

Desmond Cooper, Elsie Jones, Neil Keesing, Tavake Tupou, Ralph Vickers (Convenor), Peter West, Viv. Whimster, Alan Withy, Gloria Zanders, District reps, and John Murray Mission Resourcing Unit. Other interested people are welcomed.

Group members are getting to know one another and beginning to "tell their stories" (something all hold to be vital in evangelism). In the sharing of what has happened there were many similar stories. A personal experience and relationship with Jesus Christ was a common experience for many members of the group.

The Future

In looking forward, the challenge is: "How to reach people who have never had anything to do with Christianity?" As the task of providing tools for people to work at this challenge is so important and so diverse, we would welcome ideas, input and reports of Parish programmes to be sent to the convenor. At present three parishes are exploring the concept of "Apostolic congregations" (a cell-like concept).

Recommendations

1. This report be received.
2. Subject to their consent, the Evangelism Group be: Desmond Cooper, Elsie Jones, Neil Keesing, Tavake Tupou, Ralph Vickers (Convenor), Peter West, Viv. Whimster, Alan Withy, Gloria Zanders, (District reps), and John Murray (Mission Resourcing Unit).
3. Conference encourages Parishes and other groups to send their "evangelism stories" to the Convenor of the Evangelism Task Group.

FORUM OF CO-OPERATIVE VENTURES (Report to Methodist Conference, 1997)

SECTION A

The Second Biennial Meeting of the Forum of Cooperative Ventures

This was held in July this year and was a great success. We believe that the emphasis we placed on celebration, usually a much under-utilised feature in church gatherings, contributed to this success.

Our moderators at the Biennial Meeting, Diane Miller-Keeley, of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland, and Duncan MacLeod, of the Presbyterian Church, made a wonderful job of fostering this air of celebration at the same time as preparing those gathered to do some constructive, creative work. One of the moderators changed into an Ecumenical COW for one session of the meeting, an acronym for Celebrate, Organise and Witness, a long standing Cooperative Venture catch phrase.

We trialed a new way of meeting which was theme orientated and meant that much of our work was accomplished in workgroups. Because of this meeting's particular theme we had regional workgroups. The purpose of the Biennial Meeting was as follows:

"We come together as the Forum to *Celebrate, Witness and Organise* our diverse ways of living and working in union. The Biennial meetings of the Forum offer people from Cooperative Ventures, regional committees and the Negotiating Partners an opportunity to reflect on this journey and to expand our vision for unity. The 1997 Forum meeting will focus on regional expressions of the Forum and on ministry as it relates to Cooperative Ventures."

As well as having two capable moderators, the Forum of Cooperative Ventures was fortunate to have the expertise of other resource people from our Negotiating Partners. Margaret Hamilton, from the Methodist Church, was part of the team of 5 Keynote Input people. We were also grateful for the important work done by the people we asked to facilitate workgroups. Facilitators drawn from our Methodist Partner included Margaret, Barry Jones, Neil Keesing, Don Riesterer and John Murray.

The New Standing Committee of the Forum of Cooperative Ventures

The Biennial Meeting elected a new Standing Committee. The representatives elected were Tony Bell, Ted Body, Joan Clark, Margaret Fryer, Ross Lawn, Rae McHardie, Tui McLeay, Don Riesterer, Glen Robertson and Brian Small. Tony Bell, Ross Lawn and Brian Small were elected to Standing Committee for the first time. They fill the places left by the retirement of Noel Dalley, Neil Keesing and Stephen Lindsay.

As well as these 10 elected representatives, there were a further 10 members appointed by the five Negotiating Partners. The two appointed by the Methodist Church of New Zealand / te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa continue to be John Murray and Helen Hay.

Don Riesterer was re-elected as Chairperson of Standing Committee.

Working Together

New Cooperative Venture agreements since the 1996 Conference include the following:

St Albans Uniting Parish - Methodist & Presbyterian
Onehunga Cooperting Parish - Churches of Christ, Methodist
& Presbyterian

We do still continue to get dissolutions of agreements but didn't have any over the last year. However the Shared Ministry agreement between Wairoa Union Parish and St Paul's Anglican parish is no longer in operation now that the Presbyterian minister who was at Wairoa Union has moved on.

In total we have 124 standard, union, uniting and co-operating parish agreements formed in keeping with the Common Provisions in the Guide to Procedures. We have another 33 agreements which include special parish covenants, Joint Use agreements, Shared Ministry agreements and Local Ecumenical Projects. This makes a total of 157 Cooperative Venture agreements.

The Methodist Church of Aotearoa New Zealand is involved in 142 Cooperative Venture agreements altogether, 114 of these are parishes that come under the Common Provisions agreement.

SECTION B

Forum Standing Committee Plans

Forum Standing Committee has decided that a re-look at the 'Act of Commitment' is a high priority for it in the next two years. At our October meeting we will have a panel discussion in which our members appointed by the Negotiating Partners will have an opportunity to clarify their own church's/denomination's understanding of this joint statement.

This has arisen from the various discussions on unity taking place within the Negotiating Partners and in the wider church and the impact these discussions have on the Forum. We recognise that opinion on unity varies amongst those in Cooperative Ventures parishes so feel that the Act of Commitment is a good place to start.

The Forum of Cooperative Ventures and CCANZ's Programme on Unity

The Forum of Cooperative Ventures has been part of this programme for nearly a year now and is excited about being involved in the work it has planned for the next two years.

The programme is looking to encourage and assist its member churches in putting in place an ecumenical course for their clergy in training. The Forum has long believed that such a course is vital and will do all it can to support this action.

1999 is the year of Ecumenical Learning. Preparation for this is to come from the Unity Programme and will need to begin next year, 1998. Thus the Forum looks forward to being part of that planning.

Regional Forums - gatherings to look forward to in the future

As result of the work done at the Biennial Meeting in Tawa, several regions have Regional Forum events scheduled to take place over the next 2 years. These will celebrate their lives as Cooperative Ventures (CV) in that region and address together those things of particular concern to them as CVs. These regions may or may not correspond to boundaries of the Joint Regional Committees (JRC).

Diane Miller-Keeley, one of the Moderators at our last Biennial Meeting, commented afterwards that the JRCs have gained a renewed sense of identity which needs building on and that it was time for the CVs to do some winsome wooing (rather than griping) of the

Negotiating Partners. We as CVs believe we have got something of value to offer the rest of the church. We hope you to have caught something of that vision and energy which can be part of our lives. Maybe you would like to participate in one of our Regional Forum events. If so, I encourage you to take note of when such an event is being advertised in your region. I am sure you will be more than welcome.

Suggested Decisions:

1. The report be received.

Kathryn McKenzie
Executive Officer

CHURCHES EDUCATION COMMISSION

Report to Conference 1997

SHARING WHAT HAS HAPPENED:

The national ministry of CEC is involved in co-ordination, monitoring and support of the co-operative ministry of churches in state schools as well as responding to other educational issues.

Religious Education in New Zealand State Schools (Bible in Schools):

Although 5,046 voluntary teachers taught in 65% of state primary schools in 1996, there were still many more schools wanting teachers. **THE DEMAND EXCEEDS THE SUPPLY!**

The "agreed syllabus", Religion in Life (and associated CEC resources) is used by about 70% of the teachers. It incorporates New Zealand material and is developed to help children understand the relationship and relevance of God and Biblical stories to their own lives. No other resources have the approval of CEC.

All voluntary teachers are encouraged to complete the national standard of basic training and become accredited.

Chaplaincy in New Zealand State Schools:

CEC has organised 3 national CARE Courses (Chaplaincy, Assessing, Resourcing and Equipping) in the last year. At 31.8.97 65 voluntary CEC Chaplains were officially in schools, each with an individually negotiated contract. Chaplaincy is enthusiastically welcomed by schools as a support to their pastoral care system.

N.Z. postgraduate training for teachers of Christian Education:

A Diploma in Subject Studies for Teachers (Christian Education) was first offered through Massey University in 1997: a joint programme developed by the Churches Christian Education Trust.

This is an exciting and significant development.

LOOKING FORWARD:

There are new possibilities opening up for the churches to co-operate in involvement in education. CEC will continue to explore these. We are moving into the second century of the churches working together in ministry in schools. (In 1897 ministers in Nelson first shared classes for religious education on non-denominational lines: the Nelson System.) This co-operation is an important outreach witness of the churches in the community. If churches want CEC to continue to exist as their co-operative educational agency they need to raise the profile of CEC and its ministry and really support the work done on their behalf.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the Report be receive.

METHODIST TRAVEL & STUDY COMMITTEE

Report to Conference 1997

The Committee continues to exercise responsibility for processing applications for assistance from three separate funds.

1. Travel & Study - Applications are invited from lay and ordained for study and or travel within New Zealand or overseas. Guidelines are available from the Committee and all applications must have the support of Parish and District Superintendent. Normally grants are up to 25% of costs for overseas ventures and up to 50% of travel costs and fee costs within Aotearoa, based on super thrifty fares.
2. J.H. Oldham Estate - Scholarship Trust - Applications are invited from young presbyters of the New Zealand Methodist Church for a subsidy on travelling expenses to and from New Zealand in further studies and the gaining of overseas experience in ministerial duties.
3. W.E.D. Beale Charitable Fund - Used specifically towards assisting, in a significant way, a person for work within the guidelines of the Mission Statement of the Church incorporating the Treaty of Waitangi.
4. Currently discussions are taking place with the Administration Division regarding processing of applications to the Bradley Trust, the initial purpose of which is the enabling of research projects, in-depth studies and forward planning for the outreach and Mission of the Church.

The Committee meets up to six times a year and applicants should consult with the Committee in the initial planning stage. Application forms are available from the Mission Resourcing Unit or the Convenor.

Grants made since the last Annual Report are:

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| 1. Jessie Kerr \$270 | Ecumenical Board of Studies Theological Papers. |
| 2. Alan Oliver \$220 | 2 weeks at Alan Walker College of Evangelism, Sydney. Two courses - Preaching & Today's Contexts. |
| 3. Lana Lazarus \$3,000 | Church appointed representative to W.C.C. Conference on World Mission and Evangelism in Brazil. |
| 4. Robyn Brown \$750 | Invitation from W.C.C. to attend LAOS Consultation in Geneva - Relationship between Church & World and between Clergy and Laity. |

5. Dennis Peat \$750 Member of Trinity Puppeteers - to attend International Festival of Puppetry, Chicago, for one week at Jim Hensan Studio.
6. Tony Stroobant \$1,000 "Fiction Writing" course, Aoraki Polytechnic (Timaru) 20 weeks full time.
7. Megan Schmidt \$412 Ecumenical Institute of Distance Theological Studies - three papers.
8. Katherine Peet \$1,500 President National WEA, to attend 2 Conferences - UNESCO Adult Education, Hamburg Germany - 5 nights; and CIVICUS Budapest - 4 nights.
9. Terry Wall \$1,100 To attend 10th Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, England.
10. Greg Hughson \$400 Part Long Leave - Helena Goldie Hospital, Solomon Islands.
11. Douglas Pratt \$500 Invitation from W.C.C. to attend W.C.C. office on Inter-Religious Relations meeting in Italy.

Suggested Decisions:

1. The Report be received.
2. The Committee Membership for 1998 is: Robyn Brown, Joan Bryant, Liz Cook, Jill van de Geer, John Murray, Ken Olsen, Gillian Watkin, General Secretary, and Jack Penman (Convenor).

English Speaking Taiuiwi Youth

Incorporating Empower Your Youth Board

1996-97 The way it was

Order of Saint Stephen

The Order of Saint Stephen is a way people can offer a year of service to the Church. New things are happening with the Order. Groups are being approached to see if they are prepared to offer positions. From this base it is hoped that the order will attract new members and grow in strength. During the year the Mission Resource Unit has began to take more responsibility for the Order of Saint Stephen.

Taiuiwi Youth Board

The Taiuiwi Youth Board (TYB) has met twice this year. English Speaking reps have been consistent in their membership and attendance but have found it difficult to maintain interest and energy levels for the following reasons:

- High turnover of reps so no sense of a coherent team
- Work of board undermined by other groups in the church with more clout, 'we are a board with no teeth!'
- Lack of clarity of the functions of the board

All things considered we support the disbanding of the TYB and hope that more effective ways of relating to the needs of Taiuiwi Youth Ministry will be found.

The informal gathering of a small group of youth workers and young people across all the cultural groups including Taha Maori which has been meeting

in Auckland provides such an opportunity.

Crumbs

Crumbs magazine is produced in conjunction with the Presbyterian Church as a resource for people who are youth leaders. Themes this year have covered; Youth abuse/Working Safe, Family ministry and Rites of Passage. Publication quality has improved and a regular writing team put together.

Let's Talk Youth

This is the way information is shared with parishes through the tenth of the month (connexional) mailing. It continues to be produced six times a year.

Training

The Diploma in Youth Ministry is a distance learning course in youth ministry provided by the Methodist, Anglican, Catholic and Presbyterian Churches. In the last year the Diploma in Youth Ministry Board has developed two one year certificates, Practical youth ministry, and Youth in Church and Society, as a way to make its training material more accessible. A growing number of students (over 50) are registering for the Diploma. The support of the Methodist Women's Fellowship and Association of Presbyterian Woman in making the Diploma part of their special objective is greatly appreciated. **For information on the Diploma in Youth Ministry ring 0800 119-692.**

The residential training event organised by Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican Youth in 1997 was the Big E held in Christchurch 14-18 July. It is pleasing to know that Methodists were the most well represented denomination. Input focused around the themes of leadership and models of youth ministry.



Empower Your Youth Board

Report to Conference 1997

by John Heberton, Convenor of EYY.

bits by Matthew Roberts and Russell Fleet

The Empower Your Youth Board was established by a decision of conference in response to the Empower Your Youth Policy. Its task is to empower English speaking youth within Te Haahi, and to empower those who call themselves Methodist in their ministry among English speaking youth. That is, to empower you the reader in your ministry.

Over the last twelve months, EYY has endeavoured to carry out this most important charge in several ways.

1:

Youthtrek

"I am Who? Who am I?" Youthtrek January 1997

Youthtrek 1997 in Taranaki was a mountain top experience. Trekers explored the deep and meaningful questions of who God is and what their faith response could be. Activities included tramps up Mt. Taranaki, a boat trip in the harbour, and visits to key places for local Maori including Parihaka and Turituri Mokia. All around the theme of "Who am I, I am Who"?

Thanks to all involved who made this a great event. A generation of young people was empowered to find ways of living faith filled lives.

Naturally God, God Naturally Youthtrek January 3-10 1998

The Hawkes Bay/Manawatu Synod is the host region for Youthtrek this coming year. A dedicated team in Napier has been working on producing a quality event. Please promote this event to the young people you know. Youthtrek is a place for young people to gather and experience Christian community and explore their faith. Jeanette and Ian Boddy Youth and Family worker and comic shop proprietor respectively are key resource people for the event. More information available at Conference.

2: National Youth Co-ordinators

Matthew Roberts and Russell Fleet's job share the English Speaking Youth Coordinator job. Where does the co-ordinators time go? There are a lot of demands on their time. Here is a table showing how one of them spends their time so you can see the reality of their work situation.

<i>Total hours available</i>	1040	100%
Set tasks		
EYY Board	120	12
Diploma in Youth Ministry	60	5
Youthtrek & planning	170	16
Conference	85	8
Pakeha M/ Stationing	70	7
MRU Staff meeting	60	5
Publications	70	7
<i>Total</i>	<i>635</i>	<i>61</i>
Remaining	405	39

On average 12 hours a week are absorbed by set tasks leaving less than 8 hours a week to initiate regional contact and support, necessary administration and the like. It is hard to meet the EYY priority of regional contact given other commitments. By employing two part timers an increased proportion of time is absorbed in the set tasks as frequently both staff are required to attend events.

Over the last two years, the EYY Board has asked the National Youth Co-ordinators, Matt Roberts and Russell Fleet, to make working with the each of the Districts, including Uniting Districts, a priority. We have asked them to come and listen to your concerns and dreams, and then to continue to work with you to resource your ministry among youth people. It is our hope that each District will be visited at least once by the end of 1997.

The Youth Co-ordinators have been involved in supporting North Canterbury and Auckland regions as they have thought about their regional youth worker positions. Matt was involved with the Manuawatu/ Hawkes

Bay Easter Camp. Russell has spent time (or is about to) in Taranaki and Northland.

We continue to be concerned by the vast size of the job we are asking Matt and Russell to undertake. Not only do we ask them to work with Districts, but also to meet a vast array of other commitments and expectations. We are working through EYY's relationship with the Mission Resourcing Unit, and in particular the staff meeting within the Unit, and our role in setting Matt and Russell's commitments. We continue to converse with MRU about this.

3. Empower Your Youth Policy Review

For the last two years EYY has been working towards a comprehensive review of the Empower Your Youth Policy. We want to know what its impact on the English Speaking church has been, what vision for working among young people currently exists among all ages, and whether the Empower Your Youth policy is still seen as a relevant document/resource. As part of our planning we identified many of the "stake-holders" in this process, and have invited many of them to participate. These include:

- Youth Trekers both past and present,
- young people and adults at regional youth gatherings,
- young people at the parish setting,
- Synods and Uniting District Councils,
- Presbyters, Parishioners, parents, youth leaders/worker at the parish level,
- Regional Youth Workers and committees
- various English speaking and connexional groups.

Our hopes in developing the review process included:

- youth ministry being increasingly owned by the whole of the church, and not just left up to the "chosen few"
- people operating from a vision for youth ministry, rather than a sense of guilt or duty
- people being able to explore new models and theologies of youth ministry
- well resourced and relevant structures being put in place
- a celebration of all that has been achieved over the last ten years

- having fun!

With the world changing at a fast pace, as a church we need to do some hard work on what it is we offer young people, and how we offer it. We hope that this is a good opportunity to do some of this work

4. Taiuiwi Youth Ministry Consultation

As a response to a decision by conference last year, the Mission Resourcing Unit organised and ran a consultation on the nature of youth ministry within Taiuiwi, and how that might be resourced. EYY spent some time debating issues of justice and equity, both in funding, and job descriptions, and accountability to the wider church. We were fortunate to have several EYY members at the consultation. We support the clear findings of the consultation that there is no longer one model of youth ministry. Each young person, each gathering of young people gives rise to different ways of doing youth ministry. It was clear then that there is a need for designated people within Taiuiwi to act both as advocates for youth and for youth ministry, to resource the multitudes of models that may emerge, and to act as a catalyst of new initiatives with other denominations, within Te Haahi, and at the District level.

5. Empower Your Youth Board

As part of the review, EYY has asked of itself, "do we empower youth, and the churches ministry among young people?" While we have a long way to go to answer these questions, it is clear that EYY has been vital in giving young people, and those involved in youth ministry a voice at the district, national and connexional level. It has continued to be a place where those with enthusiasm and commitment both for the youth policy, and for young people can gather, and share ideas and energy. It has also been a place for creative thinking about the nature and shape of youth ministry, and continues to play an important role. We need to consider how we might more effectively share both the vision, thinking and commitment.

6. Management Group

REALITY BITES

Section B: Youth and the Future

by Matt Roberts



The reality for many young people in New Zealand is that reality bites them hard and hurts them. In this section of the report some of this reality is explored and the role of the church in shaping a new future is explored

- 95, 000 children live in dysfunctional families
 - 55% of proven offenders are aged 15-24
- 156 youth committed suicide in 1995
- New Zealand has the second highest teenage pregnancy rate in the OECD
- 70% of young people have smoked marijuana
 - 10-20% of young people require professional mental health care
- Students owe \$2 billion in student debt

A **Vision** for a society where

... being young is valued, and where young people experiencing pain and troubles are nurtured, supported and strengthened by family/whanau and the community.

This is the vision stated in the draft Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy, Ministry of Youth Affairs

The **best** option for the church is shifting from a church life focus to a **whole life focus**.

This is about equipping Church members to live out their humanity within the family and the work place (and lack of work place) in response to God.

Source: Youth a Part(1996)



Concern for injustice has to be matched by actions to challenge that injustice.



Young **people** respond to what most of us respond to - genuine unsentimental concern and interest in them, be-

ing **valued** for what they are now rather than what they might become.



Walking with hope



While I have been ministering in Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa New Zealand (over the last seven years in Youth Ministry) I have found our ability to journey together with God a struggle. The struggle is nothing new for the church. Realistically it is probably the reason for many of the 'ism's', naming church expressions today. The sub-cultures that are created by each generation of a particular period and place in history are numerous. Unfortunately the ism, with a method, in New Zealand, has been largely unsuccessful in resourcing a comprehensive way to continue to relate theologically, socially or spiritually to many sub-cultures. Or, in other words, to facilitate the growth of, and be integrated with, multi 'sub-cultural faith communities'. The sub-cultures of younger people particularly.

We (in church) talk about the missing generation, the reality is that there are missing generations! They are only recognised as missing because they are not visible to those 'within'. Why is that? Maybe it's because we are not where they can see us? I am one of the generation called X, I am married to Jill of the generation called baby boomers, we have children who are of the generation WHY? And a grandchild who is from a generation yet to be labelled.

The statement 'church is boring' is often heard in our household, that is when we all attend. Conversely when we have been to a residential youth event, or lived with other Christians sharing a common experience together, the statement heard is: 'Can we stay?', or 'Do we have to leave?' As a parent and a Youth Co-ordinator, this is a rare statement. I hear it maybe two or three times a year. This latter statement expresses a hunger and a hope found in experience of meaningful relationship with God, and with each other. Re-creating together, experiencing a God who is understood and understanding, a God who is involved in the worship of our lives - whether it be with a bunch of people on four-wheeler motor bikes, trekking up a muddy track, or a group gathering to play cards, surfing the net, at a cafe in the city, or sitting on the side of the road by some white crosses in silence - EMMANUEL God is with us!

It has been my privilege to be part of a faith community grappling with how to be church now and in the future. A community willing to risk and experiment with different ways of being/doing. In this environment of trust and honesty, in letting go of our guilt and despair, comes a way forward. I have experienced something of the giftedness of young and not so young people; of their imaginations, resourcefulness, ingenuity; and seen the empowering or employment of this giftedness breathe new life into something that was almost dead, or something that had died being born again in another form. It is here I have met God again and again. It is here that 'church' has hope in the present and the future.

1. How do we embrace such change?
2. Do we embrace such change?

If we do, how do we make and signpost those changes well? I believe, as a church, we need to be explicit about our changing/unchanging theologies. To intentionally explore and resource ways in which we can develop, accept and express the "God Understandings" springing out of different contexts. And therefore encourage the evolution of church, trusting each other to be ALL ourselves 'created in the image and likeness of God'!

Russell Fleet



Suggested Decisions:

1. That membership of EYY for 1998 be: John Hebenton (Convenor), Gavin Clements, Shaun Peterson, Jeanette Boddy, Mitch Hawn, Ian Barnes, Allan Staite and other to be confirmed.
2. That Conference thanks Alison Greening, Walter Nicholls, Chris Konings, Amanda Stace, Malcolm Salter, and Gabrielle Fawkner for their service to EYY.
3. That Conference thanks John Eddy, David Baird, Gabrielle Fawkner and Kathy Clifford for their service on the Management Group.
4. That Conference affirm Youthtrek as a valuable experience for young people and asks parishes to encourage young people to attend Youthtrek.
5. That the Taranaki Youthtrek organising committee be thanked for their dedication in creating Youthtrek '97.
6. That concern is expressed at the under funding of the Children's and Young Persons' service and the Government is called to value children and young people by making this work a budget priority.
7. That all parts of the Church recognise that 40% of the population are aged under 25 and resource ministry with this age group accordingly.
8. That a process for reviewing lay covenanted/contracted ministry be developed. That it ensure fair and just appraisal of the ministry and fair and just information on which to base decisions regarding the continuation/cessation of contracts/covenants.
9. That Conference considers either:
 - (a) changing the date of Conference to either October or February, or
 - (b) change the age of youth representatives from 25 to 30 years.
(Explanation: Conference currently excludes many young people as it occurs during major exam times. Different dates would allow a larger youth gathering before Conference. While the option presented in (a) above is the strong preference of youth, if it is rejected then the other alternative is to increase the age.)
10. That the Empower Your Youth Board have the right to have one person representing the Board at the Conference.
11. When more than one person is filling the position of English Speaking Youth Co-ordinator (i.e. job sharing a Connexional Appointment) both persons be entitled to attend Conference as full members.

Questions for the Church

What roles do people in the church play in creating a society that is truly a heaven on earth?

In terms of the lives of young people this includes:

- ❖ Bring children up in a nurturing community, It has been said it takes a whole community to raise a child.
- ❖ Having a adult you can relate to and who cares about you
- ❖ An environment that lets you make mistakes and still cares for you.

Young people seek:

- ❖ A place to be with their friends
- ❖ A place to feed their soul
 - ❖ A caring community
- ❖ To be valued for who they are

The question for the Church is how it meets these needs? This could include: providing a place for young people to hang out, or the church hanging out where young people are, parent support groups, intergenerational contact and support, affirmation for being who you are and facilitating ways in which young people can express their faith. The list goes on.

Resourcing youth and children

40% of the population (1.25 million people) are aged under 25. Work with youth and children receives 12% of the connexional budget. A Church that takes young people seriously is a Church which that has the faith and courage to commit significant resources to its work with young people. The Anglican Church in England has conducted a major youth review that concluded; "One third of the population is aged under 25, with this in mind we recommend that the church examines its budgets and other resources at every level and reallocates these to reflect the distribution of the population". What do you think?

COUNCIL FOR MISSION AND ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1996

SECTION A: WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

Introduction:

This year two influences have had a large impact on the manner in which the Co-ordinating Committee and the Units of Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation have discharged their terms of reference. First, careful consideration has been given to the distribution of the diminishing budget being made available by the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Hahi Weteriana O Aotearoa and the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. The Council is aware of the effect of withdrawing support from some of our partners and with this knowledge it is not always easy to determine priorities and make reductions. Financial considerations have dominated two of the three Co-ordinating Committee meetings held this year. Secondly, all members are aware of the questions that are being asked in the wider Methodist and Presbyterian Churches about the future of the Council. While initially there was a sense that a clarification of the Churches' positions on how best to engage in mission, ecumenical relations and international affairs would be useful, the continuing nature of these reviews has become debilitating for many Unit members. An environment of uncertainty does not always produce best results.

We wait and pray, that the Church in its wisdom may make the right decisions regarding the future and the way we relate to and support our Partners overseas.

In response to both these influences the Council is in the process of forming a new structure. The Co-ordinating Committee believes that this structure will further rationalise the use of available resources, revitalise the enthusiasm of those called to serve within the new structure and the wider church, and to rekindle a vision for expressing solidarity with our partner Churches beyond New Zealand. The Co-ordinating Committee recognises that this new structure will bring yet a further change to the position of the Secretary of the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation.

The Council has attempted to fulfil the objectives stated at Conference 1996. One departure from the objectives was the continuation of block grants to three partner churches. This came after a plea from the

partners that their priorities be respected when proposals for funding were submitted. It became apparent that a move to project funding with our traditional partners would involve them in a "paper war" and be time consuming for them and for the Council as the Council had agreed that the partners priorities would be respected.

People will always be the first priority of the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation.

Staff and Volunteers:

New Appointments:

Dr Patrick Paia, a Solomon Islander, has been appointed Medical Superintendent of Helena Goldie Hospital. **Mr Michael Cooke**, of Christchurch, has been appointed to work with the Amity Foundation, teaching English in China. **Mr Kam Donald**, a ni-Vanuatu, has taken up a new position as carpentry instructor at Navota Farm.

Dr John and Mrs Joyce Louw, replaced Roger Brown at Helena Goldie Hospital for six months. **Dr Stafford and Mrs Ella Bourke** now serve as the second doctor at the hospital.

Continuing Staff:

The Rev Robert Paterson, Ujung Pandang, and the **Rev Winston and Mrs Bernice Baker**, Hong Kong have been home on furlough. Both have been involved in deputation to parishes.

Mrs Katherine McDaniel has been visited in Chiang Mai by the Secretary, and has had a private visit to New Zealand. **Miss Kath Kerr** returned to Goldie College as Head of Science. **Mr Gavin and Mrs Josephine McLean**, former staff members returned to Payap Christian University, Chiang Mai as a music teacher and an archivist. **The Very Rev Dr Ian Cairns**, is again serving in Indonesia. **Ian Faulkner** visited with the **Rev Dr Herman Shastri**, while in Malaysia and the **Rev Dr Simon Rae**, on behalf of the Council visited **Dr Cecil and Nayana Harrison**, Christian Hospital Jagadhri, and **Mrs Kamla Singh**, St Thomas' School Jagadhri. **Mr Clint Smythe**, a market gardener, served as a volunteer in Vanuatu, helping to establish a market garden at Navota Farm. **Mr Colin McLennan** continues to serve at Rehab Craft, Cambodia.

Scholarship Holders:

Apart from a grant to the Indonesian churches for theological education, the Council has supported the following students on scholarships: **the Rev Etuati, Tuvalu, Mr Tamate,, Niue, and Hillary Bero, Solomon Islands.**

Returning Staff:

A number of staff have returned home: **Dr Roger and Mrs Kathy Brown**, Helena Goldie Hospital, **the Revs John and Myrtle Rough**, Kiribati, **Dr Terry Cowland**, Goldie College. **The Rev Martin Manses** has completed his appointment as Manager of Navota Farm. The Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu will make another appointment.

Visitors:

A large group of women from the United Church of Papua New Guinea visited the Auckland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty on a goodwill visit. They were hosted by members of the Synods, Presbyteries, Methodist Womens' Fellowships and the Association of Presbyterian Women..

The Rev Rueben Magekon, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu and Moderator of the Pacific Conference of Churches visited parishes in the North and South Islands.

The Revs Dr Ghana Robinson, Church of South India, and Dr Somen Das, Church of North India, both from theological institutions have visited as an extension of intensive visits to the Uniting Church in Australia.

The Rev Bussy Arulampalam, World Mission Secretary (Pacific Desk) of the Uniting Church in Australia visited Auckland. The Rev Dr Anne Patel-Gray, Uniting Church in Australia, the Rev Dr Fred and Mrs DeeDee Walls, Presbyterian Church (USA), Miss Christine Elliot-Hall, Methodist Church of the United Kingdom visited and conferred with the Council on matters of mutual interest.

Many Pacific Island people have passed through Auckland enroute for other Pacific destinations. These fleeting visits have given the Council the opportunity to keep informed of developments in the Pacific. The Council is extremely grateful to the people who open their homes to host these and other visitors.

Contact with Partner Churches:

The Council appreciates the assistance give by church members who offer to do work for the Council when making private visits overseas. Ian Faulkner (Malaysia), Garth Cant (South Africa), Bill Griffiths (Solomon Islands), Greg Hughson (Solomon Islands) Simon Rae (India), and David Clarke (Indonesia) have all visited either staff or partner churches while making private visits to a country. The Council encourages all people travelling overseas to make contact before leaving in the hope that the worldwide church will become a part of their itinerary. The Secretary has met twice with World Mission staff of the Uniting Church in Australia while on private visits to or through Australia.

Ecumenical Partnerships:

Throughout the Council has worked with, and exchanged information with both the Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand and Christian World Service. Methodist delegates to the 1997 CCANZ Forum were: Cathy Clifford, Alison Cable, Nicola Grundy, Terry Wall, Amanda Clarke, and Neville Price. Amanda Clarke and Neville Price will serve a three year term, while Alison Cable replaced Mike Yassa for this year only. the Council has consulted with the Council of Conference regarding new appointments to the CCANZ Executive.

The Church will be represented at the World Council of Churches 1998 Assembly by John Roberts and Alison Cable (Methodist). This selection was made by seeking nominations from Synods and the final selection being made by the President, Te Tahi Maori and the Council.

The Secretary was a observer at the Pacific Conference of Churches Assembly in Tahiti and a guest at the Bi-centenary of the arrival of the gospel in the Pacific which was celebrated in conjunction with the Assembly.

A number of Scottish Churches are looking at forming a Union Church and information has been sought from the Council.

In the year 2000 the date of Easter for the Western Churches and Eastern Orthodox Churches fall on the same date. A proposal from a working party set up by the World Council of Churches has asked that member churches agree to an altered method of calculating the date of Easter from 2001. The new method would:

- Maintain the Nicene norms.
- Use the most accurate scientific means.
- Use as a basis for reckoning the meridian of Jerusalem, the place of Christ's death and resurrection.

The proposal arises from a situation which is not a major question for MCNZ, however, it is a problem for northern churches living side by side celebrating Easter at different times of the year. To agree to this proposal would also be a sign of solidarity with the Orthodox Churches within Aotearoa New Zealand.

International Affairs:

With the change over of Hong Kong from British rule to a Special administrative Region (SAR) of China there has been a focus on this part of the world. Our partners in the SAR keeping the Council fully informed. Asia Sunday material, prepared by CCA and CWM was distributed to the parishes.

The Council has been active promoting an appeal for North Korean famine relief in conjunction with CWS. There is a situation in North Korea in which both ends of the political spectrum lay blame for the cause of the famine. However, the Council believes that the lives of innocent victims should not be held to ransom by political forces and ask that the church continues to give generously to this on-going appeal.

Members of Unit Five continue to represent the Council at meetings of international importance called in Wellington by either Government or various NGO's.

The Council has followed carefully evolving events in Bougainville. See appendix.

Second Mile Giving:

Once again this programme has been well supported, especially landmine clearance and the Onesua High School/Navota Farm projects. A tractor has been purchased for the farm. The Methodist Womens' Fellowship supported generously the Laos ministers' training programme and the Burmese Border Consortium.

The Council is extremely appreciative of the many donations from parishes and individuals received during the year.

LOOKING FORWARD:

The age of paternalism is now well behind us and the Council recognises freedom for indigenous Christians with who we have partnership. This means acknowledging the wisdom, skills, theological and philosophical perceptions, resources and administrative abilities which are gathered in the life of our partner churches overseas. Reciprocal encouragement and a willingness to go forward gently so that none be alienated is the Council's goal.

While recognising that the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation has a global responsibility, it will continue to concentrate on the Pacific, Asia and to a lesser extent, Southern Africa. The financial needs of our partners, especially those in the Pacific, who are amongst the poorest nations in the world, should be maintained on our conscience.

The Council will endeavour to understand and maintain a total vision of God's Mission, and will keep before them the comment of Hans-Ruedi Weber who said,

"The Church has two forms of existence:- that of ecclesia, the assembly, and that of diaspora, the dispersion. To dwell on the local church is to miss the point. The church must act vicariously for the whole world."

As the Council considers the message of Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8, we acknowledge the message conceives of mission as an ever widening movement outward from the source. It is also acknowledged that God's Mission must be allowed to flower and bear fruit according to the local soil in which it is planted, for the good of all.

In order to make the best and most effective use of the resources provided by the parent churches the Council will re-structure. A centralised committee will be phased in during the coming year and will make full use of and develop local networks.

With an Act of Parliament, the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees are now able to release funds which have been held in trust accounts which have been accumulating, but whose original purpose no longer exists. In a major review of its finances the Council intends to:

- Reduce the reserve fund held.
- Investigate new uses for some trust funds which come within the scope of the Act of Parliament.

This will be done by presenting additional projects in the coming year. It is hoped that more overseas staff will be able to be sent to serve with partner churches.

Projects Which Will Support Partner Churches or People Overseas.

Overseas Volunteer Service Programme

Pacific Theological College

Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu

United Church of Papua New Guinea

Grant for theological scholarships in Indonesia

Church of North India

Helena Goldie Hospital

Manager of Navota Farm, Vanuatu.

Old Testament Lecturer, Ujung Pandang, Indonesia

Leadership development, Irian Jaya

Pacific and African Concerns (nuclear and post-apartheid issues)

Rehab Craft, Cambodia

Medical Superintendant, Helena Goldie Hospital

Solomon Island theological scholarship

Hindii literature translation project
Christian Education in Sri Lanka
Bethune House, Hong Kong
Amity Foundation, Hong Kong
Haaka evangelism, Taiwan
Second Dr at Helena Goldie Hospital
Theological scholarship, Tuvalu
Theological scholarship, Niue
Health concerns of Pacific Children
Church History lecturer, Malaysia
Principal, St Thomas' School, India
Medical Superintendent, Christian Hospital Jagadhri, India
Workshop staff, Navota Farm, Vanuatu
Teacher in Peoples' Republic of China
Dadaya High School, Zimbabwe
Christian Womens' Development, Transkei
Parish missionary support
Teacher, Tuvalu
Old Testament Lecturer, Kiribati
Higham Bingham High School, Kiribati
Repairs to the New Zealand Mission House, Indonesia
Ecumenical and Partner Church exchange programmes
Tangintebu Theological College, Kiribati

Ian Faulkner, Janet Taege Co-Conveners
Judy Allison, Secretary.

**PEACE TALKS BETWEEN THE BOUGAINVILLE INTERIM
GOVERNMENT/BOUGAINVILLE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY
(BIG/BRA) AND THE BOUGAINVILLE TRANSITIONAL
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Comment by Rev W.D. Griffiths.

Introduction:

For a number of years the BIG/BRA have said they considered New Zealand the country where peace negotiations to the end crisis in Bougainville could take place. New Zealand had not taken a pro-active part in the political and military offensive against those Bougainvillians seeking independence. It has always been the desire of the BIG/BRA that a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Bougainville be found.

A number of New Zealanders, including some disappointed at the reluctance of Government, since the Endeavour Peace Talks, to offer further positive assistance, have over the years petitioned the NZ Government in an attempt to encourage a more pro-active position by Government in the whole peace process. I am one who, on a number of occasions, has written to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Rt Hon Don McKinnon in an attempt to encourage Government to host such talks. I have done this first of all, because of the conviction that all indigenous peoples have the right to be self-determining. Secondly, I have been requested to do so by the Secretary of the BIG/BRA, Mr Martin Mirioi. Requests were also made of me by the President of the BIG/BRA, Francis One, the General of the BRA Sam Kauona and some members of the BIG Cabinet in Bougainville.

Until recently all approaches to the NZ Government have been met by the response that Government was unable to be involved in the Bougainville Crisis as it was an internal matter of PNG.

The 1996 Methodist Conference, under the Council for Mission report approved the following:

"Conference continues to be aware of the suffering of the Bougainville people, and urges the New Zealand Government to press for United Nations intervention through a peace-making force and a referendum, the ultimate goal being a peaceful self-determination."

Some History:

While Mr Miriori was in NZ en route to the United States and Europe to create awareness and promote the Bougainville struggle among the international community, 23 May - 27 June, he and I visited Sir Paul Reeves at his home in Parnell on May 27. During the hour long conversation Sir Paul was asked if he would, subject to the NZ Government hosting peace talks in NZ, be prepared to chair such meetings. Sir Paul's response was positive. This response was some time later conveyed to Government.

Following my letter to Mr McKinnon, 11 July, 1995, in response to a news statement in which Sir Julius Chan, Prime Minister of PNG, invited Sam Kauona, David Onavui and other members of the BIG/BRA to Port Moresby for talks on possible peace, and Martin Miriori's response that BIG/BRA were not prepared to respond to Sir Julius' conditions, I received the following reply:

"If at any time it is considered that New Zealand could play a useful role, we would, of course, be willing to consider it....."

I again wrote to Parliament, this time on behalf of the Council for Mission, in response to PNG's increased military offensive on Bougainville named Operation High Speed, and the continuing violation of the sovereignty of the Solomon Islands by PNG. In my letter I requested the NZ Government to:

- Communicate with Sir Julius Chan, and his Government, stating New Zealand's opposition to the escalation of the military offensive in Bougainville.
- State New Zealand's opposition to the violation of the sovereignty of the Solomon Islands Nation by Papua New Guinea.
- State New Zealand's opposition to a military resolution in the Bougainville crisis, and that all PNG troops be withdrawn.
- Communicate with the Papua New Guinea Government stating it is New Zealand's opinion that the people of Bougainville themselves determine their own future and rule.
- Communicate with Mr Theodore Muriung, Premiere of the Bougainville Transitional Government, and Mr Francis One, President of the Bougainville Interim Government, informing them of New Zealand's willingness to host a Peace Forum in New Zealand under the possible leadership of Sir Paul Reeves.
- State that the New Zealand Government will have an open policy on refugees from Bougainville wishing to reside in New Zealand.

Mr McKinnon replied:

"Thank you for writing to me about the situation in Bougainville. As you know, New Zealand strongly supports a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Bougainville. Over recent months we have made our position very clear to the Government of Papua New Guinea. It is widely known that if asked by all parties involved, New Zealand stands ready to contribute to the process of finding a lasting resolution to the conflict.

Any lasting solution would however need to have the support of all Bougainvillians, as well as the Papua New Guinea Government. Future initiatives would need to take place in an environment conducive to producing lasting results."

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

I am curious as to why the NZ Government, having said they were ready to contribute to the process of finding a lasting solution to the conflict, subject to being asked to do so by all parties involved, suddenly structured a peace process in NZ that depended on negotiating with at least two of the parties to take part. I, along with many am grateful that the NZ Government has at last decided to initiate talks that may lead to a resolution of the Bougainville problem. Why was this commitment not made by the Government at least two years ago, especially when it has been seen not to be dependent on the initial consent of all parties concerned? The Department of Foreign Affairs have not given an adequate answer to this question. To merely suggest that a new term of Government gives time over the next three years for the situation to be dealt with is insufficient explanation. Why can't they be more transparent and declare the reasons behind their sudden change of policy?

The employment by Papua New Guinea of mercenaries to be used in Bougainville to rout the BRA obviously caused a regional security scare. Perhaps this, more than anything, prompted, not only NZ to take action, but also the Governments of Australia and the Solomon Islands. The Solomon's Government hosted part of the BIG/BRA delegation en route to NZ and the Australian Government contributed by financing the accommodation.

LEAD UP TO THE BURNHAM TALKS:

Martin Miriori attended the 53rd Session of the Human Rights Commission Geneva 10th March - 18th April 1997, during which he was informed that the Rt Hon Don McKinnon, Foreign Affairs Dept, NZ, was trying to contact him. On 18th April 1997 the Minister's office phoned the hotel at which Martin Miriori was staying in an attempt to contact him. The Foreign Minister was in the Hague at that time and had been visiting NZ's Commissions in Europe.

On Saturday 26th April that Martin Miriori finally received what he considered to be *"a historical telephone call"* from the Minister for Foreign Affairs, The Rt Hon Don McKinnon was calling from NZ. Martin Miriori faxed to inform me that he had received the call. He was obviously delighted and overjoyed at the prospect of talks in NZ. He states in his report following his visit to the 53rd Session of the Human Rights Commission of United Nations Geneva:

" The telephone call then put the final seal for more closer future co-operation with the New Zealand Government to develop a new, and perhaps much more realistic peace process on Bougainville."

Following Government's decision to host talks in NZ there was considerable communication between Martin Miriori and myself. Dates were

set for preliminary talks to take place in Auckland between Martin Miriori and representatives from Foreign Affairs Department. These were set for June 14th and would continue until such time as details were finalised. A representative from Dept of Foreign Affairs, and I, met Martin Miriori at Mangere Airport on Friday 13th June. Prior to the preliminary talks commencing the following day, I hosted him at my home for the night and in the morning delivered him to his accommodation in Auckland City.

It was decided at this initial meeting that Mr Moses Havini and Mike Forster from Sydney representing BIG/BRA and Mr Kapeatu Puaria the legal adviser for the BTG should be requested to travel to NZ as soon as possible to take part in the discussions. Following a considerable amount of debate, it was decided that Peace Talks should take place in NZ, and that PNG should be invited to allow a delegation representing the BTG to attend wider all-Bougainville talks yet to be arranged.

It was agreed that Mr Kapeatu Puaria should convey this message to the PNG Government in Port Moresby on his return. These men returned to their countries to await the response from the PNG Government.

Following the meeting, and before the departure of the BIG/BRA representatives, I was briefed and then departed for Honiara on the 17th June to meet those BIG/BRA delegates who had arrived in the Solomons prior to the NZ initiative. They had come in an attempt to meet with the BTG from Buka, who had been invited to meet for talks in the Solomons. This did not happen because the BTG decided not to enter into discussions at that stage.

I was met at Henderson Airport, Honiara, and transported to Talise Haus (motel) where I resided, along with the Bougainville delegation under armed police and military protection. During the next few days I was able to inform the delegation of the conversations and decisions made at the preliminary talks in Auckland.

Some of the delegation I knew, as I had hosted them in NZ as they transited on their way to Geneva. Others I met for the first time, although I had communicated with them by radio during previous visits to the Solomons. I had also communicated with them in Bougainville from NZ by phone and fax on a number of occasions.

The next week, I remained with the delegation while waiting for a response from the Government of PNG. Finally word was received that PNG would permit a BTG delegation to travel to NZ to take part in the all Bougainville talks.

During the first week of my stay at Talise Haus the BIG/BRA had set up a radio so that communication could be maintained with the ground in Bougainville, and it was this radio that was used for communications to decide who else would be chosen and be air-lifted out of Bougainville to attend the NZ talks. Points, at which delegates still on the ground were to assemble, were arranged for helicopter pick up.

Everything was now arranged for all delegates to be transported to NZ. This involved a large number of people travelling from Buka and the main Island of Bougainville and some from Port Moresby. Unfortunately, someone decided to shoot at the helicopter as it approached Guava village in central Bougainville. The pick up plan had to be aborted which meant that some BIG/BRA delegates had to find alternative means of getting to NZ. Fortunately, they arrived in time to be able to make their contribution to the talks.

During my stay, I travelled to North Solomons to meet with various contacts. I then returned and again took up residence at Talise Haus prior to leaving for NZ three days before the delegation travelled to Burnham Military Camp.

THE BURNHAM TALKS:

These were all-Bougainville talks, and others were excluded from being present at the debate. Media was controlled so that there would not be adverse publicity which might have offended either of the negotiating parties, or in any way hinder the process. Initially, there was hesitancy and mistrust, but that soon evaporated, and when talks began in earnest it was discovered that the desires of all the delegates were that the best interests of the people of all Bougainville were paramount.

Healing took place as relatives, previously separated by a war that is divisive and has claimed the lives of thousands, met for the first time in nine years.

A document called the 'Burnham Declaration' was formulated as a statement which would be the basis on which further negotiations would proceed. At the conclusion of this round of talks the document was taken back to Port Moresby, Buka and the BIG/BRA area for discussion.

Being European, I did not take part in the formal discussions, but did have a phone link into the BIG/BRA office that was set up for the duration of the talks in Burnham. I was kept informed as the talks developed. I was finally briefed by Martin Miriori and others following the talks before they left NZ.

As the peace process is still in progress at the time of writing, and the parties concerned continue to discuss and work through all that is implicated in such an exercise, little more can at this stage be said. By the time this report is read by Conference and Assembly two more meetings will have taken place. We can only hope and pray that wisdom will prevail, that the rights of people will not be lost sight of, and that freedom for Bougainville will be given. That freedom will not come quickly, nor easily, and it is anticipated that at least three more years, and perhaps more, of negotiation will be necessary.

Christian World Service Report to Methodist Conference 1997

Christian World Service is the development, justice and aid programme of the Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand, of which the Methodist Church is a member. There are four main areas to Christian World Service's work:

- (1) Supporting long-term development programmes
- (2) Responding to emergencies
- (3) Education within Aotearoa New Zealand
- (4) Advocacy and campaigning

Contributions to CWS from Te Hahi Weteriana

Each year, Te Hahi Weteriana sets aside 2% of its national budget for overseas development and aid work through Christian World Service. This contribution enables a wide range of programmes and projects to be supported. In the financial year ended 30 June 1997, these were:

Africa:	2% Fund	VASS
Uganda: Jinja Women's Weaving	\$1 157.50	\$3 472.50
Zimbabwe: Rainwater Harvesting	\$2 000.00	\$6 000.00
Central America:		
Nicaragua:		
Community Development Projects of Protestant Church	\$2 000.00	\$2 000.00
Asia:		
Asian Cultural Forum on Development	\$2 500.00	
India: Women's Boat Building Project	\$2 500.00	\$7 500.00
Philippines: Ecumenical Movement for Justice and Peace:-Human Rights	\$1 000.00	\$1 000.00
Middle East:		
Lebanon: Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation	\$1 500.00	\$1 500.00
Pacific:		
Solomon Islands: Integrated Community Development	\$ 434.47	
CWS:		
Education, Advocacy and Administration	\$3 272.99	
Total:	\$16 364.96	\$21 472.50

As shown above, Christian World Service also receives a block grant subsidy from the Government under the Voluntary Agency Support Scheme (VASS). Thus, the contributions from Te Hahi Weteriana's 2% aid fund were supplemented with \$ 21,472.50 VASS enabling a total of \$34,564.47 to be sent to projects.

Record Year for Christian World Service

1996-97 was an excellent year for Christian World Service. Income was the highest it has ever been (\$1.4 million) with a corresponding record amount (\$997 000) being allocated to overseas projects. This enabled Christian World Service to support 64 projects in 27 countries around the world.

Donations to the Christmas Appeal increased, as did general donations received during the year. The most significant increase, however, came from Government funding. Besides continuing to receive a block grant under the VASS scheme, Christian World Service also received seventeen grants (most to the value of \$10 000) for new partner groups involved in either 'Women in Development' or 'Environmental Initiatives'.

1997 Theme: Breaking the Chains of Debt

UNICEF estimates that half a million children die each year as a direct result of the Third World debt crisis. In recent decades, the level of debt held by Third World countries has increased to such proportions that many countries are now spending 5-10 times more on debt repayments than on health or education. For example, the Ugandan government spends a mere US\$2.64 per person on health care, while US\$29.64 per person goes on debt repayments. While Third World countries are making huge sacrifices to pay off their debts, the total debt stock only continues to grow. In 1983, the heavily indebted countries owed \$644 billion. By the end of 1991, they had paid their creditors \$673 billion, but their debt had risen to \$950 billion.

Throughout the world, churches and groups are calling for an end to the suffering caused by the Third World debt crisis. It is being recognised that Third World countries will never be able to pay off their debts without the sacrifice of millions of lives. Christian World Service has joined with groups throughout Aotearoa New Zealand to form the Debt Action Network which is calling for:

- (a) the New Zealand Government to take active steps to help eliminate poverty among the world's poorest peoples by actively promoting the cancellation of all unsustainable debts owed by the poorest countries by the year 2000.
- (b) the New Zealand Government to do this at all appropriate international fora, in particular meetings of the World Bank and its members agencies, the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations.

This campaign is in line with similar actions throughout the world, including calls made at last year's World Methodist Council. Christian World Service is recommending that Te Hahi Weteriana support this campaign (see "Suggested Decision").

To enable churches and groups to understand the Third World debt crisis and join this campaign, Christian World Service has prepared a study series with an accompanying video. Many groups throughout the country have already used the studies and found them extremely useful. Copies are available free of charge (donations always welcome!) from Christian World Service.

Other Advocacy Work

Christian World Service has continued its involvement in the East Timor Independence Campaign, the Set the Children Free campaign (which works on issues of child bonded labour), GATT Watchdog and the Coalition for Justice in Nigeria.

Joint Church Response to Emergencies

Christian World Service has been coordinating a group of church agencies, so that when there is a major emergency we work cooperatively and not competitively. This group includes the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Cooperation, the NZ Anglican Board of Missions, Caritas and the Salvation Army. In the past year, this group has worked together on all the major emergencies, including the refugee crisis in Zaire in late 1996, the cyclones in the Pacific Islands in March 1997 and most recently, the famine in North Korea.

People have responded generously to these emergency appeals, particularly the appeal for what was called Zaire and the famine in North Korea. Both of these appeals are ongoing.

At the height of the refugee crisis in Zaire church leaders, coordinated by Christian World Service, wrote to leaders of the major political parties expressing their concerns and asking them to take a number of specific actions. This received good media coverage on TV, the radio and in the press.

New Office in Dunedin

In 1996, Christian World Service was offered a space by Maori Hill Presbyterian Church for a local office. This offer was gratefully received and a wonderful opening of the office took place in November, with representatives of local churches and the media attending.

Promoting the Work of Christian World Service

For many years, Te Hahi Weteriana has acknowledged Christian World Service as the official agency which undertakes the Church's overseas aid and development work. Christian World Service belongs to every Methodist parish/circuit within Aotearoa New Zealand.

Christian World Service is committed to being known in every church and household throughout the country. Building up such a profile takes persistence and time.

Over the past year, Christian World Service has made further progress in this area with:

- the appointment of a full-time Fundraiser and Public Relations Manager
- developing a programme of CWS Regional Representatives; church people who are able to promote the work of Christian World Service in their region.
- the continuation of the "Windows on the World" programme; where churches or groups can support a particular Christian World Service project.
- CWS staff being available to talk to churches and groups.

However, most important is the work that Ministers, Treasurers and lay people do in their own parishes on behalf of Christian World Service. It is this broad base of support that we rely on to make the work of Christian World Service known.

Conclusion

Christian World Service is extremely grateful for all the support we receive from individuals, parishes/circuits and the national office of Te Hahi Weteriana. This year, we particularly thank Wendie Rosewell for her years of service on the Christian World Service Council. Wendie finishes her term this year, and we look forward to hearing of her replacement.

Suggested Decisions:

(for background information, see "1997 Theme: Breaking the Chains of Debt" above)

That Te Hahi Weteriana give support to the Debt Action Network which is calling for:

- (a) the New Zealand Government to take active steps to help eliminate poverty among the world's poorest peoples by actively promoting the cancellation of all unsustainable debts owed by the poorest countries by the year 2000.
- (b) the New Zealand Government to do this at all appropriate international fora, in particular meetings of the World Bank and its members agencies, the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations.

That Te Hahi Weteriana recommends all parishes/circuits undertake the study series on Third World debt provided by Christian World Service.

Jill Hawkey
National Coordinator

Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand



Looking Back

The CCANZ is grateful for the continuing support of the Methodist Church through the participation of the many Methodists who work on various Programmes and Committees, and the continued financial support of the Church which enables the work of the Programmes to be put into action. The Rev Kathy Clifford who is on the CCANZ Executive, has had particular responsibility for being the anchor person for the National Forum in New Plymouth in September. The Rev Barry Jones convenes the Evangelism Programme and the Rev Terry Wall convenes the Unity Programme. Many other Methodist faithful to the ecumenical dimension of the church's mission are caught up in the life of the Programmes. We thank them all.

Administration

With the appointment of Robyn Clements (2 ½ days a week) and Joanna Chui (4 days a week) we are fully staffed in the Auckland Office. Computer equipment has been up-dated in Auckland and Christchurch improving the efficiency and communication in both places. More support can now be offered to the Programmes and ready communication maintained with the member churches and ecumenical groups. The Treasurer, Mrs Shanti Sinnaduray works closely with the Auckland Office staff providing valuable support and guidance.

Resources

CCANZ Programmes have been busy producing many excellent resources to be used in the Churches.

International Affairs produced an action and reflection kit called "A Moment to Choose, which used the World Council of Churches (WCC) theme of the Ecumenical Year of Churches in Solidarity with Uprooted Peoples. The kit, which was well received by the churches and beyond, raised the issues about the global reality of millions of uprooted people and how it impacts on us as Christian people in this country. This ecumenical year is of particular relevance to us with our history of uprooting Maori people through the processes of colonisation. This same theme will be continued at the national Forum in September.

Justice Peace and Service produced a set of four full colour posters of A3 size to link with the WCC theme of the Theology of Life. This attractive resource which also comes with a discussion guide, asks questions which arise out of our context. The set of four posters is relevant to a wide range of groups and is proving popular. The discussion guide is not needed very often!

August, called "*Peace on the Journey*". This material is suitable to be used at other times of the year and is still available.

Evangelism has produced a set of five studies called "Sharing Good News Together in Aotearoa New Zealand" which arose out of the CCANZ Mission and Message Conference. The aim of these studies is to deepen both our faith and our understanding of evangelism and evangelisation in Aotearoa New Zealand and to help us to act out our faith and knowledge.

Programme Development

Public Issues has been relocated in Hamilton where there is a strong group of people from the member churches keen to participate. Their goal is to identify major social concerns, promote dialogue and encourage action among CCANZ member churches and throughout communities in Aotearoa New Zealand by studying, reporting, producing and coordinating resources from an ecumenical base, making submissions to select committees and other appropriate bodies and initiating other action on relevant issues. The first topic they will study is the development of casinos.

CCANZ Youth/SCM Consultation

Financed by the Christian Conference of Asia, this was a valuable time for representatives of CCANZ Youth, the Student Christian Movement Aotearoa and Senior Friends to assess where they were able to work together and how it could be done. A joint committee will be formed to engage in intentional dialogue to undertake specific projects. Interest was expressed in holding jointly arranged national youth gatherings at regular intervals.

Forum of Cooperative Ventures

Time spent at the Forum of the Cooperative Ventures (FCV) strengthened the links that already exist between CCANZ and the FCV. An interest was expressed in continuing those links through the formation of the FVC Regional Forums.

Christian Conference of Asia (CCA)

There have been many opportunities to demonstrate the close links that exist between CCANZ and CCA. The Associate General Secretary, Ms Christine Ledger attended the CCANZ Youth/SCM Consultation in May and the General Secretary, the Rev Dr Feliciano Carino, will attend the Forum in September. Publications from the CCA continue to be a valuable resource for New Zealand churches e.g. *Asia Sunday* (Hong Kong), *Becoming the Church of the Stranger* (Migrants), *Being a Caring Community* (Aids Sunday Liturgy)

CCANZ Review

Many hours of consultation have been spent on the Member Churches' Review during the last three years. It has required extra meetings and meant extra expense for the CCANZ and the member churches. It has been a time of learning about ourselves and each other, discovering what we value most and working hard to stand together in all the places that we can. The final draft of the new constitution will go to the Forum in September for ratifying. We have much to celebrate as the journey continues.

Looking Forward

Justice Peace and Service

In 1998 the 'lead' Programme will be Justice Peace and Service which plans to produce a 10 minute video and a written background resource for congregations on the theme of ecological justice. The stories will come out of our own context to look at the relationships which have been established between people and the rest of creation as we know it in Aotearoa. This work will link closely with the WCC theme on the Theology of Life.

Eighth Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

The Assembly in Harare, Zimbabwe will be the focus of much CCANZ ecumenical thinking and action during next year. The dates have been changed from September to 3-14 December, 1998 and the theme is *Turn to God - Rejoice in Hope*. CCANZ will be organising an orientation meeting for all delegates and visitors who will be attending.

2000 Celebrations

Planning will be underway in 1998 to co-ordinate the Churches' celebrations in 2000; a task that the CCANZ has been asked to undertake by the Churches.

CCANZ Youth/SCM

Planning will be put in place to organise joint activities.

Promotion

With the work of the Review completed, an information pack and related materials will be prepared about CCANZ and its Programmes for the use of Churches. Producing an up-dated version of *Church Profiles* is another long term goal.

Ecustics

Networking will continue through the CCANZ newsletter.

Jan Cormack

General Secretary

August 1997

FUTURES GROUP REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1997

A. THE PAST YEAR:

Membership:

In 1997 the group farewelled and thanked Wendy Conwell and John Salmon for their contribution to the future. Kim Baker and Bronwen Olds were welcomed to the group to add their dreams and efforts. New members to the group are appointed through a process of negotiation between the Mission Resourcing Unit, Te Taha Maori, Empower Your Youth Board, and the Community of Women and Men. At the end of 1997 Winifred Murray will leave and another one or two members will be required in 1998.

This year members of the group have been: Kim Baker, Richard Cannon, Ross Hendy, Warren Hudson, Winifred Murray, Bronwen Olds and John Murray.

Discoveries:

a) The following Strategic Plan has been developed for our work:

AIM: To support and encourage communities of faith, and to explore possible futures for Church and spiritual lives in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

GOALS:

1. *To gain knowledge of existing faith communities**
2. *To gain knowledge of change factors in groups, societies and ideas*
3. *To develop models of "church" for the future*
4. *To identify energising dreams in us and others*
5. *To resource and network faith communities**
6. *To address the AIMS - initially from a Pakeha perspective.*

*NB Faith Communities - not existing established main-line communities.

b) A Research Consultant has been appointed - marg gilling is a highly qualified, experienced, professional researcher from Wellington who is energised at the task ahead of her.

The Consultant's primary role is to identify and meet with Faith Communities in New Zealand, and ask the following:

- what is your story?
- what are you on about?
- what would help you do that better?

The Consultant's contract includes:

- preparation of a research outline, identifying questions and issues to be explored
- organising face-to-face meetings with representatives of identified Faith Communities
- nation-wide travel, as necessary for these meetings
- updating and extending alternative Faith Communities database
- presenting a report containing collated and analysed group responses and recommended actions for the Futures Group.

It is intended that contact will be made with at least 50 groups, during the one year, part-time contract.

Our web site (URL <http://www.futuresgroup.org.nz>) has been established and is working well.

We are delighted with the brochures which Ross Hendy produced for the Futures Group. These have been sent to the 19 groups on our data base, along with letters bringing them up to date with the Futures Group's activities.

THE FUTURE

In 1997 we will receive information from our consultant which will assist us to plan the next steps in working toward a structure for the church of the 21st century. We also plan to produce discussion documents to encourage others to plan for the future of our faith. We will make these available to interested groups and put them on our web page.

Topics for investigation include: interactive spiritual expression, and leadership for faith communities.

We believe it is important that there is always a group in the church which is intentional about dreaming and visioning the future for church. We see this as one focus for next year.

Suggested Decisions:

The report be received.

Conference finds some time at Conference 1998 to dream about the future of the Church.

Conference supports the work of the Futures Group and encourages it to continue being intentional about futures for church and spiritual lives in this country.

CENTRAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1997

A. What we have done:

- No cases have been reported to the committee this year. However, the church is still dealing with legal matters relating to previous cases.
- Rev David Bush has become a member of the Committee. Rev Lynne Frith ends her term on the Committee this year and Pastoral Committee is appointing a new member. Diana Robinson has taken up the task of Administrative Assistant to the Committee.
- The offer to synods to provide a session at their School of Theology, or a similar gathering, on *Keeping Safe* was accepted by Otago/Southland, Nelson, Manukau, and Palmerston North. These sessions were facilitated by either Shayne Mathieson or Rodger Smith, who are both experienced in this field, and were very well received. Some groups also participated in a theological reflection, written by Lynne Frith, which has now been published as a study and is available from the Committee.
- Lynne Frith met with representatives of a number of churches in the Wellington district as they looked at how they could cooperate in ensuring sexual harassment/abuse procedures are available to people in their area.
- Winifred Murray has been communicating with the Convenor and committee on Sexual Responsibility of the Presbyterian Church to see how we can work together in this area.
- The Committee has met with Pastoral Committee to discuss matters of mutual concern.
- Two training sessions have been held attended by district Trainers, new District Superintendents and Connexional people.

B. Our hopes for next year:

- A new member will join the Committee.
- In March 1998 the Committee will convene a national interdenominational Conference for people working in the field of clergy sexual exploitation.
- Training sessions for new Trainers, new Connexional people and all students will be organised.
- Addressing the question of sexuality in the church.
- A travelling library for each district with material on sexual safety and sexual exploitation will be set up.
- An information leaflet on the purpose and work of the Central Complaints Committee will be published.
- Guidelines for the reinstatement of Respondents will be formulated.

- Changes to the Procedures to allow two options in Option C will be investigated ie
 - (a) that mediation be offered when the Respondent recognises their behaviour is exploitative.
 - (b) that the Complainant be supported to take legal action when the Respondent denies the impact of their behaviour.

Suggested Decisions:

- That Conference thank Rev Lynne Frith for her commitment to the Central Complaints Committee and her many hours of dedicated work in seeking justice and healing for Complainants and Respondents.
- That Conference commend the Theological Reflection and recommend its use by all synods and parishes.
- That the Central Complaints Committee "Membership will be four persons with experience in dealing with sexual harassment/abuse - two appointed by the Pastoral Committee, one appointed by Tauwi Forum, and one person appointed by Taha Maori. The committee members shall be on the Committee for no more than a four-year term. The appointed members shall be replaced at intervals, so that there is only one new person at a time."

(This will bring the Committee's membership in line with that proposed in the Discipline/Dispute Procedures.)

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DISPUTE/DISCIPLINE NATIONAL CHURCH PROCESS

Preamble

The intention of these procedures is two-fold. First to identify the level of concern being expressed and second to establish a process for dealing with the complaint.

Whatever process is pursued the Church -

- (a) seeks to ensure that the person who is the Subject of a concern or complaint receives sufficient and proper pastoral care,
- (b) also is concerned to see that the process is proceeded with and brought to a conclusion quickly with the Subject of the complaint or concern being fully aware at all times of their rights and obligations and the possible consequences.

These procedures will apply to any person(s) ordained or lay, stationed by, or exercising ministry for, the Methodist Church.

Note: The Options for Resolution in these procedures will function parallel to the Sexual Harassment/Abuse procedures. Selected and trained personnel will be available to operate both processes. At the Tribunal level that one process will be used for all cases.

Goals of the Procedures

- To provide appropriate processes for our Church for resolving concerns or complaints.
- To establish a formal system of providing pastoral care for those being subjected to the procedures.
- To establish a process of discipline of people accountable to the Church.

Who will be involved in the procedures?

- (1) **Petitioner:** a person or group with a concern or complaint about another person or group within the Church.
- (2) **Subject:** a person or group who is the subject of a concern or complaint within the church.
- (3) **Complaint:** any concern or dispute between individuals or groups within the church concerning church matters.
- (4) **Central Complaints Committee:**
a National Group with oversight of the Procedures.
- (5) **Contact Persons:**
people appropriate to the locality and cultures selected and trained by the Church who are able to listen, inform and support Petitioners as they choose which course of action is most appropriate.
- (6) **District Superintendent:**
offers pastoral care to both parties in the concern/complaint.
- (7) **Go-between:** an independent person, skilled in mediation, who can assist the parties to resolve their differences.
- (8) **Pastoral Caregiver:**
person appointed by the Subject to support the Subject

during the process of resolving the concern or complaint..

(9) Regional Group:

three selected trained people who will investigate the concern/complaint.

- (10) Tribunal:** a legally experienced Chairperson and two Conference appointees who will deal with complaint or discipline matters, and make a written report to interested parties.

How will the Process Operate?

Complaints about concerns/disputes can be made verbally or in writing to the local Contact Person or the District Superintendent as in options N, S, G below. A verbal complaint may later become a formal complaint, at Option W.

Upon receipt of a complaint about a concern/dispute the local Contact Person, if the complaint is received by that person, shall advise the District Superintendent who shall ensure that a Pastoral Caregiver is chosen by the Subject, and that the Petitioner has the support of a Contact Person, before any further steps are taken.

Options for Resolution:

(A) Option N:

A Petitioner with a concern/dispute approaches a Contact Person, but after discussion decides either to take no action, or to take their concern through non-Church processes. No names will be disclosed by the Contact Person.

Option S:

A Petitioner with a concern/dispute approaches a Contact Person, and then resolves the situation directly with Subject. No names will be disclosed by the Contact Person.

If the matter is unresolved it can move to Option W.

(B) Option G:

A Petitioner with a concern/dispute approaches a Contact Person who will request that the District Superintendent appoint an independent, skilled, Go-between to assist the Petitioner and the Subject to attempt to resolve their differences. The Go-between will be appointed within 7 days of the Petitioner's request and will meet with the Petitioner and Subject within 14 days of being appointed. A Pastoral Caregiver for the Subject will be chosen. If the dispute is resolved to the satisfaction of the Petitioner, no further action will be taken. A report will be made by the Go-between to the Central Complaints Committee on the outcome of the dispute. If a dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of the Petitioner they may make a formal complaint to the District Superintendent as in Option W. If the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the Subject they may make a formal complaint as in Option W.

Option W:

A Petitioner approaches the District Superintendent with a formal written complaint. The District Superintendent will make an assessment as to the seriousness of the complaint and refer it to either Option G (unless it has already used that Option), or a

Regional Group. The District Superintendent will ensure that the Petitioner and the Subject have the support of a Contact Person or a Pastoral Caregiver, and will inform the Central Complaints Committee about the Complaint.

The Central Complaints Committee shall set up the Regional Group within 14 days of notification by the District Superintendent. The Central Complaints Committee shall ensure that membership of the Regional Group will contain people with attributes necessary for the issue involved.

As soon as a matter is referred to the Regional Group the Subject will be suspended by the District Superintendent but will continue to receive their full stipend/pay. The District Superintendent shall be responsible for ensuring adequate cover for the Subject's position within the Church.

The Regional Group will initiate an enquiry into the concern within 14 days of being convened. If it deems there is substance to the concern then it can decide the appropriate next step. See Addendum P6.

For Eventualities in an enquiry see Addendum P7.

At all times when a Subject is contacted regarding the concern, eg. addressing the Regional Group, the Pastoral Caregiver is entitled to be present unless the Subject requests otherwise.

When the Regional Group has decided the next step for a matter it shall make a written report to the Central Complaints Committee who shall have a general overview of the case.

A Subject, the Regional Group, or the Central Complaints Committee, may request a Tribunal hearing once there is a finding that the concern/complaint has substance.

Tribunal Proceedings:

The Tribunal shall be convened as expeditiously as possible in a location convenient to both Petitioner and Subject. If there is any dispute as to what is appropriate procedure a ruling shall be made on the matter by the Tribunal chairperson.

The first enquiry of the Tribunal in any instance shall be to ensure that the procedures set out herein have been followed and that an appropriate Pastoral Caregiver has provided care to the Subject and that all avenues for mediation, arbitration or non-formal procedures have been investigated.

Prior to any hearing of a Tribunal the Tribunal chairperson shall ensure that the issues are determined and are set out in writing to the Subject and the Petitioner at the same time as advising the date and place of the hearing of the matters in issue.

At the hearing the Subject may be represented by counsel as may the Petitioner and if appropriate *amicus curia*¹ may then be appointed by the Tribunal to assist it with any questions concerning the Church procedures and its law that may be relevant.

¹ *law person(s), not directly engaged in a case, who advise the Tribunal.*

No person shall be present during the hearing of any proceedings except the Tribunal members, a secretary to the Tribunal, parties to the proceedings and their counsel, witnesses and any other person whom the Tribunal chairperson permits to be present. Any witness shall leave the hearing if asked to do so by the Tribunal chairperson. In any proceedings brought before the Tribunal, the Tribunal may receive any evidence that it thinks fit, whether it is otherwise admissible in a court of law or not.

Every question of fact arising in any proceedings before the Tribunal shall be decided on a balance of probabilities.

In any proceedings, a document purporting to be the original or a certified copy of a certificate, entry, or record of a birth, death or marriage alleged to have taken place whether in New Zealand or any other country may be received without further proof as to the evidence of the facts stated in the document.

In any proceedings before the Tribunal a document purporting to be a decree or order of certified copy or duplicate of any decree or order made by any Court or public authority whether in New Zealand or elsewhere -

- (a) may be received without further proof of evidence of the existence, nature or purport of that decree or order: and
- (b) every such decree or order shall be presumed to be valid unless the contrary is proved.

The Tribunal shall issue its decision in writing to the Central Complaints Committee, the Petitioner and the Subject. Decisions about a Presbyterian's, Deacon's or member's standing in the Church may be made by the Tribunal.

Appeal to Conference:

The Petitioner, or the Subject, as the case may be, may give notice within 30 days receipt of the decision of the Tribunal that he or she wishes to appeal the decision to Conference. Conference will require 30 days notice of an appeal. The appeal may be heard by a committee of Conference or on the floor of Conference.

The appeal will be heard at the next Conference following the expiration of the second 30 day period.

The notice of motion of appeal should be forwarded to all representatives attending Conference. Unless Conference decides otherwise, as set out below, the appeal will be heard by a committee of Conference of 10 members. 5 of the committee shall be appointed by the appellant and 5 by the President. The President shall not form part of the committee but may attend ex-officio. In the event that the President is the appellant, his or her powers in this respect shall be exercised by the past President.

The committee of Conference shall appoint its own chairperson and shall invite the appellant to state the reason for their appeal. The committee shall determine how best to hear any other matters in relation to the appeal and shall determine its own procedure. It will have access to the information available to the Tribunal. The church's legal advisor will attend ex officio.

The committee may either overturn the finding of the Tribunal, or overturn the penalty determined by the Tribunal in respect of any

complaint. The finding of the committee shall be reported back to the floor of the Conference.

The appellant may choose instead to ask Conference to hear the appeal on the floor of Conference. That shall require a separate notice of motion to Conference. The rules of debate of the motion will be determined by the President or Vice-President as appropriate at the time. The motion will be heard on the first sitting day of Conference.

In the event that Conference deems to hear the appeal itself and not by way of sub-committee debate shall take the following form:

The appellant shall state the reasons for the appeal and what outcome he or she wishes to effect by the appeal. The other party, may then reply if he or she should so wish. There will be no restriction on time that either of these people may speak but the debate thereafter being conducted on the floor of Conference will be governed by the President or Vice-President as appropriate, and he or she may determine the length of time that any other Conference member may speak to the matter. Nobody, without leave of the President or Vice-President, may speak more than once.

When the debate is complete the decision of Conference shall be determined by consensus.

All statements made before Conference or the Tribunal or in any other committee in respect of any complaint are confidential and may not be repeated outside the forum in which they are made. The result or decision of whichever forum may be communicated to appropriate persons and/or bodies. The President will decide to whom the appeal decision will be communicated.

Costs:

The following costs will be the responsibility of the Church:

Procedural expenses eg. mediator's fee, reasonable travelling costs, venue costs, agreed counselling fees, accommodation, secretarial, legal chairperson costs.

ADDENDUM:

Any Contact Person, District Superintendent, Central Complaints Committee member, Regional Group or Tribunal member who has a close family connection, working relationship or personal interest in any Petitioner or Subject shall withdraw from dealing with that case.

Option W Eventualities:

- It is recognised that there can often be more than one issue involved in a concern/complaint. It may be appropriate for mediation between the Petitioner and the Subject to take place to resolve matters on a personal level between them but that it could equally be appropriate at the same time for the matter to be referred on to the Tribunal for disciplinary matters. Any such referral must be within 3 weeks of the conclusion of the previous action. In such instances care should be taken by whichever group is handling the matter, whether it be the Regional Group or the District Superintendent, to ensure that the Subject is advised of the

identification of the various issues and the ramifications that each of them holds for the Subject.

- In the event that the matter is referred to the police it may be appropriate for further Church procedures to be stayed until the completion of the police enquiries and any subsequent Court matters which may arise therefrom. If the Subject is found guilty of the charge the Church shall also take disciplinary action. In the event of a charge being laid and the Subject being found not guilty of a crime it is still possible for further procedures to be followed by the Church. The possibility that the matter may be taken further by the Church is to be clearly explained to the Subject, in writing, at the time that proceedings are stayed.
- When there is a concern or a complaint involving the President, Vice President, President-Elect, Vice-President-Elect, General Secretary or District Superintendent, it shall be made to the Central Complaints Committee who will organise the Regional Group to carry out the process.
- When a staff person makes a complaint about a Connexional Appointee the concern, as it affects the staff person and the organisation for which they work, shall be dealt with according to that organisation's procedures and obligations. As for criminal references this does not prevent the matter still being referred further for consideration by the Tribunal for matters where there has been a breach of professional boundaries.

Regional Group:

There will be 3 Regional Groups: 2 in the North Island and 1 in the South Island. Members will have a 3 year term of office. A pool of 15 selected people (5 from each area) who have the confidence of the Church will be appointed. The method of appointment will be that Synods will suggest appropriate people to Council of Conference who shall bring recommendations to Conference for appointment as a member of the pool. When a concern or dispute is to be heard the Central Complaints Committee will identify three from the pool to constitute the Regional group. The Central Complaints Committee will choose a Convenor from within the group. Any region may co-opt suitable people from another region's pool if necessary. Members of Regional Groups will:

- have good people skills
- have good assessment and analysis skills
- be able to make clear judgements

The Regional Group will be convened by the Central Complaints Committee within 14 days of the receipt of a complaint. It will usually meet within the district where the concern/dispute arose and will make the necessary arrangements for its meeting.

The Group will be responsible for:

- ☐ contacting the Subject to seek a written response to the concern/dispute
- ☐ receiving the Subject's written response to the concern/dispute
- ☐ investigating the evidence relevant to the concern/dispute (including interviewing the parties involved) and determining whether it has substance.
- ☐ at the conclusion of proceedings making a report of the case to the Central Complaints Committee, stating whether or not the concern/dispute has substance, and sending the Central Complaints Committee all original documentation received in connection with the case.

A Regional Group will determine whether the matter should:

- a) proceed no further:
- b) go to mediation:
- c) be referred to the Tribunal.

The Subject will be advised that if the matter is unable to be brought to a conclusion then it will proceed from the Regional Group to the Tribunal.

A written report from the Regional Group to the Central Complaints Committee and also to both parties is to be made irrespective of which resolution or procedure is entered into. These written reports will be made available to the Tribunal should the matter then be heard there at a later stage.

Central Complaints Committee:

This is to be a Standing Committee of the Conference. It will consist of four people. At least one person, but no more than three shall be ordained. The maximum term of office for the Central Complaints Committee shall be four years, with one person retiring each year.

Membership will be:

- one person appointed by Taha Maori
- one person appointed by Tauwi Forum
- two persons appointed by Pastoral Committee

The Committee shall be responsible to the Conference and make an annual report. It shall make application to the Budget for funding. This Committee shall have oversight of the Procedures and ensure they are carried out appropriately. All concerns/disputes in the life of the Church are to be notified to this group and confidential records kept in the Connexional office for 7 years from the date the file is closed, then destroyed.

The Pastoral Committee: (including the President and Vice President) will not be involved in the dispute/discipline process as their role is to be available for pastoral care to all persons involved in the process.

The Tribunal: Will be a group of 3 people - 2 selected by the Central Complaints Committee from the pool appointed by Conference, and a chairperson.

Tribunal members will be people who

- can listen
 - have appropriate professional/business experience or other skills.
 - have decision-making skills
- The Tribunal will
- allow legal Counsel to represent the parties
 - make written decisions
 - operate in a similar manner to the Family Court

Each year Conference will appoint:

- a pool of up to 12 people from which the 2 members of the Tribunal will be selected. The method of appointment will be that Synods will suggest appropriate people to the Council of Conference who shall bring recommendations to Conference for appointment as a member of the pool.
- a Chairperson who will be a non-Methodist with the required legal skills ie. at least 7 years of practice at the Bar.

Tribunal Costs:

1. Costs. The costs of the Tribunal Chairperson shall be negotiated with him/her at the time of appointment and met by the Church.
2. The fair and reasonable travel and accommodation costs of the non-legal members of the Tribunal shall be met by the Church.
3. Secretarial costs for the Tribunal shall be met by the Church/
4. The travel costs of the Petitioner and Subject, and any witnesses shall be met by the Church.
- Other costs will be borne by the parties involved.

Procedure and hearings:

1. There shall be no formal notes of evidence and such notes as may be taken by the Tribunal members will be destroyed after the decision of the Tribunal has been received by the Connexional Office.
2. The Tribunal shall receive all written reports from the Regional Group and such other Church bodies as it deems appropriate.
3. The Tribunal shall issue its decision in writing.
4. The Tribunal shall have power to enforce.
5. Hearings of the Tribunal shall be at such place as deemed appropriate by the Tribunal Chairperson, but shall be a neutral venue. The Central Complaints Committee, or the General Secretary, will attend to the details of setting up hearings. The costs of any venue shall be borne by the Church.

Publication:

A written decision of the Tribunal shall be forwarded to the Central Complaints Committee, the Petitioner and the Subject. It will not be available for publication in the news media and may only be shown to those persons involved in putting into effect its findings.

The effect of a decision as it pertains to a Presbyter, Deacon's or member's standing in the Church is a matter which may be made public and may be advised to such other bodies as are necessary e.g. Marriage Celebrants registry.

A written report from the Regional Group, and also from both parties to the Central Complaints Committee is to be made irrespective of which resolution or procedure is entered into. The Central Complaints Committee will also document its actions in any case. These written reports will be made available to the Tribunal should the matter then be heard there at a later stage.

NOTE:

- legal counsel will be present at the Tribunal stage only.
- The Pastoral Caregiver will be present in a supportive role. He or she:
 - will not be a lawyer or trained advocate.
 - will not be permitted to speak to the gathering.
- Failure to meet times as set out in the procedures shall not invalidate any decisions made or action taken subsequent to that failure.
- Co-operative Ventures will use Procedures of the Church to which the Subject belongs.
- The Tribunal will have the power to make decisions re payment of costs.

Suggested Decisions:

1. The report be received.
2. These procedures be forwarded to Law Revision Committee to
 - (a) see that they are complementary to the Sexual Harassment/Abuse Procedures.
 - (b) ensure they accord with other parts of the Law Book
 - (c) expand the Tribunal proceedings in light of other churches experience.
3. Law Revision Committee identify a suitable person to draft the procedures into legal language.
4. The procedures then be reported to synods and Conference.

CLOSURE OF EDUCATION DIVISION REPORT OF COMMISSIONER

I last reported to Conference in 1993. At that time I reported that work to fulfil the brief prepared for the Commissioner was well advanced. Redundancy agreements had been negotiated with two staff members who would be without jobs when the Division ceased operations on 31 December 1993. Arrangements had been made for the work of the Coordinators of Educational Ministry and the Coordinators of Youth Ministry to be continued within the Development Division.

The work of Response was also to continue, with the Director being responsible to the Board of Response. However, Conference made no decisions concerning the continuing relationship of Response to the Methodist Church.

Conference 1993 formally agreed to the closure of the Education Division, to the arrangements I had made for staff made redundant, and to those regarding the work that was to continue in educational and youth ministry. I continued working through the terms of the brief until some time in May 1984.

Shortly after that time a series of critical personal and family events made it impossible to complete the work covered by the brief until I began the process of selling the two houses owned by the Division in July 1986. This was completed towards the end of 1996. The funds accumulated from the sales and from other sources are being held in an interest bearing account with BNZ. The Trust Fund approved by Conference 1993 is about to be established. It is recommended that this Fund should be known as Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa Education Resource Fund. With the establishment of this Fund the work required to fulfil the brief has been completed.

Conference 1993 made certain decisions regarding the use of the proceeds of the Trust Fund. There have been significant changes in circumstances since that time which dictate that the decisions made in 1993 will need to be amended to meet current circumstances. Work to this end is being undertaken by the Mission Resourcing Unit Board and Te Taha Maori, working in conjunction with the Council of

Conference. It is expected that Conference 1998 will be asked to agree to a revised set of criteria for utilizing the Trust Fund income. In the meantime it is suggested that Conference agree that as funds become available from the Trust income they be transferred to the Investment Funds Board to distribute to resource education in Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, as determined from time to time by Conference.

Suggested Decisions

1. The proceeds of Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa Education Resource Trust Fund be transferred to the Investment Fund Board to distribute to resource education in Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, as determined from time to time by Conference.
2. The Commission appointed to administer the closure of the Education Division be discharged.
3. An honorarium of \$4000 be paid to the Commissioner in acknowledgement of costs and time spent in discharging the duties which Conference requested of him..

Review of Overseas Mission

Introduction

This report is in two parts. Part one details some of the thinking about Missiology which the Task Group engaged in, as the report was prepared. We believe that there is a close connection between the current seemingly diverse concerns about Decolonisation, The Futures task Group, The nature of Ministry and how as a Church in Aotearoa New Zealand we make meaningful responses to the world in which we find ourselves. Part one of this report sketches briefly some of the trends, which are evident in the church in the western world, whose influence we have inherited. We have a degree of frustration that the above concerns are being dealt with seemingly without much reference to each other. Part two deals specifically with our recommendations for Overseas Mission, Ecumenical and International Affairs.

Part One.

The work presented to Conference in 1996 resulted in Conference agreeing to explore further innovative ways in which Overseas work and contacts were made, in particular to explore ways the three parts of the Council for Mission's work can be undertaken - i.e. Church to Church partnerships, Ecumenical Affairs, and International Affairs.

A small Tauwi Group based in Christchurch was set up consisting of Rob Ferguson, Ruth Bilverstone and David Bush. The first task of the group was to gather with John Roberts, Elaine Dell & Riripeti Polwart from Te Taha Maori and begin a conversation to see whether it was possible to bring to Conference a statement on Mission from a bi-cultural church perspective. The conversation took place on 7 May.

We sought agreement with the Presbyterian Church of NZ that our "in-house" conversation should take precedence in 1997 over the church to church conversation that had begun in 1996. The Presbyterian Church of NZ has also begun to work on formulating its own statements of Mission. In the meantime, the Assembly made changes to the way funding for the Council for Mission was offered from the Presbyterian Church. This created a series of meetings, which Rob Ferguson attended in order to be aware, of how this was affecting the current work of the Council for Mission. (See COMEC report) As reported last year, the Council for Mission has continued with its own internal restructuring.

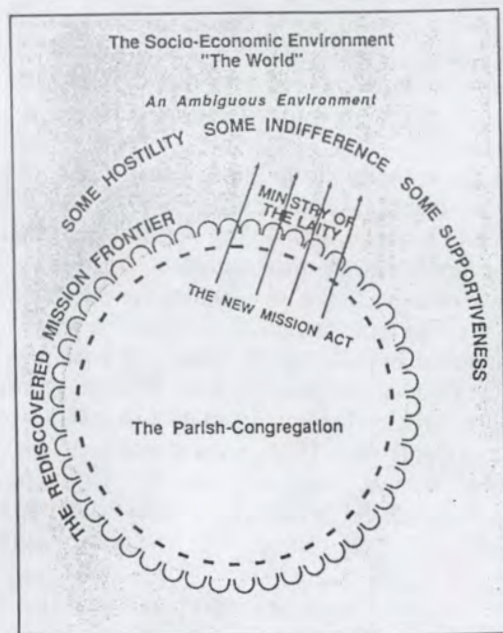
The report to Conference 1996 raised questions about the ways Te Haahi Weteriana would pursue overseas church partnerships. Two books: Transforming Mission, David Bosch, 1991 Maryknoll -Orbis Books and The Once and Future Church, Loren Mead, 1991 The Alban Institute, are key in the current debate.

In recent decades the ideas and concepts of Christian Mission have been rethought many times. But there is more at stake than just fiddling with

structures. Christian Mission and indeed much of Western Society are affected by a total change of understanding, which drives and shapes the task of mission, at home and overseas. Such times lead to uncertainty: "New paradigms do not establish themselves overnight. They take decades even centuries to develop distinctive contours...a time of paradigm shift is a time of deep uncertainty."¹

Loren Mead contends that twice before the church has been challenged by a paradigm shift to reorder its understanding of itself and the world. First, the Apostolic Age arose out of the Christian Community responding to separation from the Synagogue. Second, Christendom was the response when the Church and the Empire became closely associated with one another. Christendom has broken up, but its successor, the third paradigm has yet to appear fully. We are however still surrounded by the structures and thinking of Christendom which pull the church into the past ways of thinking and acting: "Not the ancient classical version of the paradigm as it was understood centuries ago, but the version which flourished with new life in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries"²

In the Christendom Paradigm, mission occurred at the frontiers. Resources were channeled by the structures of the church from local congregations to these distant and difficult frontiers. Mead suggests the new reality is that mission begins at the door of each congregation, but the structures still support distant rather than local mission.



This gives rise to a subtle conflict. Parishes are becoming more congregational. Yet connexion asks for a joint identity. We can identify the impact of Mead's analysis in this growing sense of congregationalism, in the greater difficulty of meeting Connexional Budgets and in a certain ambivalence about Mission overseas.

Bosch in *Transforming Mission* identifies a second dilemma: "The acute sense of guilt [over] complicity in and subjugation and exploitation of peoples, which leads to unwillingness among western Christians to give an account of the hope they have.' In the same way 'the growing gap between the rich and the poor makes western Christians reluctant to share faith.'³

These writers make it clear that we stand at the end of a specific period or era of Mission. But this does not mean that Christian Mission is no longer valid. Bosch reminds us that "Mission is an indispensable dimension of the Christian Faithat its most profound level, its purpose is to transform reality around it"⁴ He describes "the early Christian Mission as political, indeed revolutionary in terms of the alternatives they were able to offer"⁵ This was manifested in the new relationships which came into being. "Jew and Roman, Greek and barbarian, free and slave, rich and poor, woman and men accepted one another as brothers and sisters."

He identifies two areas where Christian Mission can again offer powerful alternatives. Firstly the Christian Church and Christian Mission can humbly yet resolutely present the vision of the reign of God in answer to the quest for meaning in life. Secondly we need to retrieve togetherness and interdependence. "The 'me' generation has to be superseded by the 'us' generation and we must reaffirm the indispensableness of conviction and commitment."⁶

The Task of Mission is still both valid and a necessary part of the Churches' life even though we live in a vastly different world. The temptation is to either cling to old ways hoping they can be refined so they may work better, or to make a clean break and a fresh start. Bosch encourages that a paradigm shift always means "continuity and change, both faithfulness to the past and boldness to engage the future, both tradition and transformation".⁷ Even in a fresh start there needs to be links and continuity to our ancestry.

- 1 David Bosch *Transforming Mission* 1991 Maryknoll -Orbis Books page 349
- 2 Loren Mead *The Once and Future Church* 1991 Alban Institute
- 3 *ibid.* page 4 and 5
- 4 *Transforming Mission* page 2
- 5 *Transforming Mission* page 47, 48
- 6 *ibid.* page 362
- 7 *ibid.* page 366

Part 2

The Future:

Experience shows that within the Methodist church there is currently diverse practice regarding overseas contact. As each parish develops its own network there is often a corresponding diminishing of interest and support for Connexional programmes and people supported by Council for Mission despite the creative efforts of the Council to keep parishes informed.

Some Parishes support particular workers overseas through extra giving to their own mission fund or to the organisation that person is working through. This has maintained a closeness of contact that helps to maintain links and sees the results of personal support. The parish feels it has "control" over its own destiny and mission. It has led to a diversity of approach to Overseas Mission, some of which counteracts other ways of understanding this work.

Another factor we took into account was that the Presbyterian Assembly has signaled a different approach to fundraising in 1997. This impacts on Co-operating Parishes in particular. While currently the Connexional Budget is the means through which Methodist Parishes contribute money to any centrally organised approach to mission, Presbyterian Parishes are being asked to contribute part of the funding for this work on a project by project basis. Co-operating Parishes are therefore open to being approached directly. The currently agreed Methodist/Presbyterian ratio of funding Council of Mission is set aside by this approach, leaving Conference with a question of whether to fund by a particular amount in dollars, or a ratio of the Connexional Budget, or to adopt a project by project approach or not at all.

Project by project funding puts a burden of administration and publicity costs onto whatever centralised body is given the task of liaison with overseas partner churches. While it represents a departure from our present system, it is consistent with the approach of Christian World Service which has two approaches into parishes - the Christmas Appeal, and special appeals along with the growth of partnership arrangements.

A centralised body of some sort is necessary to act as a point of contact and distribution of resources between countries. It allows for effective communication with sufficient authority to act without constant rechecking. The question is how it needs to operate and on whose behalf. Parishes are demanding more autonomy within Connexional arrangements. e.g. The Mission Resourcing Unit acts as the centralised body responsible for supply appointments, but the nomination of that appointment is now much more possible by the local parish than it once was. Is this a way ahead?

How can we allow a process, which enables the needs of both sending and receiving churches to be acknowledged and attended to?

Is the sending/receiving church a national body or a local one?

Or an ethnic group within the Connexion?

Or a theological persuasion within the Connexion?

Proposed Structure

We suggest a joint Methodist/Presbyterian overseas contact secretariat be established as outlined in the Council for Mission's Report.

We believe the Methodist Church of New Zealand should continue to work in partnership with the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. However given that our Presbyterian partner is planning to make changes to the way it funds Overseas Mission and our strong involvement in Co-operating Parishes we believe that the Methodist Church has the following 5 alternatives to choose from for funding our share of Council for Mission:

1. We fund fully from the Connexional Budget. [Currently \$70,000 on ratio 1/3 Methodist to 2/3 Presbyterian.] OR
2. We fund by a percentage of Connexional Budget [currently approximately 9% of the Connexional Budget]. OR
3. Project by project funding only, with the secretariat to be funded from this money. OR
4. Fund Secretariat in dollar amount [say at present ratio from Connexional Budget] and the rest is funded project by project. OR
5. Don't fund it all.

Comments on these alternatives:

Option 1. Funding from Connexional Budget.

This is the present means of funding Overseas Mission. However if our partner goes to a project by project basis, then there will not be a consistent amount from the Presbyterian Church from which to calculate the 1/3 contribution. It would be possible to make our contribution in the current year based on the Presbyterian contribution in the previous year.

Advantages.

Funding costs zero for Methodist contribution.
status quo.

Disadvantages

Co-operating Parishes are in the double-dipping dilemma i.e. both Connexional Budget and Direct Appeal.

Option 2: Fund as percentage of Connexional Budget.

The percentage would be easily calculated. The advantages and disadvantages as for Option 1.

Option 3: Project by Project only.

We believe option 3 is not really viable, as the provision of the Secretariat is crucial.

Option 4: Fund Secretariat and project by project

Advantages:

Guarantees funding for structures to give oversight and direction to this area of the churches' mission.

Puts Co-operating Parishes on equal footing with Methodist and Presbyterian parishes.

Enables Parishes to opt for particular projects, which reflect the congregation's interest and ethos.

It reduces the over-all asking of the Connexional Budget. [I.e. if \$20,000 required for Secretariat then \$50,000 reduction]

It is a similar approach to CWS, and is consistent with what we already know. Could have an overseas missions appeal say midwinter.

It would give equal footing with other agencies that directly approach for funding.

Raise profile of Mission

Disadvantages

Initiative for project advocacy an additional burden of Secretariat.

It costs money to raise money. Funding from Connexional Budget currently costs the Council for Mission nothing. (E.g. World Vision lists administration/ education/ Marketing at 25% of funds raised.)

The problem of communication blocks within Parish may be compounded.

Possible resistance to what may seem like additional calls on Parish resources.

Legacies:

In addition to Connexional Funds the legacies held by the Church will continue to be available for the work for which they are designated. [1996 -1997 estimated at \$80,000 for overseas mission.]

International and Ecumenical Affairs.

The restructuring proposal from Council for Mission also deals with International Affairs and Ecumenical Affairs. Each is given a 'portfolio' on the Committee. We have some reservations about the workloads of the portfolios. Are these really possible for volunteers? We look at these areas asking what it is the Parishes require to be more effective and how can our voice be most effectively be heard by our International and denominational partners?

International Affairs:

1. The key issue is to spend our resources wisely and not duplicate effort and cost through different agencies carrying out similar work.

2. Mission begins at the local congregation. Parishes must accept some responsibility for focus on the wider world. What are required are tools to enable Parishes to do this.
3. Information is not always the problem. Tools to help with analyses and focus are critical.

Structural Components:

- Linked with project funding appeals.
- A monthly bulletin with summaries of up to date information, with detailed information sheets available on request.
- Continuing to develop use of Internet. Publishing lists of Web sites and addresses.
- Making use of the knowledge and skills of Christian World Service.
- Publicising already existing means of accessing information. E.g. Pacific Island News on National Radio.

The specific role of Council for Mission is to provide Church to Church material, and provide tools to help Parishes with analysis.

Ecumenical Affairs:

There are two aspects of Ecumenical Affairs with which we need to concern ourselves.

1. Joint participation in conferences and committees.
Council for Mission is a nominations committee able to choose from both Methodist and Presbyterian churches. The advantage is the larger number of people from which New Zealand representation can be then be chosen which helps to ensure a balance of participants. The disadvantage is that the process is felt to be remote. This is often seen in poor or non-existent feedback from events into the life of Te Haahi, and poor attendance at events, which are designed to give feedback from participants. Note: That the final, composition of a delegation to an overseas event is in many cases not decided in New Zealand, but by the organisation running the event. This nomination function needs to happen with consistency. Prior to Council for Mission being responsible it was left up to the President.
2. Relationships with Confessional and Denominational bodies.
We note that in our church, these also occur through Taha Maori, Mission Resource Unit, and Administration Division.
The Mission Resourcing Unit, in consultation with Taha Maori, could make any Ecumenical Arrangements and make sure information is shared. This brings an accountability to, and acknowledgement of, our Bi-cultural Partnership. It enables the Methodist Church to focus on who we will relate to, and share learnings.

Summary

This report suggests some significant changes from the present means of funding overseas mission adopted by Conference. In signaling these changes we note that it puts Methodist and Co-operating Parishes on the same basis as Presbyterian Parishes.

We note too, that designated legacies are a separate funding source which will continue to be applied by the Administration Division to overseas mission in appropriate ways to fulfil the nature of each bequest. While the report suggests the adoption of the Council for Mission restructuring proposal as it relates to Overseas Mission, it suggests changes in the areas of Ecumenical and International Affairs. There is not a start date. The assumption behind the recommendations to change our funding processes is to keep in line with the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, not to promote such a change.

Suggested Decisions

1. The report be received
2. That Conference agrees to continue to work together with the Presbyterian Church in the area of Overseas Mission.
3. Assuming that the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand adopts its proposal to change its means of funding Council for Mission, Conference will fund Council for Mission on the basis of a 1/3 contribution to the cost of the Secretariat, with additional funding being sought directly from Parishes on a project by project basis.
4. Conference encourages the Council for Mission to tell their story to the PAC Distribution Group in relation to the costs of a project by project approach to raising funds from Parishes.
5. That International Affairs continue to be part of Council for Mission, but the focus to be on helping Parishes access information.
6. That the Conference conducts its primary Ecumenical Relationships through Mission Resource Unit in consultation with Taha Maori.
7. That Council for Mission continues to act for the Conference as the nominating group for ecumenical delegations.
8. That the Administration Division be responsible for the preparation of the application to Budget Task Group for Methodist Ecumenical Grants Budget.
9. Conference notes that this completes the work of the Task Group.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

Annual Report to Conference 1997

Section One - The Present

Moturoa Land

A decision had to be made regarding the ex-railway land purchased from the NZ Railways. An offer was made to the Trust by Westgate to sell the land to them with the object of including the land in their Port extensions and upgrade. An open meeting was held to consult with the Ngati Te Whiti Hapu Society. The request from the Ngati Te Whiti Hapu was that the church should gift this land to them as the representatives of the people who originally owned the land. Subsequent discussions and consultation led to the decision to put the case forward to the Maori Land court to decide who the rightful owners are.

At the hearing of the Maori Land Court which took place on 31 July 1997 the presiding judge, after hearing the various representatives decided that though there was no objection that Ngati Te Whiti were the rightful hapu to receive the land the real issue became in which entity should the Hapu, receive and hold the land i.e. as a Hapu Trust or as a Maori Incorporated Society, the decision on the entity in which the land should be held has been reserved. Our solicitors will advise when they hear from the Court.

Rangiatea- Omata Road Sports ground

The Trust has offered to sell the land to the Ministry of Education who has not accepted the offer but has said that should any person offer to purchase the land that the Trust should advise them accordingly. At present there is an arbitration between the trusts valuers and those of the Ministry of Education re the increase in lease rental.

Rangiatea College

The Trust has also offered to sell the College and land to the Ministry of Education with the same outcome. However the Polytech are negotiating with the Trust to sign a new lease (the current lease is due for renewal in February 1998) agreement of ten years or five years with a right to renewal for a further 5 years.

Kitchen upgrade – the Trust is also negotiating with Polytech on a complete upgrade of the Kitchen at Rangiatea.

Mission House and Church

The Trust is at present upgrading the buildings at Mission House this includes the Church, Mission House and the Mission flat.

History launch

The launching of the History of the Ngamuto Mission and The Grey Institute Trust took place at the Council rooms in February of this year. Most of the sales of these books have been to schools and universities, with an average interest taken up by the public.

The Future

Moturoa Land - this year should bring about the decision of the Maori Land Courts.

Rangiatea

It no sale of this land at least an extended lease with Polytech. An offer is to be made to the Office of Treaty settlements to possibly purchase the land and buildings known as Rangiatea along with the Omata Sports Ground. The kitchen upgrade at Rangiatea should be completed.

Mission House, Church and Flat

To be utilised more by the Taha Maori and other interested parties once the upgrade has been completed.

History Book

A more defined marketing strategy to sell the rest of those published.

Suggested Decision:

1. That the Report be received.

FIJI ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report to Conference 1997

Ni sa bula vinaka na Turaga na Qase Levu Kei Kemuni na lewe ni Matabose cecere ni Koniferedi, Lotu Wesele e Niu Siladi, 1997. Keimami kidavaki Kemuni tiko yani ena Yaca talei ni noda Turaga ko Jisu Karisito.

This conference year has been a twelve months of changes, growth and reconciliation in the life of the Fijian Ministry within the Methodist Church of New Zealand:

1. The Pastor at Large Ministry ended on January 31, 1997
2. Rev Jione Langi started his new appointment with the Rotuman Fellowship in Auckland.
3. The acceptance of the Khyber Pass Fijian Congregation into the New Zealand Conference.

NB This has a favourable impact in the growth and life of the whole Fijian Ministry.

Annual Meeting:

The Fiji Advisory Council met in Auckland on the 22nd of March, 1997. This was chaired by the President and Vice President of the New Zealand Conference, Rev Stan West and Ruth Silverstone. Forty four representatives of the eight congregations throughout New Zealand were present. These were from Christchurch, Nelson, Wesley Wellington, Lower Hutt, Mount Eden, Khyber Pass, Rotuman and Fiji Indians. Annual Reports were received from the above congregations. Highlights from these reports may be summarised as follows:

1. The increase of membership in most congregations.
2. The enormous commitment and dedication of members in building up congregational life.
3. These were identified through the activities of the different groups in each congregations, eg Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Youth and Sunday School.
4. Outreach by our young youth groups to Wesley Village.
5. The need to learn and understand the church structure.

New Fellowships:

The two new fellowships in Wanganui and Palmerston North were not represented, but are continually being visited by Lay Leaders.

Youth:

Discussions on Youth Ministry led to a suggestion that we would be better off dividing ourselves into regions and having Regional Leaders. Funds to be utilised in training these leaders. These will be further discussed in our next Fijian Advisory Committee meeting.

Candidates to Ministry:

- Ravai Rennel is continuing with his home-setting studies and training for Local Presbyter in the Rotuman Fellowship.
- Soro Ramacake is in his third year study at Trinity/St. John's College as an itinerant candidate.

- Marica Reeves is continuing in home-setting training as a Deaconate.

Fijian Advisory Committee Leaders Training - held at Wellspring on 13th and 14th of September. Was well attended by 24 leaders from the eight congregations throughout New Zealand. Speakers from the Maori Division, and the Samoan Synod gave us an insight of their own structures, while Rev. John Murray, Superintendent of the Mission Resourcing Unit gave us an overview of the New Zealand Conference Church structure and its link with the Fiji Conference.

Tributes:

1. To Rev Jione Langi for the faithful service offered to the Fiji people during his years of ministry as Pastor at Large.
2. To Susau Strickland for the nine years of service as a Convener for the Fiji Advisory Council.
We congratulate her in her new appointment as Vice President for the New Zealand Conference. Our prayers and support are with her as she goes forth to serve.

Section B: Looking Ahead

1. Rotuman Fellowship - still need Rev Langi's ministry
2. Youth - Implementation of Regional Youth Leaders
3. Circuits - The possibility of establishing Fijian circuits with the New Zealand Conference. (Auckland - Mount Eden, Khyber Pass, Rotuman & Fiji Indian) Wellington - Wesley, Laings Road, Wanganui, Palmerston North)
4. Fiji Advisory Committee - change of dates from March to June.
5. Seconded Ministers - Fijian Ministry still need Seconded ministers from Fiji.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That this Report be received.
2. Change of dates for Fijian Advisory Committee meeting from March to June.
3. That Rev Langi be granted one more year with the Rotuman Fellowship.
4. The following be representatives of the Fijian Advisory Committee to the various committee:

Tauivi Forum	Rev Langi/Titilia Fihaki
Mission Resourcing Unit	Lupeti Fihaki
Council of Conference	Lupeti Fihaki
Tauivi Youth Board	Lupeti Fihaki
To Conference	Lupeti Fihaki/Rupeni Balawa, Akisi Renner
Youth Reps to Conference	Rejieli Langi and Laisa Kama

5. The following to be Executive Members of the Fijian Advisory Committee:
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|----------------------|---|
| Presbyters: | Jione Langi and Mikaele Yasa |
| Lay Representatives: | Manasa Rayasi, Cama Tuwai,
Jioji Tikodei, Malakai Waqa,
Rupeni Balawa, Sisa Tuicakau,
Laisa Fonmoa, Voi Muaror,
Ilitomasi Nacagilevu. |
| Convener: | Lupeti Fihaki |
| Secretary: | Vasiti Strong |
| Treasurer: | Kelera Waqa |

Ai tokani ena cakacaka ni Turaga,

Lupeti Fihaki (Convener)

EPWORTH BOOKSHOP

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1997

The Year in Brief

The Bookshop has had an active and financially improved year. Overall, the financial results were better than budget, with sales being up and expenditure down. The Board has spent a good deal of time considering the future of the bookshop and what can be done to make it more self sufficient. We believe that we are making progress, although not as quickly as we would wish. All the trends are in the right direction, however, and the Board is hopeful that the shop can be made more viable. The question we are grappling with is whether it can be made to operate in surplus or break even.

The 1996 Conference appointed a new Board which is now Wellington based. The Board meets monthly and that has enabled the members to focus more closely on the business on a regular basis. The Manager feels more supported, having local Board members to refer to easily. It has also meant that there is less cost involved in travel.

A Mission Activity of the Church

As has been noted in previous reports to Conference, the mandate to which the Board is operating is to have the Bookshop considered as part of the Mission of the Church which can be subsidised to the extent of "the cost of one Minister's stipend" annually. In recent years this has come under some question, probably because of the financial stringency being applied in all other parts of the Church's life.

The Board is acutely conscious of the need to make as little call as possible on scarce resources, but is also faced with trying to run a business in a highly competitive market place. Support from church members overall is vital (and is much appreciated) but at the same time we realise only too well that the shop has to be attractive in its marketing, products and service. Being part of the mission of the church in this context involves balancing what is possible with what will need subsidising.

Financial Performance

As in past years, the financial performance of the shop has been the major focus of the Board's concern. This year has seen an improvement, which is pleasing, given the current market conditions and competition from other sources. The loss before grants was \$46,642 which, although a concern, was less than expected and continues a trend of previous years that has seen a decreasing deficit. The following table is an update of the one reported to Conference in 1994, showing the trading losses (before grants) since 1989.

	\$
1989	97,767
1990	71,119
1991	57,896
1992	31,843
1993	39,557
1994	17,817
1995	31,250
1996	65,179
1997	46,642

The pattern shown by these figures is one of overall reduction in deficit. Leaving aside the 1994 result, which was lower than might have been expected from the trend, and the 1996 result, which was largely due to the shift to new premises, there is a clear pattern of reducing deficit. Overall, however, there is still a need for a subsidy to the extent of "one Ministerial Stipend". Whether the losses can eventually be turned into surpluses remains to be seen. The Board is confident they can be reduced, but cannot say with any certainty that there will never be a need for some level of subsidy from the Church at large.

One significant problem we are facing this year is the cutback in margin which we are receiving from the publishers of Religion in Life. CCES is now the publisher and we have been unable to maintain the same level of mark-up as previously. (The actual details are confidential.) The Board is therefore facing a situation where a particular line of material, which is widely used and popular with the users, is becoming almost too expensive to carry. Whatever the outcome, the Church can be assured that decisions will be made in accordance with the stated objectives of the bookshop.

The net result shows less deficit to last year, but shows an apparently worsening position. This is because the levels of support from trusts and the Connexion have substantially reduced. The support of the Hamilton Trust has advised that it is unable to offer support meantime. Their grants over many years have been greatly appreciated in helping to offset the deficits. The following summary illustrates the changes which have occurred over the last four years.

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
Net loss before grants	46,642	65,179	31,250	17,817
Support from				
-Connexional Budget	14,525	13,174	13,500	23,738
-Hamilton Trust	-	9,000	12,000	12,000
-MMA	-	5,000	-	-
Net Surplus(Deficit)	<u>\$ (32,117)</u>	<u>\$ (38,005)</u>	<u>\$ (5,750)</u>	<u>\$ 17,921</u>

[Note: A copy of the full accounts is available on request.]

Sales

Sales levels this year have been good. Sales receipts were \$503,336 an increase of 10% over 1996 (\$455,974). From these sales there was a gross profit of \$151,829 (1996 was \$123,062) and with expenses of \$201,047 (1996 was \$204,636) the result was a net loss of \$32,117 (1996 was \$38,005). General sales were up by 13%, Religion in Life up by 16%, with LifePlus down and other categories about the same.

Efforts to Improve Sales

The Board is of the view that one of the main ways to increase the sales is to expand the customer base. This has been worked on for the last year and the year before and is beginning to show some results, albeit slowly. The church survey carried out in May has given us more potential customers and these will be targeted increasingly in the coming year. As well, such things as promotions of newly published books, sales evenings (for Wellington area parishes), sponsorship of Dr John Vincent in February 1998, an email address to make it easier for people to get information and place orders (sales@epworthbooks.org.nz), and other marketing ploys are being introduced. All these initiatives are and will have their effect, but they do take time.

Staffing

The Board's thanks go to Joy Wright, Manager and her two assistants Marie Carter and Brenda Baker for their work during the year.

Board Membership

Ray Michelle resigned during the year following his transfer to a position in Auckland and we thank him sincerely for his contribution. So far as membership is concerned, the Board is not proposing any changes. With one member short, it is suggested that the President be authorised to appoint a replacement if and when the Board feels the needs to fill the current vacancy.

Suggested Decisions

1. That the report be received.
2. That the efforts of the Board to improve the performance of the Bookshop be noted and encouragement be offered to continue.
3. That the level of subsidy provided from the Connexional Budget be the equivalent of the cost of one presbyter.
4. That the Board membership for 1998 be :

Graham Weir

Fletcher Thomas

Kathy Stirrat

Roger Olsson

Plus One member.

(The General Secretary is a member by right of the Trust Deed)

NEW ZEALAND LAY PREACHERS ASSOCIATION

REPORT TO METHODIST CONFERENCE, 1997

SECTION A; "WHAT WAS"

We first wish to express our appreciation to Judy Allison and to Alan Birtles. Judy was our Secretary, then President, during the past four years. Her work has been invaluable at this time of change in the composition of the Association. Thankyou Judy. Alan has been Editor and Business Manager over a five year period and travels from Oamaru for Executive meetings. Thankyou Alan.

Work continues on the creation of an ecumenical Association. Copies of the draft constitution have gone to Synods and Presbyteries and the representatives of the Congregational and Churches of Christ. Responses have been received up to the time of writing from two Synods, one Presbytery and one Union District Council. These will be collated after the end of August and revisions considered. The revised version will then be forwarded to the Forum of Co-operative Ventures for approval. Our hope is to report the outcome of this process to member Churches in 1998.

Changes have been made to The Preacher in terms of type style and lay-out. We are indebted to those who assisted the Editor with design and word processing advice. In keeping with the ecumenical nature of the Association we are seeking contributions across the spectrum of Negotiating Churches. Peter Willsman, George Knight and Robyn McPhail are among Presbyterians who contributed to recent issues; Bryan Kirby and John Fulford are from the Churches of Christ and Theresa Angert-Quilter is on the staff of St John's College. Methodist writers including 1996 Vice President Jill van de Geer continue to provide strong support. More Anglican and overseas contributions are now being sought.

In May the President, Secretary and two Executive members met with the Ecumenical Institute of Distance Theological Studies to consider courses offered by Coolamon College, the distance theological college of the Uniting Church in Australia. We are considering the suitability of the Coolamon courses for New Zealand Lay Preachers. We have asked Methodist Wellspring and Presbyterian Courses and Resources to consult together to evaluate the suitability of these courses for Aotearoa New Zealand.

SECTION B "FUTURE DIRECTIONS"

Lay Preacher training events were held during 1997 in the following places: Te Puke; North Canterbury; Upper Hutt; Manukau/South Auckland. It is encouraging to hear of these events and we look forward to including reports and materials in **The Preacher**.

We urge other districts to follow suit in 1998 and to use these events as an opportunity for working ecumenically at the local and regional level.

Nancy Carter from Mangere Bridge attended the Third National Conference of Lay Preachers, organised by the Uniting Church in Australia and held in Melbourne in January. The fourth conference is scheduled for 2000. Executive believes that it would be appropriate for us to participate more fully in this and future conferences.

Alternative provisions for the accreditation of Methodist Lay Preachers over the age of 40 were important for Preachers who had limited access to secondary education. The North Canterbury Association believes that these provisions are no longer appropriate for English language candidates. National Executive brings this matter to Conference in recommendation 3.

Suggested decisions:

1. That the Annual Report be received.
2. Conference encourages the Executive to make links with Australian Lay Preachers and explore avenues for New Zealand Lay Preachers to participate in the Conference being planned for January 2000.
- 3 (a) That all Methodist candidates seeking accreditation for English-language situations be subject to the same rules
 - (b) That all accreditation candidates be required to demonstrate a standard in theological studies satisfactory to the New Zealand Lay Preachers' Association
 - (c) These studies to cover the subjects: Understanding the Bible; Theology; Church and Society; Preparing for Worship (or their equivalents), supported by sufficient practical experience in preaching and leading worship.
4. That the Executive for 1998 be:

President: Jayne Alexander	Vice-President: Bryan Smith
Secretary: Aubrey Stevenson	Registrar: Ian McGowan
Treasurer: Elizabeth Cant	Editor: Garth Cant
Members: Alan Birtles, Helen Buxton, Jackie Langdale-Hunt, Gladys Larkin, Jennifer Newton, Catherine Owers, Tim Pettengell, Vivienne Wright.	
(Ex Officio) President and Secretary of the North Canterbury Association	
Auditor: Norman McPherson	
5. That other regions consider taking on the task of National Executive from 1999 onwards.

NZ WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

SECTION A.

At the 1996 Convention we, the incoming National Executive, said our theme would be Journeying. We now have pleasure in looking back over the first year of that journey and present the 34th Annual Report of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship.

We begin by remembering previous National Executive members who have died during the year. We pay special tribute to Florence Baber, our first National President (1964-1966) Manawatu/Wanganui, and to Margaret Woodley and Marjorie Best, both members during (1966-1968), and from Nelson/Marlborough. We know there are others, members of local Fellowships and Districts, and for all these women we give thanks to God.

We offer congratulations to Beryl Paine, Vice President and National Council of Women link on the present National Executive, who was made a Member of the N.Z. Order of Merit in the New Year's Honours list, for her work in the church and community.

The National Council of Women continues to work for the advancement of the social, legal and economic status of women - those in paid employment and those working unpaid at home and in the community. It echoes women's concern for the spiritual, moral and social welfare of all. N.Z.M.W.F. as an affiliated Nationally Organised Society contributes, by study and discussion, to diverse matters of national importance with submissions forwarded by N.C.W. to Government and other official bodies. Through N.C.W. our voice can be heard - and has been from the very beginning. Methodist women have always been well represented.

Another area where we have always been well represented is Missions. The two Mission Co-ordinators continue networks in N.Z. and overseas and are excited about the rise in money raised by selling stamps and coupons. Although the original use of this money has changed, our Executive continues to find the distribution of the Stamp and Medical and Education Fund money an exciting challenge.

The National Executive is aware that the careful stewardship of finances is very important and we are grateful to the P.A.C.T. Methodist Communication Fund for a grant of \$3,000 to help purchase a computer and printer. We are already benefitting from this and are sure that future M.W.F. National Executives will continue to do so.

The Thames Valley Programme Committee has produced programmes of a very high standard and we recommend their use. Thank you for a job well done.

Our links with Taha Maori, Tongan, Samoan and Fijian/Rotuman groups have strengthened and continue to grow. They are learning experiences for us all.

The M.W.F. was represented at the Co-operating Ventures Forum - so very important because of the high number of our members belonging to Union and Co-operating Ventures.

The Liaison Link is now a well established part of M.W.F. It is a way of sharing between Fellowships, Districts and National Executive and the Bright Ideas Newsletter is a valuable asset.

The Diaconate Link is another important area of sharing. This is between Deacons and M.W.F. Districts. Everyone gains from this especially those Districts who do not have a resident Deacon.

N.Z. is again represented on the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. Ruth Le Couteur is World Treasurer and Judith Parkes is Vice President of our South Pacific area. We can be assured of the quality of their contribution and we offer them our prayerful support.

For me personally this has been a year of firsts. Starting at Conference last November and then this year as I have been to meetings and funerals, written President's letters, signed a charter, attended Convocation and visited Districts. Everywhere I have travelled I have felt affirmed by the warmth and caring of members. I have also been happy that some National Executive members have shared in this. But while members, Fellowships and Districts have given total support, I am disappointed to hear that sometimes the M.W.F. as a whole is not given the place it deserves within the Methodist Connexion. I wonder if anyone has ever thought what would happen if there were no M.W.F. The work done is important and deserving of a bigger part in the life of the church.

One part of this work is the \$38,523.99 raised for the 1996/1997 SPECIAL PROJECT.
\$11,086.49 from STAMPS & COUPONS
\$3,501.10 for the MEDICAL & EDUCATION FUND
\$3,200 made in grants from the FRIENDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP TRUST
\$29,806 made in grants and Koha by the SMETHURST TRUST FUND
\$6,400 made in grants by the KURAHUNA SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Work well done. Thank you.

SECTION B.

The 1997/1998 Special Project has taken time to arrange but now we are pleased to tell you we will again join with the Association of Presbyterian Women in programmes to help both at home and overseas. The Project is to be called SHARING.

50% goes to Vanuatu where we will share in celebration with the Presbyterian church in Vanuatu which has its 50th Anniversary in 1998. Money will be divided between the six P.W.M.U. Presbyteries (or Districts) towards their individual projects. Council for Mission support us in this.

25% goes to Hiti Tau in French Polynesia where women are being helped in small income-generating projects. Hiti Tau is already a Christian World Service partner and will gain extra VASS funding.

The final 25% will stay in N.Z. and we will share in mental health initiatives for young people as part of a Mental Health Foundation programme for secondary schools called Mental Health Matters.

After listening to the problems in some Districts, and those that could happen in others, this Executive has set up a Task Group and also asked six members, with valued experience and from different Districts, to consider the M.W.F. Constitution and Guidelines to see if there needs to be any changes as we journey towards 2000.

We have held Workshops, at local and district level, to hear the dreams of M.W.F. members for their future. We have also asked members for comment on and or suggested changes to our Aim and Name.

Over the next year we plan to continue listening and then to present our findings.

We pray that God will lead us as we journey forward to a perhaps different, but definitely exciting, future.

Alison Kane, National President

Beryl Paine

Barbara Watson

Wendy Larkin

Doreen Bateup

Beth Ensor

Ella Theobald

Beverley Pullar

Mollie Bertram.

Dorothy Andrews

Anne Stevenson

Robin Nacagilevu

COMMUNITY OF WOMEN AND MEN IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Report to Conference 1997

SECTION A

Workshop: "Explorations of Inclusiveness".

The Community held one day workshops in Invercargill and Gore at the invitations of the Invercargill Methodist Parish and Holy Trinity Anglican Parish, Gore. The topics included a discussion of teenage fiction with gay themes, inclusive language and what constitutes the church family. Further workshops are planned.

Booklists:

Annotated book lists of teenage novels on the issues of being gay or lesbian have been prepared by a committee member, and published by us. "The male closet in many a classroom" and "Not just a school-girl crush" can be purchased for \$5 or accessed, free of charge on the World Wide Webb (<http://www.dunedinmethodist.org.nz/mtke/closet.htm>). So far, over 25 copies have been purchased, mainly by libraries. Publicity via teenage magazines is being pursued.

The Community has received a grant from the PAC Media and Communications Fund towards the costs of publication and advertising. An additional booklist on teenage novels that deal with issues of sexual abuse is being planned.

SECTION B

The Future

Name Change

The committee has debated whether the name "Community of Women and Men in church and Society" best reflects its mission. Does the word "community" convey the idea of "exclusiveness" rather than "inclusiveness", what name would be better?

Issues for the Future

The Community would like to hear from the wider membership of the Church, what issues they think are important for us to tackle.

- Should we continue with the People's Resource File?
- Should we be involved in publicity of the churches sexual harassment procedures?
- Should we be monitoring procedures used in consensus decision-making?

Suggested decisions:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the membership for 1997 be:
Gordon Abernethy, Olive Bain, William Elderton,
Nicola Grundy, Elspeth McLean, Dorothy Pearce,
Edie Pont, Mary Thompson (convenor), Norman West
and Jenny Winter.

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Annual Report for the year ending 30 June, 1997.

1997 is the 175th. Anniversary of the arrival of the Rev. Samuel Leigh to establish the Wesleyan Mission in New Zealand at Wesleydale at Kaeo in Northland.

Membership:

At present there are 270 members of the Society, and we are very grateful for their continuing support. We regret to record the death of several of our members. They are Dr. Harrison Bray, Cliff Keightley, Walter Lawry and Tom Spooner who was a former Vice President of the Society.

Editor:

During the year Bernie LeHeron was appointed Editor for the Society. He brings considerable experience and skill to the task, and we are fortunate to have his services.

Publications:

John Whiteley: Land, Sovereignty and the Land Wars of the 19th. Century by Graham Brazendale has been published this year.

Journal 1997 will be published in September. The main focus of the Journal will be on the history of Methodist Affirm and its predecessors, The Methodist Revival Fellowship and the Aldersgate Fellowship.

We also plan to publish Frank Hanson's address to the 1996 Annual Meeting of the Society. The subject will be *A History of the Sunday School Movement between 1850 and 1950*. It is likely that this will be published early in 1998.

Writing Local Church Histories:

We note increasing interest in writing local Church histories. Ivan Whyte has recently written *Dominion From Generation to Generation* for the Centenary of the Dominion Road Methodist Church, Auckland. As a result of his experience in doing this and from attending a workshop on writing local Church histories he has acquired real skills for this task. He is at present writing an article which we will publish in a future Journal. The article will be an important resource for those contemplating a local history - in research, resources, production and cost.

World Methodist Historical Society: Oceana Conference:

Preliminary work is being done on a proposal to hold an Oceana Conference in Tonga in the year 2000.

Honours:

Our President, Verna Mossong, has been honoured by two organisations. The World Methodist Historical Society has elected her as Vice President (Oceana) and the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations has presented her with a Meritorious Service Award.

Graham Brazendale
Secretary.

WESLEY COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1997

Sharing What Has Happened

COLLEGE OPERATIONS

In contrast to a number of South Auckland Schools who were subject to severe criticism from the Education Review Office, the report of Wesley College in its effectiveness review, highlighted many of the positive advantages of an education at the College. An effectiveness review is an evaluation of student achievement and the impact of the teaching services and management practices within a school on that achievement. The report noted that "the Governors and school managers are in the process of changing the organisational culture of the school and are promoting attitudes of critical self review and continuous improvement. Their progress in establishing an evaluative culture is considerable. A major factor in the progress made has been in the changes in the organisation of senior management. In particular the employment of appropriate hostel managers and the reallocation of the tasks of the senior managers.

Student achievement is promoted through good quality pastoral care. The school and hostel staff communicate effectively. They promote the welfare and achievement of students through appropriately sharing information about individual students.

At the heart of the pastoral care system is a caring family atmosphere. The family atmosphere is promoted in a number of ways. The school is predominately a boarding school in a rural setting. Many staff live on campus and are actively involved in the life of students outside of the classroom. Staff and students share their Christian faith in worship in the school chapel.

The school has a large number of students from the Pacific Islands. The school makes good provision for the special needs of these students. The ethnic composition of the staff reflects the diversity of the school. Most students for whom English is a second language have access to a staff member who speaks their first language. The ethnic Pacific Island teachers form a cohesive group who provide support for Pacific Island students where needed. Staff visit the Pacific Island communities of students where they give feedback on their progress.

ROLL & ETHNICITY

In May 1997, there were 416 students at the school, with 87% male and 13% female. The ethnic composition of the school is Maori 28%, Taiwi 72%. Taiwi being made up of Pakeha, Tongan, Papua-New Guinea, Samoan, etc.

ANNIVERSARY OF INTEGRATION

In 1976, Wesley College became the first school integrated into the State System. It is 20 years since that significant step was taken and during that time there has been a very big increase in the school roll, girls have been admitted and the College looks forward with confidence to the new millennium. While attaining the advantages of State Schools in terms of the funding of teachers salaries, teaching resources and maintenance of school buildings, the College through its special character is able to reflect the ethos and values of the Methodist Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. The importance of a caring, Christian based boarding education, particularly for students from lower socio economic backgrounds can not be over emphasised. However, it has to be acknowledged that in endeavouring to reflect the special character of the school and carry out the very different roles and functions, the relationship between the Board of Governors and Trust Board has not been very smooth.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

The results of the students who sat external examinations were generally quite pleasing. In the University Bursaries examination, 12 students gained "B" Bursaries. While the School Certificate results were disappointing overall, there were some pleasing individual marks, particularly from fourth form students who sat School Certificate Science and a third form student who gained 71% in Maths. A close examination of the School Certificate marks shows that the average for all subjects has increased by 2 - 3 marks at the mean - a significant % increase which augurs well for the future.

SPORT

In sport, College students continue to excel with a student gaining second place (Under 18) in the New Zealand Gymnastic Championships and 1st in the Auckland Secondary Schools Gymnastics Association Tumbling championships. He was selected to represent New Zealand in Brisbane while another student was third in the New Zealand Open Judo Secondary Schools Championships. Other pupils gained a 1st placing in the heavyweight division of the North Island Invitational Taekwando tournament in Kawerau and second place in the featherweight division. Eight College 1st XV players were chosen for the Counties Secondary Schools training squad for the A Grade representative team and Lester Holani was selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools team.

The College 1st XV again won the Counties Secondary Schools rugby championship and narrowly missed playing their way into the Top Four of the New Zealand Secondary Schools' competition.

In the Auckland Secondary Schools volleyball competition, Wesley finished in third place and became the third Auckland representative for the National Championships in Christchurch. The Wesley team took part in the National championships and did well. The girls' soccer XI finished 9th out of all

the schools in the Greater Auckland area - an amazing result for a school with only 50 girls to call on. Similarly the girls' A netball team had some successes against schools with ten times the number of girls attending, while our hockey teams gave it their best shot.

CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL

A number of students experienced voyages on the sail training ships "Spirit of Adventure" and "Spirit of New Zealand" while overseas visitors to the College included the Manu Samoa rugby team. Two rugby teams from the Anglo Chinese school in Singapore (a private Methodist school) were hosted at the College and a party from Tokiwa High School in Japan also visited the College for a very successful cultural exchange.

Cultural Groups from the College, comprising Maori, Tongan, Samoan and Melanesian, participated in the Maori and Pacific Islands Cultural Festival where all the College groups performed to a very high standard.

Students also performed at the dinner in February 1997, held in honour of the President of Mongolia and their performance was received very warmly by the Mongolian delegation.

BUILDING PROGRAMME

Plans have been drawn up for the building of a whare wananga at Wesley College and construction will commence shortly. Plans have also been drawn up for a permanent day students' facility with a large amount of the necessary funding also to hand. The Association of Presbyterian Women and the Methodist Women's Fellowship is providing funding this year for Wesley College. The Trust Board is extremely grateful for their support. The funds will be used specifically to provide facilities for day girls in the proposed new common room. The Board hopes that the last stage of the Recreation Centre will be completed in the not too distant future.

PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

The College family was pleased to welcome the President, Rev. Stan West and Ruth Silverstone (Vice President) to the College on Sunday 9th February 1997 for the Annual Service of Beginnings. It was a wonderful occasion, followed by luncheon in the Recreation Centre and the day provided an opportunity for our distinguished guests to meet students and share worship with us in the Chapel.

FINANCIAL

The Board has had another successful year financially, enabling the beneficiary assistance to pupils to be expanded as the Board acknowledges the requirement under its Act of Parliament to assist those in need to achieve a Christian based education at Wesley.

The Board has no long term financial liabilities and has continued its policy of free-holding land at Waikowhai to take advantage of other more productive opportunities.

FITZROY GRANTS

Further discussions with other members of the Connexion have taken place on the implications of the Fitzroy Land Grants at Grafton and the obligations of Tauwiwi to its Treaty partner. As an interim measure, all revenue received from property currently owned by the Trust Board at Grafton is devoted to Maori education at the College.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Board records its appreciation to Eric Beavis and Brian Caughey who have both completed 30 years of service on the Board. Eric has been a Trust Board representative since its formation in 1977 and is Chairperson of the Board of Governors and Brian has chaired the Property and Finance Committee for over 25 years.

Jack Penman resigned as a Board member during the year and the Board records its sincere appreciation for his many years of valuable service.

Looking Forward

THE COLLEGE

There has been a large amount of publicity recently concerning the importance of ensuring that pupils are in a safe and caring environment in boarding school situations. The Trust Board is continually reviewing all its hostel supervisory procedures and personnel levels, endeavouring to provide a level of safe care. The hostel and school administrations recognise the right of every individual pupil and staff member to live and work in an environment without the fear of threat of physical or verbal abuse.

INTEGRATION

As already reported, Wesley College was the first school integrated into the State System. Now, twenty years on, we are becoming aware of the complexity of the relationship between Governors and Trustees, in matters relating to: accountability, reviewing the "Special Character" of the school as defined in the Integration Agreement, and how the Methodist Church influences the life of the college. These are all significant areas affecting the culture of the college and the way in which it is perceived - not only by the Church, but by the whole community. The future will be about ensuring that the college continues to build on its special character - the Bicultural journey, inclusiveness, non-violence, staff relations, and spiritual values.

SCHOLARSHIPS

While providing Maori Scholarships is important, conversations need to be initiated on the outcome of the education provided.

Suggested Decisions:

1. The report be received.
2. The Trust Board initiate discussion with the Governors on issues surrounding Maori Scholarships and Educational outcomes.
3. Conference records it appreciation to the Rev. Jack Penman for his work on the Trust Board.
4. The Board membership for 1993 be: Eric Beavis, Audrey Bruce, Brian Caughey, John Hull, Heather Jack, Barbara Lawrence, Jack McCoskrie, Graeme Mathieson, John Murray, Harvey O'Loughlin, Paewhenua Nathan, Jack Paine, Markus Rogers, Lana Lazarus, Vaotane Saleupolu, Jill Van de Geer and Te Rua Winiata.

JOHN MURRAY, Chairperson

NORMAN JOHNSTON, General Secretary



BICULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1997

SHARING WHAT HAS HAPPENED

INTRODUCTION

Edward Gibbon Wakefield wrote in 1849, describing the Wesleyan Methodists, *"It has a profound and minute system of government, which comprehends the largest and takes care of the smallest objects of a church. It has zeal, talents, energy, funds, order and methods, a strict discipline, and a conspicuous success. But our concern with it lies only in the colonies. There, it does not wait, as the other churches do, till there is a call for its services, and then only exhibit its inefficiency; but it goes before settlement; it leads colonization; it penetrates into settlements where there is no religion at all ..."* (Source: E.G. Wakefield, *A View of the Art of Colonization*, pp 152-53, 160-64).

If that's how the Wesleyan's were seen then, how might we be viewed today? Do our systems and structures reinforce and perpetuate colonization? The restructuring that has taken place over the past decade is much criticised, seen by many to be a response to the dictates of fashion rather than a deeply held conviction that response to the gospel requires us to do everything within our power to shed those aspects of our common life which continue to diminish and destroy a people. Such shedding is often painful, the vision of the "new earth" is sometimes unclear, and we are moving towards a promised land for which there is no model, nor any previous experience to provide a guide.

The parish reviews suggest that many people do, in fact, have a sense of the vision, and are willing to take all kinds of steps towards being a just and equitable community. There are many signs of hope in the midst of uncertainty, fear, and a perceived loss of the established order.

It could be that a historian of the future will commend Te Hahi Weteriana for its ability to lead the steps towards decolonisation with comparable zeal to that which it demonstrated a century or more ago.

PARISH REVIEW

As I read again the REVIEWS that have come through I note recurring points or statements that are made.

It's obvious to me, that for some parishes, a big effort was made to complete the Bicultural Review. This was because it was felt that the Bicultural Journey (BCJ) had not affected their parish enough to make a Review necessary. However, when they got underway they discovered that they had moved a considerable distance in 10-12 years.

For many this meant a re-commitment to the BCJ, others saw it as a way to place a greater emphasis on the BCJ.

From the Co-operating Ventures there comes the well worn cry, "We are C-Vs, we can't keep on doing things just to please one denomination." Which, being interpreted, means "we're too busy in our own little world. Stop bothering us." However, I also note that some C-Vs are following the Presbyterian or Anglican model, so I take it that they are doing this because their parish is clergy led.

That brings me to another observation. Many parishes are just that, clergy led. If the minister doesn't like it, then they don't do it, or aren't informed. How do you get past the minister?

One major observation: It is obvious to parishes that the Conference/Connexion is on the BCJ, what happens at this level bears little resemblance to parish level. How, then, do you make what happens at Conference applicable at parish level?

Example: The welcome in Maori at Conference is applicable. The welcome in Maori at parish level, where everyone is Pakeha, applicable or tokenism? This goes for hymns, prayers, readings.

One emphasis I would like to see and that is; It is the Conference/Connexion and the parish that is on the BCJ not just a group in the parish. It seems to me that parish councils need to take responsibility for the BCJ and not hand it on to the BC Work group to come up with slot on Waitangi day or any other appropriate day. When the parish yearly plan is made, I believe, the question should be asked, "How does this activity fit into our BCJ?"

At Palmerston North the BC Work group realised that if a BC service was to be planned then it was the Worship Work group that should do the planning, likewise with Justice issues, etc. So often the BCJ is given mention just so we can say we've done something.

One thing that came through loud and clear: We're on the BCJ there is no turning back. Love it or hate it we are on the way.

Never-the-less there are those who are asking: "If we're on a Journey where is it taking us?" "When do we get there?" "What goes have we set?"

It seems to me there are a lot of unanswered questions as well as confusion. To re-state the Church's position, to give clear guidelines and to help those who have asked for help are just 3 ways of making this Review worthwhile.

OCCASIONAL LETTER

A newsletter is to be distributed via the Connexional mailing. It will be for the exchange of ideas, notification of events, and other matters related to the bicultural journey. Look out for "*Tutaki*".

VIDEO

The script of "*Length of a Memory*" is finalised and the script writer and producer have approached some TV channels about this project. Changes in the personnel of TV have meant our video has been put aside for the moment.

BICULTURAL WORKSHOPS

Each year, the Bicultural Committee offers workshops to new District Superintendents and Connexional Appointments. This year a combined workshop was offered which, among other things, encouraged participants to consider how they might be active advocates for the Bicultural Journey in their area of responsibility.

A workshop for the MWF Executive is being arranged. Workshops are also offered to new boards and executives, and to Standing Committees when they are relocated.

MEETING WITH ELDERS, PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT ELECT

The annual meeting with the Council of Elders took place in February. The purpose of this meeting was to give the Elders an opportunity to ask questions and discuss matters of concern for them in their role as Elders, and about the Bicultural Journey in general. Matters discussed included Tauwiwi Forum, Budget for Elders, the role of the Elders and the Council of Conference, consensus decision making, and the role of the Elders at Conference. The Bicultural Committee found it energising to be meeting with the Council of Elders. They were reminded that they have a caring responsibility for the Council of Elders.

At the March meeting, the Bicultural Committee welcomed the President and Vice President Elect and the Acting General Secretary. Again, this was an opportunity for these Connexional appointees to discuss matters relating to the Bicultural Journey of the Church; to ask questions and receive resources appropriate for their forthcoming work.

NEW MEETING TIMES AND VENUE

At a planning meeting in February, the Bicultural Committee decided to review how, when and where they met. It was agreed that they would try meeting bi-monthly with a change of venue away from the regular working place of members. During 1997, the Committee has met at Wellspring. Because some people in the Church still saw this committee as an enigma with questionable 'power' it was decided that we inform people through the Connexional mailing that the meetings were open for anyone interested to attend. The response to this invitation has been small.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Theology in Aotearoa: The Bicultural Committee and Faith and Order Committee will continue to explore theology for Aotearoa during 1998.

Video: An experienced producer and production manager has suggested some further work on the production details before the project is presented to TVNZ for screening next year. Waitangi Day would be an ideal time. If this is not picked up, other options will be explored.

Ordering of the Law Book: Bicultural Committee has approached a person who expressed interest in revising the Law Book. We hope this work may be done in 1998 as others on the Committee are also interested in this revision.

SUGGESTED DECISIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the membership for 1998 be: Nga Kaiarahi, Winifred Murray, Liz Cook, Roger Biddle, John Murray
3. Lynne Frith has asked to be relieved from the position of Co Convenor. The committee thanks Lynne for all the extra work she has done in this role. A new Co Convenor is to be appointed.

RESTRUCTING TASK GROUP

The membership of the Committee for 1997 was: Norman Brookes, Lynne Frith, Timothy Langley, John Murray, Paewhenua Nathan, Aso Samoa Saleupolu, Fletcher Thomas, Jill van de Geer, Norman West, Stan West and Donald Phillipps.

The group met on two occasions during the year to discuss matters of significance in terms of Church structures.

Regional Church

Conference 1995 referred a report on "the Future of the Regional Church" to Taiuiwi Forum. At the same time Conference asked the South Island District Synods to engage in dialogue about their future shape and function. The latter decision gave rise to a series of consultations which while not leading to the acceptance of a single model or to any change in the disposition of the South Island Districts nevertheless gave rise to helpful discussion on matters of principle.

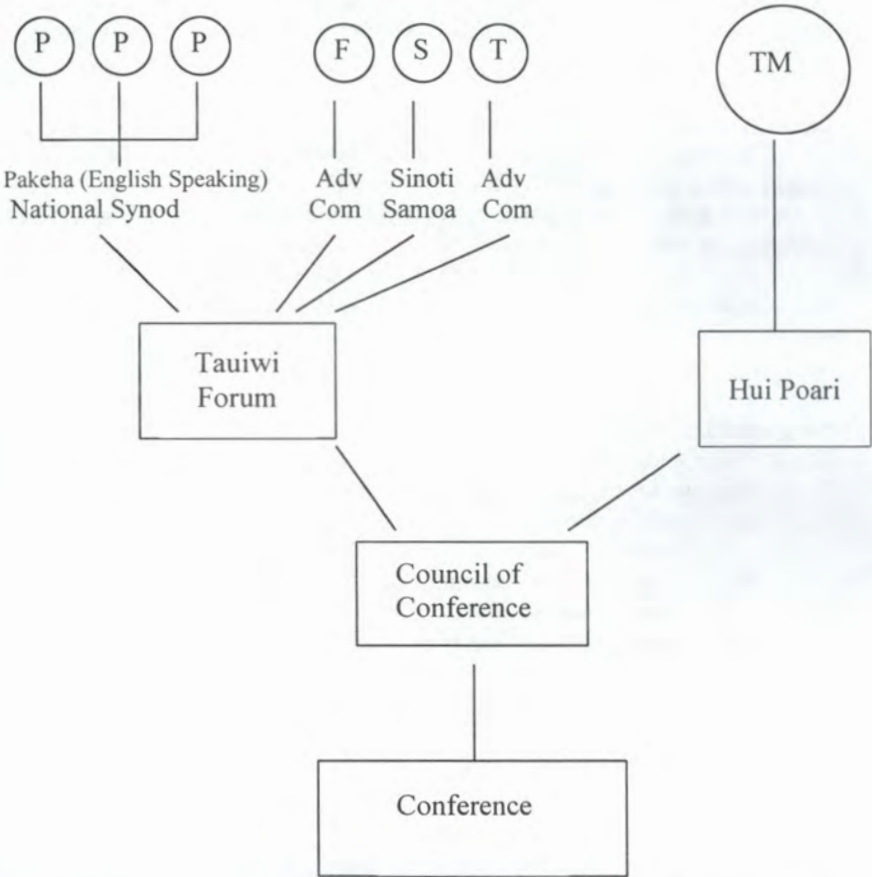
Altogether the discussions that have so far taken place have tended to underline the fact that the present District Synods are essentially regional Pakeha (ie English speaking) Synods. This is not to be seen as an adverse comment. Given that Fiji, Samoan, Tongan Methodists meet in Advisory Committees and Synod to consider their particular needs it is appropriate for there to be a recognisable focus for the Pakeha Church. This will not mean that existing structures are changed unnecessarily but rather that there will be a change of focus in the setting of Agenda items, and in membership. The present Pakeha Meeting which takes place prior to the Taiuiwi Forum would be better seen as a National Pakeha Synod whose business will still feed into the Taiuiwi Forum as does that of the Advisory Committees and Sinoti. Membership of the National Pakeha Synod could still be based on representation from each of the regional (Districts) Pakeha Synods.

Building on the principle of partnership between the four constituent members of the Taiuiwi Forum it is urged that there be a radical revision of its membership. Given the number of Pakeha regional groups and available leadership it has been proposed that Taiuiwi Forum be made up of 12 members (6 Pakeha, 2 Fiji, 2 Samoan, 2 Tongan) along with the 4 Resource Persons (President, Vice-President, General Secretary and Mission Resourcing Unit Superintendent), the latter group not to have any Executive capacity. The membership would arise from nominations made by the Synods and Advisory Committees. As an aside the Task Group believes that it is essential for one from each of the four constituent members on the Taiuiwi Forum to be also a member of the Council of Conference and to be their group's spokesperson.

One natural consequence of this discussion was to consider the structure of Taiuiwi Stationing and to ask whether it was essential for Pakeha Stationing to be carried out by representatives of each of the regions. Would it not be possible for a smaller group to do this work with equal sensitivity, and with

greater efficiency while protecting the rights of Parishes and Ministers to be involved. A smaller group might well be able to discuss issues of Connexional/District strategies more effectively.

An attempt has been made in this diagram to illustrate the inter-relationships between the regional groupings and their lines of accountability to the Connexion.



(It is not suggested that there be only 3 District Synods, the diagram simply illustrates the relationships and accountabilities.)

Evaluation of New Structures

Conference 1996 asked the Task Group to initiate the setting up of a process for evaluation of the effectiveness of the new structures. This is a very

large task and in terms of the Conference decision some what undefined. If it relates only to established new structures like Council of Conference, it could be done without setting in place a major project. The Group believes, however, that the Church has been steadily evolving in terms of its structures, especially since the beginning of the Bicultural Journey in 1983.

The Task Group proposes that a small evaluation team (say three people) be appointed to carry out this task in 1998. A budget is to be prepared and grants sought. The membership is to be found through the appointment by Tauiti Forum and Taha Maori of one person each and through the appointment by Council of Conference of one professional from outside the Church. This matter has been referred to Council of Conference for its endorsement before any further steps are taken.

Other matters

The Task Group has endorsed the directions taken in the paper entitled **"The Future of Methodist Mission Aotearoa"**.

The draft report prepared by MRU on the **constitution of Sinoti Samoa** has been considered and endorsed.

The discussion paper prepared by the **Co-ordinating Committee of the Mission Resourcing Unit and the Ministry Resourcing Unit** has also been part of our group's agenda and encouragement has been given in terms of its general directions.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Restructuring Task Group be asked to:
 - (a) develop further the concept of a refocussed District Synod and a National Synod.
 - (b) the proposal to be circulated to all sections of the Church for discussion early 1998.
 - (c) report to Conference 1998.

PAC DISTRIBUTION GROUP

Report to Conference 1997

'Realising Dreams' was the theme that this year's Distribution Group saw emerging in the stories which formed part of the Group's life.

We believe the gifts made this year will realise many dreams within the life of the Church and for the wider community as it seeks to improve health and housing. This latter response has been made in the light of 1997 being the Ecumenical Year for Churches in Solidarity with the Uprooted.

The allocations are:

Within the life of the Church

1.	Strategic property planning (Consultancy)	100,000
2.	Trinity College for repayment of housing loan	200,000
3.	Launching new/refocussed ministries within parishes	25,000
4.	Continuing theological education for lay people (TELM/AFM)	20,000
5.	Connecting the Connexion - e-mail, website	50,000
	- computer hardware	100,000
6.	Christian Conference of Asia communications	10,000
7.	Ministry among NZ born Tongan, Samoan, Fiji Methodist people	250,000
		<u>755,000</u>

In health and housing

1.	Health needs of poorer people	- Health Care Aotearoa	60,000
		- Kaitia Christian Fellowship	25,000
2.	Seeding money for housing for homeless (via MMA)		<u>70,000</u>
			<u>155,000</u>

RESOURCE PERSON/CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

1.	Fiji Indian Fellowship outreach	570
2.	St Alban's Coop Parish (Hamilton) Community Education	650
3.	Youthtrek '98	2400
4.	Canterbury Rural Ministry	2500
5.	Stoke Methodist Church - Worship/Spirituality Seminar	2500
		<u>8620</u>

ARCHIVES RESEARCH MATERIALS AND SYSTEMS ENDOWMENT FUND

1.	Connexional Archives (Christchurch and Auckland)	<u>15087</u>
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MEMBERSHIP

The PAC Distribution Group for 1997 was:

Kevin Connole, Pam Davis, Alison Greening, Peter Grundy, Graham Harris, Donald Phillipps, Wendy Rosewell, Ashley Sedon, Tavake Tupou.

We thank Alison Greening and Wendy Rosewell who complete their terms this year. Tavake Tupou as ex-President and Donald Phillips as Acting General Secretary will also be replaced.

Suggested Decision:

1. That the Report be received.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD

Report to Conference 1997

SHARING WHAT HAS HAPPENED

This Board is empowered to make grants to persons who are under the pastoral care of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, including Union Parishes and Co-operating Parishes. During the year ended 30/6/1997, nine people were given gifts as a result of reported pastoral need. Although the individual gift is only \$200 maximum per person per year the letters from recipients indicated that a real need is being met. In addition, new widows of presbyters were sent a love gift of \$40 and Christmas gifts of \$30 were sent to 17 retired Deaconesses and other selected parishioners making a total of \$2,460.

Members were very sorry to have to accept the resignation of our Chairperson, Mrs Margaret Gordon, (necessitated by illness at home). A report from us is not necessary this year but members felt it should be made to acknowledge the sterling work and valued leadership by Margaret for approximately 10 years.

LOOKING FORWARD

With the appointment of a new Chairman, Rev John Murray, the Board now consists of: John Murray, Audrey Dickinson, Gillian Watkin, Ted Grounds; Liz Kohlhase, Bob Burton (Treasurer), Bryan Burton (Deputy Chairman), Jim Steel (Secretary).

Suggested Decision:

1. That the Report be received.

METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY

Annual report to Conference 1997.

The Society has pleasure in presenting this, its Eighteenth Annual Report to Conference.

The total membership at 30th June 1997 was 262, compared with 248 at the 30th June 1996. This represents an increase in membership of slightly over 5.6%. The main area of movement in membership is an increase in the Nominated Trust Advance Depositors.

NOMINATED TRUST ADVANCES

Of the total membership of the Society, 28 were members because of their desire to assist their own local parish or other local group through the Nominated Trust Advances scheme, such deposits amounted to \$144,400 compared with \$111,025 last year.

At the end of the financial year, 10 parishes or other Church-related bodies were recipients of these Nominated Trust Advance loans. In all cases the depositors have foregone their right to interest on the money they have lent to the recipient.

Individuals may deposit the desired sum in the Society (usually on an 'interest-free basis'). The Society enters into a loan arrangement with the parish, on the understanding that if the deposit is required to be repaid, for whatever reason, the Parish will repay the loan concerned and the Society will then make the appropriate repayment to the depositor. Parishes will be aware that these arrangements provide the cheapest possible form of finance.

FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR.

The year ended 30th June 1997 saw the Society achieve a surplus of \$10,841 compared with \$21,558 for the 15 month period last year. While the actual surplus has fallen in relation to the value of the Ordinary Deposits, nevertheless the result is quite satisfactory. Total deposits, other than Nominated Trust Advances amounted to \$343,454 compared with \$406,397 last year.

INTEREST DONATED.

There are a number of members of the Society who choose to further support the Society by foregoing their right to interest on their deposits, and during the year ended 30 June 1997 \$3,385 was received from this source, compared with \$3,951 during the 15 month last year.

DISTRIBUTION

A resolution will be put to the Society's Annual Meeting that a distribution be made this year of up to \$10,000 for purposes yet to be determined.

INTEREST RATES

Interest rates during the 1996-7 year have varied quarterly based on a formula of 50% of the 90day Bank Deposit rate at the beginning of each period, as indicated in the report last year. While this does not give a constancy of return it is believed that it provides members with more realistic returns on their investments, while maintaining a surplus that is available for distribution. For the quarter commencing the 1st July 1997 the rate will be 3.45%

OTHER FACILITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY.

Any existing or potential member of the Society can arrange insurance through National Insurance for homeowners and householders insurance cover, with the contact made direct between the insured and the insurer, thus eliminating a significant amount of work undertaken within the office.

The Provident Society continues to operate an arrangement with Southern Cross Healthcare, whereby we are able to offer to members Medical Insurance with the benefit of group rates. There has been considerable interest in the scheme.

The Board of the Provident Society has been aware of the need to revitalise the Society and to increase the total involvement of members of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and Co-operating Ventures in its activities.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

The Board has been endeavouring to revise the Society Rules to satisfy the needs of the Society while also satisfying the tax exemption requirements of the Inland Revenue Department and to increase the total involvement of members of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and Co-operating Ventures in its activities.

The Membership of the Board of the Methodist Provident Society Ltd is Mesdames Ruth Silverstone, Cheryl Brown, Elizabeth Cant, Pat Teague, Sister Rona Collins, Revs Donald Phillipps, Stan West, Kenneth Smith, Messrs Alan Bettany, and Warren Hudson.

P. M. Teague, Chairperson.

S. J. West, Secretary.

R. M. Le Couteur, Executive Officer.

SUGGESTED DECISIONS.

1. That the report be received.
2. That the sum of \$10,000 be available for distribution as per recommendations to be submitted following the Annual Meeting of the Society.

ROBERT GIBSON TRUST BOARD REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1997

On June 30th 1997 our Chairman, J P Harding, M.B.E., J.P., died. The following motion was recorded at our Annual Meeting held on August 4th 1997:

Moved by Reverend Len Willing, Seconded by Mr Alan Hughson

"John Philip Harding was a member of the "Advisory Committee" which later became the Robert Gibson Trust. He was the Committee's first Deputy Chairman and continued in Office when the Trust was formed. Altogether he served for thirty years, twenty eight of them as Chairman.

Determined to see the wishes of Mr Gibson carried out as far as possible, John applied his business acumen and administrative skills to the end. Under his leadership the Trust has developed from the original farm to three farms, greatly expanding the amount available for grants.

It was part of his vision to see the farms used as stepping stones for young people interested in farming as a career and planning to own their own farms in due course. To this end he strongly advocated that sharemilkers' contracts be limited to a specific number of years, to give opportunity to others.

This Board pays it's whole hearted and unanimous tribute to John Harding as a man of high standards and meticulous attention to detail. Although he intended to resign at this meeting, in fact he died in Office, a fitting tribute to his faithful service to the Trust."

The three farms continue to perform well, with most valuable support from the Farm Supervisor, Mr Bruce Duthie and his team. This year production rose 20% but the payout rate dropped 10%, affected by the high exchange rate. We must budget for a lower payout again next season.

The important work of maintaining the houses, sheds, races, fences and pasture on the farms has cost \$143,206, plus legal costs and administration have added \$27,119, of which \$14,655 was a one off cost of obtaining High Court approval to vary our Trust Deed.

This revised Trust Deed now enables us to assist girls and young women at Wesley College. Also we now have the right to apply to the Methodist Conference for an increased Reserve Fund instead of being tied to the original reserve of £20,000 or \$40,000. Our Reserve Fund needs will be discussed during the year and we intend to recommend a reasonable amount be set next year at Conference. Then, in the "good" years we can build up strength to get us safely through downturns without affecting bursary levels or farm maintenance.

We began the year with a credit balance of \$28,405 and ended with a credit balance of \$29,832.

The following schedule shows our position regarding grants and bursaries and our recommendations for the 1997/98 year:

	Recommended <u>1996/97</u>	Paid <u>1996/97</u>	Recommended <u>1997/98</u>
Wesley College	40,000	40,000	40,000
Other Schools	10,000	3,750	5,000
Polytechnic Students	16,000	16,250	16,000
University Students	<u>57,000</u>	<u>65,700</u>	<u>65,000</u>
Total Bursaries	123,000	125,700	126,000
 Manaia Hall	 5,000	 5,000	 5,000
Masterton Childcare Centre	4,000	4,000	4,000
Mission Resourcing Unit			
Youth Ministry	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Total Grants	<u>152,000</u>	<u>154,700</u>	<u>155,000</u>

Suggested Decisions:

- 1) That the report be received.
- 2) That the above recommended grants and bursaries be approved as a guideline for the Trust.
- 3) That the Trust Board for 1997-1998 be:

Chairman, Alan Hughson, Bursary Committee
 Deputy Chairman, Geoff Marx, Farm Committee
 Secretary Administrator, Public Trustee, Graeme Ander
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Minister of the Manaia Co-operating Parish, Rev Peter Kirkpatrick
Connexional Secretary, Rev Stan West
Rev Len Willing, Bursary Committee
Mrs Reba Hunt, Bursary Committee
Mr H Bruce Duthie, Farm Supervisor
Mr Vic Morgan, Farm Committee
Mr Bill Yateman, Farm Committee
Mr Preston Bulfin, Legal Adviser.

A T Hughson
Chairman.

Board of Administration

Report to Conference 1997

A - LOOKING BACK

INTRODUCTION

In reporting to Conference the Board of Administration shares again some details about the many responsibilities and activities that come within its scope. During the year consideration has been given to many matters that affect presbyters, particularly in relation to remuneration, housing and related matters. Some of these matters will form part of our ongoing tasks for next year.

During the year careful consideration has been given to the computer needs for the office. We endeavor to ensure the best use is made of recent technological developments with the ultimate aim of providing a good accounting service, in a timely and efficient manner. To this end new accounting packages have been purchased and during the next few months staff will be working towards the planning and implementation of these programmes. Once the upgrades are completed the office will be looking to provide an improved financial service and, hopefully with annual accounts produced automatically from the computer system. These improvements should also enable better communication with Parishes, the wider Connexion and in the use and deployment of staff.

VIN PEARCY



The end of February next year marks the occasion when Vin Percy will retire from the Connexional Office. The records show that Vin has worked in the office for almost twenty one years, initially filling the position of receptionist. However for the last twelve years she has worked as the personal assistant to the General Secretary.

Over these years Vin has gained an enormous knowledge and understanding of our Church, and through her work she has become known throughout the whole Connexion. She has earned the respect and support of the Church, because of the way in which she has carried out her work, always available, always willing and normally able to give assistance

She also makes her own significant contribution within the Connexional Office. This is experienced through her wide knowledge of the Church, and in

the careful and meticulous way in which she gives secretarial assistance and support to the General Secretary and to other staff. Vin enjoys her work for the Church which she sees as part of her Christian commitment.

It is with gratitude and thanks that we record our appreciation to Vin for this significant contribution to the Methodist Church and to the Connexional Office.

ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY

The Board acknowledge with gratitude the work undertaken by the Rev Donald Phillipps as Acting General Secretary, during 1997. Donald has carried out this task, in addition to his normal Parish duties, and in doing so has given valuable assistance to the Connexion.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

As we reported to the last Conference Pat Teague and Margaret Burnett retired from the membership of the Board in December. In their place we welcomed Judith Fletcher and Murray Clark. Between them they bring many gifts and skills including people skills and accounting skills, that will assist the Board carry out its responsibilities.

SUPERANNUATION

The Trustee had a busy year addressing many issues concerning the Supernumerary Fund including:

Fund performance and benefits

The Fund grew by \$.87million during the year to total \$15.7million at year end. The Fund made \$1.5million in investment income and paid \$1.2million in benefits.

The Fund made a solid 9.6% return on investments for the year. This result has enabled the Trustee to increase the annuity rate to \$303.18 for each year of membership as from 1 February 1998. This is an increase of 1.8% on the current annuity rate of \$297.84 and all pensions will be increased by 1.8% from 1 February 1998.

Trust Deed Amendments

Approval by all members and beneficiaries of the Fund resulted in the following changes to the Trust Deed:

- in the event of the 'Winding Up' of the Fund that other beneficiaries rights would be protected.
- The Trustee was authorised to invest the assets of the Fund in accordance with the Trustee Act 1956 as amended.

- The Investment Manager was also authorised to appoint custodian trustees.

While the outcome of the Coalition Government's proposal to compulsory Retirement Savings Scheme is unknown at time of writing this report the Trustee has chosen to await developments from the Referendum before promoting further Deed changes.

Fund Membership

Membership of the Fund declined by 3 to stand at 165 at 31 January 1997. Pensioner numbers increased by 7 to total 194 at balance date.

Trustee Advisors

Changes were made during the year to the Fund's investment managers and actuaries. The investment manager is now ANZ Funds Management Ltd and the actuary is Jacques Martin New Zealand Ltd.

MINISTER'S RECORD OF SERVICE AND ENTITLEMENTS

An ongoing project for executive staff has been the preparation of a means for recording leave entitlements for Ministers, as approved by Conference 1993. This has been done by way of a book which Ministers take with them to every place of ministry and includes entitlements that have been approved by Conference for all Presbyters and Deacons. This book is now ready for printing in looseleaf format, enabling changes to be incorporated, and will be distributed to Presbyters and Deacons in the new year.

In preparing this book, clarification of some of the Conference decisions and current Church practices have been put in writing for the first time. These are:

Annual Leave: The original decision of Conference 1984 (pg 634, no 2) states "Annual Leave for ministers be 28 days or four weeks". This had meant four 7 day weeks and not 28 working days, the intention being that a person be entitled to a period of four weeks with no work so as to include the days that would have otherwise been worked, whatever those days might be. This is stated in the book as "twenty eight days which is four working weeks per year".

One Month Study Leave: The original decision of Conference 1972 (pg 313, no 4) was that "after each four years of service" a minister may "take up to one month off" for study leave. There has been no decision of Conference which supersedes this one, and the wording "up to one month" suggests that this replaces the one week for that year. Thus, the

Book affirms that “in the years in which One Month Study Leave becomes due, this Leave replaces the Annual Study Leave entitlement for that year.”

Long Leave: Current practice relating to Long Leave has been clarified as follows:

The original decision of Conference 1990 (pg 657, no 3) was that Long Leave be “available on completion of each seven years in ministry”; this has been interpreted as meaning 7 weeks Long Leave be available after 7 years in ministry, ie in the eighth year of ministry. The year in which Long Leave is taken is not included in the entitlement taken, thus that year becomes the first year of subsequent entitlement.

It is permissible for Long Leave to be split so that it is taken at different times within the Connexional year. In such cases, the entitlement must normally be completed by the end of the Connexional year in which the initial Long Leave was started.

Once the initial Long Leave has been taken, any remaining Long Leave that is not taken by the end of the Connexional year is forfeited. The exceptions are:

- family circumstances,
- a crisis,
- stationing.

The District Superintendent(s) and the Superintendent of the Mission Resourcing Unit need to be consulted to determine if these circumstances apply in a particular situation.

Recognising that the provision for Long Leave entitlement of less than 7 years be made available to Presbyters nearing retirement is an agreed decision of Conference, the question was raised as to whether this is appropriate. The Board looked at the need to clarify whether Long Leave was a reward for past service or refreshment for the future. It was agreed that refreshment prior to entering retirement was important. In considering the difference between refreshment and renewal, it was stated that refreshment could be reflective whereas renewal is for the future. It was also remembered that provision for Long Leave was part of a means of addressing the issue of why Presbyters were leaving presbyteral ministry well in advance of superannuation.

THE LAY WORKERS RETIRING FUND

This Fund with 24 members is in the process of transferring membership to The Retire Fund managed by the New Zealand Anglican Pension Board.

For the year ended 31 January 1997 the Lay Workers Retiring Fund grew by \$75,000 to total \$613,000 at year end.

While the gross income for the year was \$48,000 which was 9% of Member's Funds after providing for expenses, income tax and charges in market value of assets, the net surplus was reduced to \$11,000 which was 2% of Member's Funds.

By transferring \$30,000 from General Reserves the Trustee was able to make a distribution of approximately 8% to member's accounts.

With the larger membership and already approved tax free status of The Retire Fund the Trustee expects the change to bring better returns to the members of The Lay Workers Retiring Fund.

PRESBYTERS DEACONS & LAY WORKERS LOAN FUND

During 1997 the Fund received a grant of \$60,000 from the Prince Albert College Trust Fund. The 30 June 1997 annual accounts show a surplus of \$63,467 which is made up of the PAC grant and an operating surplus of \$3,467, compared with \$1,214 in the previous year. The Thorndon Trust was a significant donor contributing \$8,982 while there was a grant of \$1,000 from the F W Walters Trust, and \$3,917 from the Special Purpose Trust.

Deposits

Interest on deposits are credited monthly, and throughout the year has been at 3%. There has again been a significant reduction in the value of deposits held which have fallen from \$135,379 last year to \$111,842 at the end of this financial year. There are now 78 depositors compared with 75 last year..

'Deposit Supported' Car Loans

At 30 June there were 45 Presbyters with car loans who were contributing to a deposit account. The total value of these loans was \$176,015 compared with \$146,285 in 1996. These loans bear interest at 5% flat or 9.155% true rate. There is a provision in the loan agreements, that if deposits are not maintained the Board of Administration has the right to increase the interest charged.

Those who do not have deposits and maintain regular monthly contributions are entitled to loans at 12% flat or 20.313% true

Interest Free Loans

At 30 June 1996 the number of interest free loans available to those leaving Theological College 14 with a total value of \$42,149 compared with 10 last year totalling \$27,350.

Special Loans

At the 30 June, 1997 there were 5 Housing Loans for those approaching retirement totalling \$73,280, compared with 6 totalling \$109,163 last year. The maximum of new loans is now restricted to \$10,000 with principal and interest payable in the expectation that they will be fully repaid by the time of retirement.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

Loans and Finance

This year ended 30 June 1997 saw 3 loans advanced to a total value of \$152,000 compared with 10 loans and a total value of \$446,581 for the year to 30 June 1996. The year has again seen several changes in the rate of interest charged on loans, as we maintain the policy of charging interest at 90% of Westpac Trust Floating Home Mortgage rates. The rate at the end of the financial year was 8.45%. The policy of a 2.5% reduced interest during the first 2 years of a loan continues, and is appreciated by most parishes, as a connexional contribution to a Parish's new capital acquisition.

The capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund at the 30 June 1997 was \$2,126,402 compared with \$2,013,008 at the 30 June 1996 an increase of 5.63%. Property Realisation Deposits from parishes totalled \$3,791,673 at the 30 June 1997, compared with \$3,311,600 at the 31 May 1996 representing an increase of 14.5%. The Property Realisation Deposits are the major source of funds for Loans advanced. At 30 June 1997 Loans to Parishes totalled \$1,180,552 compared with \$1,395,243 at the 31 May 1996, a reduction of 15.4%.

Interest paid on the deposits, at 75% of the rate charged on the loans, required \$280,196, while interest received from loans and investments yielded \$471,255.

During the year ended 30 June 1997 the Fund achieved a surplus of \$161,307 inclusive of grants of \$54,725 which has resulted in an addition of \$47,913 to the Development Fund – Property, of which 20% was added to the Capital and the balance is available for grants as recommended by the Mission Resourcing Unit Board.

Apart from monies on loan, the balance of the Funds from Property Realisation are either deposited in the Methodist Trust Association or as bank

call deposits and is therefore readily available if required for loans or repayment of deposits.

Use of Property Realisation Funds for Parish Survival

For many parishes the disposal of property is an indicator of lack of resources within the parish to financially maintain an effective ministry, and having disposed of the property an approach is made to the Church Building and Loan Fund for the release of funds for the day to day running of the parish. The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee has difficulty in dealing with these situations, as on one hand they feel a need to protect the assets of the parish for hopefully better days ahead, and on the other hand to act pastorally and sensitively towards the parish concerned. The normal practice is to respond by encouraging the parish to submit budgets giving evidence of the need for the additional income. There is, generally, a more ready response to the request if the property was formerly let, and therefore providing income for the parish. The maximum amount that can be considered for release in this way is 80% of the income earned.

Use of Architect

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee has been concerned that some Parishes have entered into arrangements with architectural draughtsperson instead of registered architects which is required by the Church. The exception is for the building of parsonages when the drawings provided by a Registered Master Builder will be accepted, on the basis that they can save some money. This action is not prudent, and the Committee again affirms the need to use Registered Architects.

District Property Advisory Committees

We again acknowledge the work being undertaken by the District Property Advisory Committees, although in some instances this relationship could be improved. The District Property Advisory Committees are seen as having a two pronged role:

- as a resource to assist Parishes in considering their property needs and provide objective analysis of the local situation.
- provide supporting information to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

Parishes need to liaise with both the District Property Advisory Committee and the Church Building and Loan Fund.

Approvals for action Relating to Church Properties

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee wishes to remind the Conference that all groups that come under the discipline of the Methodist

Church must obtain Church Building and Loan Fund approval for any action to be taken regarding property purchase, sale, development or demolition.

If approval is related to:

- Parish Properties, the District Property Advisory Committee must also be consulted.
- Social Service activity, the District Property Advisory Committee and the Methodist Mission Aotearoa must be consulted.
- Commercial property, the Investment Fund Board must be consulted.

In the event of a sale or purchase, registered valuations must be obtained, land stories completed and submitted before approval can be given.

Development Fund – Properties

Development Fund - Properties continues to grow, providing a significant resource from which grants can be made on the recommendation of the Mission Resourcing Unit Board. During the past year the value of Grants made totalled \$25,000. Funds are dependent on the income producing capacity of the Fund which now totals \$507,994 of which \$393,163 forms the capital, compared with \$445,453 in 1996 of which \$376,899 formed the capital.

Development Fund – Ministries

When Methodist parishes sell redundant property they are encouraged to make a contribution of up to 25% of the proceeds to the Development Funds – Ministries which is intended to be used for development of new and innovative ministry within the Connexion and District, with the proceeds being divided equally. It is important that Districts that have had funds made available should consider ways in which funds can be utilised.

Donations and Bequests

The Church Building and Loan Fund acknowledges the following distributions received during the year:

	\$
Buttle Estate	452
F.W.Walter Estate	8,291
Cardno Estate	2,516
Woodward Estate	2,299
M.B. Gilmour	685
Barnett Estate	<u>40,482</u>
	<u>\$54,725</u>

INSURANCE FUND

The Insurance Fund operates on a financial year terminating on 30 April. The Fund had a successful year both in terms of the cost of insurance to the Church and the claims experience both for the Fund and for our Reinsurers.

Claims Experience.

Claims lodged with the Fund for the year totalled 161 and no claim was large enough to involve the Church's Reinsurers. This is the first time in many years that the Fund has not had to make a claim on its Reinsurers and was of considerable benefit when renewal terms renegotiated.

Whilst the number of claims was an increase over the previous year, the total cost of the claims was significantly reduced and the average cost per claim was more than halved from the 1996 year to \$553.

The following table compares the claims record for the Fund over the last five years.

	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
Claims Lodged	161	111	144	117	190
Involving Reinsurers	0	1	2	1	3
Claims Cost	\$88,997	\$135,888	\$124,830	\$49,189	\$166,708
Av. Cost per claim	\$ 553	\$ 1,224	\$ 867	\$ 420	\$ 877

Whilst there were a number of claims which related to nuisance damage, no claims of any substance were received in respect of properties protected by alarm systems. It was never contended that the alarm system would stop property damage but rather it would stop matters escalating to the extent where serious damage was caused to Church property and plant. It was for this reason that Alarms were promoted, and those installed appear to be working to expectation.

Cost of Insurance

The Insurance premium for the year to May 1998 was renewed at the same premium rate as for the preceding year, although the cover was significantly extended to provide replacement insurance cover for earthquake damage for all buildings insured under the Methodist Church of New Zealand insurance schedule. This is a significant improvement in the cover available as the cost of buying this protection on an individual property basis was previously unacceptable to most parishes.

The Fund has received a number of complaints during the year from parishes who compare the premium charged on Methodist property (where one

rate is charged throughout the country irrespective of location, building construction etc.) with the Presbyterian Insurance Fund arrangements whereby properties are separately assessed on the basis of location, type of construction etc. Equally, the Fund has received requests from Churches insuring property on the open market and via other denominations, Insurance arrangements for the Methodists to provide cover for their buildings because in their particular instance the amounts charged by the Methodist Insurance Fund were considerably cheaper.

When the Insurance Fund was set up many years ago it was established on the basis that the Methodist Church as a Connexion was insuring its property and that there would be one universal rate that applied throughout the Connexion. That this approach means that some parts of the Church will benefit whilst others may pay slightly more was affirmed by the Church at the time the single policy was instigated and has been reaffirmed on several occasions since.

Payment by Installments

The payment of the annual insurance premium by four quarterly installments has been welcomed throughout the Connexion. The provision of quarterly installment notices although simple in concept has proved very difficult to achieve in a meaningful fashion within the existing insurance programme. This problem is being overcome but for those who have been bewildered at the information on the insurance statements the Fund apologises.

Church Property Alarms

The May 1995 renewal notices raised with the Connexion the bad claims record experienced in the preceding year with the number of claims increased by 1/5th, the overall cost of claims increased nearly 2½ times, and 2 major losses passed onto our Reinsurers. The Church's Reinsurers advised that they were only prepared to continue with the Church's insurance at similar premium levels if the Connexion moved to protect its Churches and Halls by the installation of modest intruder and smoke detection alarm systems. As a move to any other reinsurer would have involved a very significant increase in premium, the Insurance Fund developed a national arrangement for the supply and installation of intruder and smoke alarm systems to meet our insurer's requirements. It was noted at the time but should be restated that the smoke detection system is not a complying system within the Fire Service regulations and any Church property undergoing significant alterations may be required to install a complying fire protection system as a separate entity from our promoted system. The work necessary to achieve a complying fire alarm system will build on the work already undertaken in installing the Fund's system so that there would be minimum wastage in the move from one system to another.

As at the end of August 1997, a total of 112 systems had been installed which covered approximately 40% of the Church and Church hall properties on the Insurance schedule.

The Insurers remain committed to the installation of alarm systems and the Fund believes that there is significantly more to be gained by Churches through the installation of alarm systems rather than the maintenance of existing insurance premium levels. An insurance claim will only reimburse in monetary terms for losses suffered. An insurance claim cannot compensate the emotional or spiritual damage suffered by a Parish in the loss or desecration of their property. The alarm systems are an endeavour to prevent or limit damage occurring and so protect what are prime target properties in our society.

Penalty Premium

Because the Church has an exposure to a significant increase in premium if it does not achieve the level of alarm installations expected by the insurers, it was decided that an additional sum would be charged to parishes who do not install the approved alarm system. The additional amount charged is significant, and is an indication of the seriousness with which the Fund views the provision of an alarm system throughout Church property. The Fund is also mindful of the costs to parishes to comply with the alarm requirements even after allowing for the subsidy of \$1,800 available on installation and has had further discussions with the Church's Reinsurers. It has been decided that the Reinsurers will not insist upon alarms for Churches and/or halls which have a replacement insurance value of less than \$300,000. This has reduced the number of expected installations from 300 to approximately 225 which means that we have achieved an installation rate of approximately 50% to date. Considerable effort is still required.

The Fund has sought the views of the Connexion on mandatorily requiring Churches with insured values in excess of \$300,000 to install such a system (still with the \$1,800 subsidy available and the balance funded by Church Building and Loan Fund loans or ongoing premium penalty payments). The Fund and the Board are mindful of the significant risk if our insurance arrangements are renegotiated and higher premiums imposed on all because of the failure of some parishes to take appropriate steps to protect the Church building and plant entrusted to them.

Professional Indemnity

For a considerable period of time the Fund has been in negotiations with its Brokers and others with regard to an appropriate suite of Professional Indemnity insurance covers for the Church. Whilst for the "business operations" of the Church arrangements were not difficult, considerable difficulty was experienced in quantifying the risk with regard to the operations that were or could be carried out in the wider Church. How, for example could we quantify

the number of lay people who could be engaged in a counselling situation either on behalf of the Church (or ostensibly on behalf of the Church) and where there was a liability on the Church in the event that difficulties arose consequent on the counselling advice given.

Through the endeavours of our Brokers and of an Underwriter active in this type of insurance in New Zealand we believe that an arrangement is close to being concluded which will provide for a meaningful suite of Professional Indemnity, product liability, harassment and employment dispute insurances for the benefit of the Church.

Questions have arisen with regard to the place of Co-operating Ventures in such an insurance arrangement and these matters will need to be fully canvassed with our partner churches.

It is anticipated that a more definitive report can be brought to the floor of Conference.

GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST FUND

The General Purposes Trust Fund holds on behalf of the Connexion a number of deposits which have resulted from bequests, legacies and other funds of the Church. At 30 June 1997 the Fund comprised of 151 deposits, all of which have specific designated purposes and have a total capital value of \$24.5million. The majority of the deposits are invested with the Capital and Growth Fund of the Methodist Trust Association. The investments earned around \$1.9million which was distributed to the beneficiaries specified for each of the deposits.

With an average annual income of approximately \$2million the generosity and thoughtfulness of the settlors of the many Trusts administered by the Methodist General Purposes Trust Board has strengthened the work of the Church. The beneficiaries of the Trusts include numerous Parishes, Council for Mission and the Theological College.

Winstone Memorial Fund

The Winstone Memorial Fund exists to give support to Ministry, assistance to Supernumeraries or their widows and cases of special need. The assistance given this year from the Fund amounted to \$17,650 for Parishes.

Bradley Trust

In accordance with the decisions of Conference the Board of Administration administers income earned by the Bradley Trust. An application to the Bradley Trust towards the costs of research was forwarded to the Travel and Study Committee for consideration. A grant of \$4,800 was made to the Christian Research Association for research on cross-cultural and migrant

congregations. The Board is aware that the Travel and Study Grants Committee is responsible for determining grants from Connexional Funds for travel and study. Accordingly it believes that it is appropriate for the Bradley Trust to come under their responsibility.

Thorndon Trust

The one-third Connexional share of the Thorndon Trust which amounted to \$4,948 was applied to the Presbyters Deacons and Lay Workers Loan Fund which assisted in meeting the interest forgone by the fund in the interest free loans granted to students leaving college.

Undesignated Legacies

The income from Undesignated Legacies totalling \$6,268 will again be used within the Connexional Budget.

REMOVALS

The Fund has had 27 moves this year costing \$41,897, compared with the previous year when there was 24 moves costing \$36,374. The average cost of moves was \$1,552 compared with \$1,516 last year. As in previous years the moves were conducted by N.Z. Van Lines with the quality of the moves, generally, being considered very satisfactory.

Contributions received from Parishes totalled \$54,587 compared with \$54,004 in the year to 30 June 1996. In the current year there was a surplus of \$3,805 compared with \$8,319 in the previous year, prior to the one off distribution from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund of \$43,327.

The levies have again been maintained at the same level as recent years, and is based on returned parish membership, unless a District determines an alternative basis of allocation.

CONNEXIONAL BANKING ARRANGEMENT

Overview

With the co-operation of Methodist Parishes and other groups and organisations within the life of the Church, all of the Church's bank accounts were (nearly 20 years ago) centralised on the Bank of New Zealand and the Bank has remained the Church's principle bankers from that time.

The centralisation of accounts (which has resulted in all of the accounts being domiciled at the Bank of New Zealand Christchurch) has enabled the Connexion to negotiate a very favourable arrangement with the Bank of New Zealand. The Church has access to a significant sum of money, representing a portion of the balances held in the various cheque accounts, which can then be

invested either in the money market or in short term loans to Church parishes and other organisations where bridging finance is required, with the income earned, net of expenses, being made available to the Connexional Budget from year to year.

The Connexion pays the Bank a small fee for the provision of the "offset funds" and also pays the non profit organisation interest normally payable by trading banks on churches and other NPO current accounts.

From time to time there may be some inconvenience to individual parish treasurers through their account being domiciled in Christchurch and through the reduction in the number of BNZ branches as the BNZ, in common with the other trading banks, moves to lessen the number of local branches in existence. In all other aspects the accounts operate as it they were with the local Bank. The benefits to the Connexion, during the 19 years the arrangement has been in existence, now exceeds \$782,300 – an average of \$41,173 per annum. This has been of great importance and benefit to the Church and to the Budget Task Group as they set the budget each year.

Annual Accounts

Income for the year increased nearly 7½% to a total of \$151,743 whilst the Fund's expenses, including interest paid by Church Parishes, increased by 2½% to \$100,280. This resulted in the surplus income over expenditure of \$51,463 (plus 18.3%).

The grant to the Connexional Budget for the year to June 1998 was increased by \$10,000 to \$48,000 (an increase of 26%) and, as recorded previously, this means a total of over \$782,000 has now been provided from the Banking Arrangement to the Connexional Budget since 1978.

Electronic Funds Transfer

The growth in banking technology means that the range of transactions that can be undertaken electronically continues to increase. Where possible the Connexional Office in association with the Bank of New Zealand, is endeavouring to apply best banking practices to the Church's banking and funds management requirements to achieve the most efficient and effective way of transferring payments around the Connexion. With the tens of thousands of transactions that the Connexional Office is involved in each year, it is noted that only a handful do not reach their intended recipients or fail through lack of accompanying information. That is a sign of the robustness of the electronic funds transfer system. With the growth in computers and computerisation in parishes it is expected that the volume of electronic transactions will continue to grow.

ARCHIVES

It is with sadness we record the deaths of Pat Greening, a long time worker in our Christchurch archives and Ron Fields, researcher and writer of several Parish histories. We also note that Nancy Carter and Olive Thompson, two of our workers, have spent time in hospital. The valuable service and dedication of the workers both in Auckland and Christchurch is acknowledged.

Congratulations to our Auckland Archivist, Verna Mossong, on receiving the highest award of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations.

Publicity continues to be one of our major objectives. Inquiries to our two centres now average 100 each month and these are extremely varied, including questions on family history, overseas missions, children's homes and information about ministers and parishes.

Accessions are increasing and have included parish records (it is helpful to have these listed and tidy), histories of families and Churches. Acknowledgement and grateful thanks to Alan Armitage for his gift of the Alan Armitage Collection of the history of the Primitive Methodist Church

William Morley's History of Methodism in New Zealand was collated and published in 1900. It is aimed to update this history as a project for the year 2000.

METHODIST BULK FUEL CARD

Through its membership of Government Supply Brokerage Corporation Limited the Board of Administration has been able to offer a discount fuel card to the Ministry and staff employed on a permanent basis by Church Divisions or organisations.

The fuel card provides for significant savings on the national Mobil pump price for all types of fuel with accounts rendered monthly in arrears.

The Board of Administration is obliged to guarantee the payment of the total church's fuel account and accordingly is only prepared to authorise the issue of cards to ministers stationed by the Methodist Church of New Zealand or church employees where the employing body is prepared to guarantee the payment of the monthly fuel bill.

As at the end of August 1997 approximately 50 cards had been issued. This represents approximately 20% of the expected usage and at this level it is difficult to justify the costs of membership of the Government Supply Brokerage Corporation Limited.

If usage has not trebled in the next 12 months the economics of remaining with the issue of cards will need to be reviewed.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

The Connexion is registered under the group registration provisions of Goods & Services Tax Act 1985. The benefit of group registration is that many church organisations including parishes are able to claim back output tax paid. The refunds obtained by such organisations would not be available if the organisations were individually registered. The Connexion carries out a "taxable supply" for GST purposes.

Given the size of the Connexion's financial transactions our GST returns are subject to regular review by the Inland Revenue Department.

We are required to file returns monthly with Inland Revenue. Unfortunately that places an added burden, even if a nil return, on the many volunteers that must supply monthly GST information to the Connexional Office.

A full review of Church organisations liable to GST has reduced the number of returns from over 300 to less than 150.

B - LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

CARING FOR MINISTRY

Stipends

In December 1996 members of the Forum of Cooperative Ventures Standing Committee together with representatives of the Anglican Church, Associated Churches of Christ, Congregational Union, Presbyterian Church and the Methodist Church met to share details about their stipend payments in order to consider whether it is possible to set a common stipend for use in all Cooperative Ventures. From the information shared it was noted that the difference between the basic stipend of all of the five denominations was not large. However, significant differences exist in the components that make up the full remuneration package and in addition even when similar component are used their value can vary markedly.

In attempting to establish a common stipend for use in all Cooperative Ventures, the meeting found barriers that they were not able to overcome. If Cooperative Ventures adopted a middle, average or median stipend level, by definition some ministers moving from a Church of their own denomination to a Cooperative Venture would be better off, while others would experience a decrease in their level of remuneration. To adopt the highest remuneration level used within the participating Churches was also considered unacceptable, as many Ministers would experience a decrease in remuneration when moving from a Cooperative Venture to an appointment within their own denomination. It was also recognized that some components of the remuneration package, such as Superannuation and Leave entitlements, required a consistency that would

make it extremely difficult for a person to move to and from a Cooperative Venture standard stipend.

At the conclusion of this meeting it was agreed that it had been worthwhile and although a way had not been found to establish a common stipend for use within Cooperative Ventures, each denomination was asked to look at the anomalies between their remuneration package and the packages of the other denominations in an attempt to remove or reduce the variations.

The information gained from the Forum of Cooperative Ventures meeting was shared with the Methodist Stipend Review Committee when it met. This year the Stipend Committee costed each component of our stipend against that of the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches. The Associated Churches of Christ and the Congregational Churches have been omitted because their remuneration packages come within the ranges of these three. The comparisons are:

	<u>Methodist</u>	<u>Presbyterian</u>	<u>Anglican</u>
Standard stipend	32,763	34,243	34,072
Standard allowances	2,917	2,623	2,500
Church Superannuation contribution	2,978	2,802	3,460
Seniority allowance		1,000	
Holiday, Long Leave, study leave etc	<u>5,670</u>	<u>4,609</u>	<u>4,587</u>
	44,328	45,227	44,619
Less house rental	<u>2,978</u>	<u>3,113</u>	<u>2,620</u>
	<u>\$ 41,350</u>	<u>\$ 42,114</u>	<u>\$ 41,999</u>

The Stipend Review Committee considered that the difference was not of sufficient significance to warrant any immediate adjustment to the standard stipend. Therefore, they applied the formula adopted by Conference 1994 and through the Board of Administration recommended to the President that the stipend for the year commencing 1 July 1997 be \$33,350, an increase of 1.8%.

Membership of the Stipend Review Committee was reviewed during the year in an endeavor to gain a better balance of Presbyters in active parish ministry, both urban and rural, better gender balance, etc. The committee has now nine members and consists of three Presbyters in active parish ministry, a Presbyterian in a Connexional appointment, a retired presbyter, two retired people who have experience in commercial business and two Administration Division staff

Housing Allowance

The one component of the Methodist Church remuneration package which seems to be significantly out of line is the allowance paid to the Presbyterian who chooses to live in their own home. The current allowance equates to one

sixth of stipend whereas the other churches claim to pay a housing allowance based on a market rental. The Board has continued research in this matter and find that although many of the other Churches claim to use market rental as the basis for calculating the housing allowance payment, in reality this is not the case as they often impose a ceiling on the maximum allowance which can be paid, or parishes are able to negotiate the payment of an amount less than market rental, or some other arrangement has been put in place to give flexibility.

The Board of Administration is continuing work on this matter and intends to produce a discussion paper for distribution throughout the Connexion during 1998. The discussion paper will highlight the practices that have been adopted by other Churches both in New Zealand and overseas. It shall also seek discussion and response on the possible implication for the itinerancy of the ordained ministry should a housing allowance based on market rental be adopted.

Parsonage Tenancy

During the year the Board of Administration commenced a review of the rights and responsibilities of Presbyters living in a church provided house with particular reference to the provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986. The Board intends to continue this review and distribute a report to the Connexion in 1998 for discussion and comment. The Board will also consider the implications for Parishes where the church house is rented to a third party and offer guidelines to parishes on issues that need to be considered when renting the Church house.

Employment Status of Presbyters

In July of this year a Presbyterian of the Church took a personal grievance to the Employment Court. It is the Church's contention that Presbyters are not employees of the Church, which is consistent with the present laws and regulations of our Church. Therefore, before the Court could determine matters relating to the personal grievance, it was requested to make a preliminary determination on the Employment Status of Presbyters. This issue was seen as having significant implications for all Churches so much so that the Presbyterian and Anglican Churches sought and were granted the right to make submissions to the Court on this matter. The hearing was heard at the beginning of July, in the Employment Court before three Judges. At the time of writing this Report the Churches were still awaiting the decision of the Judges.

Once a final decision is determined there will be a number of ongoing issues that the Church will need to give consideration to. In particular, we will need to review carefully the provisions of our Law Book so as to ensure that in all things we act appropriately.

COPYRIGHT

In 1997 the question of song copyright was faced. The Board requested an outcome which gave the most comprehensive cover for minimal cost with least amount of administration for Parishes. Research information was worked through by the Board and the decision was made to purchase one Denomination Copyright Licence, a saving to Parishes of 25% on Individual Copyright Licence fees. Administration Division staff are currently working towards this Licence being operational with effect from 1 December 1997.

All Methodist Parishes will be required to participate in this scheme except where a Parish provides evidence of alternative arrangements to meet Parish responsibilities under copyright law or a declaration that no Parish activity will require cover afforded by a Copyright Licence. Any Parish participating in this denominational licence but is presently holding a current licence with the same Licence provider (CCL) will receive a pro rata refund for the unexpired portion of their licence. At the time of writing this report, discussions were being held with the Forum of Co-operative Ventures regarding ways in which this cover could be offered to Union and Co-operating Parishes.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the Report be received
2. Conference recognises and records its appreciation to Vin Pearcy for her 21 years of work in the Connexional Office and wishes her well in her retirement.
3. Conference notes the 1.8% increase to the annuity rate of the Supernumerary Fund, from 1 February 1998, giving a benefit of \$303.18 for each year of contribution.
4. Conference affirms the interpretation to the Minister's entitlements as set out in the Boards report.
5. In relation to the Lay Workers Retiring Fund, Conference notes:
 - (a) the Members of the Fund have elected to transfer their interest to the Anglican Church Retire Fund.
 - (b) that the provisions of the Anglican Church Retire Fund make it possible for Presbyters, Deacons and Lay Workers to make extra personal savings, over and above their other superannuation commitments.
6. Conference authorises the Board of Administration through the Insurance Fund to have installed intruder alarms and smoke detectors in all Churches and Halls, with an insurable replacement value in excess of \$300,000.

7. That the Travel and Study Grants Committee be responsible for the allocation of grants from the Bradley Trust.
8. That the fuel savings available through the use of Methodist Mobil Fuel Card be seriously considered by Presbyters and other eligible Church employees.
9. Conference authorises the Board of Administration to adjust the Methodist Stipend package, taking account of allowances, superannuation and leave entitlement, so as to bring it into line with the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches. These adjustments to be fully effective from 1st July 1999.
10. Conference notes and affirms the intention of the Board of Administration to prepare a paper on housing allowances and related matters, for distribution to Synods, etc. and to report to Conference 1998.
11. Conference notes the establishment of a Denominational Copyright Licence and affirms the requirement for Parishes to participate within the Licence, unless they can show that they have alternative arrangements.
12. The membership of the Board for 1998 be:

METHODIST MISSION AOTEAROA

1997 REPORT TO CONFERENCE

SECTION A The year in Retrospect

INTRODUCTION

A change in leadership, a change in direction.

In August 1996 Deacon Chris Wood was appointed convenor of MMA making it the first time that someone other than a Mission superintendent led the MMA. Chris, who is director of the Parish based social services at the Laing's Road Church, Lower Hutt, was keen to see Parish based outreach high on the MMA executive agenda. With the strong support of the other executive members Chris began a programme of visits to Parishes in both the South and North Island. The purpose of the visits was to become familiar with the social service ministries of the various Churches, to explain the present role of MMA and to listen to Parishes in order to ascertain what part, if any, MMA can play as a national body.

Reaching out and getting to know the Parishes.

South Island

In September 1996 the convenor travelled throughout the South Island and visited many Parishes as well as both Christchurch and Dunedin Missions. The extent of community outreach undertaken by many local Churches was impressive. Volunteers tirelessly giving their time and energy to assist others do much of this work. Social service ministries within these Churches are many and varied, ranging from opportunity shops, foodbanks, drop in centres, and craft programs. In addition to the many programs run by the Churches themselves, Church buildings are made available and extensively used by the wider community. Profits raised through many of the goodwill shops are used to benefit the local community. For example, The Wesley Centre in Blenheim jointly runs an op shop along with the Presbyterians. A social services committee that meets monthly processes requests for financial assistance. The Church in Nelson owns a large house which it rents out to a number of community based organisations. The yearly rental is used entirely for the benefit of the community and is given away in grants to such organisations as Barnardos. In Timaru the Church was bequeathed a large sum of money which was invested. Again this money is used to benefit the local community. In Invercargill the grant from PAC (Prince Albert Trust) was used to start a number of projects, namely; foodbank, learn to sew classes, basic cooking,

storyroom, life-skills programs and activity weeks. Affordables opened in 1996, an op shop with drop in facilities that is proving to be a great success.

North Island

As with the South Island, Churches in the north are also deeply involved in community outreach. Such programs as budget cookery, life-skills, craft sessions, learning to sew, foodbanks, furniture banks, opportunity shops, food co-operatives, counselling, budget advice are undertaken by Parishes throughout the North Island. Some interesting and innovative work is being done in several Churches in Auckland to reach out to children, youth and their parents. Again money raised through such ventures as garage sales is often used for the benefit of the local community. The Barn a social services outreach of Trinity Church Pakuranga holds a garage sale every six weeks. The proceeds are used to fund projects that would otherwise not take place. Trinity's unique puppet ministry is shared not only with other Churches but also with other outreach organisations. In Papakura the Methodists along with other denominations are involved in the Papakura Christian Services Trust. This Trust set up in 1990 offers ministry to the community in the form of the Rosehill Christian Medical Centre, Papakura Christian Lovelink, The Christian Furniture Bank, Christian Care Budget Service and the Papakura Christian Bookshop.

The Hidden Ministry

Visiting some of the many parishes to see and experience their social service ministry highlighted the immense amount of work carried out in the name of the Methodist Church often in partnership with other denominations. It carries on day by day week by week, ministry that is often under resourced, taking place in buildings never designed for the purpose and with inadequate support and recognition. In addition many Church members are also involved in other community services such as meals on wheels, Lifeline volunteers, Bible in Schools, hospital visiting and Red Cross. The mission of the Church is being well served by this hidden band of loyal workers.

HOW CAN A NATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE BODY BEST SERVE THE CHURCH?

Some responses to this question from some Parishes.

- § Being a vehicle through which information can be shared.
- § Networking with Parishes.
- § Being prophetic voice-raising issues-concerns.
- § Provision of resources e.g.; NZCCSS reports.
- § Raising profile of Methodist Social Services.

- ξ Share experiences-first hand experience, a powerful message.
- ξ Share skills, expertise.
- ξ Initiate nation-wide action e.g., 'No room at the inn campaign', 'Baked Beans' postcard.
- ξ Partnership with Parishes.
- ξ A clearinghouse for Parishes, sharing good ideas, fundraising information.
- ξ Internet web page.

BACKGROUND PAPERS AND QUESTIONS FOR LOCAL MPs PRIOR TO THE ELECTION

On behalf of MMA Chris Wood compiled some background papers and questions for use by local parishes wishing to engage with their local MPs prior to the election. These papers were widely distributed. The Crosslink ran with the questions sending them to the political parties for response. In a subsequent edition the responses received were reported.

PROPERTY MATTERS

The executive dealt with a number of property matters with social service implications during the year. The most significant of those being the decision by Dunedin Mission to sell off its aged care properties. This concerned the MMA executive and the matter was discussed at some length. However, after a meeting with members of the Dunedin board, coupled with a visit to the aged care properties in question, the MMA executive was in a position of being able to support the move. In order to have a better understanding of the role of MMA in relation to the Church Building and Loan Fund committee, the MMA convenor attended one of CB&L's meetings. This meeting proved to be most useful.

URBAN THEOLOGY WORKSHOP / MISSIONS CONFERENCE, SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

Three day Urban Theology workshop

The Rev. Dr. John Vincent former Director of the Urban School of Theology, Sheffield England, led this stimulating event. John Vincent covered the following topics-

- ☞ Jesus; his world and ours
- ☞ Jesus of Galilee; the project of God.

- ☞ The practice of Jesus in ministry and mission
- ☞ Disciples for empowerment and mission.
- ☞ Acted parables as clues to discipleship.
- ☞ Techniques in the gospel.
- ☞ Making it visible on the streets.
- ☞ Postmodern opportunities.
- ☞ Some brief notes/comments-

Jesus represents downward mobility; the Church represents upward mobility – conflict. Jesus asked people to follow him with their feet. Churches deal mainly with head and heart-need to first put feet into action; head and heart will follow. Stop preaching with no action-there is a need to take people to a different place, show different realities, impose some demands upon them and people will change. John Vincent spoke of throwing away the lectionary and speaking of issues relevant for the people of today. Gospel experiences do not follow a lectionary! Vincent spoke of the Church as having praying committee members who are not incarnate walkers of the streets. You cannot bring the gospel into existence by only speaking about what is happening and not doing. People invested in people not property. Is mission people or places? Jesus had no money- he went outside the Synagogue and used various places in which to minister, the market place, and peoples' homes. The places have to be where people are. Vincent talked of a 'go to' Church not a 'come to' Church. To be a New Testament Church there must be no gap between vision and action. Don't form a committee-no endless plans." Faith" John Vincent said, "is acting in the absence of proof." And remember God is in the failure business – see the Old Testament! So don't be afraid to fail and if you fail, fail gladly!

Missions Conference

Following on from the three day workshop was the City Missions Conference. During the two and a half days there was an opportunity for the New Zealand delegates to hear of, and to visit, some of the Mission programs in Parramatta and a chance to share New Zealand perspectives and experiences. John Vincent gave the opening key not address based on the theme, New Life in Our Time, Discipleship and Theology from the Inner City.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Executive has changed quite considerably over the past three years and continues to do so. During this year David Pratt resigned as

he left New Zealand to take up a position within the British Methodist Conference . In addition three other long serving members will be finishing their term this year, those members being, Geoff Hill, Timothy Langley and Yvonne Dasler. Warm thanks and appreciation is extended to all the retiring members for their contribution towards the work of MMA over the years.

EVERILL ORR FUND

At the 1996 AGM the suggestion was made to capitalise the Everill Orr fund to \$80,000 before making any further grants available. This was agreed. This target has since been achieved and in the near future information regarding the availability of the fund and criteria for applications will be widely distributed to Parishes/Synods.

FAMILY SUPPORT FUND

As with the Everill Orr Fund it was decided at the 1996 AGM to capitalise the Family Support Fund to \$1000,000. Having achieved this the MMA will again publish the availability of the fund and its objectives. The NZ Methodist Women's Fellowship instigated the Family Support Fund. In 1980-81 the Women's; Fellowship Special Objective raised \$27,000 under an appeal known as 'The Money Tree' for a Family Support Fund. The capital has been invested each year and the interest disbursed regionally.

SECTION B Looking Ahead

MMA NEW DIRECTIONS

Draft submission to 1997 AGM

MMA recognising the need for a change in the future direction of Methodist social services drew together a working party that included members of the MMA executive and others, to focus on the possible future of MMA. The working group first looked at the objects of the deed establishing MMA in 1990, and some of the history and context out of which a change from the original New Methodist Social Services Association was seen as timely and appropriate. The group then examined and acknowledged the achievements of MMA since 1990. This was followed by an honest appraisal of the unsuccessful aspects of MMA. Finally, the group offered some suggested ways forward for the re-formation of a Social Service Ministries Unit. The AGM supported the direction taken by the working group and asked MMA to forward the paper to the Council of Conference for comment, then on to Conference itself.

MMA executive membership 1998

At the Annual General Meeting of MMA the executive put forward a proposal regarding the membership and function of MMA for 1998. The proposal being for a purpose built committee for twelve months to further the work already begun in restructuring MMA. This work will be undertaken in consultation with the wider Church. With the exception of four of the original executive members all other members appointed will be new people. This particular executive will stand down after one year. This also includes the ex officio members.

SOCIAL SERVICES FORUM

The Forum was open to anyone who wished to attend and over 40 people from Dunedin to Auckland came to take part. The Forum was seen as an important event in the life of the Church, particularly this year when MMA has been undertaking a radical examination of its role and functions. The day began with taking a brief look at the social services history of the Methodist Church and, at times, the wider context in which social service ministry was carried out. This was followed by an overview of the sociological and environmental scene, in which we live and work. The Forum then continued with a session entitled "some theological lenses to help us understand our changing world and our role within it". The morning sessions provided the base from which the afternoon workshops could begin to work on responses to the two questions.

1. *In the light of where we have been as a Church and society and where we are heading, and grasping something of the nature of the 'word and deed' in the context of the Mission Statement of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Hahi Weteriana, what are the achievable social services priorities and tasks for us a Church in the next five years?*
2. *How do we envisage these priorities and tasks occurring in our Church?*

Some of the outcomes from the final plenary session were for MMA to dialogue to Te Taha Maori and send them through a report of the Forum, to send the report to Council of Conference and to report fully to Conference 1997.

Chris Wood
CONVENOR

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the Report be received.

METHODIST MISSION NORTHERN

Report to Conference 1997

“WHAT HAS HAPPENED”

WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services projects have continued to consolidate while meeting increased demands for services. The major new development for this year has been the establishment of the 60s Plus group's programme for Pacific Island elderly which culminated in a successful mini- festival in June. Funding levels were maintained at previous levels despite fears of reduced funding from our main contracting partner, the NZ Community Funding Agency. The “Beyond Dependency” conference and the ensuing debate has highlighted the need for an increased advocacy role alongside our Social Services.

Partnership projects:

West Auckland Women's Centre

- Over 4500 enquiries were received and processed.
- The Health initiatives developed in partnership with North Health have continued.
- Major presenting issues include relationship problems, domestic issues, family violence and the need for information and advocacy. Financial pressures on families are a major cause of stress.
- The “Cool Kids” programme, developed as a response to the needs of children who have witnessed domestic violence, has been a great success.

Huakina Development Trust

- The Child and Family Support Service continues to operate from Huakina providing for out of family placements for children and social work support for whanau.
- The Mission supports Huakina through the secondment of Pare Rauwhero.
- The Mission endorses Huakina's move toward approval as an iwi cultural service.

One Double Five Community House

- The Mission supports One-Double-Five with St John's Parish to provide a wide range of community based social services.

Pacific Centre Community Services

Working with the Pacific community in the Central Auckland area

- Increasing enquiries for information and advocacy have been received, reflecting the pressures on Pacific Island families under the current economic climate.
- The community workers are busy supporting families, particularly in the areas of immigration, housing, budgeting, health and domestic violence.
- Over 30 groups have been funded through the 60s-Plus development project to set up activities for their members.
- Over 1100 Pacific Island elderly have been involved in the programmes.
- A mini-festival celebrating the activities of the various cultural groups was attended and enjoyed by over 300 people.
- North Health has contracted with the Pacific Centre to provide a Home Care service specifically catering for Pacific Island elderly. This will commence in late 1997.

Nga Pekanga Whaanui

Working with disadvantaged children, youth and families in Papakura

- OSCAR (Out of School Care and Recreation) programme provided after school activities 5 days a week.
- School Holiday Programmes provided a wide range of interesting and creative activities.
- Over 46 families were assisted through these programmes.
- Station 66 and The X-Men Programme provided 196 hours of constructive activities and positive role-modelling for at risk youth.
- Over 700 hours of youth and whanau/family counselling were provided.

Copeland House

A self-managing team providing specialised counselling services for children, youth and their families on the North Shore

- 427 individuals and/or client families assisted with counselling, family therapy or group work.
- Outreach services were provided at Beachhaven and Orewa to assist those who have difficulties travelling to Copeland House.
- A full-time outreach commenced in Takapuna in May.
- Parenting and children's groups have assisted over 43 families. Groups included "Parenting with Personality", "Skills for managing ADHD children", "Dealing with Separation – a group for children."
- Students on placement from the AIT psychotherapy programme have added greatly to the counselling resources available.
- A therapeutic massage service is available and provides an additional resource for women clients.
- A "kitchen cupboard" with food donated by local parishes provides groceries for families in need.

West Auckland Family Services

Providing out of family care for children, social work support services for families and residential and community parenting skills programmes

- 3627 bednights of care were provided for children up to the age of 14 years.
- Our family home operated at capacity levels throughout the year.
- High demands for placements by The Children and Young Persons' Service highlights the ongoing need for the availability of trained and committed caregivers to meet the special needs of the children placed in our care.
- The Family Care Units have provided eight 5-week residential parenting, skills programmes for families.
- 12 families have completed the programme (this includes some who have attended the programme twice). Results have been very encouraging.
- A family therapist has joined the team, who will be available to work with families in the programme as well as from the community.
- Demand for the provision of supervised access services for families of at-risk children is increasing.

Inner City Ministry and Airedale Community Centre

Continuing a 150-year-old tradition of providing hospitality and service in Auckland's inner city to those most in need; serving the marginalised and "the least

loved by society" as a direct expression of the Christian gospel of love, compassion and hope

- 21,720 free meals were served at the Airedale Community Centre.
- 1035 food parcels were distributed.
- Safe banking and budgeting services were provided for over 400 clients and families.
- 5276 bednights were provided at the Night Shelter for the homeless.
- 373 families were assisted through the Re-Start Furniture Programme.

Other services include accommodation assistance, court work, advocacy and support, community and social work and health liaison.

- Accommodation assistance - highlighting the ongoing effects of government policy on the availability of low-cost housing is an ongoing challenge for the Inner City Ministry.
- Court worker - the tragic death of long-time court and community worker Arthur Hemmings was a sad loss for the Airedale community and the people he served. In recognition of the importance of Arthur's work the Mission is working to ensure the role he played at the District Court is maintained.
- Advocacy services - the Airedale team have constantly liaised closely with other support services and agencies to assist their clients. The Aotea Missioner was regularly approached by the media to comment on issues relating to the disadvantaged.
- Community and Social Work support services were provided for the large numbers of clients presenting at the centre, many of whom are living on the streets. Rangi Steedman was appointed as Kaiawhina and community worker, with a particular emphasis on assisting women clients.
- The appointment of George Hill as Kaiwhakahaere and Airedale Centre manager has continued the thrust to providing a bi-cultural service, ensuring the needs of Maori clients are met appropriately.
- The Komiti Maori, representing Maori staff within the Mission has been meeting monthly at the Airedale Centre.

HAMILTON METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES

Hamilton Methodist Social Services now employs 15 paid and voluntary staff and has offered the following services this year to meet

identified needs in Hamilton. Almost all of these services will be ongoing.

Te Rea	Foodbank
Psych survivors' badminton	Vege Co-op
Psych survivors' aerobics	Kohanga Reo fitness
Cooking on a low income	Counselling service
Computer school	\$1.00 Monday lunches
Stop smoking	ESOL class for women
'Take a break' morning teas for women	City West youth program
Social work service (Maori & Pakeha staff)	Women's wellness work-shop

We have made the HMSS motto "Encouraging Independence" and we are working towards providing services and programs that encourage people to take personal responsibility and work towards being independent.

Staff have been working on developing structure for HMSS over the past few months. This has involved developing comprehensive policies, job descriptions and employment contracts.

We are producing a bi-monthly Panui. An excess of 700 copies of this are going out every two months. These go to all the current year's foodbank clients, other community groups, all Methodist and Combined Churches, our funders and the media.

We have had Social Services accredited with the Community Funding Agency (government funding) and this enables us to fund a counselling service.

PARISH RESOURCE

The appointment of a Parish Resource person early in 1997 underlines the commitment of Methodist Mission Northern to the development of working relationships between the parishes and the Mission. The intention has been to increase the interest and involvement of Synods and congregations in the work undertaken on their behalf, to foster and develop consultation and networking between parishes and between parishes and Methodist Mission Northern, and to encourage and facilitate local churches to recognise and respond to changing needs in church and community.

This intention has been carried out through preaching, visits to groups and Synods and the NUDC and consultation with parish and leaders' meetings and with Mission staff.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND FUNDRAISING

The Mission is now known as "Methodist Mission Northern" to better reflect the region for which we are responsible and the geographic spread of our services, which remain grouped under the names of WesleyMission, Wesley Social Services and WesleyCare. In its history the Mission has been known as the Helping Hand

Mission, Home Mission Station, Methodist Social Service, Auckland Social Service Mission, Auckland Methodist Central Mission and Auckland Methodist Mission. While names change to reflect the times and scope of services, the purpose of the Mission has remained constant. Its long tradition of Christian service to the most needy is a story that needs to be told so as to continue to capture the imagination and the support of not just our regular donors but the wider public. It is pleasing to report that the budget for grants and donations was exceeded but this is tempered by the fact that a high percentage of this income was tagged for specific projects that were already budgeted for or spent.

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION FUND

The fund, now in its fifth year of operation, has assisted a further eight ventures to the value of \$138,000. The continuing advances of capital, now totalling \$622,000 and representing a 43% increase over the total for the previous year, has been made possible by

- receipt of The Tindall Foundation grant last year of \$100,000
- repayment in full of 20 loans and part repayment of 26 loans

We are able to report that the capital of \$330,000 originally provided from Church sources is still intact, as in five years of operation the fund has earned modest interest from the 73 successful ventures, offsetting losses from the nine unsuccessful ones.

Since 1972, our advances have assisted in the creation of 211 full-time and part-time jobs and employment for three family groups and 19 outworkers and seasonal workers. We calculate this to be 231 full-time job equivalents, an increase of 10% for the year.

The Trustees and Committee have provided voluntary guidance and support, but the key to success has been the detailed investigation and preparation of achievable business plans by applicants with the assistance of our two part-time management members, who then provide ongoing mentoring help throughout the period of the loan, which is usually three years.

Funding for mentoring and administration, as distinct from the capital fund, has been received from the Auckland Methodist Mission (\$23,000), the Community Employment Group (\$35,000) and Levi Strauss & Co (\$14,000) and without this support it would be extremely difficult for the fund to operate. Regrettably, both CEG and Levi

Strauss have indicated that their contributions may not be repeated this year and this is an obvious cause for concern. Alternate sources of funding are being solicited and we are confident of a successful outcome.

In August the Committee met with the Minister of Employment, the Hon Peter McArdle, who was very interested in the history and activities of the Fund. He was impressed by the contribution of the Fund to alleviate unemployment by a unique use of the capital available and the outcomes achieved.

WESLEYCARE

The vision for WesleyCare is to provide the "best" service for older people whether they are living in their own homes or within the residential services of the Mission.

The Mission's Accreditation programme has now been completed by achieving Healthcare Standards Accreditation certification at Franklin and Orongo Villages and WesleyCare Social and Community Services.

Continuous quality improvement relies on the energy and synergy of all to ensure that good standards become better.

Education and training is therefore an integral part of managing staff resources to ensure the workplace is a learning environment and staff are multi-skilled; and best practice is achieved.

All of our services are linked through a 24-hour staffed care desk to provide information to access services as required and to provide assistance by way of social work, advocacy, counselling and crisis intervention.

The Indian project provides interpretation services, day care and social work support to older Indian people. A comprehensive study was completed for the Howick/Pakuranga Trinity Parish to assess the needs of the community and work commences shortly focusing on outcomes of the survey.

MISSION FINANCES

A positive improvement in the cash position has been achieved by maintaining constantly high occupancy levels in all our Aged Care services throughout the year and managing costs within budget levels. An improvement in external Social Services funding together with grants from funding agencies has allowed us to maintain Social Services expenditure and services.

WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES

Wesley Social Services will embark on an in-depth series of self-examination of existing services, become more active in advocacy and more conscious of the ecumenical role we play in the delivery of social services.

HAMILTON SOCIAL SERVICES

Over the next twelve months we are hoping to have our computer school certified with the New Zealand Qualifications Authority so that we can offer some classes we can charge for. People going through the school would then work towards achieving unit standards which can be cross-credited to a recognised qualification. We hope to get to the point where the computer school becomes self-funding and paying clients subsidise non-paying clients.

We also hope to continue expanding into other areas of identified need in Hamilton when we can financially support doing this, eg a night shelter, youth programmes etc.

PARISH RESOURCE

In the future, the impetus for new responses and the development of services should come from the parishes and this may require new thinking as to allocation of resources and what it means to work in partnership. There is energy and excitement from both the parishes and Mission staff about the possibilities.

One part-time Parish Resource person cannot adequately cover the Methodist Mission Northern region and thought should be given to how the role might be picked up in the Northern and Waikato/Bay of Plenty areas.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND FUNDRAISING

The demand on Mission services and resources makes it imperative to find other streams of income to give the Mission more discretionary income and therefore more flexibility to develop its own responses and services to issues and needs without being fettered by the constraints of Government contracts and subsidies. To help achieve this the present PR/Funding position is to be restructured into three distinct but interrelated portfolios: Fund Raising; Funding; Public Relations. By developing a team approach the focus of each aspect will be sharper and more productive and give recognition and invest resources into this

needed area of expansion. The framework to be used in the region is that of the WesleyMission Marketing Plan, first developed as a national strategy for co-operation across the four main Missions.

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION FUND

We are able to continue our loan activities at a rate of 12 per year, due to the repayment position and the prospect of another capital injection.

The Tindall Foundation has indicated further support for mentoring and administration provided we can activate a similar contribution from a government source. This looks like being successful.

The opportunity to replicate the management committee with a new geographical thrust is being considered.

WESLEYCARE

Future goals for WesleyCare include

- Continuous quality improvement
- Further development of parish based community partnerships
- Evaluating the Day Care programmes at all sites
- Further refining cross-generational programmes for young children and older people

The purpose of Methodist Missions is to deliver services to areas of greatest need within society and we are working with other Missions to achieve this target as we move to the new millennium.

MISSION FINANCES

The completion of the budget for the New Year has highlighted the need for the Mission to review the asset base and the use of its resources so as to release funds for the ongoing development of social services. Management started this process with a view to making recommendations later in the year.

Strict management controls are continuing to ensure budget target levels are achieved and the Mission's strong financial base is maintained.

GENERAL COMMENT

The completion and adoption of a three-year corporate plan to affirm the commitment of the Mission's role to provide social services on behalf of our Church was a major undertaking. Key outcomes from the exercise included the need to plan for and review critically the effectiveness of all services undertaken, a desire to communicate in an advocacy role wider social issues, a desire to be more proactive and innovative when dealing with emerging need than to solely be reactive and a

desire to work closely with parishes in a supportive role that empowers local involvement and ownership.

"The Mission is a victim of its own compassion", said Dr Ross MacDonald, a senior lecturer in Management Studies from Auckland University. "In the long term government is forcing organisations like the Mission to undertake "their" work. The more the Mission does the less responsibility is accepted by government. This scenario will not change unless organisations like the Mission pool interests and work together. The more the Mission does for government the less government will accept responsibility for social ills and the more these ills are hidden from public view the less pressure to fund or to be financially responsible."

In the future we see the necessity to keep the plight of the less fortunate in the public eye and to work in ways that do not bury issues but call for the supportive involvement and ownership of both the wider community and government.

With pride, staff continue to work with passion and commitment to serve others in all possible ways in a manner and style that engenders the ethos of things Methodist.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the report be received.
2. That membership of the Methodist Mission Northern Trust Board for 1998 be: David Smith (Chairman), Hugh Garlick (Deputy Chairman), Una Chandler, Heather Seal, Glenys Hampton, Rev. Gillian Watkin, Frank Claridge, Tim Dyer, Brian Gauld, Ken Long, Rev. Ashley Sedon, Rev. Uesifili Unasa and Rev. Graham Whaley (Mission Superintendent).

DUNEDIN METHODIST MISSION

Report to Conference 1997

What has happened

The year has seen the Board continue to reflect on where they are and what should the Mission be doing. This was highlighted by an all day seminar, convened by Bryan Wilshire. There was lengthy discussion on the programmes run currently, what should be run and the wishlist for the future.

It could be said that the Mission is in a settling down period following the successful sale of its two elderly care institutions at Cromwell and Mosgiel. It was intimated last year that this would happen, and finally in February the Mossbrae property was sold and Ripponburn followed in March. The purchasers were separate private enterprises.

Satisfactory prices were received for the two businesses which enabled the Board to fully repay all its loans and leave some funds in the bank for future programmes.

The loss of two such major projects has had a pronounced effect on the office. At time of writing plans for the future are still unclear. Closer links to parish-based social services is a clear aim. There are currently a few "loose" connections with Invercargill, Otautau and Waimate but it is anticipated that these will be strengthened and others encouraged.

The social work is carried out on a number of fronts. The Child Care Centre continues to provide first class quality care and education for pre-schoolers. The increased funding provided in the last budget was very welcome.

The work of the Anglican Methodist Family Care Centre also continues to attract favourable comments. Whether it is budgeting advice, family counselling, foster care or food parcels the need is still great.

The Approach Adult learning project has had a challenging year having to face up to stringent audit requirements. Sometimes it seems the paperwork is more important than the individuals!

The Friendship Center is a hive of activity almost every day, along with the adjacent Trinity Hall. The latter is now used by a variety of groups and many utilise the catering of the centre. To call into the cafe at lunchtime and see businessmen rubbing shoulders with the needy is a sight to behold!

The Southcare project has developed over the year with the starting of a Helping Hands programme. It has been somewhat up and down and will need reviewing over the coming months. However, Wesley House continues to provide much needed relief to those in their own homes with programmes run each afternoon.

Trinity Congregation and Radio Church continue to provide the "word" and "deed" link. The latter is broadcast each Sunday morning to a small but interested group. The congregation celebrate all the usual Christian festivals, and in particular Faka-Me, Childrens sunday.

The Mission's major income provider is Forsyth Barr House and during the year the last spaces were let. The building generally is in good repair except the most expensive plant - the lifts. However, it is now producing good income streams for the future works of the Mission.

The Future

The Dunedin Mission is looking to its future and has identified the need to focus on "Deed and Word" and being well financed enabling us to improve on present services and to develop new ones in response to "needs".

The Missions second focus is on drawing a closer relationship between its life and the life of the parishes in its region. We recognise the need for provision of a professional service but also of a link to parish recognised needs and service delivery.

The Mission is watching with interest the development of social service relationships with the wider church and the moves of the Annual General Meeting of the MMA towards a social services unit. The direction the Dunedin Mission is moving towards fit well into the proposed changes reported to the Annual meeting and being explored in the Church.

Leadership of the Mission

Dunedin Mission has been trying to determine the style of leadership it requires and again sees this being linked to parish ministry so that a significant link be established between ministry in the Dunedin Methodist Parish and ministry within the synod area. Some key personnel in the District and Dunedin Parish would be important.

The relationship with other Synods would be strengthened. The area covered by the Mission runs from South Canterbury to Southland. Those areas need to feel part of the Mission, with possible joint ventures being pursued.

Martin Anderson

Chairperson of Board

Suggested decisions:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Board membership for 1998 be:

WESLEY WELLINGTON MISSION

Foreword

It is with pleasure that I present the 48th Annual Report of Wesley Wellington Mission. During the past twelve months the Mission has gone through significant change, not only at Board level but at the operation levels too. The Board has achieved the transition to governance rather than management mode, and this has enabled it to focus much more on the strategic direction of the Mission. The Board is pleased with the progress made and the new focus and direction. Decisions on longer term strategic intentions will carry the Mission well into the next century. Services for Older People are extending their work beyond just institutionalised care, to include respite and rehabilitation, and home based care. Community Services will be putting more effort into Family Support. We have confirmed that the Mission will continue to work closely with, and meet the needs of, the most marginalised in our society. We will remain a "not for profit" organisation that exists to make a difference by expressing "word and deed" to best effect.

With no appointment made for the position of Co-Superintendent of Wesley Wellington Parish, the Board has had the opportunity to consider its relationship with the Parish. There are several options - whether to remain in a single parish relationship, whether to spread that relationship over all the parishes in the Wellington Synod, or whether to institute a more formal relationship directly with Synod itself. The Board is also concerned about the interim nature of the Executive Manager's position, which will be resolved after final decisions are made about the Mission structure overall.

There have been a number of changes to the Board Membership during the past year. Nick Cree, who has taken up a position in the Manawatu, and Lindsay Mann, who returned to Melbourne, Australia (but is now resident in Hong Kong), have departed from the Board. Lindsay made a substantial impact on the financial aspects of Board work and his legacy remains. I would like to thank all members of the Board for their commitment and endeavours this past year. I would also like to thank Helen Sinclair for her work as Board Secretary over a number of years. We wish her well in her new position.

Wesley Wellington Mission has a positive and useful role in the Community, especially for those who are the most marginalised.

We will do our best in developing partnerships within parishes, the business sector as well as community groups generally. This will result in a stronger organisation with a greater public profile.

Catherine Gibson

Chair

From The Executive Manager

This has been a year of transition and refocussing. We have considered and debated the work that we do, why we do it and what are the preferred results of that work. Our new direction can be encapsulated in three perspectives:

Our main focus is on the most marginalised and the most disadvantaged people in our communities.

The implications are that while we will continue to provide our current range of services for as long as they are needed, all services will be tested against the principle of caring for the most marginalised and most disadvantaged.

This is not so much a change as a refocussing.

Wesley Wellington Mission does not see itself as a competitive or profit making organisation.

The implications are that if there are others in the same field who are delivering those services to our standards, or better, then we will withdraw; freeing up resources for use elsewhere.

We are non competitive.

Partnerships are the keys to the future.

We want to continue to develop and maintain strong and useful partnerships with Parishes, Taha Maori and the Maori Community generally, the Pacific Island Communities, community groups, Local Bodies, the Transitional Health Authority, other health providers and the business community. We aim to be equal with our partners.

Partnerships are an important part of our transition from the past and the present into the future.

As one social service arm of the Methodist Church, we want to be an effective social services provider, fulfilling the mission required by Conference.

This year would not and could not have been successful without the hard work and goodwill of all the Mission staff. It has been impressive. Many have offered supportive and constructive ideas to make the services we offer of higher quality and more client driven. The result is a stronger organisation, more realistic budget management as well as better overall communications.

Personally I would like to thank Board members for their considered advice and thoughtful oversight. I also welcome the contribution of the Finance

Advisory Committee, including John Drage (not a Board member). Their experience and expertise is greatly valued.

Graham Weir
Executive Manager
Community Services

Te Whare Whakapakari

This adolescent residential unit has now been operational since February 1996, and after some initial teething problems is working very well. The unit provides accommodation and social work support for 7 behaviourally disturbed young people at any one time.

An additional staff member at the unit has enabled us to develop individualised day programmes for each resident. These programmes include work experience, independent living skills, incorporating the much needed social work and therapeutic element required. Sixteen young people are in or have been through the programme. Of the nine ex-residents five returned home, three went onto alternative residential programmes and one was referred to a secure unit. The occupancy rate of the unit averaged at 98.9% for the year.

During a recent visit the Governor General, Sir Michael Hardie Boys asked one of the young people what the programme had done for him. This young man, in front of fellow residents and staff said *"Everything. It has changed the way I do things, and the way I think"*. This was the same young man who, six months previously, was determined to get expelled from the programme and tried every possible way to test the staff. Behaviours included threatening violence, smoking, drugs and consuming alcohol. He eventually realised that the Mission was still determined to stand beside him and focus on the positive aspects of his behaviour rather than the negative. He is completing a work experience module and is one of the key role models for newer residents.

Wesley Porirua

Wesley Porirua is a community based centre which has operated in Porirua East since 1990. Initially developed as a food bank, this service has grown to incorporate youth work, community work and social work services whilst retaining its emergency support services.

The addition of a social worker at the centre in the past year has enabled the team to diversify and work with most sectors of the Porirua community. The Family Support Programme works alongside families to assist them in meeting their identified goals. Our youth programme operates in four main colleges in

Porirua, addressing issues such as anger management and self esteem, along with in-house youth leadership and support programmes.

Community courses that have operated from Wesley Porirua in the past year include Budget Cooking, Budget Sewing, Drivers License Theory, Self Esteem for Women, Parenting and Communication Skills.

Inner City Counselling Service

This service, staffed by voluntary counsellors has continued to meet a need in the inner city. The service is able to offer professional counselling at a low cost due to the low overheads of the service. The low cost of this service enables those on a low income to address their emotional needs as well as physical.

Partnership Programmes

An aim of the Mission has always been to work in partnership with other organisations, and this is most apparent in our contribution towards the management of the Men's Night Shelter and Women's Emergency Shelter programmes. Represented on both executive committees, the Mission contributes to meeting the emergency accommodation needs of both women and men in Wellington.

The Future

The past year has seen the consolidation of community services, whilst we have focussed on what services we should offer in the next five years. It is always difficult to predict where needs will be in the future, and to plan accurately for these needs. The decision has been made to direct any new resources and energy into Child and Family Services. These services will target families and youth and will work in the area of family conflict, parenting and youth at risk.

One area of discussion is an early intervention home visiting programme, where all new families are visited and assessed for any factors that may lead to abuse and neglect of children. If any of the factors are found, the family will be referred to existing services for help. The aim of the programme, and in line with Mission policy, is to identify possible issues of concern before they escalate and cause permanent damage to the family unit, and in some cases the community.

This change illustrates the philosophy of focusing on early identification and intervention rather than working with families once the issues are so big that

help is essential. It is clear, in the current political climate, that few of the programmes being funded are preventative. It is also clear that money spent in areas that reduce abuse and neglect is money well spent in the long run.

There is no intention of losing sight of or devaluing the community development programmes that are working with the communities. These are an essential part of our strategic planning and philosophy. Staff in these centres work alongside families and communities to achieve independence and self sufficiency.

Services For Older People

In the early part of 1996 a new Mission Statement was written and a five year Strategic Plan developed. Enthusiasm for the future was high as we went into 1996/97, but a year later we have been buffeted by low occupancy, the increased costs associated with helping frail and dying clients, and the reality that putting a new service in place takes time.

However, enthusiasm amongst management is buoyed by the fact that the vision of the service we will offer is now clear. The changes have begun with the start of the two Home Support programmes in Wellington City and the Hutt Valley.

The main issues for 1996 - 1997 were:

- ◇ The ongoing and unresolved negotiation of the Wesley Ewart Lease. The signs are positive that this issue will be resolved and a new contract agreed and signed before the end of 1997. This will mean that the delayed maintenance and renovations for Wesley Ewart can begin
- ◇ The difficulties arising from low occupancy, experienced by all of our residential services. It became harder for people to qualify for subsidised entry to rest homes and hospitals, with the needs assessment process being used as a "gate-keeping" function by the RHA. In the Hutt Valley the decrease in the number of people eligible for entry was exacerbated by the opening of a brand new facility in Upper Hutt. In Wellington, Wesley Ewart was affected by the opening of Te Hopai Hospital in October 1995. Another continuing care hospital closed during the year so that occupancy of our facilities increased again to viable levels.

- ◇ The dependency needs of people accessing the residential services became greater. This meant that medical and staffing costs increased, without a compensatory increase in fees for RHA subsidised clients.

The Positive Issues for the year include:

- ◇ The signing of two Home Support Provider Agency Contracts with the Central Regional Health Authority. This means that the Wesley Newtown Centre services will extend to cover all of Wellington City and that a new service will be developed for the Hutt Valley and Porirua.
- ◇ The further development of the Quality Improvement Programme, which has resulted in all sites receiving an increase in their RHA audit scores. More importantly it resulted in improved staff training and morale and better services to clients.
- ◇ The clarification of the role of Services to Older People that has been achieved, and is soon to be detailed in a long term development plan. Contributing to this was research commissioned from Top Hand Consultants, asking older people what they actually wanted as they got older and needed assistance.

The future service will be very different from the present, which has as its main elements the operation of institutional residential facilities, such as continuing care hospitals and rest homes.

It is planned that the service will include:

- ◇ A sub acute admission base which will take people who are receiving post crisis care after treatment in a critical care hospital or hospice, or after referral by a General Practitioner, other agency or family. From this sub acute admission base, people will either be cared for as :
 - people who are going to be rehabilitated back into the community; or
 - people who are going to die in the near future (ie hospice style care).

Therefore this base will have a number of units providing short term accommodation, which will also provide respite care to enable carers to have relief.

- ◇ A home support service to provide services to people either in their own homes or in supported units. The supported units may be provided by the

Mission. These units may be flats designed for people with disabilities and will be scattered in blocks of four or six amongst communities.

People will enter the home support service from their own home, or as a result of being rehabilitated from the sub acute admission base back into their own home or a supported unit.

- ◇ Staff who are multi-skilled and focussed on meeting the needs of people. These needs will include the needs of the family of the identified client. Staff will be skilled in the issues of ageing, disability, rehabilitation, dying, grief, dealing with families.

1997/1998 is a year of challenge and excitement. The challenge is to develop the new services while maintaining services we currently offer existing residents. Our excitement is that we now have a vision which will enable us to offer services which will make a real difference to the lives of older people and other people with disabilities. We have found areas of need which we think other providers will not meet. As 'not for profit' providers, we have an opportunity to deliver a service to people who want assistance which cannot be delivered by the commercial sector because the costs of delivery of that service are greater than the price that can be charged. Our major challenge is to deliver a quality service which is attractive to those we serve, but which also remains financially viable and of appeal to funders and donors.

Wesley Wellington South

Wesley Newtown Centre is the hub of activities for the Wesley Wellington South area. The Socialisation Programmes continue to widen the interests of their clients and to encourage independence and new friendships through the Golden Gate Club, the Tuesday Drop In and the Holiday Programme. The Care Ring Service continues to bring the community to people alone, isolated or simply not very mobile. The Oral History Programme is under way with two staff members attending the Introductory Training Day in Oral History Recording. This is one of the many ways that older people can contribute to their community - by recording their personal and community stories, a rich form of caring for our heritage.

International Day for the Older Person was celebrated on the 1st October 1996 with the whole of Newtown taking part. Our objective was to raise the awareness of families and older people to the services that are available. A magnificent display was held about being an older person in the community at the Newtown Mall to mark this special day.

A six week series of lectures was held on Ageing, Wellness and Awareness. This acknowledged our older people and helped carers and those ageing alike to look positively on the aging processes.

With the signing of the Central Regional Health Authority contract the Home Carers Service has now widened to include the whole of Wellington City. Assurance of continuity of service means that Wesley Newtown will now employ and train its own Home Carers. With the care of people with disabilities in their own homes included in the contract, the focus of the service is maintaining independence and choice, with assistance.

Wesley Ewart continues to meet the challenges imposed upon it because Capital Coast Health is operating increasingly as a critical care hospital only. The high turnover of residents continues. Many of the residents that are admitted are frail and ill and therefore dying relatively quickly, with a resultant increase in workload for all departments particularly administration and nursing. For others when a bed becomes available in their facility of choice they move on. This means that Wesley Ewart experiences a continuous situation of short stay residents and in effect is operating as a "convalescent and care for the dying" hospital for Capital Coast Health.

This change of focus for the hospital will need to be validated for the staff and the financial implications addressed with the RHA, as well as consideration given for a renegotiation of status from long term to short term stay hospital.

Finding and keeping quality registered nursing staff continues to be a cause for concern. The high turnover places extra strain on existing staff who have to provide orientation and support for new staff who may only stay for a short time.

Nurse aides remain a stable work-face. The manner in which duties are allocated has changed and this has proved challenging for staff but with positive outcomes for the residents. Training has continued with a high involvement of all staff. Five care givers have completed their Care Givers Certificate. Quality Assurance has been a continual endeavour in the areas of nursing care and infection control. The drive of a small group of dedicated staff encourages all staff to be committed to the concepts and become involved. The Health and Safety Committee is working well.

Wesley Hutt Valley

Wesleyhaven has experienced many changes in this past year. Changes to the staffing structure with new contracts for the gardens and property management resulting in a noticeable improvement to morale for everyone associated with Wesleyhaven. There is better liaison with the Wesleyhaven Women's

Auxiliary. Support Staff now feel part of the Team and all staff, core managers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and the chaplain now work more independently. This contributes to the development of all aspects of Wesleyhaven, whose *raison d'être* is the best health and happiness of people resident in the various facilities at Wesleyhaven.

Wesley Home continues to change its routine to one in favour of resident's desires. Lifestyle plans have changed their form to reflect the resident's needs. Light snacks are no longer presented at routine times but are available as desired by the client. Resident's families participated in research on what elderly people want in terms of aged care facilities and services. The introduction of disposable incontinence products has greatly improved the quality of life for residents by improving their skin integrity, maintaining their dignity and decreasing their disturbances at night. Increasing staff ratios so that there are two Registered Nurses on duty during the day has certainly increased the quality of our care in Wesley Home.

Abigail the hospital cat died after 19 years at Wesleyhaven. Our new cat Ella is fitting into hospital routine very nicely.

Deckston Home has continued to become more involved with the Wellington Jewish Community. Residents are now taking more responsibility for some of the light housework chores. More individualised occupational therapy programmes are available for residents with a subsequent increase in socialisation activities.

Strand Home has introduced primary care for all staff shifts at the home. There are now choices of meals as well as individual occupational therapy programmes for residents. The improvement in activities has resulted in the achievement of a 96% satisfaction rate for all aspects of Strand Home.

Fundraising and Public Relations

The Fundraising and Public Relations department has had a different management profile for this year. The incumbent Manager, Ingrid Banwell has taken parental leave for the birth of her daughter. She will return to the Mission in October. Whilst away her role has been taken by Pauline Edwards, with increased hours for the Fundraising Assistant Elizabeth Chater.

It was decided that it was important to raise the Mission's profile in the media, with politicians, amongst our donors and those organisations that we apply to for financial support. This has been done through letters to the editor on topics

that affect the smooth running of the Mission's services and by offering written articles of interest for publication, as well as visits to selected people. Some connections with politicians have been arranged through access to their speeches and press releases.

A 'Thankyou' luncheon for Donors was held in the Autumn of 1997. At the luncheon the Mission launched the first stage of possible new developments for Wesleyhaven. The many staff who were present were much appreciated by the Donors. Knowledge of our Donors has increased as we research their needs as well as their interests through questionnaires that they thoughtfully return. The resulting statistical analysis gives us a better understanding of what issues are considered important by our Donors.

Ken Boyden, Centre Manager at Wesley Church, ran some profile raising events this year that were tied into the work of the Mission. The Mission was delighted to be able to be part of what was a most successful series of events, contributing greatly to the cultural life of the city. In light of his ever increasing role in the Parish, Ken Boyden has reluctantly relinquished his role as the Mission's Bequest Officer. His work was much appreciated and we are fortunate to be able to maintain contact with him in a number of other ways.

Trusts and Grants continue to be an important source of income for the Mission and although much of the money received is for specific projects, it is a necessary part of our funding.

A Mail Appeal was held this year targeted at all our Donors and to a large number of post office box holders in the areas in which we offer services. The main objective was to raise the profile of the Mission within the wider Business Community as well as not being a cost to the Mission. In the event, the Appeal actually made a small surplus.

A Strategic Plan for the next ten years is being worked on, which includes partnership agreements with the other services to ensure better overall services integration. The Bequest Programme will be reviewed with the intention of setting in place Planned Giving and "Living Gifts" so that people may choose to present their money to the Mission before they die and may be more involved in their money's use for the benefit of others.

For the Mission to succeed in gaining the maximum income it needs to develop and maintain more partnerships for funding and sponsorship. This will only be achieved through a higher profile in the business community of the greater Wellington area.

The future activities of the Fundraising and Public Relations department will include continuing contact with our colleagues at the other Missions and increasing the Donor Base by using different research and requesting methods.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1997

	Notes	1997	1996
		\$	\$
Fees and Services Income		5,977,285	5,911,665
Less Cost of Services provided for:			
Older People		5,746,461	5,578,511
Community and other Services(incl Central services)		1,165,754	1,046,052
		6,912,215	6,624,563
Operating Deficit for Service Provision		(934,930)	(712,898)
Non-operating Income - Bequests, Grants, Donations & Investment 1 Income		542,144	652,146
Other Non-operating net gain/(deficit)		81,958	(4,348)
Net gain on Revaluation of Investments		413,615	32,733
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		102,787	(32,367)
Transfer to Asset Replacement 2 Reserve		(304,212)	(364,200)
Net Deficit to Other Reserves		(201,425)	(396,567)

Notes to Summary Statement of Financial Performance

1	Bequests, Grants, Donations and Investment Income for:	\$	\$
	- Services for Older People	36,575	45,907
	- Community Services	74,724	71,239
	- Central Services (including Fundraising)	430,845	535,000
		<u>542,144</u>	<u>652,146</u>
2	The Asset Replacement Reserve for Services for Older People is for major maintenance, upgrading and asset replacement.		

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 1997

	1997 \$000	1996 \$000
Current Assets	1,524	1,771
Investments and Advances	4,771	4,439
Fixed Assets	4,853	5,088
Total Assets	11,148	11,298
Current Liabilities	1,050	1,198
Other Liabilities	743	841
	1,793	2,039
Capital Fund	4,333	4,407
Other Funds and Reserves	5,022	4,852
Total Liabilities, Funds and Reserves	11,148	11,298

Note: A full copy of the audited annual financial statement is available on request fro Wesley Wellington Mission Incorporated, PO Box 9932, Marion Square, Wellington

The net surplus for 1996/97 year is \$102,787 compared with a net deficit of \$32,367 in 1995/96.

The Annual Income from service provision is just over 1% higher than last year. Income from residential care for the elderly was down 2% on last year but this was offset by additional income support for the Mission's Adolescent Home at Tawa, which has now completed its first full year of operation. Lower rates of occupancy at Wesleyhaven and Wesley Ewart Homes in the first half of the financial year is the principal reason for the downturn in residential care income. There was an improvement in the average occupancy rates in the second half of the year.

More than half the increase in income was through the provision of new services and allowing for this, expenses have risen by just under 2% for the year. The operating deficit from the provision of Community Services and Services to Older People is covered by donations, bequests, trusts and grants and other non operating income received by the Mission during the year.

Board Membership

The current membership of the Mission Board stands at 11 (with the likelihood that it will reduce to 10). Given that the Board (in a separate submission) has asked Conference to delay a final decision about the structure of the Mission for another year; it is suggested that the current membership be reappointed. If a nomination for the current vacancy has not been brought forward by the time Conference meets, it is suggested that the President be authorised to fill the remaining position during the year.

Suggested Decisions

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board Members for Wesley Wellington Mission for 1998 be: Catherine Gibson, Chair; Fletcher Thomas, Associate Chair; Chris Wood, Arnold Solomons, Robin Seymour, Merlin Sansom, Ian Lander, David Hanna, Arthur Davis, Mission Executive Manager.
3. That the President be authorised to approve the appointment to any vacancy if requested by the Board.

WESLEY WELLINGTON MISSION

SUBMISSION TO CONFERENCE 1997

INTRODUCTION

At the Conference last year (1996) Wesley Wellington Mission presented the second part of its proposed restructuring to Conference for discussion and decision. That submission proposed *inter alia* that the Conference:

7 agree that the person in charge of the management of the Mission be titled "Mission Executive Manager" and that this person:

- a) be appointed by the Board under a contractual (3+3 year) arrangement after consultation with the President, using a process which reflects the modified Connexional appointment process outlined in Section 3.4.2. [Of the Submission.]
- b) be responsible to the Board;
- c) be a full member of the Board with the requirement (as with other Board members) to abstain from voting, and discussion if necessary, where matters of personal interest are dealt with;
- d) formally accept the roles and responsibilities specified in the job description;
- e) may be either Ordained or Lay;

8. agree that if the Mission Executive Manager is an ordained Presbyterian or Deacon of the Methodist Church, then that person would remain in full Connexion but would have a direct and primary responsibility to the Board;

The full submission also proposed a continuation of the formal separation of the Mission and the Wesley Parish, a Charter to be agreed between the Mission Board and Conference, Job Descriptions for the Board and its members, and consequential changes to the Constitution recognising the new arrangements.

The submission was discussed fully in the Social Services Committee of Detail and there was general agreement with the direction proposed. However, there were concerns about the issues raised by Recommendations 7 and 8 (set out above). As a result, Conference decided to

(note) that the Committee of Detail was not prepared to recommend all the suggested Decisions on pp 357-358 of the Report (Particularly Decisions 7 and 8) and considered that Suggested Decisions 9 and 10 were the business of the Methodist Mission Aotearoa, not of the Wesley Wellington Mission.

It therefore refers the suggested Decisions back to Wesley Wellington Mission and Methodist Mission Aotearoa for further discussion and report, with specific Decisions, to Conference 1997.

[Note: Suggested Decisions 9 and 10 related to the role, function and structure of MMA.]

Considering Possible Courses of Action

The changes to the structure of Wesley Wellington Mission (agreed by Conference 1995) have been in place since the beginning of 1996. The subsequent changes proposed in the 1996 Submission have not been implemented pending final agreement by Conference.

While gaining approval from Conference for the final shape of the Mission structure has been slower than the Board would have wished, that delay has not inhibited the work of the Mission. The Board takes the view that whatever the final structure for the Mission, the work of the Mission will need to go on. It has therefore not felt itself unable to introduce new initiatives where they seem appropriate. Whatever the Church decides, the Board is determined that the Mission will be in good shape to undertake all the roles and tasks required of it.

As required by Conference, the Board has considered carefully what its response should be to the issues raised under (its) recommendations 7 & 8. As part of that consideration, it had to take into account several other matters.

First, the question of the role and function of MMA and its relationship to the Mission.

The role, function and structure of MMA is being reviewed, both by MMA itself (and possibly by the Council of Conference). One of the results expected of that review will be a clearer set of national guidelines for social services generally covering the whole Church. We understand that MMA will be reporting to Conference 1997. Whatever Conference decides will determine the future relationship between all social service agencies in the Church and MMA—not just the Missions.

Second, there is the Job Specification for the Superintendent, Methodist Mission (Northern) which has a number of interesting features. The role of Superintendent is apparently seen as more of a 'collegial' than 'superior' one with the General Manager, thus establishing a kind of diarchy. The Board is not saying that such an arrangement could or should be transferred directly to the Wellington situation, but there could well be lessons which come out of the Auckland experience which will be helpful.

Thirdly, the issue of

developing a set of national guidelines and structures for the delivery of Methodist social Services for the next 5-10 years (Conference decision 1995)

has not yet been actioned. As a result, all social services work in the Church continues to be carried out according to whatever strategies have been decided by each of the service agencies. While this has worked for now, the 1995 decision indicates that a review and new guidelines are required.

Next Steps

With all the above going on, progress toward a final decision is slower than the Wesley Wellington Mission Board would wish. However, asking Conference to come to a final view at the 1997 Conference about Wesley Wellington Mission would seem to be premature. Any decision made should be in the light of the overall national strategies decided by the Church for social services as a whole. These, in turn will clearly depend on decisions arising from the review of MMA and related issues.

The Board is mindful of the concerns which have been expressed about the level of theological input available to the Executive Manager in the day to day running of the Mission. In part response to those concerns, the Board would point to the proposed requirements set out in its 1996 Submission:

(to) ensure the Mission complies with Church philosophy, teaching and law.)

[Proposed Board Charter]

The Board's measure of success will, in broad terms, be determined by the Mission (inter alia)

operating on a sound theological basis consistent with the Church's Mission Statement.

.... Board membership will be made up of a cross section of background, experience and skills. The complement of 12 (members) will include at least 9 "active" Methodists of which 2 are ordained Methodist Presbyters/Deacons specially chosen for their theological skills and insights.

[Proposed Board Responsibility Description]

The Board considers that these requirements should be enough to satisfy the concerns expressed and sees no reason to change its view about the structure it has already proposed. Nevertheless, having listened to the concerns, it is exploring ways to add to the theological input already available. The new arrangements proposed for Methodist Mission Northern will be one useful example in this process.

The Board's view is, that taking everything into account, it should ask Conference to delay further decisions about the Wesley Wellington Mission until the matters referred to have been determined. Hopefully that will be in time to reconsider the issues at Conference 1998.

Suggested Decisions

1. Conference notes that Wesley Wellington Mission has carefully considered the matters referred back to it by Conference 1996;
2. Conference agrees that further consideration by Conference of Wesley Wellington Mission should await the outcome of Conference decisions about MMA.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

Report to Conference

Section I.

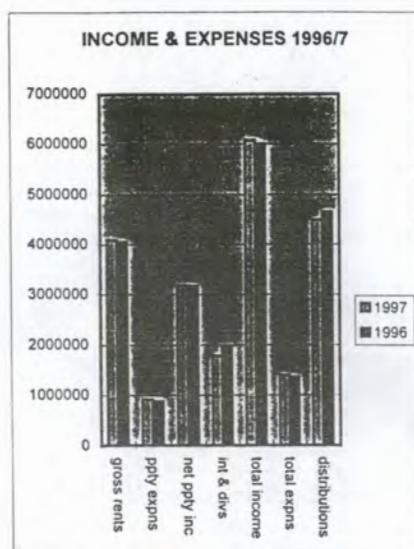
The Association's financial year concludes on 31 March.

Annual Accounts to 31 March 1997.

Income and Expenditure.

The year for the Association has been quite satisfactory with gross income levels on par for the last three years even allowing for the repayment of the Supernumerary Fund's deposit with the Association of approximately \$13,000,000 during the last 18 months.

The net amount available for distribution to depositors for the year was \$4,486,104 (\$4,646,669) of which \$1,470,725 was distributed to Income Fund depositors and \$3,015,376 to Growth and Income Fund depositors.



The Association has again reviewed the administration fee that it pays to the Board of Administration. The fee paid is to cover the management of the Association's investments, the maintenance of the depositor's ledgers and the annual accounting etc. A comparison was made between the fees charged the Board (6% of gross income) with fees payable in the market place for managed funds and the Association considers that it is paying approximately 60% of the fee that would be charged on the open market. This is considered appropriate as a Connexional arrangement within the Church while still leaving a reasonable margin over cost for the Board to fund other activities.

Balance Sheet.

Total funds entrusted to the Association for investment as at 31 March 1997 totalled \$56,888,925 (\$52,041,688) of which \$18,244,408 was invested in the Income Fund and \$38,644,517 was invested in the Growth and Income Fund. The Income Fund has increased by over \$2,500,000 or 16.45% from the previous year and the Growth and Income Fund by \$2,270,000 or 6.24% with the overall increase in funds representing a growth of investments of 9.31%. The Association welcomes the ongoing level of support it receives from throughout the Connexion whilst at the same time being aware that there are significant deposits held on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand with other Institutions.

Investment Revaluations.

As part of the investments ascribed to the Growth and Income Fund the Association holds a portfolio of commercial property throughout New Zealand and also a parcel of blue chip company shares in Australia and New Zealand.

The market value of the equity investments is determined as at 31 March each year and the resulting increase or decrease in value is apportioned between investors in the Growth and Income Fund.

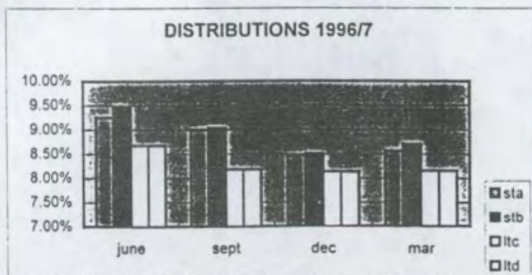
The revaluations as at March 1997 disclosed an increase in the valuation of the properties of \$727,540 (plus 2.12%) and in the share portfolio a decrease of \$140,094 (minus 3.09%).

The net effect was an increase in equity investment values of \$587,446 (plus 1.51%) and this amount was allocated to Growth and Income Fund depositors at 31 March 1997.

The Association has been able to report improving capital values for its equity investments for each of the last four years and this has had a significant impact on the value of the returns to Growth and Income Fund depositors.

Investment Returns.

Returns on the Income Fund and the Growth and Income Fund pools has been quite satisfactory for the year. The accompanying graph shows the income distributions made to each of the four Funds during the last year with the Income Funds averaging at or just under 9% and the Growth and Income Fund providing an income returned of approximately 8¼% for the year and with the addition of capital accretion an overall return of 10.2%. It should be noted that returns to each of the Funds was set after the payment of all of the Association's expenses including administration costs and the returns therefore compare favourably with those available in the market place for similar forms of investment.



For Income Fund depositors where the income is being reinvested each quarter the Funds have shown a compounded rate of return over the last 4 years of 7.52% and five years of 7.78% and Growth and Income Fund depositors where the quarterly distributions and the capital accretions have been reinvested, the last four years compounded growth rate has been 10.5% and last five years 9.95%.

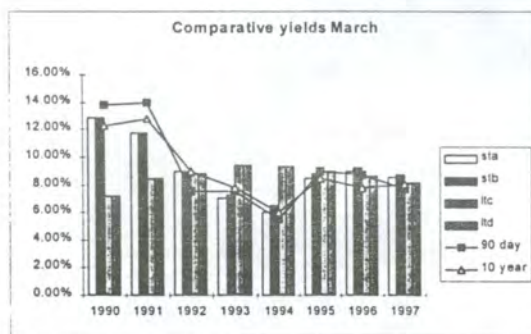
The following table of returns are for diversified Unit Trusts, comparable to the Growth and Income Fund, for one and five years ending 30 June while the MTA year is to 31 March.

Comparative Yields
M T A & Diversified
Unit Trusts

FUND	Yield last year	last 5 years
ANZ Growth Trust	12.73%	9.13%
Armstrong Jones Balanced	14.73%	7.87%
Guardian Balanced	14.10%	8.26%
Nat. Mutual Balanced Growth	13.61%	8.14%
N Z Funds Balanced	12.27%	6.55%
Tower Multi-Sector	10.97%	8.10%
M T A Growth & Income Fund	10.50%	9.95%

Christchurch Press 11 August 1997.

The Association's returns also compare well to the prevailing 90 day commercial bill rate and the Government stock ten year rate (which are both industry standards).



Property.

Commercial property is an important and major component of the investment portfolio attributed to the Growth and Income Fund within the Association.

A full schedule of the Association's properties is included in the annual accounts but as at balance date the Association owned 14 properties with a total book valuation of \$35,055,000. The properties earned an overall gross return of 11.66% and a net return to depositors of 9.08%. All of the Association's properties are being maintained in a satisfactory condition. The Association's vacancy rate was less than 3% by area and outstanding rentals as at the end of March were less than 1% of the annual rental collection total.

Grafton Heights.

Last year the Association was able to report that Conference had removed the embargo on the sale or other dealing with the Grafton property.

The Board of the Association carefully considered the place of the Grafton property in the long term property portfolio of the Association and concluded that there were preferable investments for the funds currently invested in that property.

The Association therefore considered placing the property on the market for sale but before this transpired it received an offer for the purchase of the property from groups associated with the Presbyterian Methodist Congregational Foundation Inc who leased the adjoining land and operate the PMC Grafton Halls of Residence. In the end this first approach did not proceed but a second offer on the property was received subsequent to balance date which included provisions for the potential benefit sought by the PMC Foundation.

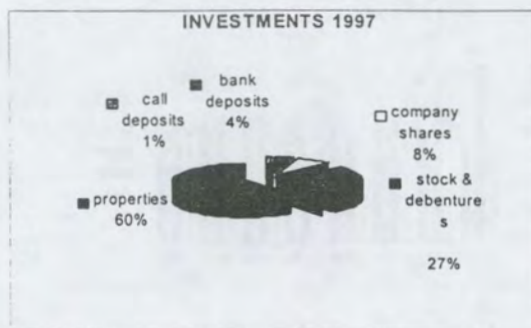
The Association was able to conclude a satisfactory sale of the Grafton properties in excess of the 1997 book values and the receipt of the funds and reinvestment will be detailed in the report of the year to March 1998.

Diversity of Investment.

The Association achieves diversity of investment by investing funds in a variety of different investment classes and within each investment class in a variety of different investments, eg, fixed interest deposits with four or five different institutions, property holdings in ten or eleven different properties, shares in (currently) two different economies and several different companies in each economy.

The Association has done this because it is seeking to provide a balanced investment portfolio for the Church so Parishes do not need to provide their own diversity of investment by placing part of their funds with the Association and part with other investment operations. The Association was established specifically by the Church to accept the Church's investments and to use its investment policy to provide the diversity for the benefit of each depositor.

Conference established the Trust Association and has endorsed and recommended the Association as the investment venue for funds owned by the Methodist Church of New Zealand.



Section II.

Outlook for 1997 - 1998.

The Association's investments continue to perform well. Interest rates in the money markets have risen through the middle of the 1997 calendar year and whilst the consensus view appears to be that rates will diminish again in the new year, it is not expected that rates will fall significantly.

International Sharemarket Purchases.

As part of its policy of diversity of investment and as funds become available for investment in the share market the Association has looked carefully at the question of spreading its portfolio of shares away from the existing base of New Zealand and Australian prime companies.

The Board of the Association is aware that the combined Australia and New Zealand sharemarket contribute less than 2% of the total value of sharemarkets around the world and there is potential benefit from investing in a wider range of companies and economies by investing in other sharemarkets.

This matter is still being considered by the Board as this annual report is compiled but it is likely that the Board will move to hold approximately 50% of its shareholding in other than Australia and New Zealand based companies.

The Church's Guidelines for Socially Responsible Investment will be used, alongside normal financial considerations, to measure any proposed direct share investment.

Additional Investment.

Additional investment in the Association is always welcomed as it exists to serve the fund management requirements of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, its organisations and parishes.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference affirms the place of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association as the appropriate investment vehicle for Church funds.
3. That because of the diversified nature of the investments held by the Association, the satisfactory rates of returns achieved on the various funds and the benefit to the Church of investing through one organisation, all church groups holding investments outside of the Methodist Trust Association be asked to reconsider those investments and open negotiations with the Association as to the appropriateness of the transfer of funds to the Association.
4. That the Board for 1997/98 be:

PACT 2086 TRUST

Report to Conference

Section I.

PACT 2086 Trust holds the Church's reversionary interest in the 100 year lease of the Queen Street property which terminates in December 2086. In addition to the lessor's interest in the lease the Trust holds a number of investments with the aim of accumulating and reinvesting income so that when the lease expires the Church will have both the land and a sum of money which will give it the option of undertaking some development on the property on its own account. Almost since the closing of the education establishment on the property the Church has battled with owning an extensive and valuable piece of land without having the resources available to see it suitably developed and return the income into the life of the Church that its value would suggest.

The year to March 1997 was a year of sound performance by the Trust with gross income increasing from \$596,455 to \$624,360. Expenses including mortgage interest were significantly reduced by \$56,000 to total \$175,700 leaving an excess of income over expenditure for the year of \$321,882, an increase of 51% over the March 1996 year.

The Trust's investments were revalued at 31 March 1997 which resulted in an increase in value of the investments of \$1,024,479. The significant change in investment values related to a revaluation of the value of the lessor's reversionary interest in the Queen Street lease. The Trust determined, on the commencement of the lease, that it would revalue the lessor's interest on a 10 year cycle. In 1987 the lessor's interest was valued at \$25,000 while in March 1997 the lessor's interest was assessed at \$850,000.

Accumulated fund as at 31 March 1997 totalled \$6,542,342.

Properties.

The Trust's properties were fully leased at balance date and have performed reasonably satisfactorily during the year. Gross rents have improved by approximately 7% during the year and with a reduction in property expenses net property rental increased by some 20% to \$333,433 for the year.

Queen Street Property.

The negotiations with Mainzeal Group Limited, the lessee, signalled in last year's report have continued and Mainzeal have now assigned their interest in the lease by way of three separate transfers.

- i. The leasehold interest in the block of shops fronting onto Queen Street to a Body Corporate with leasehold unit titles issued to the "owners" of each shop.

- ii. The Turner Street building and associated carparking area at the corner of Turner and Liverpool Streets to Morgan Investments Limited.
- iii. The balance of the property to Dynasty Pacific Group who presumably will at some stage undertake a development on the property which will need to meet the provisions of the lease.

Forestry.

The Trust forest in the Kaweka range, Hawkes Bay planted in the winter of 1994 continues to make excellent progress.

Section II.

The Trust will continue to provide stewardship to the assets entrusted to it, looking to create wealth in the long term against the eventual termination of the Queen Street land lease.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the report be received.

INVESTMENT BOARD

Report to Conference

Section I.

Looking Back.

The Investment Board has had a relatively quiet year with few matters referred to it for either approval or comment.

Section II.

The Investment Board exists to give advice to the Church on matters of investment policy and specific proposals as well as providing the approval of Conference, delegated from the Board of Administration Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, for property transactions involving commercial property. As such the Board meets as required.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the report be received.
2. The Board for 1997/1998 be:

CHURCHES BROADCASTING COMMISSION

The Churches Broadcasting Commission (CBC) is a body of representatives of 11 denominations, and the CCANZ delegated to relate to key decision makers in radio and television to ensure adequate representation in electronic media for the broad range of faith and values of the New Zealand community. The CBC seeks to foster positive images of the Christian community in all areas of broadcasting entertainment, drama, comedy, news and current affairs.

TVNZ and Radio New Zealand are associate members, there is an open invitation to TV 3. Outgoing CBC Chairperson, Diane Gilliam-Weeks reports an increase in TV programmes specifically reflecting the Christian Faith in New Zealand, and a continuing commitment of Radio New Zealand to reflect the spirituality of Aotearoa during one of its most popular programmes which airs Sunday morning.

The CBC gets small grants from member churches each year and dedicates these to commercial spots on television at Christmas and Easter. These spots encourage people to remember the Christ significance of these holidays particularly to their children.

Diane Gilliam-Weeks, Chairperson
Trish Moseley, Methodist representative

Suggested Decision:

- 1 That the Report be received.

CROSSLINK BOARD

Report to Conference 1977

Crosslink is committed to Christian action and transformation in community through the voices and stories of those it serves.

The ecumenical Crosslink Board is pleased to report full participation of both partner churches in decisions relating to Crosslink policy, strategic, editorial and financial. We accepted the resignation of Doug Rogers with regret due to his illness, but look forward to his input as a consultant to the Editor.

Crosslink is a member of the Magazine Publishers Association and as its circulation must be audited. Circulation figures now reflect a more realistic level and are remaining steady at around 43,690. This makes the paper one of the most popular in Aotearoa in both religious and secular arenas. Crosslink is received by all members of parliament, and all media as well as key decision makers in every community.

The Editor

Diane Gilliam-Weeks is now in her second year as managing editor. She is committed to realising the goal of the Board to make Crosslink a vehicle for hearing the voice of the people and celebrating their work in the mission of God. Diane is concerned to explore in the next year bringing in an depth column which can take an issue to deeper analysis. She is looking forward to feedback at Conference on what the key issues are.

In a memorandum of understanding, in 1998 representatives of Te Hahi Weteriana and the PCANZ will meet to determine whether the agreed open and transparent policy for appointing the Editor can be implemented. If it can not be implemented, then the present interim editorship arrangement will be reviewed with due consideration being given to continuing the interim editor through to June 2000.

Research

We hope to undertake two small surveys of Crosslink readers each year ensuring a demographic and theological mix. The results of the second survey are only now being analysed, 80% of those surveyed read some or all of Crosslink, 83% felt it communicated positive models of mission and 60% are enjoying it more than they used to. Copies of the results are available for inspection.

Doing more with less

Production efficiencies allow us to work with fewer staff hours today. Technological advances have enabled other savings and it is now possible to produce Crosslink for 20% less than in 1995/96 with no reduction in quality.

Advertising

In spite of a reduction in cost of production, the Board has had to take advantage of every appropriate potential income stream at a time when central funding is being reduced in the partner churches. For this reason the Board overturned its previous policy not to allow loose inserts other than those of official church agencies.

Both the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches indicated there would be a cut in funds available to Crosslink. In order to maintain quality and service to the reader the Board decided to make the short fall from inserts while not increasing the percentage (30%) of the paper now available to advertisers.

Crosslink makes it clear that the presence of advertising does not imply endorsement by the churches. We have undertaken to limit the inserts in any month to two.

The Board wish to thank the staff of Crosslink for their hard work in the past year: Alan Dine, Bryan Atkinson, Dave Squire, Rawiri Rakuraku, Pauline Stewart, Tom Tennent, Ian Harris, Trish Moseley, Kathryn McKenzie.

Suggested Decision:

1. That the Report be received.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

Annual Report to the 1997 Conference

The Board approved the following grants during the financial year ended 30 June.

		\$
Te Taha Maori - Moutoa Scholarship		20,000
Rangatahi worker		30,000
Educational Resource Work		10,000
Grants to: Te Kura Kaupapa Maori (4)	2250	
Maori Immersion Programmes (22)	11350	
School Principals (24)	<u>21400</u>	
		35,000
Masterton Christian Childcare Programme		20,000
Camp Elsdon Children's Camp	(nett)	0
Wesley Wellington Mission - Adolescent Residential Unit		28,500
Laings Road Social Services		10,000

Grants totalled \$153,500 - an increase of 8% on 1996.

In recognition of the continuing need to encourage learning of the Maori language, and the original intent of establishing a Wesleyan School for the benefit of Maori, grants were again made to Kura Kaupapa Maori, and Schools with Maori Immersion Units. The previous practice of also giving grants to schools in areas with particular difficulties or socio-economic problems was re-introduced. Again, these unsolicited grants drew a warm response from principals and heads of Units. It has been the practice of the Board to underwrite the annual Children's Camp at Camp Elsdon - this year they were able to break even.

The Board's farm advisor reports that the farm at Moutoa, near Foxton, continues to be well cared for.

We wish to thank Daphne Pratt, from Masterton, for her contribution and service during more than 18 years on the Board. The membership of the Board, which comes from both Taha Maori and Tauwi, is in the process of being strengthened.

Owen Prior, Chairman
Neville Price, Secretary

Suggested Decision:

1. That the Report be received.
2. The membership of the Board for 1998 is: Owen Prior (Chairman), Kiriini Gordon, Christine Kershaw, Bunny Winnie, Grant Bolitho, Murray Deadman, John Roberts, Keith Taylor, Lani Tupu, Barrie Woods, and Neville Price (Secretary).

TAUIWI NATIONAL RESOURCE PERSON EDUCATION

Preamble

The Mission Resourcing Unit Board, in consultation with the Co-ordinating Committee, believes that the resource people we seek for the future will need experience in comprehensive resourcing rather than departmental (or departmentalised) expertise.

Educational Resourcing in the Church is based on the Mission Statement of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and this will guide how the Appointee undertakes tasks.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Tauiwi National Resource Person - Education - is a national resource appointment. Te Mission Resourcing Unit and Te Taha Maori are in ongoing dialogue about their ways of working together, or separately, as a mutual commitment to the Bicultural journey. The applicant will need to work within the intention and sentiment of this relationship.

Aim: To offer wholistic educative skills and diverse resources which will enable Methodists and those associated with them to develop their faith.

Tasks: The Appointee will work to achieve this aim by:

- * Consultation with other resource people, and seeking to develop an integrated strategy for the further growth and nurture of all.
- * Encouraging the Tauiwi section of the Church to value and develop Christian Education.
- * Modelling and enabling educative styles that reflect the creativity of Church members from the oldest to the youngest.
- * Having special **responsibility** for the areas of:
 - bicultural education for the Tauiwi Church
 - education about sexual harassment/abuse
 - inter-generational ministry
 - facilitator and leader training
 - enabling groups to develop their own educative material
 - and other tasks as determined by the Board.

CONDITIONS:

- The Appointee will be supported by and accountable to the Mission Resourcing Unit.
- Office accommodation and back-up staff will be negotiated with the Mission Resourcing Unit.
- The Appointee will be required to have professional supervision and support, paid for by the Mission Resourcing Unit.
- Travel throughout New Zealand and sometimes overseas is necessary.
- The salary offered will be based upon a Methodist stipend.
- There will be performance appraisals at set intervals by the Mission Resourcing Unit Board.
- The job is equivalent to one full-time position. It requires flexibility of hours as evening and weekend work is necessary. A job share proposal will be considered.
- The Appointee could be situated anywhere there is easy access to air transport.
- This appointment is for three (3) years.

As the work of the Mission Resourcing Unit evolves there may be a need for some renegotiation of the above conditions.

PERSON PROFILE

Must have an empathy with the Methodist Church.

The Appointee must be a person committed to the Church's Bicultural Journey, and have a sound working knowledge of the Treaty of Waitangi and its implications for the Methodist Church.

Preference will be given to a person with:

- Qualifications and expertise that equips them for facilitating the development of comprehensive educational ministry.
- A sound theological rationale

- Skills to work cross-culturally
- Tertiary qualifications in education and in relationship skills
- Ability to design and carry out training programmes
- Good verbal, writing and research skills
- Proven ability to work in a team

The appointment could be filled by lay/ordained people.

Suggested decisions:

1. The Job Description is approved.
2. The Mission Resourcing Unit continue to review the nature and structure of comprehensive resourcing.

LAW REVISION

The Standing Committee meets as necessary during the year. Its task is to draft formal amendments to the Laws & Regulations of the Church, as requested or decided by the preceding Conference, sometimes after consultation with other Standing Committees, Boards or Parishes where any changes of present law are needed, and to prepare and present to the Conference Law Revision Committee of Detail (which meets just prior to Conference), those changes which are to be made this year.

The changes which are presented this year are summarised below, and will be presented to the Conference following examination by the Committee of Detail, and work during 1998 will depend on decisions of the Conference this year, and will include continuation of work begun during 1997.

During 1997, the Committee has dealt with a number of minor changes consequent upon decisions of Conference 1996, all the changes can be checked by any Conference member wishing to do so by perusing the changes in the law presented to this Conference.

There are several matters not presented to this Conference which the Committee has on its Agenda. These include the role of the President (which has been set aside until the outcome of the general discussion regarding the nature and role of the Presidency has been decided by the Church), the employment status of the Ministry (where the law is still evolving and Court decisions still awaited at the time of writing this Report may have considerable bearing) and provisions relating to complaints procedures, (where further work is still being done by the separate Committee reviewing those provisions). Work is not sufficiently progressed to present to Conference 1997, but the work will be presented by the Law Revision Committee to the Conference when ready.

The major re-ordering of the Law Book, referred to in the Report to Conference 1996, still needs to be worked on and is not ready for presentation to Conference this year.

One matter which the Committee notes as "fudged" in terms of present law is the status of probationers. It considers that this is a matter which needs to be looked at by the Faith & Order Standing Committee during 1998 and is reflected in suggested decision 4.5.

Regarding the Employment status of the Ministry, at time of preparation of this report a decision of the full Employment Court is awaited on an application made by Rev John Mabon. The issue argued before the Court related to the preliminary point as to whether or not the Employment Court had jurisdiction which, in turn, depends on whether a Minister is an "employee" for the purposes of the Employment Contracts Act. Whatever decision is eventually made by the Employment Court, the solicitors acting for the Church anticipate there will be an appeal to the Court of Appeal so it is unlikely that a definitive result will be available until mid-1998 at the earliest.

The issue of consensus decision-making has still not been finalised, and Conference and its Committees continue to operate in terms of the draft guidelines previously adopted.

Members of the Standing Committee are thanked for their work during 1997. The work is exacting and time-consuming as the Church needs clear law as a back-stop for its processes. All members of the Committee are available for re-appointment and no change in the membership is therefore suggested for 1998.

G H Peak — Convener

D J Phillipps — Acting Secretary

SUGGESTED DECISIONS

1. The report is received.
2. Conference receives the new and revised Law presented to it to be available for checking by members during the Conference.
3. Conference notes that the guidelines for consensus decision-making continue in use by Conference and its Committees until further decision of the Conference.
4. Conference notes and approves that the Questions under which Conference conducts its business under Section 6 have been amended to bring them into line with current practice.
5. Conference notes that the status of probationers is unclear in terms of the present law, and refers the issue of the status of probationers to the Faith & Order Standing Committee for clarification during 1998.
6. Conference notes that the Bi-Cultural Committee has yet to report to the Law Revision Committee regarding the possibility of re-ordering the Law Book so as to identify partnership law (things we do together), and Tauwi and Taha Maori law (things we do in separate groups or caucuses), and notes that the Law Revision Committee will work on this matter when it has the necessary information to proceed.
7. Conference adopts the new and revised law received by it in terms of Decision 2.
8. Membership of the Standing Committee in 1998 is:

Norman Brookes, Edgar Hornblow, Alan Woodley, Jan Tasker, David Smith, Peter Williamson, Geoff Peak (Convenor) and the General Secretary (Secretary).

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST MISSION

1997 Annual Report

Looking Back

Introduction

It has been an exciting year for the Christchurch Methodist Mission. A year in which a great deal of work done years earlier has come to completion. Four significant new service developments have been formally opened. Other developments prefigured in the strategic plan have been initiated and in some instances achieved.

It has been a year of consolidation with sustained focus given to the efficiency of systems and processes and the elimination of wasteful practices. It has also been a year of accelerating change. Ten of the Mission's 33 social services have been helped towards greater independence and autonomy from the Mission and the management of these change processes involve loss midst the joy.

A loss was Allen Dingwall, still active in the Mission until his death in September. In the late 1940's Allen led the work of the interdenominational Mission in the square. Upon handing over the leadership to Wilf Falkingham in 1951 Allen continued to serve on the Board of Management and in numerous other capacities. Conference recognised this extraordinary contribution when in 1988 it resolved "That Allen Dingwall's long and exemplary service with the Mission be recognised by his appointment as an Emeritus Board Member."

Leadership and Management

Following the 1996 Conference adoption of new position descriptions whereby the historic responsibilities of the Superintendent are shared with a General Manager, the Board decided to appoint immediately for reasons of transition and continuity. Sue Williams who had previously been the Special Projects Manager of the Mission was appointed and took up the duties as General Manager in March 1997. The Superintendent now focuses on strategic leadership, the 'what' and 'why' of the Mission's work. Sue is responsible for the effective and efficient management of the operations of the Mission, the 'who, when, where, at what cost', etc. Everyone involved believes this change has been most successful.

Te Roopu Manaaki

In line with the 1995 Strategic plan the Mission Board entered into a series of negotiations with the Trustees of the Rehua Marae to facilitate the transfer of the partnership services to the Marae. A protocol of understanding has been reached whereby the Mission provides appropriate financial support for the first few years until alternative income streams have been tapped. The Mission was delighted that the Rehua Trustees were able to take on the responsibility for the governance and management of all the services without any service closures or redundancies to existing staff.

Floyds Creative Craft Workshop

Good progress was made during the year to establish Floyds, a creative craft workshop for the disabled and unwaged, as an independent and autonomous charitable trust. After more than 20 years as a highly credible service of the Mission the grand hand over from the Mission Board to the Floyds Board of the governance together with all plant and equipment occurred with due celebration on Independence Day, 4th July.

The new Trust Board is made up of interested people drawn from various community groups. Interest and enthusiasm is high. With public funding secured for another year the seven teaching staff have been guaranteed ongoing work and plans are being prepared for the purchase of a new building to permanently house Floyds Workshop.

Lifeline

Similarly the Mission's goal of securing an independent future for Lifeline Christchurch through the creation of a charitable Trust Board is well on the way to achievement. The Mission has agreed to underwrite the Lifeline Christchurch deficit for three years or until the service is independently financially viable, whichever is the sooner. Fundraising staff are busily working to further raise the profile of Lifeline Christchurch to achieve that goal.

Marblewood Drive Subdivision

The Mission has this year developed the vacant backland behind the old South Island Methodist Children's Home in Harewood Road, Papanui. The Board entered into a joint venture of development with Suburban Estates Ltd who have made a beautiful job of subdividing the backland into 38 sections for sale. Since released on the market in May the first 18 have sold. The Mission Board is investing the expected \$3 million income from the development in a

trust fund, the earnings from which will be used exclusively for work with children and their families.

Wesley Harewood

The long awaited replacement for the now redundant Wesley Lodge and Hospital was opened by President Stan West in May of this year. Built on the site of the now demolished Methodist Children's Home the new hospital takes the form of 22 individual townhouse apartments and two houses each with eight bedrooms with ensuites. Each house and set of units has its own distinctive architectural style. It is unrecognisable as a hospital from the street.

The improvement in the quality of life for residents has been dramatic. All but the very confused enjoy a completely self-contained townhouse apartment including an open plan lounge and kitchen, separate bedroom and ensuite bathroom with a laundry. Though many residents are frail all are encouraged to preserve their control over their own apartment. With the support of staff residents are able to preserve life skills by undertaking those domestic chores of which they are still capable. Apartments are large enough to contain much loved furniture and treasures and to host family members who want to visit in privacy and even stay overnight. The increase in the involvement of friends and family in the care of elderly residents in this new facility is most encouraging.

In a cultural milieu ravaged by ageism, the Christchurch Mission is reinterpreting what it means to honour our mothers and fathers and is confident that in time this new standard set in the residential care of frail elderly people will become normative within New Zealand.

Wainoni

The Mission was glad to respond to a suggestion by the Wainoni Parish that we assist in the development of some vacant property adjoining the Wainoni Church. A Heads of agreement was entered into by which the Parish received the return from the sale of the property together with a half share in the profits generated by the creation of six houses adapted particularly for use by elderly citizens. The project has been both a financial and service success for all concerned and creates a helpful precedent for further joint ventures with Parishes in the upper South Island.

Marina Cove Community Club, Picton

The long awaited community centre was opened this year with over one hundred visitors and guests from the Nelson/Marlborough region in attendance. The community club serves as a focus for the Marina Cove village community. Downstairs facilities include a library and reading room, games

room and large spa pool. Upstairs is a large cafe complete with open fire and kitchen facilities, extensive balconies and decks overlooking the Marina. The whole facility is quite delightful and has spurred another rush of sales such that the Mission has sold all the available townhouse apartments.

The rest home serviced apartments continue to attract full occupancy.

Green Gables

It has been both sad and traumatic to negotiate the terms under which the Mission withdraws from its long and proud involvement in the Green Gables hospital and home in Nelson this year. This joint venture began in the ecumenical optimism of the early 1970s when the Mission had just received a 75% capital subsidy from the Government for a new hospital. The Mission was promptly invited by Presbyterian Support to add its efforts to their then small resthome service.

The partnership arrangement between Presbyterian Support and the Mission dissolved as per the constitution on the 5th December 1996. Presbyterian Support has yet to pay the Mission out its share of the now multi-million dollar equity because the two parties have been unable to agree on their respective shares. Support has offered 10%. The Mission believes it is entitled to a half share.

The Mission has yet to receive a satisfactory explanation from Presbyterian Support for the winding up of the partnership and is confident that were Presbyterian Support an integral part of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand as our Mission's are of the Methodist Church, such a potentially disastrous abandonment of our ecumenical endeavour would have been avoided.

Fairhaven Preschool and Nursery

With the demolition of the old children's home the Papis Infant Care Centre lost its home. After an unfortunate half year recess a new purpose built facility has been constructed, enlarging the existing Fairhaven Preschool which operates only 150 metres away from the old site. Fairhaven Preschool now includes a nursery catering for up to 10 infants aged from 0-2 years. A grand opening was held on the first day of Spring.

Looking Ahead

Social Policy and Research Unit

The Mission is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Peter Nelson as the Senior Researcher for the Social Policy and Research Unit effective from October 1997. Peter Nelson has a distinguished record of social science research achievement in Australia and the USA.

The unit has its genesis in the strategic plan prepared by the Board in 1995. The Mission Board and management has long been concerned that the Mission needs state of the art information about social policy, community need and service innovation and development. As the Mission continues to speak with a prophetic voice in this well informed and rapidly changing world, the credibility of the information and analysis available to us is paramount.

The Research Unit will be available to staff, Board members and for contract work to other organisations and will assist with: targeting, developing and evaluating services; the development of a proactive public advocacy role; and in influencing national and regional social policy development.

The unit will not be simply reflecting on the work the Mission is doing, particularly with children and their families and assessing the quality of the outcomes involved, but will be enquiring into the issues and factors underlying individual and community angst.

Rehua Properties

The Mission remains the title holder to an array of properties which are all vested in Ngai Tahu as Maori Reserve. It is hoped that negotiations with Taha Maori and the wider connexion will see these properties gifted to the Rehua Trust Board in the near future.

Dixon House

A group of 12 new units have been developed for the frail elderly adjoining the resthome in Greymouth. These units are available on a licence to occupy basis and meet an urgent need in the community for those otherwise at risk of premature institutionalisation. The opening of this new ecumenical facility is planned for October 18th 1997.

Wesley Site

The Board's asset management plan aimed to hold the attractive Park Terrace - Bealey Avenue hospital site long-term. Options ranged from long-term lease to a joint partnership for residential services or developing our own services. Despite exhaustive investigation of options none of these have

proved feasible, partly because of the complication of the Heritage orders applying to the two historic houses on site. The Mission has come reluctantly to the conclusion that the wisest course of action is to sell and invest the income elsewhere.

Marina Cove

The Mission is proceeding with the building of the next six town house apartments at Marina Cove. The foundations are already in place and offers of purchase have already been received for three. After such a long struggle to win community support for Marina Cove it is satisfying to hear widespread acknowledgement of its value to the Picton Community and

Appointment of Superintendent

The Mission Board and Durham Street Parish Council were delighted that the 4+4 appointing group recommended the appointment of Rev. Dr. David Bromell to the Council of Conference. David is a presbyter of exceptional skill and ability who, by the time he takes up the appointment on 1st February 1998, will have had the benefit of 15 months experience of the Mission as a parish minister, board member and colleague of mission managers and the outgoing Superintendent.

Leaders of both the Mission and Parish have every confidence that the work of social service ministry in the upper South Island will thrive and prosper in new ways under his leadership.

Timothy Langley
Superintendent
and on behalf of the Board

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the Report be received.

Methodist AFFIRM

Report to Conference 1997

This busy year for AFFIRM began with a special meeting at the beginning of the year to plan and vision the future for AFFIRM, and to forward plan.

Vision New Zealand Congress.

The President of Methodist AFFIRM, Bryan White, was able to join with 300 or so Church Leaders from across the country from many denominations, including Protestant, Pentecostal, and Roman Catholic. There were quite a number of Methodists as well. The Congress consisted of a number of presentations and discussions. The Mission Statement of calling "the whole Church to take the whole Gospel to the whole Nation" clearly meant different concepts to different people attending, but the evangelical thrust could not be denied.

Summer Wine 1997.

The President of AFFIRM and his family took up the challenge and attended the Anglican AFFIRM "Summer Wine" Camp at Lake Taupo in January. It was extremely well organised from camp security to creche facilities and programmes for children and youth and adults. Three camps ran back to back to cope with numbers, and the one the White family attended was a great success. Even a cyclone passing through could not dampen the spirits of those in tents.

“To see Methodism reborn to Scriptural Christianity”.

In January , a special executive meeting was called with the express purpose of setting direction, rather than handling business. After praying, and listening to the Holy Spirit and visioning it was decided to “See Methodism reborn to Scriptural Christianity” as a working goal. When this goal is reached, Methodist AFFIRM can reassess its raison d’ etre.

Joint AFFIRM Work: Newsletters and Booklets.

Members from the three AFFIRM Groups, (Anglican, Methodist, and Presbyterian), meet together regularly throughout the year to inform and support each other, and plan together. We look at oecumenical issues and have considered appointing a part or full time co-ordinator.

The subject of joint and multiple AFFIRM Newsletters is being looked into with a view to restructuring. The AFFIRM Publications group has published the first in a series of booklets on a variety of topics. These include: “What is the Bible”, Christian Marriage”, and Euthanasia. Demand for these monographs is high, and seven more are in the process of being written, with another thirty or so topics in mind. They are 20 to 24 pages in length and are very readable.. George Bryant has more details. (C/- P.O. Box 58, Pukekohe).

Kosovo - Our Connecting Congregation.

While we are coming near the end of our three year commitment to this Albanian speaking Methodist Congregation, support is still needed. Ivan Whyte has taken on the role as contact person seriously

and it is good to be involved with the world-wide Methodist Church Family in this way.

Other executive members who provide considerable energy are Don Biggs (Secretary) and Edgar Hornblow who always seems bubbling with enthusiasm.

Convention '96.

The 1996 Pre-conference Convention was held at Wesley Methodist Church, Mount Roskill. The speaker was Dr. Beryl Howie who had for many years been a missionary Doctor in India. Beryl spoke from this background into the topic of "Mission".

Convention 1997 will be at Wesley Church Upper Hutt. The theme is: *"Being Evangelical within the Whole Church"*.

Theological Consultation.

The joint AFFIRMS biennial consultation was held at Wesley Hall, St. Johns-Trinity Theological College in September. Those gathering enjoyed the challenge and fellowship of the occasion.

Queen's Birthday Weekend Renewal Weekend.

Once again this year the gathering was held at Mission Bay camp Lake Taupo. A very large group gathered to hear Rob and Lyn Packer speak on the theme of Worship in the church today. The teaching and interactive sessions were enjoyable and thought provoking.

Sunday afternoon saw the almost traditional now, trip to Mount Ruapehu for those who wished to go. (This year all rocks and no snow). The children's programme was ably run by Scripture Union

staff: Andrew Ramsbottom, and Don Biggs and daughter Elizabeth assisted.

Future Directions of Te Haahi Weteriana.

Many Methodist people, and not just those from AFFIRM, have expressed concern at the direction the Methodist Church appears to be taking in the matter of human sexuality. This has been especially highlighted by possible appointments of self declared homosexuals. The AFFIRM Executive wish to state again that opposition does not come from sexual orientation, but wider issues, such as;

First: the Standards of sexual conduct in leadership in the Christian Church, with many of our people holding the standard of "celibacy in singleness and faithfulness in marriage" as essential in Christian leadership.

And secondly the contentious nature of any appointment within the Connexion outside of this ethic. We ask the whole church to be very conscious of potential division over this issue one way or another.

Methodist AFFIRM looks forward to a positive and exciting 1998 Connexional year.

Recommendations:

The report be received.

The Executive be as advised to the Conference.

PAC MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS FUND

Grants made 1997

Many applications were received for funding from this Fund but unfortunately a number did not meet the criteria for assistance.

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Grants to:	
- Springland Methodist Church	825
- St Albans Hamilton	100
- Paeroa Community Support Trust	1,000
- Invercargill Methodist Parish	1,000
- Glen Innes Co-operating Parish	1,400
- Waikato/Waiariki District	1,000
- Church Life Survey	5,000
- Methodist Womens Fellowship	3,000
- Mission Resourcing Unit –Youth	10,000
- St John's Raumanga	3,200
- St Andrews Co-operating	300
- Epworth Retreat & Recreation Centre	500
- 1998 Youth Camp	3,000
- Central Complaints Committee	1,500
- Te Atatu Union	3,750
- Samoan Synod	85
- Mission Resourcing Unit	10,000
- Community Services Council	500
- Council of Conference	2,500
- Community of Women & Men	600
- Rural Ministry Publication	1,000
- Fijian Indian Fellowship	573
- E Shamy (assist publication of book)	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>\$51,833</u>

Suggested Decision:

- 1 That the Report be received.

COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1997

A. LOOKING BACK

THEOLOGY

Theology sessions have become a significant part of the regular agenda of the Council, providing a basis for its work. *The Bible and the Treaty* was the theme under the general heading of Gospel and Cultural. This picked up reported comments from Tariana Turia's speech regarding the Treaty and the Ten Commandments. The resource paper used went around the Connexion in the 10th of the month mailing. At the August and October meetings, the theology sessions were incorporated as part of the decolonisation sessions.

The preparation and facilitation of the theology sessions was shared between the two caucus groups.

THE BICULTURAL JOURNEY

As we have previously discovered since embarking on our Church's Bicultural Journey, new understandings and stages inevitably arise as we travel the journey. In the life of the Council we have come to understand more of what the concept of decolonisation might mean for us. This has been enhanced through a workshop on decolonisation facilitated by Winifred Murray and John Salmon at the August meeting of the Council. At the October meeting, decolonisation in terms of Ministry and Leadership was the theme of two sessions facilitated by Margaret Hamilton and Winifred.

CONNEXIONAL APPOINTMENTS

The following 4+4 meetings took place during the year for the first year of the two year process:

Methodist Mission Northern
Chaplain Wesley College

Tauiwi Resource Person - Education
Principal Trinity Theological College
and for the second year of the process:
Christchurch Methodist Mission
General Secretary

RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION

Council of Conference recommends the following persons be received as Presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference:

Ian MacLeod
Christina Morunga
Fatuatia Tufuga
Gordon Abernethy

And from another Church:

David Bromell

FITZROY CROWN GRANTS

A meeting took place with representatives, from the Wesley College Trust Board, Trinity College Council, Pitt Street Trust, and Te Taha Maori to discuss the intention of the grants and how the original dream may be continued in today's context. It was obvious that further discussions need to take place under a general heading of the place of education in the church today. A pivotal question was: *How do we perceive the intentions in today's context within educational and training programmes and institutions in terms of (for example)*

- social, political and economic justice;
- providing spiritual, emotional and physical environments of safety;
- equipping children with skills that produce useful, caring citizens;
- encouraging people to discover, use and share their gifts;
- working towards creating an Aotearoa as God intended it to be;
- continuing the bicultural journey of the Methodist Church and
- dealing with society's violence and looking to non-violent decision making processes.

Mervyn Dine has been asked to continue as Convenor of the group.

WESLEY COLLEGE REVIEW

At the October meeting, Council of Conference received a letter from the Wesley College Trust Board indicating that they would support a review of the role and effectiveness of Wesley College as an educational institution in the name of the Methodist Church (as stated in the Memorial from Auckland District Synod)

Council of Conference, noting the urgency of the matter, has asked a working group of Council of Conference Members based in Auckland, to clarify the terms of reference and consider possible names of a reviewer or reviewers. It is expected that the cost of the review will be the responsibility of the Wesley College Trust Board.

NOMINATIONS TO THE PAC DISTRIBUTION GROUP

Council of Conference brings the following nominations for membership to the PAC Distribution Group: Jenny Winter (*Lay person, Broad Bay Methodist Church, Dunedin*) and Siniva Moli. (*Lay person, Tongan Fellowship, Dominion Road Auckland*)

MMA REVIEW

In view of the proposed agenda of MMA AGM and Forum it was agreed by the Council of Conference that the proposed review would not proceed. At the October meeting Council received a report of the forum and would like more time to discuss the content. Questions raised asked whether this is to be a Taiuiwi service only and is the task of the Missions social services only, or will it also include advocacy, theological reflection and education? Conversations are to continue.

THE TREATY OF WAITANGI AND IMMIGRATION POLICY

Up to August 1997, only one response had been received by the Joint Public Questions Committee to questions posed for study by last year's Conference. The committee plans to report to the April 1998 meeting of the Council and hopes for further feedback in the mean time.

CROSSLINK

In an ongoing conversation at Council of Conference on *Crosslink*, members gave some reflections of their hopes and ideals for the paper. Concerns focused on the lack of depth in articles and of Methodist and Co operating Ventures foci. *Crosslink* holds little interest for Te Taha Maori readers. While these were concerns of Council members, it was not clear if they were shared by the wider readership.

Council of Conference is asking that Conference approves the suggested decision to explore the effectiveness of *Crosslink* as a communication medium for the Church.

YEAR 2000

The Council does not see this as a priority for the national Church. However Regions or Parishes may wish to share in local forms of recognition and that the President for that year be free to provide some form of focus should he or she choose.

MEMBERSHIP IN 1997

Both Taiuiwi and Te Taha Maori have had difficulty finding 10 members each to attend the Council meetings. Both groups have a pool of substitutes but there have been times when those listed are not able to attend. It is not easy either for the continuation of the business when membership changes so much.

Those attending during 1997

for Te Taha Maori (including substitutes) have been: Elaine Dell (Co Convenor), Markus Rogers, John Roberts, Brian Eagle, Diana Tana, Riripeti Polwart, Aroha Houston, Ripia Rountree, Te Rua Winiata, Paewhenua Nathan, Lana Lazarus
Caucus Resource People: Nga Kaiarahi

Taiuiwi (including substitutes) (Co Convenor) Nicola Grundy, June Higham, Douglas Rogers, Kenneth Smith, Jan Tasker, 'Eveli Taungapeau, Suiva'aia Teo, Fletcher Thomas, Vane Vatucicila, Norman West, Roger Biddle, Desmond Cooper, Andrea Williamson, Lupeti Fihaki, Charlie Fenwick, John Murray.

Caucus Resource People: John Murray, Frank Hanson, John Salmon

LOOKING FORWARD

The sessions on decolonisation will be pursued in 1998 as members continue to explore the various aspects of this section of the bicultural journey. The workshop style of the sessions, enables members to achieve a prime role of the Council, - visioning. Understanding our Methodist colonial history and that de-colonisation is a gradual ongoing process, already happening at the turn of the 20th century, has given energy and encouragement for what lies ahead. It is hoped that these learnings and understandings can be shared widely throughout the church during 1998.

Mission Resourcing Unit and Te Taha Maori are planning a **Training Workshop** early in 1998 to help both Caucus groups increase the number of skilled trained members and substitutes. It is envisaged that this will be a two day event - one day when Taiuiwi and Te Taha Maori will work separately and one day for shared training sessions at Whakatuora.

CO CONVENORS FOR 1998

The Co Convenors for 1998 will be Riripeti Polwart (Te Taha Maori) and Kenneth Smith (Taiuiwi).

SUGGESTED DECISIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. Members of Council of Conference wish to recognise the work of Nicola Grundy and Elaine Dell as the first Co Convenors of the Council. They pioneered a style of working that enabled both Caucus groups to facilitate sessions as a team; for the total work to be shared; for every meeting to be well organised and material prepared ahead of time. As a result, meetings became focused and tasks completed; neither caucus group dominates and ways ahead are negotiated. Their work and efforts have been affirmed and valued.
Council of Conference also wish to thank Members who are coming off Council of Conference. They include: Fletcher Thomas, Doug Rogers, June Higham and Hao Erueti.
3. Conference asks the Council of Conference to initiate and explore the effectiveness of *Crosslink* as a communication medium for the Church.
4. Nominees to the PAC distribution group be: Jenny Winter and Siniva Moli.

SINOTI SAMOA EKALESIA METOTISI I NIU SILA.

SAMOAN SYNOD NEW ZEALAND METHODIST CHURCH.

Report to Conference 1997.

INTRODUCTION:

This is the second year the Sinoti Samoa has been operating as a Synod within our New Zealand Methodist Church structure and since our last report at the last Conference most of our energy has been devoted in working on strategies in identifying specific needs/problems within the various areas of our Samoan Ministry. The main emphasis of our work thus far is in the area of Youth and young people as well as looking at the structure of our total ministry within the connexion. While our work amongst our existing congregations and youth groups is reasonably progressing well within the connexion, we are also focusing our attention on establishing meaningful dialogue with other Samoan congregations who are not in the Sinoti Samoan setting.

YOUTH:

The Youth Co ordinator with the assistance of the Samoan Presbyters as well as the local congregations within our Samoan Ministry have been working very closely in designing structured programmes to cater for the needs of all ages of our Samoan youth and young people.

For example, during the last 10 months seminars and rallies were held in the main centres of the Regions for leadership training, bible studies, cultural and language learning as well as plays were the main focus on these occasions. Outside wellknown sportsmen and entertainers as well as outside speakers on these activities were involved. These proved very successful.

OTHER GROUP ACTIVITIES:

Local preachers: Training for Samoan local preachers continue to be the main work initiated by the Samoan Presbyters and a number of those on training are on the increase.

Sunday School: Sunday School becomes the responsibility of the Samoan Local Congregation Presbyter who organises and set up their own local structure to suit their own situation. Sunday School materials are normally prepared and translated by the Youth Co ordinator. However, Samoan Presbyters do sometimes have the freedom to set their own programmes to supplement the materials prepared by the Youth Co ordinator should they feel the need to do so.

Reports received by the recent Sinoti Samoa in August showed that the work on this area has been markedly improved and on an increase in terms of numbers and the quality of Sunday School teaching materials and staff.

Mafutaga Tama'ita'i: (Samoan Women's Fellowship).

At present the number of registered members of the Samoan Mafutaga Tama'ita'i is over 350 since the inception of the Sinoti Samoa. At its last report during the Sinoti Samoa in August new members are still being received.

The work of the Mafutaga Tama'ita'i is at present focused on the youth/kids at risk not only within the Methodist Church but also through its outreach programmes within the wider community. These programmes will continue to be the focus in the ensuing year.

Executive meetings:

The Executive (Komiti Fa'afao) met four times this year and most of its work involved dealing with matters referred to by the Conference, the Sinoti Samoa or any other urgent matters received from the four Regions.

MATTERS RAISED AT THE SINOTI SAMOA MEETING IN AUGUST 1997.

Youth Co ordinator's Stipend:

At our last Conference the issue of funding the Samoan Youth Co ordinator's stipend in line with the Palagi Youth Co ordinators was raised. The Conference decided to refer the matter to the MRU for consideration and further action. At this stage the Sinoti Samoa has not yet received any information as to the outcome of the MRU's decision. The Sinoti Samoa would like to be informed as to what the position is with regard to this issue as the Sinoti Samoa is still finding it difficult to fund the Samoan Youth Co odinator's stipend from its limited budget.

Connexional Budget Grant.

At its annual Synod last August the Sinoti Samoa requests Conference to continue its annual grant to the Sinoti Samoa until such time our own financial structure has been clarified.

Matters of concern: (Homosexual issue)

At its annual synod the Sinoti Samoa raised their concerns over the homosexual issue again.

Sinoti Samoa is strongly opposed to an appointment of any practising homosexual to any position of responsibility/authority within our New Zealand Methodist Church.

Sinoti Samoa had already made its reasons known to the whole Church at our previous Conferences as to why we strongly objected to this issue and will continue to do so in future.

TRIBUTES

To Rev Tanielu Sa'o and his wife Tifa'i for their well earned retirement at this Conference. Sinoti Samoa expresses our gratitude for Rev Tanielu's work within the New Zealand Methodist Church especially amongst his own Samoan people. We wish him and Tifa'i well on their retirement.

To Mrs Piula Su: (Deacon) for her work amongst the Samoans and the wider community in Gisborne.

Mrs Piula Su has been unwell for sometime and we send her our warm greetings and speedy recovery. Mrs Su and her late husband John Su are well known for their work amongst the Samoan people and the wider community in Gisborne. We wish her well.

To Rev Fisiga Tuimaseve (deceased). We send our deepest sympathy to Mrs Tuimaseve and the family for the loss of their loved one.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The year 1998 has been set aside by our Methodist Church to carry out its review on all sections of our Church.

Sinoti Samoa will carry out its own reflections on its total ministry in 1998. Its findings will be sent to our Annual Synod in August with its final recommendations to Conference in 1998.

DATES OUR ANNUAL SYNOD:

Concerns had been raised by our Connexional Office Christchurch about the timing of our Samoan annual Synod dates of meetings. Last year and the year before our Annual Synods were held towards the end of August. This tends to be too late to notify the Connexional office of any information of importance to report to Conference.

This matter was raised at our last Synod and it was decided to hold our future Annual Synods at the first week of August in line with other Synod meetings.

The dates for our Samoan Annual Synod in 1998 are: 7, 8 and 9 August 1998.

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1, That the report be received.
- 2, That Conference continues to fund the Sinoti Samoa through its connexional budget until such time the Sinoti Samoa clarifies its financial position.

The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa

-- Wesley College Trust Board

Connexional Resource Appointment

Chaplain to Wesley College, Paerata

Job Description and Person Profile

Wesley College is committed to the bicultural journey of Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa.

Job Description

The special nature of Wesley College is reflected in the total staff team, one of whom is the Chaplain.

The special nature includes

- Methodist ethos (eg history, bicultural journey, mission statement, inclusiveness and ecumenical commitment)
- spirituality
- multi racial community
- student roll of 400
- co-educational at senior level
- boarding and day school
- emphasis on College as community
- policy of accepting some students in social need

The Chaplain's role is to uphold and foster this special nature.

Responsibilities of the Chaplain

- 1 To enable creative leadership in worship and spiritual life
 - College community
 - appropriate Sunday celebrations in chapel and elsewhere
 - students' contemporary faith development which may include preparation for baptism, confirmation, responsible church membership.
- 2 To enable the community to model caring pastoral relationships within the College community - students, staff, families of both staff and students.
- 3 To ensure pastoral care and support is available for all students.
- 4 Include some teaching of the Life and Faith programme under the oversight of the Principal. Curriculum development will be in consultation with the Trust Board.

- 5 To be involved in the life of the College which will include attendance at staff and Head of Department meetings.
- 6 In accordance with the partnership expressed in the bicultural journey, to seek and develop an ongoing relationship with Taha Maori.
- 7 To attend regular supervision with an approved supervisor, paid for by the Trust Board.

Person Profile

The applicant:

- 1 Will be an ordained presbyter of the Methodist Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- 2 Will be conversant and in sympathy with the ethos of the Methodist Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- 3 Sees her/himself on a spiritual journey which expresses the life of Christ and is committed to working towards a spirituality appropriate to Aotearoa New Zealand.
- 4 Is secure in her/his own cultural identity and has experience of other cultures.
- 5 Likes working with young people and is able to communicate with them.
- 6 Has confidence and experience in dealing with complex issues of life and faith with young people.
- 7 Will have proven experience in the areas of teaching, pastoral care and facilitation, and an ability to work in a team.
- 8 Will possess leadership skills, including ability to delegate and encourage leadership in others.
- 9 Will show evidence of ability and willingness to work as a team.

Conditions of Employment

- 1 The Chaplain is a Methodist Connexional Resource appointee, accountable to the Trust Board.
- 2 The Chaplain is required to live in the parsonage provided adjacent to the chapel on the campus.
- 3 The Wesley College Trust Board shall pay the Chaplain's stipend and allowances as set down by Conference. The Chaplain is required to undertake supervision paid for by the Trust Board.
- 4 The Chaplain will work in a collegial relationship with the Principal, acknowledging that the Principal is responsible for the day-to-day running of the school.
- 5
 - a The standard leave provisions for a presbyter shall apply to this appointment. Annual leave must be taken during school term breaks.
 - b Long leave and study leave taken at negotiated times.
 - c The Chaplain is entitled to one and a half days off per week which shall normally be Saturday afternoon and Monday.
- 6 There is a small chapel fund for incidental expenses, of which the Chaplain is in charge.
- 7 The Trust Board provides a chaplaincy committee for support.

If this was to be a team appointment, the Board would have a flexible approach regarding hours, salary, etc.

REPORT FOR CONFERENCE 1997

ON

Appointment process for President and Vice President

Conference 1996 recognised the importance of selecting the President and Vice President in a way that is appropriate to both Treaty partners. Tauwi Caucus at Conference gave a commitment to discussing seriously in 1997 among Tauwi at all levels a possible selections process and Conference asked Tauwi Forum to guide this and work with Taha Maori through the Council of Conference to bring a recommendation to Conference 1997

Noting the Church no longer used the Westminster style of decision-making but a consensus model in its decision making process except for President and Vice President, Conference was asked some time ago to look at a more relevant way of appointing President and Vice President. At present Conference members vote to decide who will be the President and Vice President elect. This means that Taha Maori (one of the partners) is disadvantaged as they do not have equal numbers at Conference. In selecting a new process Tauwi Forum believes we should address the issues of justice and equity within the Church's bicultural journey, particularly in respect to understandings of democracy and partnership.

Responses from Synods to this process were inconclusive without alternatives being suggested. As this is a partnership issue Tauwi Forum and Council of Conference are asking Conference to trial this process from 1997 for three years, and then to review it.

OUTLINE OF PARTNERSHIP PROCESS

Nominations from Taha Maori, Synods/UDC,
Advisory Committee by 31st August.



General Secretary sends names of all
nominees to all groups.



**TAHA MAORI
PROCESS
NOMINATIONS IN
THEIR WAY.**



TAUIWI PROCESS:

Tauwi caucus at
Conference indicate
preference for President
and Vice President. (In
committee). Any of the
four (Fiji, Pakeha,
Samoan, Tongan) may
choose to consider the
nomination separately

Tauwi panel meet to
form a list of preferences.



Dialogue between partners (Taha Maori and Tauwi) who
will bring to Conference the two names.



Conference affirms President and Vice President elect.

Tauwi Forum identified five steps in the process:

- a) the calling for nominations;
- b) the sharing of information on nominees;
- c) the dual Taha Maori/Tauwi processes;
- d) the shared 'partnership dialogue' on the nominees leading to the choice of a name;
- e) the affirmation by Conference.

TAUIWI PROCESS

Step 1:

Letter from the General Secretary calling for nominations for President and Vice President is sent to Taha Ma ori, all Synods, Northland UDC, Advisory Committees.

Step 2.

The General Secretary sends names of all nominees and supporting material to all nominating groups and, later, to all attending Conference (as part of the agenda material).

Step 3

Tauwi follows the following suggested process.

Step 4

The Conference meeting of the Tauwi Caucus receives and considers (in committee) all the nominations. Any of the parties (Fiji, Pakeha, Samoan, Tongan) may choose to consider the nominations separately and provide their response to the panel.

OR

Tauwi Caucus members will have a single vote for each of President and Vice President to determine their ranking of nominees.

The scrutineers will provide the Tauwi panel with the ranked lists for partnership dialogue with Taha Maori.

The Tauwi 'panel' will prepare either a short list of preferences, or a single list in order of preference, and may bring to the partnership dialogue whatever background to their process as seems appropriate.

PARTNERSHIP DIALOGUE

Taiuiwi Panel:

Will comprise of up to five Taiuiwi members of Council of Conference.

Taiuiwi members of Council of Conference will choose their members for the panel at their October meeting.

Taha Maori Panel:

Will comprise of up to five Taha Maori members.

Step 1

The partnership dialogue between Taha Maori and Taiuiwi will determine its own way of working. It will bring to Conference the two names for Conference to affirm as President and vice President.

Step 2

Conference will affirm the appointment of President and vice President elect by standing.

Suggested Decisions

1. The report be received.
2. Conference agrees to trial and monitor this process from 1997.
3. The process be reviewed in 2000 by the Council of Conference.

HOUSING REVIEW

FOR INCLUSION IN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE

During 1997, the Board of Administration formed a sub-committee to "consider the issues of an appropriate housing allowance and related matters." The Board discussed the interim report brought to them by this Committee and agreed to bring the content of that report to Conference, with a suggested decision that it be referred to Synods and Parishes for comment during 1998.

The Housing Review Committee believes it important that the first step in this process is to agree basic principles that form the basis of further discussions. We therefore bring the following suggested principles, not listed in order of priority.

- 1. Itinerancy of ministry is important to the Church and the basis upon which most presbyteral ministry is undertaken.**

This is represented by the practice of stationing each presbyter on an annual basis.

- 2. Mutuality of ministry is a foundation of the Church, recognising that general equality is the aim as absolute equality has too many variables to be able to be achieved.**
- 3. In recognition of this, there is a standard remuneration package offered to presbyters to enable them to exercise their ministry, ie stipend, housing, car and other allowances.**
- 4. The Church provides stipend and housing for the presbyter with a process in place for all stationed presbyters who wish to negotiate for other than standard stipend or housing provision.**

The following Conference decision was noted:

"That where no Church provided accommodation is available and presbyters live in their own homes, the President may, on the recommendation of the Development Division and the Synod authorise the payment of a housing allowance greater than 1/6. This allowance to be reviewed each year."

Minutes of Conference 1982 p232 Decision 3(c)

5. There is a place for ministers to provide their own housing and, in keeping with the recognition of mutuality of ministry, there should be a standard in the allowance made.

A presbyter who purchases housing in a particular area and then uses that fact as a reason limiting itinerancy should realise that that situation may limit the Church's ability to provide a station for that presbyter.

6. Any arrangement for living in other than the parsonage/church house should be equitable and neither advantage nor disadvantage the presbyter, the parish or the Church. Any such arrangements shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Administration.

There is a current anomaly that needs attention - currently if a parish sells an unoccupied parsonage they are required to invest the capital in MTA, with compounding interest, which leaves them with no income from which to pay housing allowance.

7. If a presbyter chooses to provide and live in their own housing there can be no guarantee that future stationing will be within travelling distance of that home.
8. If a presbyter chooses to provide and live in their own housing and that housing is outside the parish within which they exercise their ministry, the cost of travelling to and from the parish is the responsibility of the presbyter.
9. The provision of housing in retirement is the responsibility of the presbyter; however, the Church will endeavour to encourage presbyters to plan for their retirement.

Suggested decisions:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the report be referred to Synods and Parishes for decision, report or comment to the Board of Administration by 30 June 1998.

GENERAL SECRETARY APPOINTMENT
Report of the meeting between Te Taha Maori and
Board of Administration, to the
Council of Conference request.

The Meeting, called by the Council of Conference was held at the Connexional Office on Friday, 24 October. The following people were present: **Te Taha Maori** - Elaine Dell, Paewhenua Nathan, John Roberts, Te Rua Winiata; **Board of Administration** - Ruth Bilverstone, Murray Clark, Donald Phillipps, Kenneth Smith. **In attendance** - Stan West

There was considerable discussion on the process of the 4 + 4 so far and the experiences of the participants. The Meeting reflected on the process used within the 4 + 4 and acknowledged the difficulties that had been experienced. It was recognised that there is a need for mutual listening, an identification of assumptions, the need for confidentiality and to disregard lobbying, and to recognise the place for compromise and negotiation. These issues need to be carefully taken into account as the 4 + 4 continues its work. It was also recognised that more time may need to be given to the interview process.

It was agreed that we would not be in a position to bring a recommendation to Conference about a designation, for General Secretary, in 1998.

The meeting proposes that the following process should be put in place to enable an appointment to be made:

1. The Board of Administration, immediately after Conference, is to circulate Te Taha Maori, Synods, U.D.C's; Advisory Committees, Boards/Committees and Parishes seeking both nominations and applications for the position of General Secretary.
2. Nominations and applications are to be open to all Presbyters and Laypersons.
3. Responses are to be received by the Board of Administration by February 28th, 1998.
4. The response should include some statement of support for the nominee.
5. All nominees/applicants will be asked to provide C V's, personal statements and the names of two referees (one of whom should be a layperson). The Board of Administration will ensure that the CV's, personal statements, and referees statements are obtained.

6. The 4 + 4 will meet during March for interviews.
7. When a decision has been reached this will be reported to the May meeting of the Council of Conference.
8. The Council of Conference will then advise the Connexion, confirming the name it will bring to Conference for its approval in November 1998.

The Connexion is urged to treat the process with the utmost seriousness, and to offer nominations and/or encourage applications to be made for this appointment.

Suggested Decision:

1. That the Report be received

RESTRUCTURING REPORT TO CONFERENCE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The following report was prepared by the Mission Resourcing Unit in consultation with Sinoti Samoa. It was discussed by the Restructuring Group and is presented to Conference for endorsement.

PRESBYTERS: SINOTI SAMOA

- a) * Belong to and are accountable to Sinoti if:
- deployed in Samoan parish as an Itinerate Presbyter
 - they are a Local Presbyter, who has candidate and been ordained for Samoan congregation.
- * Are part of Sinoti, but may attend District Synods as observers. District Synods cannot ask Sinoti Presbyters to undertake District tasks without the prior consent of Sinoti.
- b) * Are accountable to a District Synod and share in the life of Sinoti if:
- they are deployed as English speaking Presbyters in English speaking parishes.
 - they are deployed in a parish in which they are expected to minister to both English speaking and Samoan speaking congregations. (For Samoan matters they shall refer to Sinoti).
- * Are part of the District Synod, but are expected to participate as observers in Sinoti. If they are involved in ministry to both English and Samoan speaking congregations, then the sharing of District and Sinoti responsibilities will be by agreement between Sinoti and District Superintendents.
- c) Deployment:
- * Samoan presbyters, having candidate through the Sinoti, unless given Conference approval to transfer, shall be deployed by the Sinoti through the Tauivi Stationing process.
 - * Samoan presbyters available as English and Samoan speaking shall prepare a profile indicating the Superintendent (either District or Sinoti) who shall act as their advocate. Their personal hopes in ministry shall be noted. However, they will be deployed by Stationing in the best interests of the whole church - that is both District and Sinoti Stationing representatives can make a case to have them stationed in one of their parishes.
 - * Samoan Presbyters will prepare a profile to be consistent with Stationing processes.

PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS:

A Samoan Parish is one which is entirely Samoan speaking, has Samoan ministry and is under the discipline and oversight of the Sinoti Superintendent.

- if seeking a presbyteral appointment they shall prepare a profile
- they participate fully in the life of the Sinoti
- they may attend District Synods as observers only
- they contribute to the Connexional budget through the Sinoti. Sinoti may levy the parish for their expenses.

A Samoan congregation is one which is integrated into an English speaking parish sharing in its life, administration, and property, but gathers for specific Samoan language services and as such:

- are part of the Samoan Sinoti and share in its life
- contribute to the Connexional budget through the District allocation
- contribute to the Sinoti through a Sinoti levy. (Districts cannot levy Samoan congregations within English speaking parishes.)

Or

They gather as a multi-cultural congregational sharing a common language and therefore:

- are entirely part of the District Synod and have only observer status in the Samoan Synod.

CANDIDATURE:

- * Candidates for Samoan language congregations/parishes must candidate through Sinoti.
- * At National Assessment, it is preferable to have two assessors involved, not one as at present.
- * Multi-cultural candidature is through District Candidates Convenor, but early signals between District and Sinoti as to proceeding together.

Suggested Decision:

1. That the Report be received

TAUIWI YOUTH BOARD

Report to Conference 1997

The Board has met, or attempted to meet, on three occasions since last Conference. With the resignation of Ofa Mone as Tongan Youth Worker, a key person in the group was lost. Generally it has been difficult to establish a mandate for the group, with funding debates, future direction discussions often going nowhere because the participating Taiuiwi groups gave priority to their own specific needs and were not able to focus on the the needs of the whole.

The Taiuiwi Youth Board would like to record its thanks and appreciation to 'Ofa Mone and to Russell Fleet, both of whom were key members of the Board. They will be missed.

At the September meeting it was agreed that energy and funds could be better directed for the benefit of youth. The Taiuiwi Youth Board therefore brings to Conference the suggested decision that Taiuiwi Youth Board close. In the future Taiuiwi Youth will relate directly to the Mission Resourcing Unit Board through their respective cultural groups. The Mission Resourcing Unit will continue to manage the funds and distribute the remaining P.A.C. Training Fund.

Suggested Decision:

1. The Report be received.
2. Conference thanks all who have been involved on the Taiuiwi Youth Board.
3. The Taiuiwi Youth Board now go into recess.
4. The funds of Taiuiwi Youth Board be administered through the Mission Resourcing Unit
5. Taiuiwi Youth be represented on the Board of the Mission Resourcing Unit. One person appointed from each cultural group - Samoan Synod, Tongan Advisory Committee, Fiji Advisory Committee, and Empower Your Youth.

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE
NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION
INVESTMENT BOARD
PACT 2086 TRUST**

Board Membership.

The association has received notices of resignation from two longstanding Board members. Rev's Bruce Gordon and Alan Woodley have advised that they wish to complete their terms of service on the Board of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association, PACT 2086 Trust and the Investment Board.

Their resignations have been received with regret and it is appropriate that both men be thanked for their significant service to the Church through serving on these Boards.

Alan was appointed to the Investment Board and the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association as Secretary on his appointment as General Secretary of the Church in 1978.

In conjunction with the Late Dr Denis Janus, Alan was responsible for the significant changes in the Church's approach to investment and the stewardship of its assets. He displayed an innovative and entrepreneurial style towards the issues and opportunities facing the Church.

Whilst his position of Secretary concluded in 1987 when his appointment as General Secretary came to an end, Alan remained on both Boards as an active and involved member.

In 1982 Alan was appointed a Trustee of the Prince Albert College Trust and was involved from that time in the significant negotiations undertaken by the Trust which led in 1986 to the leasing of its Queen Street land for 100 years.

Bruce was appointed to the Boards in 1980 and has remained a loyal and dedicated member of the Boards from that time.

Bruce was consistent in reminding the Boards during their deliberations of the position of the Church and its mission to the world and to the people of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Some of the issues the Board was required to grapple with caused Bruce considerable concern and it is his measure that on the occasions when the consensus decision finally was arrived at and was not where he started from he acknowledge and accepted the Board's collective wisdom and the ramifications that those decisions brought.

In losing both Alan and Bruce the Board places before Conference its appreciation for their loyal and devoted service.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That Rev's Bruce Gordon and Alan Woodley be thanked for their service to the Church as members of the Board of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association, the Church's Investment Board and PACT 2086 Trust.

TONGAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report to Conference

'Oku tau kei mo'ui mo femamata'aki, fakafeta'i hotau malu'i; he Tamai Fakalangi. The Tongan Advisory Committee had its 16th annual meeting at Lotofale'ia Tongan Methodist Church in Mangere during the weekend of March 14 to 16, 1997. The meeting was co-chaired by President Stan West and Ruth Bilverstone and assisted by the Convener. It was very well attended by presbyters and lay representatives from congregations throughout New Zealand. The fellowships were spiritually enriching, and President Stan West delivered a very moving sermon. Prince Fatafehi Tu'ipelehake (the Tongan King's brother) and her daughter Princes Siu'ilikutapu Kalaniuvalu Fotofili and her two sons attended the service and also a number of choirs from the south Auckland area.

Reports received from Tongan congregations, fellowships and the Auckland/Manukau Tongan Parish (AMTP) show that they run various programmes and activities beside the normal Sunday worshipping. All these programmes and activities are opened to the wide community and they are geared to cater for people from birth to death. Churches are extremely busy centres both for church and community activities and events.

Tongans are proportionately one of the fastest growing population in New Zealand. According to reports from Tongan congregations and fellowships and confirmed by NZ Statistics, over 50% are under the age of 25; and of those, over 20% are under 10. In one of the rural Tongan fellowships, over 65% are young children and young people and the remainder are adults. Currently about 3% are over 65. Unemployment is extremely high as seen in one of the fellowships having 80% unemployed. Maori and Pacific Islanders have 20% unemployed compared to 5 – 6% nationally. The TAC have been unsuccessful in seeking assistance from the Mission and have tried to provide the best appropriate assistance they could give.

The Tongan Parish, congregations and fellowships runs projects, programmes and activities which address people's spiritual, pastoral, educational, socio-cultural and recreational needs. Churches and centres are heavily used seven days a week especially in the evenings in Auckland and Manukau. During the weekends they are extremely busy day and night. Easter camps, and also camps in other times of the year are always full and beneficial. Other common important events and spiritual festivals such as Prayer Week in January, Children's May Celebration, Mother and Father's Day Celebrations, Women's September Festival, Youth Sunday, Temperance Weekend, Christmas Seasonal Celebrations have all been maintained and very much valued by all.

The Tongan congregations and fellowships owe a lot to the Auckland / Manukau Tongan Parish (AMTP) in terms of leadership and carrying a lot of

the burden of the Tongan ministry which cannot be picked up by either the Tongan Advisory Committee or the connexion. Millions of dollars have been spent on many projects including assisting overseas. The centres they have bought or built or are using have provided ministry and opportunities which the church about 20 years ago was not able to provide. People from the Pacific drifted around and really suffered. The social costs were mostly born by mothers and children because the church then was not able to provide the appropriate help they needed. Since the Tongan fellowships have been established, they have been able to provide more choices for people.

At the same time contact with relatives at home are as strong as contact between any migrating population with their mother country. There is also a very strong link with the Methodist Church in Tonga.

One of the Tongan fellowships was able to verbally borrow \$800,000 on a non-interest basis from two other Tongan fellowships to help them pay off a bank loan, and were granted and given without interest and no written contract or agreement. This is not the first time for such borrowing to take place among Tongan fellowships. The Tongan ministry would only be too poor if such compassion, faith and trust is lost from its ministry.

One of the most unfortunate experiences of the TAC in the past year is its inability to continue its employment contract with its youth coordinator due to her personal reason. However, it is the belief of the TAC that children and young people are still one of its most important fields of ministry.

The TAC firmly believes in the authority of the holy scriptures and cannot identify or work together with people who do not have the same Christian beliefs as it does.

The next TAC meeting will be held during the weekend of February 27, 28 and 1st March 1998.

The TAC is grateful for all the support that Tongans within and out of the Methodist Church have received from President Stan West, Vice-President Ruth Bilverstone, Acting General Secretary Donald Phillipps, different units of the Church, Synods and Parishes. The TAC also have a special thank you to Vin Pearcy of the Administration Division for the patience and assistance from her through the years.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the Report be received.
2. The members of the TAC and Executive will be according to the latest Conference Decision in 1996.

**MINISTRY RESOURCING UNIT:
TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**
Supplementary Report to Conference 1997

**Job Description and Person Profile
Principal - Trinity Methodist Theological College**

Preamble

Trinity College and the Ministry Resourcing Unit is available to the whole church through the provision of resources and programmes for theological education and formational ministry training for both lay and ordained. Trinity College presently provides these resources and programmes to the Tauwi sections of the Church; Te Taha Maori presently provides for its own resources and programmes.

Upon the retirement of the present Principal, a new Principal is sought for appointment from 1 February 1999. The Principal shall superintend a Church resource unit and be a key connexional theological and educational resource person, responsible for a team of educators and the administration of an educational institution.

Note: The context in which this position is set is subject to further review and possible change.

This is a full-time stipended Connexional appointment to which the standard conditions of appointment of Methodist presbyters apply, with appropriate variations to leave provisions and allowances commensurate with the particular demands of this position. The process of appointment requires consultations within the provisions of the partnership agreement with the Anglican Church and in respect of Methodist procedures for Connexional appointments.

Section One: The College

Trinity Methodist Theological College is a Private Training Establishment registered with the New Zealand Qualifications Authority. The College is governed and administered by a Council which is registered as a charitable trust and is responsible to the Conference of the Methodist Church.

The College provides theological education and ministry formation on behalf of the Methodist Church for persons selected and approved by the Church for ordained ministries, and those training for lay ministries.

Education for such persons, as well as others, is provided through residential programmes, homesetting programmes, and the lay ministry programmes of Wellspring.

The College participates in, contributes to, and is thereby able to access for its own students, a wider context of ecumenical theological education leading to recognised University and other tertiary qualifications. This is effected by the following:

- Trinity College exists in a partnership arrangement with the College of St John the Evangelist as provided for in a partnership agreement negotiated between the Anglican and Methodist Churches.
- Trinity College functions academically within the context of the Auckland Consortium for Theological Education [ACTE] and the University of Auckland.
- Trinity College, on behalf of the Methodist Church, also relates academically to the Ecumenical Institute for Distance Theological Studies [EIDTS].

Trinity College is committed, in terms of the partnership agreement, to an agreed contribution of teaching input to the programme offered in conjunction with the Anglican faculty. Such teaching may also contribute to the overall programme of ACTE.

Through its own programmes, together with those to which it has access, the College offers, on behalf of the Methodist Church, a wide range of educational opportunities for Methodist people, including in particular:

- candidates for ordination within residential or homesetting programmes;
- people preparing for lay ministries;
- private students pursuing theological studies;
- continuing education and professional development;
- postgraduate studies and research supervision.

Section Two: The Principal of Trinity Methodist Theological College

The Principal shall be an ordained Methodist presbyter under the discipline of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, appointed by the Conference and responsible to the Conference through the Trinity College Council. The Principal shall represent the ethos and commitments of the Methodist Church to the College and the ecumenical contexts within which the work of the College is set.

The Principal shall function as the leader of a team of educators and preferably be qualified to teach as an accredited honorary lecturer within the Faculty of ACTE. The specific teaching area and load shall take account of

the wider responsibilities of Principalship and the academic expertise of the incumbent.

The Principal shall reside in the house provided on the St John's campus. The Principal shall actively enhance and foster the community life of the students, faculty and staff of both Trinity College and the wider community of the St John's Colleges.

Subject to the provisions of further restructuring, the Principal shall be in general responsible for

- the overall supervision of the work of the College;
- the pastoral care of students and staff;
- the superintendency of the Ministry Resourcing Unit;
- such other duties as the Church may from time to time require.

Furthermore, and in particular, the Principal shall

- promote and foster ministry formation appropriate to the needs of the Methodist Church;
- assist the College Council and Faculty to identify and effect educational and ministry formation strategies appropriate to these needs;
- be an advocate for and promote the work of the College within the tertiary educational context to the benefit of the Church;
- be a member of, or available to, Connexional Boards, Committees and other relevant groups;
- be expected to maintain a personal programme of spiritual development and professional academic study, including ongoing appropriate academic research;
- maintain a schedule of regular personal professional supervision.

Section Three: Person Profile

The Principal shall be an ordained presbyter in full connexion with the Methodist Church of New Zealand; applications can be considered from persons able to become so.

The Principal will be someone who is able to demonstrate a critical appreciation of the ethos and current commitments of New Zealand Methodism, including sensitivity and commitment to ecumenical relationships, and be capable of mature contribution as both theologian and educator in the life of the church.

An empathy with the Wesleyan tradition of Christian life and witness, and a basic understanding of tikanga Maori and facility with Te Reo Maori will be expected.

Commensurate with the role outlined in the Job Description, the Principal shall

- demonstrate spiritual maturity and pastoral sensitivity;

- demonstrate an empathy with the Wesleyan tradition of Christian life and witness;
- demonstrate an empathy with the bicultural commitments and journey of the Methodist Church in Aotearoa;
- be a person of lively, open and well-grounded faith and theology;
- be able to articulate such faith and to encourage and enable students to do likewise;
- be expected to have a basic understanding of tikanga Maori and facility with Te Reo Maori;
- be a competent theologian with evidence of specialist excellence and appropriate academic qualifications, teaching competency and research capabilities;
- have expertise as an educator with competent organisational and management skills;
- have demonstrated experience and proven abilities in practical ministry;
- display appropriate cultural sensitivities and capacities as a consultative leader.

WESLEY COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

Supplementary Report to Conference 1997

Brian Caughey, a member of the Trust Board is resigning as a Board Member at the end of December 1997. He was appointed in August 1966 and has completed over 31 years of continuous service. During that time he has been a member of the Property and Finance Committee and was Chairperson of that Committee for over twenty years. He has given an enormous amount of time to the affairs of Wesley College during that period and has guided the College through times of relative austerity to the sound financial position that the College currently enjoys.

Members of the Caughey family have made a very significant contribution to Wesley College. Brian's father, Hugh Caughey, was a Trust Board Member (1922-28) and was Chairman when he died. His uncle, Stuart Caughey, was a Trust Board Member for forty-seven years (1935-82) and was Chairman of the Board from 1953-1971.

Andrew Caughey, another family member, was on the Board of Prince Albert College during the 1880's and was a Wesley College Board Member from 1892-1929.

Mrs Marianne Caughey Smith Preston was a sister of Andrew C Caughey and donated the College Chapel and College Hospital. The Chapel was opened in 1929 and was given in memorial to her husband, William H Smith.

Andrew Caughey, a nephew, was also a member of the Trust Board from 1992-1995.

Brian Caughey has been nominated as a Fellow of Wesley College.

Who'd be a teenager?

WE COMPLAIN WHEN THEY DO WHAT WE DO, INSTEAD OF WHAT THEY'RE TOLD.



WE MAKE IT ILLEGAL FOR THEM TO DO THINGS THAT YESTERDAY WERE LAWFUL...



TO ENFORCE OUR LAWS WE PLACE CURFEWS ON THEM

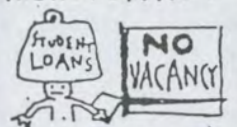


WE TELL THEM IT'S "COOL" AND "HIP" TO BE YOUNG...



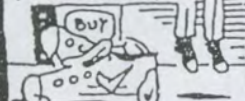
BUT ONLY IF THEY'RE GOOD-LOOKING AND SASSY AND DRINK THE RIGHT SOFT DRINKS.

WE TELL THEM THAT THEY NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THEIR FUTURE -



AND THEN FAIL TO OFFER THEM ONE...

WE SUCK THEM IN FROM ONE EMPTY, COMMERCIAL TREND TO THE NEXT...



AND THEN WONDER WHY THEY THINK LIFE HAS NO MEANING

Tim Bollinger

Teen Cartoons by Randy Glasbergen

<http://www.jung.com/~rjg/teen/teen.html>



"At your age, Tommy, a boy's body goes through changes that are not always easy to understand."

Youth Co-ordinators Management Group

Report

The Management Group's second year in Taranki was both easier more worthwhile than our first, despite insoluble problems. We try to satisfy the needs and wishes of five groups: the Connexion, the Empower Your Youth Board, young people in general, who ought to be benefiting from the work of the Co-ordinators' work, the two Co-ordinators, and ourselves.

In person, electronically and by mail, we grapple with key Church youth work issues, priorities, lack of time, funds and other support for the Co-ordinators' work, some unhelpful history and new Church structures.

Our major 1996-97 emphasis was on ensuring that our Co-ordinators can concentrate on key tasks, shed unnecessary tasks and stress, and cope with the rest without accumulating too much time in lieu. Unsurprisingly, that caused some conflict which we trust we handled as constructively as possible. We believe we achieved the overall goals set for us and buy us.

Youthtrek 97 showed our Co-ordinators excellent skills and teamwork, and we are very pleased it will be enthusiastically followed up in 1998 and 1999.

Kathy Clifford, John Eaddy, Gabrielle Fawkenner and David Baird believe Matt Roberts and Russell Fleet (aka "Rat ' n' Muscle") have done and are doing a very good job.

David Baird

David Baird, for the Youth Management Group

N O M I N A T I O N S
FOR
PRESIDENT
AND
VICE-PRESIDENT

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT	NOMINATED BY
Margaret Hamilton	Wellington District North Canterbury District
Jock Hosking	South Canterbury District
Russell Rigby	Taranaki-Wanganui District
John Salmon	Auckland District Otago-Southland District
Aso Samoa Saleupolu	Manukau District Waikato-Bay of Plenty District Sinoti Samoa
Richard Waugh	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District Tongan Advisory Committee

VICE-PRESIDENT	NOMINATED BY
Margaret Hamilton	Auckland District Waikato-Bay of Plenty District Otago-Southland District
Jock Hosking	South Canterbury District
John Salmon	North Canterbury District
Aso Samoa Saleupolu	Manukau District
Ashley Sedon	Wellington District
Richard Waugh	Sinoti Samoa
Graham Whaley	Northland District

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

MARGARET HAMILTON

Family Information:

Margaret and Neville have two adult sons – Philip, who lives in Christchurch with Kirsten and his big softie Rottweiler named Jade (whom Margaret enjoys grand-parenting) and Martin, who, with Joanna, is presently touring Europe and Africa before returning home to Sydney.

Ministry or Work Experience:

Margaret is currently one of the Co-ordinators of Educational Ministry. Based in Christchurch, she works in partnership with Winifred Murray who is based in Auckland. Margaret brings an energy and a sharp perspective to educational and resourcing issues. She, along with Winifred, has prepared very good material over the past two years on children's ministry and language. Margaret has a background in Education having been a primary school teacher.

Margaret has served on many Church Committees and has been very involved in the North Canterbury Synod and District where she served as Joint District Superintendent for three years from 1987. She was one of the first Taiwi members of the Council of Elders, has been a member of Church Council and the General Purposes Committee and now Taiwi Forum and the Pakeha Meeting.

Margaret's ecumenical commitment is reflected in her involvement with CCANZ where she is presently a member of the Justice, Peace and Service programme, which she has represented on the Executive. She served the National Council of Churches (CCANZ's predecessor) on the Women's Committee and was Secretary during the changeover process to Church Women United. In 1990, Margaret represented CWU in Aotearoa/New Zealand at the Asian Church Women's Conference in Jakarta.

General Information:

Margaret was born and grew up in Dunedin, spending her childhood years at Mornington and teenage years in Caversham where she began leadership training and took some responsibilities in the local congregation and District. Both she and Neville continue in active membership and leadership in the St David's congregation of Christchurch North Parish.

Margaret is committed to helping the Church prepare for the 21st Century by going on exploring how Church and faith is relevant to us and our communities. She is committed to justice for all, especially for tangata whenua, women and children. Consequently she has a continuing interest in further education against sexual harassment/abuse and also further bicultural education in the Church.

Gardening and walking keep Margaret's feet on the ground, though she can often be found, head in the clouds, listening to or watching cricket and puzzling over cryptic crosswords.

JOCK HOSKING

Marital / Family Information:

Born in 1933 to an active Methodist family, Jock is married to Dawn, a Counsellor and Tutor. They have three adult children, Cathryn, Jenny and Rachel, and six grand children.

Ministry:

Since 1991, Jock has been Organist at St John's Co-operating Parish, Whangarei. Since 1992 he has been Methodist Superintendent of the Northland District and from 1997 President Northland Union District Council.

He works as a Parish Consultant, specialising in the area of the stewardship of resources, in strategic planning and in conflict management. He is a Counsellor, Trainer and Supervisor for community groups; a co-facilitator with Dawn in the area of team building and grief and loss work.

Prior to his current position, he was Co-Superintendent in the Palmerston North Methodist parish, involved in a Team Ministry 1983-1990; with the Methodist Education Division with responsibility for Stewardship 1973-82; and in parish appointments in Porirua, Springston and Hastings and Hastings Circuits from 1959 to 1972.

General:

Jock is a graduate of the University of New Zealand in Music and Classics; a Diplomate of Trinity College London, and a Doctoral graduate from San Francisco Theological Seminary, with his dissertation entitled "Secularization and New Zealand Methodist

Clergy". He has been a Registered Music Teacher and a part time University Lecturer.

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MARGARET HAMILTON

Family Information:

Margaret and Neville have two adult sons – Philip, who lives in Christchurch with Kirsten and his big softie Rottweiler named Jade (whom Margaret enjoys grand-parenting) and Martin, who, with Joanna, is presently touring Europe and Africa before returning home to Sydney.

Ministry or Work Experience:

Margaret is currently one of the Co-ordinators of Educational Ministry. Based in Christchurch, she works in partnership with Winifred Murray who is based in Auckland. Margaret brings an energy and a sharp perspective to educational and resourcing issues. She, along with Winifred, has prepared very good material over the past two years on children's ministry and language. Margaret has a background in Education having been a primary school teacher.

Margaret has served on many Church Committees and has been very involved in the North Canterbury Synod and District where she served as Joint District Superintendent for three years from 1987. She was one of the first Taiwi members of the Council of Elders, has been a member of Church Council and the General Purposes Committee and now Taiwi Forum and the Pakeha Meeting.

Margaret's ecumenical commitment is reflected in her involvement with CCANZ where she is presently a member of the Justice, Peace and Service programme, which she has represented on the Executive. She served the National Council of Churches (CCANZ's predecessor) on the Women's Committee and was Secretary during the changeover process to Church Women United. In 1990, Margaret represented CWU in Aotearoa/New Zealand at the Asian Church Women's Conference in Jakarta.

General Information:

Margaret was born and grew up in Dunedin, spending her childhood years at Mornington and teenage years in Caversham where she began leadership training and took some responsibilities in the local congregation and District. Both she and Neville continue in active membership and leadership in the St David's congregation of Christchurch North Parish.

Margaret is committed to helping the Church prepare for the 21st Century by going on exploring how Church and faith is relevant to us and our communities. She is committed to justice for all, especially for tangata whenua, women and children. Consequently she has a continuing interest in further education against sexual harassment/abuse and also further bicultural education in the Church.

Gardening and walking keep Margaret's feet on the ground, though she can often be found, head in the clouds, listening to or watching cricket and puzzling over cryptic crosswords.

JOCK HOSKING

Marital / Family Information:

Born in 1933 to an active Methodist family, Jock is married to Dawn, a Counsellor and Tutor. They have three adult children, Cathryn, Jenny and Rachel, and six grand children.

Ministry:

Since 1991, Jock has been Organist at St John's Co-operating Parish, Whangarei. Since 1992 he has been Methodist Superintendent of the Northland District and from 1997 President Northland Union District Council.

He works as a Parish Consultant, specialising in the area of the stewardship of resources, in strategic planning and in conflict management. He is a Counsellor, Trainer and Supervisor for community groups; a co-facilitator with Dawn in the area of team building and grief and loss work.

Prior to his current position, he was Co-Superintendent in the Palmerston North Methodist parish, involved in a Team Ministry 1983-1990; with the Methodist Education Division with responsibility for Stewardship 1973-82; and in parish appointments in Porirua, Springston and Hastings and Hastings Circuits from 1959 to 1972.

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ASHLEY SEDON

Marital / Family Information:

Ashley's partner, Peter Conaghan, died suddenly in June 1997. Camembart and Brie, two cream cockatiels, and a black cat called Lucy share Ashley's Auckland home.

Ministry or Work Experience:

Ashley is a qualified Town Planner and has brought to ministry in Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa gifts of planning and visioning, administration and care for society's common good. His first appointment was to Christchurch South Parish (Somerfield and Cashmere) in 1983, during which time he was a member of the Board of Administration, Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, and the Community of Women and Men. He became Director of RESPONSE, the joint Methodist/Presbyterian Stewardship Unit based in Wellington in 1986, with national responsibilities. During this time he developed a new approach to stewardship and mission education, providing presbyters and congregations with resources to address these vital dimensions of faith and church life, including 'Sharing our Gifts', 'Choices', 'There's a Time', and the 'Making of Friends' themed resource packs. He was a strong advocate for ecumenical sensitivity, particularly within the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches on behalf of Cooperative Ventures. In 1992 Ashley was appointed to Pitt Street Methodist Church in Auckland and Parish Superintendent of the Auckland Methodist Central Parish and Mission. He currently serves on the Trinity College Council, the Board of

Methodist Mission Northern and is a member of the Connexional Budget Task Group.

General Information:

Ashley knows the cost of being different. His disclosure of being gay at the 1991 Methodist Conference in Wanganui evoked a wide range of responses from people within the Church. He naturally has a sensitivity to minorities and is a strong advocate of inclusiveness and Christ-like hospitality and acceptance, resourced by a theology centred on the grace of God. He is committed to seeing the Methodist Church image Jesus Christ in its life and work. He believes we should willingly pick up creative forms of mission that will prompt others to be glad that we're around, even if that might mean radical change for our Church as we respond to God's call to mission.

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GRAHAM WHALEY

Family Information:

Graham is married to Marion who works as a Chaplain for Workplace Support. They have been married for 35 years and have 4 children: Philip (who died in 1995), Debbie, Stephen and Todd and three grandchildren. All their family live overseas.

Ministry and Work Experience:

Graham trained as a Secondary School Teacher and in 1961 went to teach at Dadaya Mission in Southern Rhodesia. Marion and Graham were married in 1962 and in the following 11 years Graham worked as teacher, headmaster and Schools' Inspector for African Education. Ian Smith's White Supremist Policy forced them to leave Rhodesia in 1972. In 1973 the family moved to Fiji where Graham took up the position of Principal of Dudley High School in Suva in 1975. He became Secretary for Education for the Methodist Church in Fiji. On returning to New Zealand Graham worked as Executive Secretary for the Bible Society in Wellington. It was here that he candidated for Ministry and in 1978 at 43 years of age he entered Trinity-St John's College.

In 1985 at the invitation of the Garfield Todd's and the Dadaya High School Governing Board, Marion and Graham returned to the now independent Zimbabwe where Graham became Chaplain and established the Religious Studies Department. Following this he was appointed Superintendent Minister of the 30 congregations in the Kadoma Circuit and in 1991 became lecturer in Old Testament at the United Theological College in Harare.

In New Zealand Graham has ministered in the Mt Albert and Birkenhead parishes and is at present presbyter at the Aotea Chapel and Superintendent of Methodist Mission Northern.

General Information:

Graham is committed to Social Justice both in New Zealand and globally. He believes that the Gospel is essentially "good news" for the poor, the oppressed and the marginalised and that it is inclusive of all.

He was a foundation member of the Peace and Justice Commission of the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe and is a member of Methodist Mission Aotearoa.

Graham is committed partnership in Mission with overseas churches and believes we have many resources we can share. Marion and Graham have both been involved with Unit 1 and for 3 years Graham was Conference Representative on the Co-ordinating Committee of the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation.

He believes in the importance of Pastoral Care and the need for support for both lay people and presbyters involved in Ministry. In the past year Graham has been involved in a supervision Course to enable him to upgrade both Pastoral and Counselling skills.

**TRIBUTES TO DECEASED
PRESBYTERS, DEACONS
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NORMAN PATRICK ALCORN, MSc

Pat Alcorn passed away unexpectedly but peacefully at this home in Christchurch on August 22nd 1997.

He was born at Wanganui and as a young man was associated with Methodist Churches at Karori, Wesley, Taranaki Street and Ngaio. He attended Wellington College and went on to Victoria University College as a part time student. When he transferred to Christchurch he continued at Canterbury University College and earned a Master of Science degree. He joined Durham Street Church in 1930 and remained a member there for 67 years. He sang in the choir for all of that time. Faithfulness and service characterised his whole life.

A Bible Class leader for 35 years, circuit steward for 14 years, trustee and friend to successive ministers, he will be remembered with affection and greatly missed by his local congregation.

He married Millicent Flatman who died in 1981. Their four adult children, together with their families joined the Durham Street congregation for a memorial service to celebrate his life. The tributes reflected his wide interests, his love of family life, and the magnificent service he offered the Church and the Community. He was Government Analyst in Christchurch and as Associate of the Royal Institute of Chemistry.

Pat was also active in the North Canterbury District as convener of the Church Extension and Strategy Committee and for a time was Secretary of Synod.

His work for the New Zealand wide church included the Leadership Training Committee, the Spiritual Healing Committee and the Church Council.

Strong ecumenical interests led to his being Chairman of the Christchurch Branch, National Council of Churches and Secretary of the Joint Regional Committee on Church Union for 30 years.

In 1973 he became Secretary of the South Island Methodist Children's Home Board.

Elected Vice-President of the Church in 1971, he gave generous time, including the organisation of over 800 runners in a baton relay through the country to mark the 150th anniversary of Methodism in New Zealand.

A harrier himself and ardent worker for young people, Pat was a man of deep humility and integrity. He has an honoured place in the memory of the Church.

FLORENCE BABER

(nee Woodrow)

Florence was born in Blackpool, England, and moved to London with her family, at 17 years of age. She studied at the Royal Academy and gained her letters, LRAM and ARCM.

While attending the Paddington Methodist Church, Florence met and married her husband, George, and in 1949 they emigrated to New Zealand with three children – the fourth was to be a “Kiwi”.

Sanson, in Manawatu, received them with open arms as they settled in to become farmers – a new experience.

Florence's musical and dramatic talents were fully utilized in training choirs, singing, writing and producing plays for church and Women's Institute. She was President of both Sanson Guild and the District Guild.

Retirement from country life came in 1963. Florence and George wanted so much to give thanks to God for His goodness to them in their happy life on “their patch of good earth” that their move to Palmerston North was to be an opportunity to serve Him in their other love, social service work.

While George was establishing the Manawatu Methodist Social Service centre, Florence was active in Marriage Guidance, rising to Supervisor of the National Executive, and Director Manawatu Family and Marriage Guidance Service, with student counselling at Massey University as well.

When this caring and capable lady was asked to be the first National President of the new Methodist Women's Fellowship, Florence tells of hoping the letter was not there – but it always was!

However, she did accept and loved every minute of her term of office when she visited every District in the country (except Taumaranui, which was unavoidable).

In her capacity as President, Florence attended the World Federation of Methodist Women's Assembly in London and was elected as Vice-President of the Australasian Area. While in London she also attended the World Methodist Conference and came away as New Zealand representative on the W.M.C'S Standing Committee.

Until she moved to the Wairarapa a few years ago to be closer to family, Florence was still an active member of the Palmerston North Parish, and remained dedicated to the Women's movement she loved. She was widely known and respected for her graciousness and the warmth of personality. Florence truly radiated Christian love and as one friend aptly put it she was one of the “humble greats” in our midst.

The National Executive of the Methodist Women's Fellowship wish to especially recognise the work, commitment and exceptional contribution made by Florence Baber as the first National President of the N Z Methodist Women's Fellowship.

H W BEAUMONT, MBE, MA, DipEd

Huia Wiremu Beaumont lived from 7 February 1901 to 18 May 1997. He was born in Ashburton to keen Christian parents, Emma Jane and William. At Baring Square Methodist Church he became involved in all the activities centring around that place; Sunday School, Christian Endeavour, helping with cleaning, leading to pumping the organ bellows for church and choir practice and preaching as part of a Mission Band. When he came to Christchurch for University and Teacher Training, East Belt was his spiritual home.

In 1926 he married Rosa Webb, an excellent teacher who developed many talents to complement his own.....she in art and he in writing. Their home was a happy place, enlivened by four children, Pamela, Rosemary, Paul and Meriel, who learned early that Jesus is real. Numerous visitors widened the family horizons.

H.W.B. taught in the Ashburton area and Timaru before coming to Christchurch to live, Through the week he taught school and on a great many Sundays in all these places he served as a very popular local preacher who was especially good at taking Sunday School Anniversaries. For 13 years he prepared and conducted the children's sessions on 3YA for the Methodist Church.

His writing skills were used in writing plays, editing M.Y.News and then the Methodist Times, in Sunday School lessons and teaching manuals published by A H Reed, as well as writing a daily column 'Down to Earth' for the Star for 27 years. Latterly he wrote his autobiography 'Long Time Passing'.

In 1966 he was elected Vice-President of the New Zealand Methodist Conference.

In 1986 he was awarded the MBE for services to education, Writing and the Church.

He was a Trustee and active member of the Richmond Methodist Church for over 60 years, simply following Jesus, and making him known through well read Bible readings and lively hymn introductions, as well as his clear presentation of the truth. He was loved by all who knew him and to the very end his aim was to help all the people round about him. To the very end his mind was alive with messages to preach or to write.

'He being dead yet speaketh.'

RONALD ERNEST FIELDS

Ron Fields was born in Romsey, England, of Anglican parentage, on the 28th November 1928. He emigrated to New Zealand, and on the 15th December 1956, married June Sylvia Fissenden of Blenheim.

He was a Home Missionary at Woodend 1960-1962, from where he offered for the Ministry. He served at Rangiora 1963, Hokitika 1964-1966, Oxford 1967-1968, Otahuhu 1969-1972. He resigned from the ministry in January 1973.

Ron showed a lively interest in Local and Church History, and wrote history booklets for Hokitika District, and Oxford. He maintained his connection with the Methodist Church as a preacher, until four years before his death. In his latter years he was involved in further studies for an LTh, through College House, Christchurch.

In the last two years, he returned to his Anglican roots, worshipping at St Mary's of Merivale, where the funeral service was held on the 22nd January, 1997. Ron was divorced from June, and is survived by their three children, Richard, Alison and David and Eileen Graham, his companion and friend.

Ron served the Church well as Home Missionary, Presbyter and Preacher, and we extend thanks and sympathy to his family.

JOHN PHILIP HARDING

John Philip Harding was born in Kaponga 15 January 1916. He entered the family business of furnishing and served his time as a french polisher. In due course he took over the business. Branches were established in Eltham, Opunake, and Hawera, In the field of Funeral Direction John Harding quickly established himself as a careful and sensitive person. He was much sought after for his attention to detail and stress on serving his clients.

On 27 January 1940 he married Lilian Mary Pettigrew in the Opunake Presbyterian Church and they settled and brought up their family in Kaponga. Lilian and John made an excellent team each having their own talents and abilities. They complemented each other.

A strong Christian from an early age John attended the Kaponga Methodist Church where he filled a number of offices. He used his administrative and business skills in the service of the church and his guidance was highly valued. One of his most cherished possessions was his certificate marking fifty years as a lay preacher. In actual fact he served more than that and in earlier days sometimes preached three times on a Sunday.

As with his business skills so with his hobby. He was an ardent photography student and developed and enlarged his own work. In this field his work was always available to the church. One of his last fundraising efforts was to prepare bookmarks of the two stained glass windows in Wesley Church Hawera where he and Lilian worshipped after his retirement.

Without doubt his most outstanding work was with the Robert Gibson Trust. From 1962 he was a member and deputy chairman of the "Advisory Committee" out of which the Trust grew. John Harding was thirty four years with the Trust and twenty eight of them as chairman. He had prepared his final report just before his death and had included his resignation in it but he died before it could take effect so fittingly, he remained chairman until his death.

John was also chairman of the Doris Swadling Trust administering a small farm in the interests of young people who wished to train for a career in music or farming. On both trusts he was thoroughly committed to meeting the wishes of the people whose property was being administered.

In business John Harding was astute and honest, in the church devoted and loyal, and on the Trusts meticulous and far-sighted. He is sadly missed by Lilian and their sons, Geoff and Malcolm and their families. The whole church remembers him with love and thanksgiving.

HERBERT IAN KIRK HOPPER, BA

Ian Hopper was born in Tauranga on 17 March 1911, where his father, the Rev Arthur Hopper was minister. His mother was the former Miss Jean Kirk of Mosgiel. On leaving school Ian took a job with the Christchurch Tramways Union, but he felt called to offer for the Christian ministry. Nominated as a Candidate by the Papanui Quarterly Meeting, Ian was accepted for theological training, his first appointment being at Ruawai, followed by two years at Timaru South, where he met, and married Miss Gwenyth Lund, in 1940. He continued his University Studies, graduating BA in 1946. Their first appointment as a married couple was to Eketahuna for three years. All of their subsequent appointments were in the South Island: Ohoka, Oamaru, Dunedin North, Leeston, Richmond in Christchurch East Circuit, and Woodend, concluding with Ian being Superintendent of the important Cessnock Circuit in New South Wales 1968-69.

Ian served as Convener of the Welfare of the Church Committee, and was a member of the Spiritual Healing Committee, and of the Church Building and Loan Fund. Ian was also Methodist Chaplain to Christchurch Hospital. Ian is remembered as a quiet spoken, mild mannered, warm person, who shared a rich family life with Gwen, their children who still hold him in high regard, and later with their fifteen grandchildren. An accomplished pianist, Ian often played for rural services, and he passed on his love of music, English literature and poetry to his family. He was a thoughtful preacher and close to his passion for his Lord, were his interest in peace and social justice.

Ian Hopper superannuated in 1970, but continued to serve as Chaplain for aged people under the care of Christchurch Central Mission, at Wesley Lodge and Hospital, and at Fairhaven Home, Hospital and Flats. This involved taking services and providing pastoral care for nearly two hundred people. During his long retirement Ian continued to take services and joined the Redcliffs Bowling Club. He and Gwen developed their garden, Ian taking a special interest in his many roses.

The Church extends love and sympathy to Gwen, Robert, Christine, Margaret, Averil, David, Rosalind and John

CLIFFORD J KEIGHTLEY

The death of Cliff Keightley means the passing of an era as far as New Zealand Methodism is concerned for Cliff was the last person sent out by the Church who pioneered work in a previously unevangelised area.

Cliff entered the ministry from the Te Aroha Circuit and sat his candidates' examinations behind the front line at Faenza, Italy while serving with the 2nd NZEF. He entered Trinity College at the beginning of 1946 and his colleagues from those days remember his warmth, eagerness and slightly madcap sense of fun. After college training his appointments were Allenton 1949-50 and Otautau in Western Southland 1951-53.

In 1954 Cliff went to George Brown College in Sydney to prepare for work in the Papua New Guinea Highlands and in January 1955 arrived in Tari where he worked alongside Roland Barnes from Australia. After furlough Cliff returned the Highlands, this time to Mendi. On 1 December 1959 he set out with District Chairman, Gordon Young, for the Nembi Valley (still a restricted area) to commence work among these people. On 4 December the Chairman returned to Mendi and in his diary Cliff says, "I am now left with the sobering thought that a great responsibility rests with me". Under Cliff's enthusiasm and commitment, the work was established and grew. From 1961 to 1966 Cliff was District Chairman and as well as his pioneering work in the Nipa Circuit, was providing leadership for the whole district. Today the vibrant Church in Nipa is Cliff's living memorial and the older people there remember him with great love.

Returning to New Zealand in late 1967, Cliff was appointed to St John's Ponsonby and commenced a 10 year ministry there at the beginning of 1968. Here he took a keen interest in Samoan affairs and was outspoken in his support of the Samoan's requests for services in their own language. He was a member of several church and community committees and groups including Overseas Mission Board (later Joint Board), Deaconess Board (Chairman 1969-76). In 1977 Cliff moved to Rangiora and in 1982 to Waimate. Ill health forced his retirement at the 1983 Conference.

In his retirement Cliff still took an active interest in the work of the Church. As a member of the St David's congregation in the Christchurch North Parish he played a full part in its activities and was convener of the Worship and Education Committee. After a period with a daughter in Auckland he returned to Christchurch and entered Fairhaven where he died on 25 July 1997.

The Church gives thanks for the ministry of Cliff Keightley and his family and shares with them their sense of loss.

WHATIA ROUNTREE

1930 - 1997

Whati Rountree was born in Otaua on 11 July 1930. At the age of 19, he joined the army K Force, serving in Malaya from 1957 to 1962. He was then transferred to the Malaya force. He returned home to serve three years as an instructor in Radio Operations Morse Code in Waiouru.

Whati became a Kaikarakia in 1992 and was recommend to hui Poari as a Kaikarakia in training for Minita-a-Iwi. He committed himself to weekly Bible study in Omanaia. His dream was realised at Hui Toopu 1996 where on the recommendation of Hui Poari he was received as a Minita-a-Iwi with authority to administer the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion.

Whati died Whangarei Base hospital on 19 January 1997 and is buried at Tarawapiupiu urupa.

He is survived by his daughter Sue, son Tony, and mokopuna Kataraina, Charmaine, Kauere, Ranui and Olivia.

E Whati

Ko koutou enei kua haere ki o koutou whare

Haere atu I runga I te Papawhenua e takoto nei

I te hu amotanga e te Waipuke o te mate i riro ai koutou ki te Po makariri

Moe mai koutou I roto I nga ringa o Io Matua Ngaro

E ngaro ai koutou

Ngaro atu

Ngaro atu ra

ALAN WALTER SCOTT

Alan was born to Walter and Pearl Scott in Wanganui 30 December 1925. Both his parents had a strong Methodist background, Mother being a Clement. Alan died on Wednesday 20 August 1997 at Cranford Hospice after a short struggle with cancer. The funeral service was a celebration of life at Wesley Church in Hastings, at which his wife Murrae gave tribute to a rich and fulfilling life, several other family members shared in a moving way their appreciation of Alan's life.

Alan trained as a teacher, and during that time was greatly influenced by the Edgeware Road Church and his involvement with the many students attending Church there. He did his PA in the Wanganui district teaching at Kakahi and then Te Rena School. These were lonely years for a young person living in extremely isolated conditions; back country reporter Jack Perkins, ran an interview with Alan about these experiences on national Radio last year. The memories of his work there still lives on as one speaker shared at the funeral service, who came all the way from Wanganui to bring this tribute for Alan.

The next 2 or 3 years were in Hunterville. His next school was Okoia just out of Wanganui where he taught for almost 11 years, it was there he married Murrae in 1952 at the Baptist Church in Wanganui, subsequently 3 children were born to them. He became Sunday School Superintendent at the Aramoho Church where the Rev H Kilford Brown was the minister. He organised a strong Men's Fellowship, which was described as a "Great Group". And of course as a Lay Preacher. They then moved to Norsewood, where Church involvement naturally led Alan into many forms of ministries. Youth work, planning of the District Bible Class camps which met in their homes, people travelling from Palmerston North and Hastings to this convenient half way home and hospitality.

From there they moved to Stokes Valley, where they lived for 21 years, before retiring to Hastings. Alan was Circuit Steward, actively involved at Synods, attended Conferences, always great at organising. Some highlights were the organising of Bus trips after Youth Conference touring north island sleeping in Church halls. He held a long service certificate as Lay Preacher, and right up to his last service presented the congregation with unusual and challenging services, and of course one cannot mention Alan without his love for singing and his involvement with the Church Choir. He was also very dedicated to the Order of St Luke, an ecumenical healing order.

Was a long time member of Rotary and in later years became Chairman of Forest and Bird Society and then came his involvement with Grey Power trebling membership within a short while, and a tireless letter writer supporting any cause that needed supporting and encouragement.

Alan will be greatly missed. He died in his 72nd year, but his influence will live on in the hearts of people his life touched. He is survived by his wife, three children and seven grand children.

THOMAS GEORGE MELVILLE SPOONER

Tom Spooner holds an honoured place in New Zealand Methodism. Wherever Tom lived, he served and wherever he taught, for he spent his life as teacher and Principal, he was a member of the community of faith. Throughout his life he witnessed to a faith which was the essence of his life.

Like many leaders of his day, he had a strong grounding in the Bible Class Movement and at Teachers College and University, it was the S.C.M. where he was stimulated as a thinker, speaker and leader and as an ecumenist who embraced diversity and accepted the valuable place of other faiths. Tom was President of the S.C.M. and he occupied every position of leadership and responsibility within the life of the church.

He was a Bible Class Leader at Mt Eden in the 1930's and in Paparoa and Te Awamutu. Sunday School Superintendent at Rawene and Society Steward and Parish Steward, Trustee and representative to Synod and Conference. Tom was a member of Wesley College Trust Board and while teaching in Fiji was a representative to the Fiji Conference. He served on the Committee on Ministry, Faith and Order and the policy making Church Council.

Wesley Historical Society was a life interest, he was Acting Secretary and a Vice-President. Tom was elected Vice-President of the Church for 1977-78. He was a Lay preacher for 65 years – his message a deep concern for peace: He was a member of the Christian Pacifist Society; and a call for justice – he served for instance on the Te Awamutu Borough Council: he was on the magistrates Visiting Committee to Waikeria Prison – concerned for the welfare and continuing education of young inmates. He reminded people of their roots – he was a very good historian and wrote well and extensively. The family are fortunate to have the story of his life and times. They know from whence they came and are inspired to move on. Tom wrote a history of John Hobbs one of our pioneer churchmen.

Family life has meant a tremendous amount to Tom and the partnership with Ceridwen a treasured relationship. During these latter years of failing health for Ceridwen, Tom lavished loving care and showed the spirit that has characterised his whole life. He drew tremendous pleasure and satisfaction from the lives of his family and the grandchildren.

It is impossible to do justice to the life of Tom Spooner. The breadth of his interests leave one quite breathless and his talents and skills were legion. He was an environmentalist – a genuine steward, a craftsman with wood, an artist of no mean talent, and historian, a noted educationalist whose wisdom was widely sought, a churchman and a peace-maker and a Counsellor with an irenic spirit.

We give thanks to God for the very rich fabric of Tom Spooner's life and extend the love of the church to his family.

FISIGA TUIMASEVE

Fisiga Tuimaseve was born and brought up in the village of Satupa'itea in the Island of Savai'i, Western Samoa. He grew up in a strong Methodist family and village which had a strong and lasting influence on Fisiga's love and respect for the Methodist Church. Except for his theological training, Fisiga's formal education was done in Samoa, at his village Primary School, Methodist Intermediate School and the District Secondary School.

In 1952, Fisiga migrated to Aotearoa, the land of opportunity, looking and searching for good opportunities for a rich and prosperous future. He took up a number of factory jobs and then with the Auckland Museum as a museum attendant, a job he held until his retirement. Fisiga was married to Matilda and they had a family of five, three boys and two girls.

Fisiga and Matilda were founding members of St Paul's Samoan Congregation at Otara. In 1972 Fisiga felt a call to be a preacher of the gospel and in 1974 was accredited as a Lay Preacher of the Methodist Church. Furthermore, Fisiga felt that God was calling him to the presbyterate ministry which led him to do some studies at St Johns/Trinity Theological College from 1977 to 1979.

In 1978 Fisiga candidated for the presbyterate ministry. However, Conference recommended that he be accepted as a deacon and eventually ordained as deacon in 1980. Fisiga moved from Otara to the Mangere Methodist Church and in 1985 Fisiga to the Mangere East Samoan Congregation and founded the Mangere East Samoan Fellowship and became pastor to the newly formed Samoan fellowship. In the same year (1985), Fisiga felt more strongly that his call was for the presbyterate ministry and in the same year (1985), he candidated again and was accepted into the Home Setting Programme. In 1988 Fisiga was ordained as presbyter and appointed Local Presbyter to Mangere East Samoan Congregation.

Fisiga was a determined, humble, gentle and quiet presbyter and leader. He led the Samoan Ministers Association in 1992 and 1993. Fisiga's six years in the ordained ministry and as a presbyter to the Mangere East Samoan Congregation was greatly appreciated. In 1994, he retired from active ministry but continued to contribute in different ways in the life of the Samoan Fellowship. And sadly after a long fight against cancer, and on 1 April 1997, Fisiga's life was passed on into the care of God our Creator.

In the latter part of Fisiga's life, Fisiga struggled to live in a body that would not permit him to live as fully as he once had. It was tired but it would not let him go. Fisiga's life must not be measured by its ending, for no person is just what their later days have become. We remember Fisiga as a unique person with all the experiences of life.

Fisiga was a religious person who tries very hard to attend worship services although his strength would not permit it. He was a smiler and loves to crack jokes which is part of his warped sense of humour. He was a professional smoker which make Aso and myself (Tavita) become passive

smokers (just kidding). Fisiga was a man of faith and it is that faith that sustained him throughout his life. Until his last breadth, Fisiga never lost sight of his God as the author and source of his life. Fisiga is devoted and respects Maori culture and in Matilda's own words, "Fisiga was more Maori and I am more Samoan".

Finally, I pay tribute to Matilda and the children for a relationship of mutual care and devotion to Fisiga. Matilda has cared well and lovingly and I know Matilda and the children and the family are the richer for having had Fisiga as part of their lives.

Rest in peace and in the care and love of God.

ALLEN A DINGWALL

1908 - 1997

Born at Port Robinson, North Canterbury, Allen Dingwall at the age of sixteen enrolled in a Public Speaking course at the Canterbury WEA and the pattern was set for a lifetime of exceptional community leadership and devoted service to the Methodist Church.

He was National President of the New Zealand WEA for 21 years and the founder, 25 years ago, of its Book discussion Scheme which now boasts 425 groups throughout New Zealand.

Allen became an accredited lay preacher at the age of 24 and was active and widely appreciated until the time of his death, a period of 65 years.

It is impossible to record all the achievements and service that Allen packed into his lifetime but he will be remembered particularly for his involvement in the establishment of the Christchurch Methodist Mission in 1950, his long association with the Cambridge Terrace Church and more recently with the Durham Street congregation since they merged in 1974.

In 1964 when LIFELINE was introduced to New Zealand Allen was a major contributor to its establishment in Christchurch serving for many years in various capacities.

The YMCA in Christchurch was always of great importance to Allen as was all youth work since he acted as part-time travelling Secretary to the Young Men's Bible Class Movement during 1934/35. He gave leadership to the Easter Camps at Amberley and always retained close contacts with rural Methodism through his preaching ministry.

The Church elected Allen as Vice-President in 1958/59 and in 1961 he was appointed a representative to the 10th World Methodist Conference in Oslo.

He was highly respected in the Christchurch business community and his skills were put to use by the Church when in April 1962 he was asked to travel to the British Solomon Islands mission field to assist with business and plantation matters.

In the New Year honours of 1976 Allen was made a Companion of the Queens Service Order in recognition of his community service.

Through his work in the Central Mission with the Reverend Wilf Falkingham, Allen developed a strong interest in the provision of aged care and he helped to pioneer many ventures in Christchurch, Greymouth, Picton and Nelson.

After serving on its Executive for 20 years Allen was elected President of Age Concern Canterbury in 1993, retiring in 1995 as Honorary Life Member.

He was appointed member emeritus of the Christchurch Methodist Mission Board and attended meetings regularly until his death in September 1997.

The sympathy of the Church is extended to his wife Gloria, his son John and the wider family represented at a moving funeral service and celebration of his life attended by a large and representative congregation at the Durham Street Church.

As a husband, father and loyal friend to many, Allen will long be remembered for his sincere, dignified offering of himself and his skills, combining in one life all the riches of deed and word to which the Gospel calls us.

GRAHAM EMBURY BROWN

1921 - 1997

Born in Wellington 75 years ago. Lived at Newtown, went to Roseneath Primary School and Wellington College. Following College he began training as a teacher at Wellington Training College until conscripted into the army in 1941. After the war he completed his teacher training and taught at Newtown, Berhampore, Porirua East, Worser Bay, Linden and finished his teaching career as principal of Wellington South Intermediate School.

For many years Graham and his wife Grace attended Trinity Methodist Church at Newtown. Graham held every office open to a lay person in this church.

On the wider life of the church he was a member of the Wellington Synod for at least 15 years. He was on the Synod Executive at the time of his death. He attended 4 Methodist Conferences. He was involved with the J.R.C. for 20 years being chairman for the last 10 years. In the time of his leadership of this body he saw a number of Co-operating Ventures come into being. He also represented the Methodist Church on the J.R.C.

He served for quite a time on the Churches Education Committee. When he retired from teaching Graham and Grace moved out Raumati Beach. Graham was involved in setting up Kapiti Co-operating Parish serving on the Property and Finance Committee and was a member of the Parish Council until just before his death. Graham was a person who worked tirelessly in the background for his Lord and church quietly moving people into important decisions which affected the life of the Church. His leadership will be missed.

Graham and Grace were married for 48 years and they have three children, two sons and a daughter, and eight grandchildren. The Church extends their love and sympathy to Grace and the family.

LEICESTER WABY PEAK

Leicester Waby Peak was born in Coronation Road, Epsom, Auckland, on 20 November 1907 and died on 18 September 1997. He spent almost his entire life living in the Epsom area. His father, Arch Peak, was Vice-President of the Methodist Church in 1930. It was with some pride that Leicester would say he was present at the opening of the present Epsom Methodist Church in 1911. He could remember some of the work being done.

Leicester's boyhood and youth were very much part of the Epsom church and there he met and married Lois Worsley. Throughout their 50 years of married life, (Lois died soon after their Golden Wedding in 1984) both expressed their Christian commitment through that Church. Lois supported Leicester in all that he did thus he was able to hold various positions within the life of the local church. He served for many years on the Epsom Church Trust being its secretary for 12 years. He was a member of the church choir for 48 years. He loved music and encouraged his four sons to learn musical instruments.

Leicester also served the Connexion well by serving on a number of Connexional Committees. He was a member of the Trinity College Board for 42 years (1937-1979) and a member of the Trounson Trust for 52 years (from July 1938 to August 1990) and for many of those years its chairperson. If that sounds a long time, put alongside it that he worked as a lawyer for 67 years with the one firm finally retiring at the age of 83 in 1990. You would describe him as a "good, family lawyer" not specialising in any particular aspect of law to the detriment of others. He was a good personal adviser, totally confidential and of impeccable integrity. This was expressed both in the legal firm that bore his father's and his own name, and in his relationships through the church. Leicester was friend and confidant to a number of presbyters over the years some of whom were present at his funeral service held in the Mt Albert Methodist Church which had been his spiritual home for the last few years.

To Geoff (the legal adviser for the Methodist Church), Roger, Brian and Alan we extend the sympathy of the church on the death of Leicester, a loved and loving father.

WINIFRED ALICE WOODS

(nee Bennett)

Win was born at Frankton on 10 December 1920 and influenced early by her grandmother, her family and the small Methodist Church at Te Kowhai.

Relationships with Maori were natural at school and warm at the family home where workers sometimes stayed on the small dairy farm.

From a gardening family, it wasn't surprising that she worked as a florist for 4 years developing skills which were put to good use in church decorating, preparing corsages, presentation gifts, etc. in church and community through her life.

During this period she began Sunday School teaching and carried it over into home Sunday Schools in small Maori settlements at Horotiu.

Win was accepted by Conference 1951 and then trained at Deaconess House, served her probationary year in 1954 and in 1955 continued in the Waikato Methodist Maori Mission alongside Rev A J Seamer, Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Rev H Darvill and others as a Dedicated Deaconess based at Te Rahui the Girls' Hostel.

Her service until she retired to marry in 1960 was outstanding as she gave of herself beyond the call of duty with sensitive, costly service and loving care thus earning the gratitude, respect and affection of countless families with whom she "sat where they sat". She kept her contacts with and involvement in the Diaconate until the end.

After marriage she served as Matron of Seamer House for a period and then at Point Wells, a tiny community in the Warkworth Circuit, with others she poured her enthusiasm and energy into the establishment of a Methodist cause and the building of a Church and Hall. There she cared for a number of Welfare children before the adoption of the family of four.

In 1985 she moved to Manurewa where she again gave herself unstintingly to every aspect of the Church's life and work.

Over the years Win suffered serious health problems without complaint and in 1995 moved to Papatoetoe to be near siblings but continued to serve church and community, carrying on such voluntary work as Braille Translation at Homai. Her life has been hard and often been made harder by her fierce independence and frugality and her compulsion to help others and serve her Church and her Lord.

A final protracted hospitalisation ended with the kindness of death on October 14th, 1997 and the funeral celebration and messages of love bore testimony to the effectiveness of her Christian witness and the inspiration she has been to so many.

The Church now expresses love to the children Joy, Neil, David and Keith and their families and with them gives thanks and respect for her life and ministry.

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RETIRING PRESBYTERS
AND DEACONS

WILLIAM A CHESSUM MusB.

Bill Chessum, the youngest of a family of five, was born in Te Kuiti, his mother having travelled from Warkworth to be with relatives for that special event. His parents' roots were in a sister church, however, after being made welcome by Methodists at Warkworth, they made the Methodist Church their home church. They gave the church wholehearted allegiance and their children were involved in the lively youth work, a strong camping tradition and found encouragement in lay preaching.

In 1951 Bill trained at Ardmore Teachers College and then spent three years at Pukekohe High School during which period he also concentrated on music and other studies at Auckland University. This was followed by two years at Warkworth High School.

His considerable musical ability was quickly recognised and in 1957 he was accepted as a relieving teacher at Ardmore Teachers' Training College. Overseas experience in Britain filled 1958. On his return Bill spent a further three years teaching before responding to inner convictions and the call of the Church to offer himself as a candidate for ordained ministry.

At the beginning of his third year at Trinity he married Annette Silvester. The Church acknowledges the tremendous support and loyalty Annette has given within the church and in community facing areas. Together they served faithfully in Otautau and Northcote before the appointment as Teacher/Chaplain at Wesley College in 1973 in which challenging role Bill encouraged the developing lives and talents of students for ten years.

From 1983 he taught at Wesley College and Pukekohe High School part-time and then as Head of Department of Music at De La Salle College, Mangere, retiring from full-time teaching at the end of 1992.

Since 1990 he has been Local Presbyter part-time at Otahuhu-Mangere East. On the wider field he has been secretary of the Deaconess Board; assistant and then secretary of the Auckland Synod; supervisor of probationary studies while on the Committee on Ministry, and at times assessor of probationers for Auckland Synod.

Conference 1976 requested that the Church produce the musical drama *Ride, Ride* and in March 1977 an Auckland committee was formed with Bill as musical director. The 1978 Conference was impressed with the two performances given there after a season of 16 in Auckland and later two in Whangarei.

This experience opened a whole new area for Bill for communicating the gospel through music and drama and was the catalyst for the formation of Pilgrim Productions. He is still extremely positive about being involved with people committed to presenting Christian musicals.

After two decades of this and the pioneering of a programme of Plays to Churches these things have become a significant part of his life. He readily acknowledges that an important aspect of his growth has been working closely with outstanding directors on world famous musicals. He has also been

involved with many community Theatre groups, orchestras and choirs and has always sought to interpret and expose the deeper issues and values involved so that their spiritual impact is evident.

Bill's preaching is well prepared, Biblically based, relevant and thought provoking. As a pastor he is sensitive, a compassionate shepherd and a warm friend.

Helen, Andrew, Mark and Ruth made up the Chessum family before marriage partners and grandchildren were included and all have been involved in musicals, sometimes all together! Andrew and Mark are both active in music and leadership in their respective churches.

Bill has reached the age for compulsory superannuation but offers himself for a further year's supply ministry and those who are blessed by his ministry encourage Conference to take up that offer.

The Connexion gratefully acknowledges his ministry, gives thanks to him, Annette and the family and prays every blessing for them in the years ahead.

JAMES F CROPP

Jim Cropp has served his Lord and the Methodist Church faithfully and well during the 41 years of his ministry.

Jim was born in Lower Hutt in 1933, but spent most of his growing up years in Hokitika. Then, after graduating from the Christchurch Teachers College, he taught in Nelson (Auckland Point), Collingwood and New Plymouth (Westown).

About that time, Jim felt a call to offer as a candidate for ministry and was accepted as a Pre-Collegiate Probationer, spending 1954 with the St Aubyns and Westown congregations of the New Plymouth Circuit.

Three years at Trinity Theological College were followed by a probationary appointment to Manurewa and ordination at the Wellington Conference in 1959.

The following January, Jim married Meriel Beaumont of Christchurch. Meriel had previously been employed as a Methodist Youth Director and they spent the next two years working in the Greendale Circuit (Canterbury). This was the beginning of a strong partnership in ministry. Meriel has been a loving homemaker and mother to the four children, has supported Jim in his work and made her own special contribution to every parish they have worked in.

Then came a call to missionary work in the Solomon Islands. The church had recognised their many skills and for the next 12 years, 1962-73 they made a wonderful contribution to the life of the church in the Solomons. Jim's responsibilities included 7 years as principal of Goldie College with involvement in the Roviana Circuit, 3 years in the Vella Lavella Circuit and 2 years seconded to the King George 6th Government High School, serving as Chaplain and acting-principal. The main thrust of all his work in the Solomons was the training of local pastors and leaders.

The family returned to New Zealand to take up an appointment in the Ashburton Parish, 1974-80, then St Albans Christchurch, (St John's and Aldred Churches) 1981-85, then the Christchurch Methodist Mission ("House of Hope" and aged care chaplain) 1986-91 followed by the Blenheim Parish, 1992-97.

Between 1991-95 Jim served as District Superintendent for Nelson Marlborough and the West Coast.

Jim has made good use of his teaching skills throughout his ministry, but he has been more than a teacher. His preaching has always been well prepared, well delivered, challenging and balanced. He has the ability to relate well to children, young people and adults. He has been a faithful pastor and a good administrator.

Even after 41 years of full time ministry, his leadership continues to be energetic, creative and innovative. Editing and promoting the "Daily Meditations for Disciples" is an example of this.

The church says thanks to Jim and Meriel and wishes them God's blessing for a long and satisfying retirement in Christchurch.

STAN HUNT

Stan was born at Invercargill in 1931 where he spent his early years and received his education.

Stan's Christian commitment grew from his experience of God's love as shown to him by the members of the Central and Otatara Methodist congregations.

Stan married Ena in 1955 and they lived in Invercargill worshipping at Central then shifting to West Plains and worshipped at Otatara. They moved back to Invercargill in 1963 and rejoined the Central congregation where Stan and Ena have always been loyal members. Stan was involved for 8 years leading Life Boys, serving the Church as a Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher, as Choir Member and a Trustee and many other capacities.

Stan is a very acceptable and appreciated lay Preacher. In 1989-1990 he began training as a Deacon and was ordained at the 1993 Conference in Christchurch.

His covenant was originally to a ministry of pastoral care to the fringe people of the Central Congregation.

Although not an academic, Stan enjoyed the mind stretching of his studies, and developed further the inclusive and holistic nature of his personal theology.

Since retirement from his secular employment with the Southland Area Health Board, Stan has developed a specialised ministry of healing, through his holistic approach to massage, ministry to the terminally ill, and extensive pastoral caring service.

A person of genuine warmth and sensitivity, Stan has been a valued member of the parish ministry team, majoring in pastoral care. He has also been a valued confidant and support person for Parish Presbyters.

Outside interests have included 25 years of service as a Lifeline Counsellor and an extensive and leading role in Yoga activities throughout New Zealand.

Final retirement will not be the end of his service to God and the Church, to whom his commitment is ongoing and complete.

DONALD J PHILLIPPS

Donald Phillipps is a tall tree whose roots go deep into the history of Methodism. He traces his spiritual ancestry to a sturdy Cornish Wesleyan family in the 1740s; his great great-great grandfather came to New Zealand and worked as a blacksmith on the Methodist mission station on the Hokianga. After completing his education, first at Victoria University then at Otago University, Donald first went into the business world and worked for ten years with ICI. But the call to a different vocation ran in the blood, and in 1965 he entered Trinity College as a candidate for the Methodist ministry.

After ordination, his first appointment was to the Milton-Lawrence parish, and it is a notable feature of his ministry that all of it has been carried out in the Otago-Southland district. From Milton, Donald went into tertiary chaplaincy, as one of the early ecumenical chaplains at the University of Otago. There, over a period of twelve years, he became a familiar figure on campus, known and respected as friend and wise counsellor to students and staff alike. He gave community service in other areas too: marriage guidance, the YMCA, and the Dunedin Ecumenical Hospital Chaplaincy Committee.

In 1982 he took up a senior position as Superintendent of the Dunedin Methodist Mission. Although the last years of his superintendency were overshadowed by severe budget problems and the consequent need for retrenchment, under his leadership much was achieved or set in place. Social services in Invercargill and Otago, a counselling centre in Waimate, the purchase of the Ripponburn Hospital at Cromwell and Mossbrae Home at Mosgiel; a nursery and childcare centre in South Dunedin; South Care, providing home-based care for the elderly, the redevelopment of the Friendship Centre in the Mission Building, and Methodist co-operation with the Anglican Church to provide family care in Dunedin.

In 1982 to 1990 Donald added to his Mission responsibilities the heavy administrative and pastoral duties of the Superintendency of the Otago-Southland district. His trusty Peugeot took him thousands of kilometres to innumerable meetings, services, synods and consultations; he became a fatherly figure known from Oamaru to Bluff.

There were national responsibilities too. From 1980 he was a member and later chairman of the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services; in 1982 he joined the Methodist Board of Administration, and for many years he was Convenor of the Methodist Social Services Association, later the MMA. His election as President of the Methodist Church in 1986-7 was a natural expression of the respect and standing he had gained over many years throughout the Connexion, and there is a particular fitness to his appointment as Acting General Secretary in the final year of his ministry.

He will be remembered as a good pastor and chaplain, an experienced administrator holding key positions in the life of our church, a steady voice speaking for wisdom, tolerance and inclusiveness in the councils and gathering places of our people, an advocate for power-sharing on the bi-cultural journey,

a champion for Methodism in heart, mind and soul, a benign man of gentle generous, cheerful faith. Donald Phillipps has mana with both Maori and Pakeha; he is a rock and a kauri tree, a person of great aroha.

In his retirement he can look forward to pursuing his passionate interest in cricket and the imaginative world of *The Lord of the Rings*, to exercising his magnificent voice in choirs and places where they sing, to researching the documentary history of Methodism, to driving more slowly over the landscape he loves, to enjoying time with his wife Barbara, talking books with his librarian daughter Sarah, chatting about the Chills with his son Martin, and playing the proud grandfather with Rachel and Richard and their daughter Gabrielle.

Donald, loyal son of Wesley and true son of the South, we wish you well; God go with you.

APPENDIX

born 11 November 1932 son of John Hugh Phillipps and Zenobia Jennifred Willard (Fear). His father was a notable New Zealand cricket administrator who managed the 1949 and 1958 tours to England.

married Barbara (Laurenson) (1958)

children: Sarah, Martin, Rachel

education Victoria University (BA); University of Otago (BD); Trinity College, Auckland (1965-7)

salesman for ICI (1957-67)

parish ministry: Milton-Lawrence (1968-70); Dunedin South and Mosgiel (1995-7)

ecumenical chaplaincy University of Otago (1970-82)

Superintendent Dunedin Methodist Mission (1982-94)

Superintendent Otago-Southland District (1982-90)

President, Methodist Church of New Zealand (1986-7)

Acting General Secretary, Methodist Church of New Zealand (1997)

Fellow of Trinity College (1996)

Member MSSA (later the MMA), Convenor (1988-)

Member Board of Administration (19812-)

Member and Chairman Media and Communication Committee

Member New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (1980-4; Chairman 1992-4)

Member Board of Dunedin Ecumenical Chaplaincy

Member Board of Anglican-Methodist Family Care

KENNETH HARRY RUSSELL

Ken's ministry has been a vital people centred one, marked by strong community-building, attention to the rights of children in the life of the church, and to social justice dimensions in worship and preaching. A strong and consistent advocate of church union, Ken has insisted that the union of the churches is an imperative rather than an option. The failure of the churches to achieve any of their national goals in union throughout his ministry is an acute disappointment. However Ken counts it as a privilege to have served 14 years in a co-operative venture in Whangarei, and to have served the wider life of the church in a number of significant ecumenical roles.

Ken warmly acknowledges the influence of his parents and childhood church to his early formation. Born 20/4/34 to Stan and Ailsa Russell, both active members of St Johns Nelson, Ken was brought up within the Church which had a major influence on his life, his values and attitudes.

The ministries of Ash Petch and Charlie Hailwood touched him at a formative time in his life and helped him see the relevance of the gospel and to make links with social and political issues.

Judy Andrews came out of the same community and the two shared many of the same influences leading to their courtship and marriage.

Ken candidated in 1953 from the Nelson district, and after 3 years at Trinity College, and marriage to Judy in January 1957 they began a 40 year parish ministry that has taken them the full length of the country.

Hokitika 1957-59, Waitara 1960-65; Levin 1966-70; Invercargill (Central) 1971-80; Whangarei (St Johns Uniting) 1981-94. In 1995 Ken was requested to do a brief supply ministry at Wesley Wellington, this being extended to 2 years, and providing a very satisfying ministry (and wider exposure to cross-culturalism) in the church at which he was ordained almost 40 years before.

Ken was ordained in November 1959, among one of the largest groups of ordinands in recent memory, including Phyllis Guthardt as the first woman ordained in Methodism. Ken jokingly remarks that the church was so busy with its worries about Phyll, that they overlooked a number of lesser talents such as himself.

However, within deeply committed pastoral ministries, Ken also served 8 years as District Superintendent in Otago-Southland (1972-79) and 10 years in Northland (1982-91). He also counted it a special privilege to be President of the Northland Union District Council for 2 years, and Moderator of the Northland Presbytery.

Ken and Judy have 5 children, and enjoy their 9 grandchildren. Their home has been one given to hospitality, and Ken is the first to say that Judy's skills of welcoming and making people "feel at home" have been a huge strength in his ministry. In addition to her formidable culinary skills, Judy is also an accomplished wood turner and painter and shares with Ken a deep interest in gardening and antiques.

Ken feels that his working life is far from over, and so, in addition to helping Judy with a most challenging home garden, Ken is also using 'retirement time' to work as a Whangarei funeral celebrant. This is very satisfying, and very much in tune with Ken's deep love and commitment to people beyond as well as within the church.

TANIELU TUA FANUA SA'O

Tanielu Tuafanua Sa'o was born into a Methodist family in January 11, 1933 at Tafatafa, Falealili, Western Samoa. He was educated in his village school before attending the Methodist Church School, Siaso Palaunui, in Apia from 1952-1955. His leadership skill began to emerge as he was made leader and school prefect during his time at Siaso Palaunui. His search for further education took him to Fiji where he attended a Grammar School from 1956 to 1959. Tanielu felt a call to the ministry and returned home to prepare for this call. He was accepted by the Methodist Church as a candidate for ministry and entered Piula Theological College where he studied for three years. He took a three month exploratory trip to New Zealand in 1963, and in 1964, instead of completing his theological studies, decided to migrate to New Zealand. He settled at Ponsonby and attended St John's where he married Tifa'i in 1967.

Tanielu is one of the founding members of the St John's Samoan community. He recalls some great difficulties in those days when the Palangi membership was diminishing fast and the Samoan membership grew in numbers while St John's had been considered to closing down. With no Samoan minister, Tanielu was made a lay leader, and with others, worked hard to build up a strong Samoan congregation which in 1984 became the first Samoan Parish of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. Tanielu candidated for ministry in 1977 and was accepted into the Trinity College Home Setting Training Programme. He was appointed to the Wesley Samoan congregation in Hastings in 1979. In 1980 he was ordained presbyter of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. After nine years of fruitful ministry at Hastings Tanielu and Taifa'i were appointed to Papakura in 1989. In their five happy years of ministry in Papakura, Tanielu and Tifa'i began planning to retire from Papakura Parish. However the 1994 Conference appointed Tanielu to a rather demanding and difficult ministry in the Waikarete Parish – looking after two Samoan congregations, New Lynn and Henderson. Tanielu and Tifa'i Sa'o are now happy to retire after three more years of challenging ministry. Tanielu's style and approach to ministry is best summed up in the expression "slow and sure". He is a person of tremendous wisdom and deep thinking. He is characterized by humility, obedient to his call, outgoing and humor. Tanielu refuses to accept any status of ministry and has worked extremely well to reform the Samoan church culture in New Zealand.

Tanielu and Tifa'i in their ministry have put a greater emphasis on the needs of children and young people. They have strongly advocated changes and variations in traditional Samoan style of worship and in the ordering of congregational life for the sake of young people.

Tanielu and Tifa'i have four children, two boys and two girls. They also have two spoiled grandchildren.

Lau Susuga Tanielu ma le Faletua ia Tifa'i, fa'amalo le galulue mo le Atua. Fa'afetai mo galuega lelei uma mo le atina'e le Galuega Samoa. Ua oulua asaina le ala mo le humana'i alo na fanau a Samoa i le Ekalesia Metotisi Niu Sila. Ia fa'amamui atule Atua i tausaga o totoe o lo oulua soifua.

G CLIVE SMITH, LTh

Clive was accredited as a lay preacher in Invercargill in 1961. Called to further his ministry training he attended the School for Christian Workers in Auckland in 1965. From there he went to Picton in 1966 as a Home Missionary Supply for 12 months in the Blenheim Circuit. While in this position he candidated. He was affirmed by Conference and entered into full time theological training at Trinity College in 1967. Clive was elected Senior Student of the College in 1969. He began his LTh while at Trinity.

1969 was a significant year in Clive's life because this was when he married Rhona Hance from Picton. Rhona and Clive have shared ministry together and have been known for their warm hospitality extended to all who visit the parsonage. Rhona has also had a particular interest in parish youth work and helping parents with young children. Clive and Rhona have two adult children, Joanne and Keith, and they are a very close, loving family.

As a Probationer Clive was stationed at Caversham-Wesley in the Dunedin South circuit and attended lectures at Knox College to complete his LTh. While there from 1970-4, Clive's skill and enthusiasm for reorganising Parish building's into functional and flexible assets for Church activities became evident with the remodelling of Wesley Church to incorporate a lounge. In each Parish Clive has ministered in, his ability to involve lay people and work alongside them in practical projects, has been an integral part of his pastoral ministry.

From Dunedin, the family went to Richmond, between 1975-79 and from there he was appointed to the Lyttelton Harbour Union Parish where he ministered in Church and Community for eight years. In Lyttelton, he helped replace the floor of the Church, and in 1985 had a funeral every 10 days. Throughout his ministry Clive has also been noted for his caring help with people who are grieving.

Clive has served the ecumenical movement well. He was Convener of Christchurch Presbytery Ecumenical Committee in 1983. A member of the North Canterbury Joint Regional Committee for Co-operating Ventures from 1980-1990 and Chairman of this Committee from 1985-1987.

Clive became Superintendent of the Christchurch East Parish in 1988 where his preaching and management of the parish have been greatly appreciated. In 1997 the Wainoni Church building has been completely remodelled and refurbished.

In recreation time, Clive's interests include trout fishing, camping with the family, and the Masonic Lodge. He was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand in 1992. Clive and Rhona will be missed in the North Canterbury District. We give thanks for their caring, humble service, and their ability to relate to people of all types and ages. As they move into retirement we wish them every blessing.

PIULA ALISA UNASA-SU QSM JP

Piula was born in Safotu, Savai'i, Western Samoa into a Methodist family in 1934. She was the second in a family of seven children, the eldest girl who helped bring the others up. During the second world war there was no school, but after the war Piula continued her education. In the evenings, Piula would often go to the Minister's house to read from the Bible. Prayer times at home with parents and grandparents were regular events, with all the children and family members taking part. A monthly fast every first Sunday of the month is a custom Piula continued throughout her life.

Piula came to New Zealand in 1952 then returned to Samoa in 1955. In 1957 Piula came back to New Zealand and settled in Gisborne. In 1957 Piula moved to Auckland where she worked as a nurse. Piula was married by Rev Clements to John Unasa-Su in the Pitt Street Methodist Church in 1960. John and Piula returned to Gisborne to live. Their seven children were all born and raised in Gisborne. In 1971 John and Piula began the Methodist Samoan Fellowship in Gisborne. Piula became a Lay Preacher in 1979. In 1991 Piula was ordained as a Deacon. In 1989 she became a JP and received the Q.S.M. in 1990. Following John's death in 1991 Piula became the leader of the Samoan Fellowship in Gisborne, carrying all the ministerial responsibilities. Sadly, during 1996 Piula contracted Meningitis which has left her completely deaf.

Throughout her life Piula has offered a loving service to her family, Church and the wider community. Like her late husband John, Piula has been a strong advocate for the Samoan Ministry and Pre-School. Her service has been inspired by a deep her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Piula has been a loyal servant of Christ and of the Methodist Church in Samoa and here in Aotearoa-New Zealand. Her ministry has been greatly appreciated by her local Church and community and by National Church and Pacific Island Groups including the Pre-School movement. Thank you Piula for all you have done in the name of Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa. We give thanks to God that although you are retiring as a deacon, your ministry of love and caring for all people will continue.

*Piula, fa'afetao tele le galuie. Fa'amalo le onosa'i i mea faigata.
Ua e mamumalo i le soifua 'au'auna mo Ali'i o Iesu Keriso.
Ia fa'amanuia tele atu le Atua ia te 'oe.*

ALAN K WOODLEY

Alan was born into Methodism in Morrinsville. On both sides of his family there were strong Methodist connections and he grew up in a church which contributed equally strongly to the wider Methodist Connexion. He was one of half a dozen young men and women who in the immediate post-war era entered the ministry of the Church from the Morrinsville Parish.

He offered as a candidate for the ministry in 1958, one of nearly twenty candidates in those halcyon days. After three years at Trinity College Alan was stationed as follows: Gisborne 1962-64, at the beginning of which time he married Patricia Turley and at the end of which he was ordained at the Hamilton Conference; Hokianga 1965-69; Henderson 1970-76, during which he completed his BA degree. At heart a parish minister.

Such was the regard in which Alan was held for his all-round abilities as a preacher, pastor, and administrator that when the position of General Secretary became vacant with the retirement of the Rev'd Bill Laws, Alan was appointed to that position in 1977. He fulfilled this exacting role for ten years. At the end of this period of service the Conference record noted his guidance in the development of the Methodist Trust Association, the introduction of the Connexional Banking Arrangement, the rationalisation of the method of holding Title for Church property, the provision of accounting services for other Divisions and Departments, the upgrading of Superannuation services, the introduction of a comprehensive Insurance Scheme, improvements in the supervision of funds for ministry, and fostering of archives. Alan was actively involved in the Probert Trust being brought into the MTA and the PAC Trust coming along side the Investment Board until the establishment of the PACT 2086 Trust following the long term leasing of its land. In so many of these developments Alan would-be the first to acknowledge his indebtedness to the late Dr Dennis Janus, the Church's Finance Manager, with whom he had such a beneficial working partnership and friendship. As Secretary of Conference he guided its business with care and concern and almost the last act as General Secretary was to state his creed under the heading "Administration is Sacramental".

After a year of travel and other duties for the MTA and the Connexional Office, Alan moved to the Auckland Mission as Superintendent, a position he held until 1995. His record of eight years service at the Mission demonstrates Alan's continuing flair for innovation; the development of the Aotea Chapel Community; the shaping of ministry from Aotea Chapel so that it better serve the needs of inner city people and the development of the Airedale Community Centre, the formation of the Inter Church Night Shelter; the general development of community-facing services; imaginative responses to changing Government policies for the care of the elderly, and especially the formation of Special Care units for dementia sufferers, new partnerships with Parishes, Inter church and community agency coordination; the establishment of the Employment Generation Fund, new initiatives for families at risk and the renewal of the Mission's asset base. The recognition of the ASB

Community Trust and their gifting Four Million dollars to the Mission was community support for the significant work of the Mission. In all of this Alan's skills as administrator and negotiator were necessary in dealing with Central and Regional Government and other agencies. Alan was for many years a valued member of the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services and a champion of practical caring through Methodist Mission Aotearoa (MMA) the national Methodist social services network.

Alan now comes to the time of becoming a supernumerary minister and leaves behind him a remarkable record of services to the Connexion, particularly his near twenty years in Connexional Appointments. Essentially a confidential person who worked quietly behind the scene, Alan has left an indelible mark on the Methodist Church of New Zealand. He helped so many of his colleagues in ministry simply because of his quiet wisdom. He could be an uncompromising person, too, when matters of principle were involved, and he had a high sense of what it was to be Methodist – a true Wesleyan. This he took into ecumenical commitments including the National Council of Churches, The Joint National Committee on Church Extension. A member for ten years of the World Methodist Council and executive and a Vice Chair of its Social and international Affairs Committee. He was nominated as one of the eight Presidents at the Nairobi Conference.

Alan comes to this stage of ministry and will take with him the good wishes of many Methodists, both lay and ordained. He is now able to put into practical use, through his business, his long-standing love as a collector of fine china. He will have more time for Patricia, who has provided unfailing support for Alan through these years of ministry and for their children, David, Suzanne and Bruce. The Church offers Alan and Patricia their greeting and appreciation for a ministry of singular ability and commitment.

BRYANT S L ABBOTT

In preparing this Tribute Bryant makes the following comments:

"Sorry it was so sudden! I was enjoying Te Aroha and looking forward to the work of ministry there. I also appreciated the Waikato Synod more than I had the previous Synods. But, the doctor indicated that it would be a beneficial idea for me to retire early. So, I did! Now Julie and I are settling down happily in Christchurch."

Bryant came to Whangarei as a Civil Engineer from England. During his (approx.) 10 years in that work, the idea was put to him of becoming a Minister. Not much response, but the idea wouldn't go away. Bryant thought that he would sort out this feeling of 'call' once and for all by applying for Ministry training – and not getting in. He was accepted! If Jesus Christ wasn't surprised, Bryant was.

Three years of Ministry training at Trinity/St John's and then off to Riccarton in Christchurch at St Stephens and Clarence Street. From there Bryant and Julie went to Karori, Wellington. After having seen it through its change to Karori-Northland Uniting Parish he came to Te Aroha in the Waikato. A place that he had met during his training days at College. Ill health brought the work in Te Aroha Parish to a rather abrupt halt, and when Bryant's recovery wasn't as effective as hoped, he has retired to Christchurch.

W J DOUGLAS WAKELING

Doug Wakeling speaks of the outstanding gift the ministry has been for him, in terms of the variety he has experienced in the rich years of his ordained ministry. 'I was never bored.' The ordained presbyteral ministry has meant he has moved from East Coast to West Coast, from South Island to North Island, as he worked within the itinerant system. The nature of the parishes where Doug was appointed, have also expressed this variety.

Doug's childhood and youth were spent in Gisborne growing up on his father's farm, attending local schools and eventually working in the building industry. With the encouragement of the Rev'd Clarence Leadley, Doug offered as a candidate for the Presbyteral Ministry, was accepted and began training at Trinity College in 1959, followed by Probationary years at Islington/Templeton in the Springston Parish. He was ordained in 1964.

From Islington Doug went to Westport to an appointment in the Westport Methodist Circuit. During this time, the circuit joined with the Presbyterian parish to form the Westport Union Parish. Next, for three years Doug ministered in the South Roskill area within the Dominion Road Methodist Circuit. The following appointment was again in a union situation in the Carterton Union Parish, where he was able to assist in the rationalisation of a great collection of old run down buildings, and the establishment of the new St David's Church Centre. Doug was appointed to the Paparaumu Methodist Circuit in February 1978 and remained there for six years. After working in his own small business for a time, he was appointed in February 1988 to the Hauraki Plains Co-operating Parish which included an Anglican strand. His final appointment was to Feilding-Oroua Methodist Parish in 1994. The recital of such dates and places, like the lists of patriarchs and begats in scripture, can give at most, a bare outline of a ministry. Yet it can be seen that this ministry, even expressed in such terms, hints at a breadth and depth as Doug has moved from Methodist to Presbyterian/Methodist to Methodist to Methodist/Presbyterian to Methodist to Methodist/Presbyterian/Anglican to Methodist. In that alone, it expresses an essential element of Methodism – its recognition of the value of meeting people across the boundaries of our own denomination to form good working relationships in a commonality of faith – our ecumenism. Doug sees his most valuable ministry in one of the uniting parishes where he served, the Carterton Union Parish.

Doug has spent time working beyond the church, first as a young man in the building industry, and as a chauffeur for visiting tourists when he was a student. He values highly the time he spent running his own small business. It gave him a great understanding of what many of the people with whom he worked as minister, experienced in their everyday lives. Doug also values his great OE's – a journey to the Holy Land and an exchange ministry within the United Church of Canada.

This has described the bare bones of Doug's ministry within the church. Doug's interests are practical; tramping, boating, camping, exploring the natural scenery, making useful things with his hands, and above all, being a

family man. Heather, whom he married in January 1962 has always been his partner in ministry. Her warmth, her people skills, and her vitality have complemented Doug's quiet and reflective nature. Heather has continued her profession of nurse throughout their married life, around her care of their four children, and now takes great interest in the grand children. They look forward to moving to their home on the Kapiti Coast.

Doug's confession at the end of his ministry is that he is a rich man, 'for despite all the discomfort of ministry, I can praise God for calling me to a most memorable and meaningful life's work'.

AUDREY ANCRUM

Audrey was born in England just before World War II and grew up with a circle of friends from different denominational backgrounds, an ecumenist from the beginning. The family emigrated to Kenya when Audrey was in her teens and it was there that she further developed her sporting abilities, representing her new country in hockey, and where she met and married Bruce. This was to be her entry into the Methodist Church, for after their joint confirmation, Bruce and Audrey became very active in leadership of home groups and the choir. More modern translations of the Bible came into use and there was an air of excitement and enthusiasm. The rise of the MauMau in Kenya made it a dangerous time, several of their friends were killed and in spite of Audreys anti violence stance, "we all carried guns".

Audrey and Bruce returned to England and ten years of raising a family, Mark, Andrew and Shannon, work and church involvement kept them busy. They moved around quite a bit, making the necessary adjustments and developed flexibility and people skills that were to stand them both in good stead. A Young Wives retreat opened Audrey's eyes to the creative potential of women in worship and church life, and she has built on this in her ministry.

Emigration to New Zealand in the early 1970s brought more changes and challenges as family life, full time work and church commitments were balanced,. Audrey was a member of the choir, a Sunday school teacher and Leaders' Meeting representative at Takapuna and then moved to the Campbells Bay congregation. There she developed her skills in worship, preaching and housegroup leadership, and it was here that she felt her call to the ordained ministry.

Audrey is very grateful to the Methodist Church for her 3 years of academic training at Theological College, the library "like an Aladdin's cave for me" and the opportunity to travel to Samoa, Tonga and the Cook Islands as an exchange student, preparing her for the multicultural nature of her ministry. Her first appointment was to two very different congregations those of Epsom and Wesley Roskill, and for the past two years, 1996-7, she has been fulltime at Wesley Roskill, a lively and changing group.

Audrey brought to her ministry compassion for the less fortunate, a strong sense of justice, and an ability to relate to people of many different cultures and backgrounds. She served the wider church on the Faith and Order Committee, was an active member of the local ministers associations and Synod representative on the Interchurch Hospital Chaplaincy committee. She uses her skills in facilitation and supervision to encourage and enable others in the development of their ministry.

She has enjoyed and appreciated the support of many people in the Auckland District, and most of all from her husband Bruce who has been a tower of

strength and cheerful encouragement from the start of her candidacy, which he regarded as "the logical conclusion to all she had been doing in the past".

Retirement has come a little earlier than intended, for family reasons, and Audrey looks forward to spending more quality time with Bruce and a new grandchild. She hopes to play more golf, enjoy the garden and get more involved in the local community. She gives thanks for the challenges which life, and God continue to bring and has particular skills and training in counselling and supervision which are now more fully available to the church.

We thank Audrey and Bruce for their example of loving and supportive marriage, and wish them many years of continued ministry in church and community.

RECOGNITION

OF SERVICE

JOHN ALBERT STRINGER

Resigned from Ministry 1997

John was born in Christchurch and entered the ministry of the Church after having spent a year in a Trading Bank, and three years at the Bible College of New Zealand in Auckland.

His first appointment after Theological Training was to Balclutha in 1973.

John was ordained at the 1975 Conference in Ngaruawahia and then served in the Presbyterian-Methodist Parish of Wairoa until 1983 when he was appointed to the Dunedin Parish serving at Mosgiel. In 1993 he moved to Shirley congregation in the Christchurch East Parish and resigned from Ministry in 1997.

John brought strong Biblical, Pastoral, and Administrative gifts to ministry and had the ability to establish clear goals and work toward them in a competent manner.

His encouraging manner, consideration of others and keen sense of humour enabled him to work well with others.

His leadership qualities were used in various ways within the Church and in the wider community.

John's service to the Church over the past twentyfour years was well received and appreciated.

PETER GLENSOR

Early in 1997, Peter informed the President that he was resigning from the Methodist Ministry. His resignation was typical of his personal integrity as he recognised that for some time the focus of his ministry had not been within the organisational life of Te Hahi Weteriana.

Peter's contribution to the life of the Church has been immensely varied, and appreciated. He served in two Parishes – Masterton Union (1976-1980) and Lower Hutt – Petone (1981) with specific responsibilities for the Wesley Petone multicultural congregations.

He served from 1982 – 1987 with the National Council of Churches, with a focus on Youth, International Affairs and Overseas Aid and Development.

His contribution to the Church went wider than Te Hahi Weteriana and the New Zealand Ecumenical Movement. From 1973 – 1983 he represented New Zealand Churches at international Church meetings in Asia, the Pacific, and conferences organised by the World Council of Churches. He was Moderator of the World Council of Churches Youth Committee's annual meetings in 1975 and 1983.

A feature of Peter's ministry has been his contribution to the Church's understanding of and commitment to Biculturalism. He was part of the Power Sharing seminar in July 1983 which brought to the Takapuna Conference specific recommendations as to how the Church could begin its Bicultural journey. He was a founding member of the Wellington Bicultural workgroup and was a member of the Council of Elders 1994/1995.

Peter's commitment to Treaty issues went much wider than the Methodist church. He helped to establish and run Project Waitangi. He became a managing Trustee of the Waitangi Consultancy Group dealing with over 150 corporate clients, including local bodies, government departments schools and non-government organisations.

Among the many gifts of ministry Peter shared unstintingly with the church he will be remembered for; his boundless energy and enthusiasm, his superb facilitating and organisational skills, his courage in challenging the church to address the issues of racism and inclusiveness within its own life and the life of the nation.

Currently, Peter is the National Co-ordinator and Consultant, Health Care Aotearoa Inc. and a member of the Hutt City Council.

STATISTICS

NORTHLAND

Membership						Average June Attendance					
Roll		Baptism		Other		Worship			Christian Educ.		
Methodist	Union or Co-operating	Children Under 13	Adults 13 and over	Confirm-ations	Households in Pastoral Care	Children Under 13	Young Adults 13-25	Adults 26 and over	Children Under 13	Youth 13 to 17	Adults
		53				37	4	2	31	4	13
		52				52	3	1	31	3	
		91		2	161	2	2	59	6		10
		79	1		70	11		24	30		13
		5			11	9	3	10			
		173	1	3	3	200			49	15	82
		112	1	2		90	34		22	4	17
117		2			163	14	8	95	13	5	
		154	8	11		84	24	9	43	20	44
		50	1		180	6		30	6		0
		210	6	1	3	231	6	141	6		24
		97	1		154	6		66			6
		34			45		6	23	1	1	8
117	1110	21	17	8	1478	119	31	553	160	33	217

AUCKLAND

2010	Auckland Central Methodist	310	15			310	63	37	247	46	15	38	
2030	Roskill Methodist	54				56	18	6	54	9	5	20	
2040	Auckland East Methodist	112				103	33	41	142	45	30	55	
2060	Orakei Methodist	138	4			138	6	5	81	16	4		
2070	Glen Innes Co-operating		89			96	9	5	28	9	5		
2080	Mt Albert Methodist	139	1			173	26	10	69	26	19	10	
2090	Avondale Union												
2100	Waitakere Methodist Church	330	8				46	35	194	46	35	54	
2120	Te Atatu Union		90	4		115	26	8	77	19	4	49	
2130	Devonport Methodist	57	1			64	5	4	44	5		9	
2140	Takapuna Methodist Church	213	3		2	260	21	8	127	16	5	8	
2150	Birkenhead Methodist	94	8			142	45	12	226	45	32	8	
2180	Northcote Methodist	77	1			85	7	4	54	7		10	
2280	Whangaparoa Methodist	161	d 1		4	218	34	7	157	36	10	82	
2290	Mahurangi Methodist	85				150	3		82	3		12	
2300	New Lynn Co-op: St Austells'		79	2		80	11	1	42	18		16	
2310	Waterview Methodist	70	3			58	19	17	40	20	18	20	
2320	East Coast Bays Methodist	173	3			200			150	25		20	
2330	Lynfield Community		137	2	1	80	20	9	57	20	6	41	
2340	Auckland-Manukau Tongan Methodist	3774	169		1877	3457	1126	563	1426	390	189	382	
2370	Auckland Samoan Methodist	162			12	29	28	21	113	19	16	56	
2380	Onehunga Co-operating		303	7		250	93	66	325	125	45	18	
		5949	395	224	5	1896	5814	1546	793	3410	820	393	890

MANUKAU

Membership						Average June Attendance					
Roll		Baptism		Other		Worship			Christian Educ.		
Methodist	Union or Co-operating	Children Under 13	Adults 13 and over	Confirmations	Households in Pastoral Care	Children Under 13	Young Adults 13-25	Adults 26 and over	Children Under 13	Youth 13 to 17	Adults
643		29	7	13	1021	184	260	490	197	116	271
98			3	11	96	22		50	11	22	8
207		7	1		235	21	9	75	25	10	55
104		2			165	2		60	30		12
	30		1		65	5	3	18	2	5	5
	76	9			135	6		35	6		10
1052	106	47	12	24	1717	240	272	728	271	153	361

Membership						Average June Attendance					
Roll		Baptism		Other		Worship			Christian Educ.		
Methodist	Union or Co-operating	Children Under 13	Adults 13 and over	Confirmations	Households in Pastoral Care	Children Under 13	Young Adults 13-25	Adults 26 and over	Children Under 13	Youth 13 to 17	Adults

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

3010	Thames Union	162				325	11	4	75	13	10
3020	Hauraki Plains Co-op										
3030	Paeroa Co-op										
3050	Te Aroha Co-op										
3060	Morrinsville Methodist	93	1			92	9	8	45	14	14
3070	Cambridge Union										
3080	Hamilton Methodist	227	3			431	8	2	131	8	27
3090	Raglan Union	60				90				23	
3100	Hamilton East Methodist	107	6			125	9	10	87	9	20
3110	Chartwell Co-op : St Albans'	349	20	2		413	10	3	131	10	28
3120	Ngaruawahia Union	65	9			368	4	6	55	6	
3130	Huntly Co-op	97	2		1	128				24	30
3160	Tokoroa Methodist	32				50	1	4	16		
3170	Rotorua Methodist	146	6			184	14	12	71	14	8
3180	Taupo: St Pauls Union										
3190	Western Bay Of Plenty Methodist	337	2	1		357	31	10	224	30	72
3200	Tauranga: St James Union	67	1	1		72	10	4	62	10	4
3210	Te Puke Methodist	119	2			140	7	1	140	4	20
3230	Kawerau Methodist	9				7			5		3
3240	Opotiki: St Johns Union	112	1			208	13	3	51	13	2

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WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

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3250	Te Awamutu Methodist												
3260	Otorohanga Methodist												
3270	Te Kuiti Methodist												
3280	Taumarunui: St Pauls Co-op	105	4			170	5	1	35	3			
3290	Turangi Co-op Parish		1			172	25	5	213	25	5		
3300	Ohura Methodist												
3310	Kawhia Methodist												
3320	Coromandel Methodist												
3330	Hamilton: St Francis Co-op	667	16			348	33	6	145	33	24	25	
3340	Piopia Aria Mokau Co-op	92	2			262	9	1	32	13	6	32	
3350	Omokoroa Co-op	215	3	3		190	13	10	124	28	12	81	
3360	Hamilton: St Clares Co-op	109	8	1		140	6		46	6	9	14	
3380	Welcome Bay Community Church												
3400	Whangamata Co-op												
		1070	2100	87	8	1	4272	218	90	1688	286	138	390

Membership						Average June Attendance					
Roll		Baptism		Other		Worship			Christian Educ.		
Methodist	Union or Co-operating	Children Under 13	Adults 13 and over	Confirmations	Households in Pastoral Care	Children Under 13	Young Adults 13-25	Adults 26 and over	Children Under 13	Youth 13 to 17	Adults
	160		5		160	21	7	114	15	12	72
98		4			137	3		43		16	
93		1	51?		182	18	1	42	18		40
	102				260	22	12	50	22	12	14
86		1			133				2	7	8
	69	6	1	2	150	17	10	42	20	12	10
	347	3			205	9		40			
237		4			172	8		88	8		
	34	2			90	1		16			
	83	12	3	11	116	9		42	8		26
514	795	33	9	13	1605	108	30	477	93	59	170

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU

Membership						Average June Attendance					
Roll		Baptism		Other		Worship			Christian Educ.		
Methodist	Union or Co-operating	Children Under 13	Adults 13 and over	Confirm-ations	Households in Pastoral Care	Children Under 13	Young Adults 13-25	Adults 26 and over	Children Under 13	Youth 13 to 17	Adults
252		7	2	7	292	28	17	159	22	32	74
192		11	4		230	39	15	136	39	15	96
136		17			192	34	33	89	24	10	25
	109	2	2	5	120	55	33	168	55	20	60
	80	12	1		90	9	2	35	10		20
66		4			104	10		46	8		25
	60	1			91			22			4
	76	1			307	9	5	25	9	10	16
346		13	1	5	450	26	19	135	26	19	38
49		2			100	10	2	26	10		10
86		1			200	10	2	50	10	2	12
	95	3			125	17	3	68	17	5	10
	171	2			183	24	6	88	24		53
	90	2			350	12	10	46	12	10	22
	79				51	3	10	37	3	9	18
1127	760	78	10	17	2885	286	157	1130	269	132	483

WELLINGTON

6010	Wellington Central Methodist	353	17			175	90	69	195	90	56	131	
6030	Wellington South Union		49	1		35			31			7	
6050	Miramar Uniting		63		1	79	5	3	46	5	6	5	
6060	Ngaio Union		76	2		105	10	2	42	10	3	9	
6070	Johnsonville Union		183	6	1	240	25	5	96	20	35	15	
6080	Newlands: St Oswalds Union		84	4		114	10			28	4	10	
6100	Mana Methodist	111				52	10	2	38				
6110	Tawa Union		877	7		398	28	9	146	18	10	6	
6120	Lower Hutt-Petone Methodist												
6140	Upper Hutt Uniting		270	17		347	36	8	219	35	8	37	
6150	Wainuiomata Union												
6160	Greytown: St Andrews Union'		41	2		150			30			8	
6170	Featherston: St Andrews Union		28	5		135	3		14	3		6	
6180	Carterton: St Davids Union		124	9	9	240	16	11	67	13	6	48	
6190	Masterton: St Lukes Union		181	4	1	278	17	24	54	40	10	72	
6200	Masterton: St James Union												
6210	Eketahuna:St Pauls Union												
6220	Levin Methodist	133		1		102	5	4	66	12			
6230	Otaki Methodist												
6240	Kapiti Co-op		315	5		520	17	3	195	17	16	40	
6270	Brooklyn: St Matthews Joint		156	5		68	10	4	45	10	4		
6280	Karori - Northland Uniting Parish		208	7		292	16.5	3.3	97.5	20	6	12	
		597	2655	92	3	9	3330	298.5	147.3	1381.5	321	164	406

NELSON-MARLBOROUGH

7011	Nelson Methodist	114		1			74	6		44	6		6
7012	Stoke Methodist	123		1			121	9	4	74	9		18
7020	Nelson: St Lukes Union		42				17	6	9	32	6		
7030	Waimea Methodist	106		1		1	54	15	2	26	34	10	14
7040	Motueka Moutere Hills Co-op		142	4			150	2	1	68	2		17
7050	Picton Union		133				110			34			
7060	Murchison Methodist Parish	9		1			9	5		16	5		2
7070	Blenheim Methodist	201		4	4		210	15	13	101	16	5	40
7090	Reefton District Union		1			1	50				27	12	8
7100	Buller Union		41	2			200	12		32	12		8
7110	Greymouth District Uniting		193				211	11	2	66	10		30
7120	Hokitika: St Andrews United												
		553	552	14	5	1	1206	81	31	493	127	27	143

NORTH CANTERBURY

8010	Christ'Ch Methodist Central Mission	172		2	4	158	10	15	105	10	10	45	
8020	Christchurch South Methodist	112	10	1		163	18		84	18		8	
8030	Christchurch East Methodist	262	4	6	1	322	36	52	223	36	15	84	
8040	New Brighton Union	70	4		2	270	16	4	302		6	20	
8050	Sumner Redcliffs Union	171	2			260	8	1	91	8	1	3	
8060	South East Chch Union												
8080	Opawa Methodist			18		230	30	65	135	30	60	80	
8090	Beckenham-Sydenham Methodist	125	3			110	10	15	70	10	15	20	
8110	Halswell Union	43				55	13	2	39	13	2	10	
8120	Hornby Riccarton Methodist	302	5	2	2	311	28	46	158	28	23	51	
8130	St Albans Methodist	212	2			225	3	4	136	2		42	
8140	Christchurch North	255	3			235	23	22	163	24	12	6	
8160	Lincoln Union	211				139	6	5	62	6		8	
8170	Ellesmere Co-op												
8180	Kaiapoi Co-op	79	6			330	10		65	10			
8190	Rangiora Methodist	172	7			261	18	115	18	20	30		
8200	Malvern Co-op	129	1			192				25	7		
8210	Oxford District Union	110	4		1	107	20	3	55	20		40	
8220	Parklands Co-op												
		1400	1025	51	29	10	3368	249	349	1706	260	181	417

Timaru-Temuka Methodist

Timaru: St Davids Marchwiell Union

Waimate Methodist

Geraldine Co-op

Ashburton Methodist

Ashburton: St Davids Union

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

9020	Dunedin Methodist Mission	334		3		371	29	14	226	33	21	8	
9040	West Harbour United												
9070	Grants Braes Union		67			174	1	2	33	8		9	
9080	Tokomariro Co-op		108	3		485	8	13	44	10	12	16	
9090	Balclutha Anglican-Methodist												
9100	Gore Methodist												
9110	Invercargill Methodist Parish	213		1		247	6		94	6	8	19	
9120	Riverton Union		98			280		3	52	10		24	
9130	Otautau-Waiono Union		69	1			10	6	24			10	
9150	Bluff Greenhills Co-op		76			155				14		18	
9160	Teviot Union		56		1	219	2		38			10	
9170	Alexandra Clyde Lauder Union		279	2		642	16		136	15	16	10	
9180	Port Chalmers United												
9190	Flagstaff Union		149	3		155	30	29	93	47	42	56	
9220	Blueskin Union		17			17	3		13				
9230	Lawrence Methodist	9				24			8				
9240	Kaikorai Union		69	1	1	4	325	11	6	55	20	5	70
9250	Brockville Community Church		35				35	12	5	28	12	5	8
		556	1023	14	2	4	3129	128	78	844	175	109	258

NORTHLAND
 AUCKLAND
 MANUKAU
 WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY
 TARANAKI WANGANUI
 HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU
 WELLINGTON
 NELSON-MARLBOROUGH
 NORTH CANTERBURY
 SOUTH CANTERBURY
 OTAGO-SOUTHLAND
TOTALS

Membership						Average June Attendance					
Roll		Baptism		Other		Worship			Christian Educ.		
Methodist	Union or Co-operating	Children Under 13	Adults 13 and over	Confirmations	Households in Pastoral Care	Children Under 13	Young Adults 13-25	Adults 26 and over	Children Under 13	Youth 13 to 17	Adults
117	1110	21	17	8	1478	119	31	553	160	33	217
5949	395	224	5	1896	5814	1546	793	3410	820	393	890
1052	106	47	12	24	1717	240	272	728	271	153	361
1070	2100	87	8	1	4272	218	90	1688	286	138	390
514	795	33	9	13	1605	108	30	477	93	59	170
1127	760	78	10	17	2885	286	157	1130	269	132	483
597	2655	92	3	9	3330	298.5	147.3	1381.5	321	164	406
553	552	14	5	1	1206	81	31	493	127	27	143
1400	1025	51	29	10	3368	249	349	1706	260	181	417
152	515	13	5	9	1158	55	18	392	34	19	68
556	1023	14	2	4	3129	128	78	844	175	109	258
13087	11036	674	105	1992	29962	3328.5	1996.3	12802.5	2816	1408	3803

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

SUPERNUMERARY FUND

For the Year Ended 31 January 1997.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Supernumerary Fund is a registered Superannuation Scheme under the Superannuation Schemes Act 1989.

The Fund is a Defined Benefit Scheme to provide retirement benefits to Ministers of the Methodist Church.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REPORTING ENTITY:

The reporting entity is the Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost modified by the revaluation of Property Assets, and investments managed by Southpac Investment Management Limited. Reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue, except for the statement of cash flows..

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The following are the significant accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

(i) The financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard FRS-32 "Financial Reporting by Superannuation Schemes" and with the provisions of the trust deed and relevant legislative requirements, comparative figures have been restated in accordance with FRS-32.

(ii) Assets.

Assets of the scheme are recorded at net current values as at the balance date and changes in the net current values of assets are recognised in the statement of changes in net assets in the periods in which they occur. Net current values have been determined as follows:

-In the case of shares in listed companies and government and other fixed interest securities, by reference to relevant market quotations

-In the case of properties, on the basis of an independent valuation in accordance with the New Zealand Institute of Valuers' Asset Valuation Standards

(iii) Accrued Benefits.

The amount of accrued benefits has been determined on the basis of the present value of expected future payments which arise from membership of the scheme up to the measurement date.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those of previous years.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND
Statement of Net Assets
as at 31 January 1997

Investments	<u>1997</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trustbank Canterbury Limited	8,051,807		6,939,312	
Managed by Southpac				
Investments Ltd (Note 12)	7,648,285		7,290,286	
Properties (Note 9)	<u> -</u>	15,700,092	<u>586,200</u>	14,815,798
Other Assets				
Cash	2,061		37,229	
Contributions Receivable	538		6,857	
Interest Receivable	-		14,373	
Accounts Receivable	<u>818</u>	<u>3,417</u>	<u> -</u>	<u>58,459</u>
Total Assets		15,703,509		14,874,257
Less: Sundry Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	18,144		14,167	
Retirement and Withdrawal Accruals	<u> -</u>	<u>18,144</u>	<u>44,466</u>	<u>58,633</u>
Net Assets Available to Pay Benefits		<u>15,685,365</u>		<u>14,815,624</u>
(Notes 7 and 8)				

These accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:

[Signature]

Secretary:

[Signature]

Date:

14 July 1997



SUPERNUMERARY FUND
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
for the year ended 31 January 1997

	<u>1997</u>		<u>1996</u>	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Increase in Assets from:				
Investment Activities				
Investment Revenues				
Money market	712,146		55,735	
MTA Dividend	38,092		560,028	
Southpac Investment Management Ltd	535,030		425,154	
Property Rentals	<u>33,714</u>	1,318,982	<u>143,543</u>	1,184,460
Changes in Net Current Values:				
Southpac Investments	83,969		291,910	
Property	(29,450)		116,368	
MTA Deposits	<u>219,068</u>		<u>84,339</u>	
(Note 6)		<u>273,587</u>		<u>492,617</u>
		1,592,569		1,677,077
 Investment Expenses				
Actuarial & Advisory Fees	(44,092)		(55,977)	
Management Fee Southpac	(28,250)		(17,895)	
Commission Paid	-		(1,392)	
Property Expenses	<u>(11,715)</u>	<u>(84,057)</u>	<u>(43,532)</u>	<u>(118,796)</u>
Net Investment Revenues		<u>1,508,512</u>		<u>1,558,281</u>
 Membership Activities				
Contributions				
Member's Contributions	374,854		372,127	
Church Contributions	<u>296,591</u>	671,445	<u>289,335</u>	661,462
Less Benefits paid (Note 16)		<u>(1,216,281)</u>		<u>(916,360)</u>
Net Benefits Paid		<u>(544,836)</u>		<u>(254,898)</u>
 Other Revenues				
Grants and Bequests	<u>4,086</u>	4,086	<u>5,445</u>	5,445
 Other Expenses				
Administration Fees	(83,871)		(73,191)	
Audit Fees	(6,058)		(5,285)	
General Expenses	(8,092)		(2,789)	
Interest to members	-	<u>(98,021)</u>	<u>(1,910)</u>	<u>(83,175)</u>
Net Increase in Assets		869,741		1,225,653
Net Assets Available to pay benefits 1/2/96		<u>14,815,624</u>		<u>13,589,971</u>
 Net Assets Available to pay benefits 31/1/97		<u><u>15,685,365</u></u>		<u><u>14,815,624</u></u>

These accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND
Defined Benefit Superannuation Scheme
Statement of Cash Flows
for the period ended 31 January 1997

	<u>1997</u> \$	<u>1996</u> \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash was provided from:		
Member's Contributions	381,173	369,005
Church Contributions	296,591	289,335
Interest	1,299,641	1,087,721
Property Rentals	33,714	145,094
Grants and Donations	<u>3,268</u>	<u>5,445</u>
	2,014,387	1,896,600
 Cash was applied to:		
Benefits Paid	1,260,747	1,238,848
General Administration Exp	<u>98,021</u>	<u>83,175</u>
	1,358,768	1,322,023
 Net Cash flow from Operating Activities (Note 17)	<u>655,619</u>	<u>574,577</u>
 INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash was provided from:		
Property Sales	556,750	1,888,080
Loans Repaid	-	120,030
MTA Deposits Withdrawn	219,068	9,059,440
Southpac Investment Management	<u>261,000</u>	<u>551,000</u>
	1,036,818	11,618,550
 Cash was applied to:		
Bank Deposits	1,112,495	6,939,312
MTA Deposits	-	600,558
Southpac Investment Management	535,030	4,463,154
Investment Expenses	<u>80,080</u>	<u>153,970</u>
	1,727,605	12,156,994
 Net Cash flow from Investing Activities	<u>(690,787)</u>	<u>(538,444)</u>
 TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS	(35,168)	36,133
 Add Opening Cash Balance	<u>37,229</u>	<u>1,096</u>
 Closing Cash Balance	<u>2,061</u>	<u>37,229</u>

These accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 1997

1. Liability for Accrued Benefits.

The amount disclosed below has been determined by reference to expected future salary levels and by the application of an appropriate interest rate and relevant actuarial assumptions. The valuation of accrued benefits was undertaken by the actuary as part of a comprehensive actuarial review undertaken during 1995. (Accrued benefits were previously valued as part of the comprehensive actuarial review undertaken during 1994).

Accrued Benefits.

	1997	1995
	<u>\$000s</u>	<u>\$000s</u>
Accrued benefits at end of 1997	7,755	10,998

Significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuation of accrued benefits were:

Investment Return net of Expenses (tax is not payable)	7.5% pa	7.5% pa
Salary escalation rate	3.5% pa	3.5% pa

Rates of mortality, morbidity and withdrawals are based on standard published tables adjusted in line with scheme experience.

2. Vested Benefits.

Vested Benefits are benefits the rights of which, under the conditions of the scheme, are not conditional on continued membership.

	1997	1995
	<u>\$000</u>	<u>\$000</u>
Vested Benefits.	7,089	10,894

3. Guaranteed Benefits.

No guarantees have been made in respect of any part of the liability for accrued benefits.

4. Funding Arrangements.

The funding policy in respect of the scheme is directed at ensuring that benefits accruing to members and beneficiaries are fully funded as the benefits fall due. As such, in framing contribution rates, the actuary has considered long-term trends in such factors as scheme membership, salary and average current value of scheme assets.

During the year the Church has contributed to the scheme at the rate recommended by the Actuary. Contributions are calculated on the stipend after deduction of the rent payable by the Minister, and this figure is referred to as the net stipend.

From 1 July 1996 Church contributions for:

- (a) Full Member after withholders tax \$1996.37 (1.7.95 \$1953.72)
- (b) "Fifty" percent member \$998.16 (1.7.95 \$976.86)
- (c) "Nominal" member \$401.64 (1.7.95 \$393.12).

A full member is one in receipt of a standard stipend whilst a fifty percent member is one who does not receive the standard stipend and has elected to receive benefits at half rate. A nominal member is one who has chosen not to contribute to the Fund in a Connexional year and who, by virtue of a nominal contribution from the Church is entitled to the appropriate death-in-service benefit.

Ministers receiving less than 70% of standard stipend may elect to become either a full member or a 50% member or elect to be a nominal member of the Fund.

**EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31 JANUARY 1997 continued**

The member contribution from 1 July 1996 –

- (a) Full member \$2978.45 (1.7.95 \$2916)
- (b) Fifty percent member \$1489.20.

Thus any difference between the assets and liabilities of the scheme are reported each period has been anticipated, except for the effects of the following factors:

- (a) Some short term variations in the experience of the scheme from that anticipated when framing contribution rates and
- (b) Valuing investment assets at net current values as at the balance date (necessary to display the financial position of the scheme at that date) rather than adopting average asset values (as is typically done by an actuary when framing contribution rates).

As noted above, the funding policy adopted for the scheme will overcome these effects in the long term.

The appendix attached to these financial statements includes the actuary's opinion as to the financial condition of the scheme as at the last valuation date.

5. Purchase of Additional Benefits.

No additional payments to acquire additional benefits were made by entrants or existing members during the period.

6. Changes in Net Current Value of Assets Held at Balance Date and Realised Gain on Sale of Assets:

(1) Changes in net current value of investments:

	1997	1996
Investments held at balance date		
Southpac	155,472	182,710
Methodist Trust Association	-	84,339
Property	<u>-</u>	<u>52,600</u>
	155,472	319,649
Investments realised during the period		
Southpac	(71,503)	109,200
Methodist Trust Association	219,068	-
Property	<u>(29,450)</u>	<u>63,768</u>
Total	<u><u>273,587</u></u>	<u><u>492,617</u></u>

7. Property Revaluation Reserve:

Opening Balance 1 February 1996	22.680	379,425
Property Revaluations (Devaluation):		
Demeter House	-	(619,715)
Morley House	(22,680)	52,600
Ryan Place	<u>-</u>	<u>210,370</u>
Closing Balance 31 January 1997	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>22,680</u></u>



**EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31 JANUARY 1997 continued**

8. Property Assets:

	Cost	Revaluation Reserve 1996	Valuation 1996	Sales Realisation	Loss on Realisation	Book Value 1997
<u>Land</u>						
Morley House	52,870	145,130	198,000	(197,151)	(849)	0
<u>Buildings</u>						
Morley House	510,650	(122,450)	388,200	(382,279)	(5,921)	0
	<u>563,520</u>	<u>22,680</u>	<u>586,200</u>	<u>(579,430)</u>	<u>(6,770)</u>	<u>0</u>

9. Related Party Transactions:

All monies on deposit with the Methodist Trust Association (MTA) had been withdrawn in the previous financial year ended 31 January 1996. The final dividend received \$38,092 (1996 \$560,028) related to the quarter ended 31 March 1996 while the realised capital accretion \$219,068 (1996 \$84,339) related to the 12 months ended 31 March 1996.

The Supernumerary fund's 60% share in Morley House was sold to the Board of Administration during the current year. The sale price was \$557,000.

10. Segment Information:

The Fund operates in one area for the investment of Members' contributions. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand, but includes Southpac's management of international investments.

11. Investments Managed by Southpac Investment Management Ltd.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Fixed Interest - Onshore	1,630,461	2,114,021
Fixed Interest - Offshore	-	664,516
Equities - Onshore	1,486,697	1,510,683
Equities - Offshore	-	2,085,062
Short Term Investments	-	291,085
Cash at Bank	4,495,320	510,590
Debtors	35,807	189,329
Creditors	-	(75,000)
	<u>7,648,285</u>	<u>7,290,286</u>

At 31 January 1997 arrangements were being made to transfer the management of investments from Southpac Investment Management Limited and Trustbank Canterbury to ANZ Funds Management Limited. The transfers were made during March 1997 and ANZ Funds Management are in the process of rebalancing the portfolio to benchmark proportions.

12. Financial Instruments:

Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Fund to credit risk principally consist of bank balances, deposits, other receivables and investments.

The Fund's investments were, at 31 January 1997 placed with Southpac Investment Management Limited and Trustbank Canterbury Limited.



**EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31 JANUARY 1997 continued**

Fair Values

The carrying amounts of bank balances, other receivables, payables and investments are considered to be fair value for these financial instruments.

13. Commitments:

Commitments at 31 January 1997 amounted to Nil. (1996- Nil).

14. Contingent Liabilities:

There were no contingent liabilities for 1997 (1996 Nil).

15. Benefits Paid.

	1997	1996
Annuities	612,778	480,769
Annuities Commuted on Retirement	157,079	9,823
Contributions Refunded - Permanently Resigned	114,517	71,188
Contributions Refunded - other resignation	331,907	284,530
Death in Service	-	70,050
	<u>\$1,216,281</u>	<u>\$916,360</u>

16. Reconciliation of Net Increase in Assets to Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities:

	1997	1996
Net Increase in Assets	869,741	1,225,653
Non Cash Items		
Change in Net Current Value:		
Southpac Investments	(83,969)	(291,910)
Property	29,450	(116,368)
MTA Deposit		(84,339)
Movements in Working Capital		
Interest Accrued	14,373	46,804
Accounts Recoverable	(818)	1,551
Accounts Payable	3,977	(35,174)
Retirement & Withdrawal Accruals	(44,466)	(322,488)
Contributions Due	6,319	(3,122)
Items Classified as Investing Activities		
Investment Expenses	80,080	153,970
MTA Accretion	(219,068)	-
Net Cash flow from Operating Activities	<u>655,619</u>	<u>\$74,577</u>

SUPERNUMERARY FUND

Summary of Actuarial Valuation as at 31 January 1997

- (a) Effective date of actuarial report: 31 January 1997.
- (b) Name and qualifications of the actuary:
Charles Cahn (Jacques Martin New Zealand Limited)
Fellow of the New Zealand Society of Actuaries
- (c) Significant actuarial assumptions as at 31 January 1997.
- | | |
|---|--|
| Investment Return net of Expenses
(tax is not payable) | 7.5% pa |
| Increase in Stipend / Retirement
Benefit / Pensions in payment | 3.5% pa |
| In service mortality | 80% NZ
Life Table 90-92 |
| Pensioner Mortality | PA (90) less 2 years |
| Disablement | 25% of Mortality Rates |
| Withdrawals | 10% to age 35, reducing to 0% from 55 on |
| Retirement Age | 65 |
- (d) Relationship of the current value of the net assets available to meet accrued benefits to the vested benefits of the scheme at the date of valuation of the scheme's assets:
- | | |
|---|--------------|
| | <u>\$000</u> |
| Benefits payable if all members ceased to be members on 31/1/97 | 7,089 |
| Cost of providing existing pensions to all pensioners | <u>7,755</u> |
| | 14,844 |
| Market Value of Assets 31/1/97 | 15,685 |
| Excess of Assets over Liabilities | 841 |
- (e) The opinion of the Actuary as to the financial condition of the scheme at the valuation date:
"that the market value of the assets of the Fund at 31 January 1997 exceeds the total value of benefits that would have been payable had all members of the Fund ceased to be members of the Fund at that date and provision been made for the continued payment of all benefits being paid to Members and other beneficiaries as at that date."
- (f) The actuary's recommendation of the level of future contributions:
The current rates of contributions of the Fund are in accordance with the recommendation of the Actuary in his October 1995 report to the Trustee.





AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF SUPERNUMERARY FUND

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 8. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the fund and its financial position as at 31 January 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Trustee's Responsibilities

The trustee is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the fund as at 31 January 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the trustee and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustee in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the fund's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the fund.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial report on pages 1 to 8 fairly reflects the financial position of the fund as at 31 January 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 14 July 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

LAY WORKERS' RETIRING FUND

for the Year Ended 31 January 1997

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Layworkers' Retiring Fund is a registered Superannuation Scheme under the Superannuation Schemes Act 1989.

The Fund is a Cash Accumulation Superannuation Scheme to provide retirement benefits to Layworkers of the Church who are Members of the Fund.

REPORTING ENTITY

The Layworkers' Retiring Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand is the reporting entity.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

The following general accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation of these statements:

- assets are measured at net current values at balance date and
- Accrual accounting is used to match revenues and expenses except for the statement of cash flows.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The following are the significant accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

- (i) The financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard FRS-32: *Financial Reporting by Superannuation Schemes* and with the provisions of the trust deed and relevant legislative requirements.
- (ii) Assets.

Assets of the scheme are recorded at net current values as at the balance date and changes in the net current values of assets are recognised in the operating statement in the periods in which they occur. Net current values have been determined as follows:

- in the case of properties, on the basis of an independent valuation in accordance with the New Zealand Institute of Valuers' Asset Valuation Standards;

- (iii) Taxation.
Taxation charged against income, while liability is being determined.
- (iv) Accrued benefits.

The liability for accrued benefits is the scheme's present obligation to pay benefits to members and beneficiaries and has been calculated as the difference between the carrying amounts of the assets and the carrying amounts of the sundry liabilities and income tax liabilities as at balance date. Accrued benefits include amounts allocated to member's accounts, and reserves.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There are no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those of previous years.

LAY WORKERS' RETIRING FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 31 January 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
INVESTMENTS		
Methodist Trust Association	581,065	-
Southpac Investment Management Limited -		
- Property	61,020	57,570
- Fixed Interest - onshore	-	150,623
- offshore	-	52,701
- Equities - onshore	-	89,006
- offshore	-	106,463
- Short Term Investments	-	64,291
- Bank	-	88,120
- Debtors (net of Creditors)	-	7,705
Trustbank Canterbury - Deposit at Call	<u>63,994</u>	<u>8,545</u>
	706,079	625,024
Other Assets		
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	214	6,881
Interest Receivable and Payments in Advance	<u>9,096</u>	<u>38</u>
	<u>9,310</u>	<u>6,919</u>
Total Assets	715,389	631,943
Less Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	(2,031)	(1,764)
Provision for Taxation (Note 7)	<u>(100,231)</u>	<u>(91,993)</u>
	<u>(102,262)</u>	<u>(93,757)</u>
	<u>613,127</u>	<u>538,186</u>
Represented by:		
Liability for Accrued benefits (Note 2, 3, 4).		
Allocation to Members' Accounts	573,477	468,565
Reserves - General (Note 11)	39,049	69,020
- Capital	<u>601</u>	<u>601</u>
	<u>613,127</u>	<u>538,186</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:

S. F. West

Secretary:

D. A. Hughes

Date:

14 July 1997

LAY WORKERS' RETIRING FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
for the period ended 31 January 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
Investment Activities:		
Investment Revenues		
Methodist Trust Association Distribution	18,247	-
Southpac Investment Management Limited	26,692	45,823
Bank Interest	<u>3,460</u>	<u>569</u>
	48,399	46,392
Investment Expenses		
Audit Fees - Southpac	(500)	(1,170)
Management fees - Southpac	<u>(1,610)</u>	<u>(1,923)</u>
	46,289	43,299
Membership Activities		
Contributions - Members	44,844	40,601
- Employers	<u>27,688</u>	<u>25,855</u>
	72,532	66,456
Less Benefits paid	<u>(8,865)</u>	<u>(241,263)</u>
	<u>63,667</u>	<u>(174,807)</u>
	109,956	(131,508)
Other Revenues		
Changes in net current value of assets (Note 6)	<u>(8,834)</u>	<u>37,428</u>
	101,122	(94,080)
Other Expenses		
Administration Fees	(6,675)	(2,080)
Stationery and General Expenses	(1,358)	(2,651)
Legal Expenses	(3,734)	-
Audit Fees - Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	(720)	(594)
Life Insurance Premiums Paid	<u>(5,456)</u>	<u>(6,043)</u>
	<u>(17,943)</u>	<u>(11,368)</u>
Operating Results before Taxation	83,179	(105,448)
Income Tax provision (Note 7)	<u>(8,238)</u>	<u>(13,063)</u>
Benefits Accrued	74,941	(118,511)
Allocated to:		
Members Accounts	(104,912)	(118,511)
Reserves - transfer from Reserves	<u>29,971</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(74,941)</u>	<u>(118,511)</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

LAY WORKERS' RETIRING FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Period Ended 31 January 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash was provided from:		
Employers Contribution	27,688	25,855
Employees Contribution	44,844	40,601
Interest Received	<u>44,303</u>	<u>46,392</u>
	116,835	112,848
Less Cash applied to:		
Payments on Retirements	(8,865)	(180,738)
Payments on Resignation	-	(48,545)
General Administration Expenses	(5,466)	(253)
Insurance Premiums	(10,419)	(6,081)
Administration Fees	<u>(8,862)</u>	<u>(6,253)</u>
	(33,612)	(241,870)
Net Cash Inflows (Outflows) from Operating Activities	83,223	(129,022)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES:		
Cash was provided from:		
Withdrawal from Southpac Investment Management Limited	546,625	211,112
Less Applied to:		
Deposit with Methodist Trust Association	581,065	-
Deposit with Southpac Investment Management Limited	-	67,434
Increase in Money Market Call Deposits	<u>55,450</u>	<u>8,545</u>
	636,515	75,979
Net Cash Inflow (Outflows) from Investing Activities	(89,890)	135,133
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held	(6,667)	6,111
Add Opening Cash Balance 1 February 1996	6,881	770
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Closing Balance 31 January 1997	<u>214</u>	<u>6,881</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. **Description of the Scheme.**

The Scheme is a contributory defined contribution Superannuation scheme covering Layworkers of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. Under the scheme, contributions are made by scheme members and the respective employers. The scheme is registered under the Superannuation Schemes Act 1989.

2. **Liability for Accrued Benefits.**

(a) Changes in accrued benefits allocated to members' accounts.

	1997	1996
Balance at the beginning of the year	468,565	602,105
Plus Benefits allocated during the year	74,941	(110,470)
Transfer from (to) Reserves	<u>29,971</u>	<u>(23,070)</u>
Balance at the end of the Year	<u>573,477</u>	<u>468,565</u>

(b) Movement in Reserves.

Balance at the beginning of the year	69,020	42,011
Transfer from (to) Benefits Accrued	(29,971)	35,050
Less Undistributed Surplus 1994/95	-	<u>(8,041)</u>
Balance of reserves at year end	<u>39,049</u>	<u>69,020</u>

3. **Vested Benefits.**

Vested Benefits are benefits the right to which, under the conditions of the scheme, are not conditional on continued membership.

	1997	1996
Vested benefits	539,572	424,845

4. **Guaranteed Benefits.**

No guarantees have been made in respect of any part of the liability for accrued benefits.

5. **Fund Arrangements.**

In the 1997 year the Church contributed to the scheme at a rate of approximately 3.35% (net of withholding tax) (1996-3.35%) of the gross salaries of those employees who were members of the scheme. Employees generally contributed to the scheme during 1997 at the rate of 5% (1996-5%) of gross salary.

6. **Changes in net current value of assets held at balance date and realised gain on sale of assets.**

(a) Changes in net current value of Investments.

Investments held at Balance Date.

Fixed Interest	-	13,520
Equities	-	21,206
Property	(724)	1,085
Short Term Investments	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>
	(724)	35,819

Investments realised during the year.

Fixed Interest	(6,528)	5,593
Equities	(1,083)	(4,651)
Property	(243)	(273)
Short Term Investments	<u>(256)</u>	<u>940</u>
	(8,110)	1,609
Total Change in Market Value of Investments	(8,834)	37,428



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

	1997	1996
7. Income Tax.		
Operating result before tax	83,179	(105,448)
Potential Tax Liability	27,449	(34,798)
(Less) Plus Non Accessible Contribution Revenue	<u>23,936</u>	<u>21,930</u>
	3,513	(56,728)
Plus Provision 1996 for Unrealised Gain		<u>11,820</u>
		68,548
Plus Non Deductible		
- (Less) Benefit Paid	2,925	(79,617)
- Insurance Premium Paid	<u>1,800</u>	<u>(1,994)</u>
Current Year Provision	8,238	13,063
Opening Balance 1 February 1996	<u>91,993</u>	<u>78,930</u>
Closing Balance 31 January 1997	<u>100,231</u>	<u>91,993</u>
8. Investments in the Scheme.		
The scheme holds investments in the Methodist Trust Association and its only relationship with the employer is that they may also have investments in the Association.		
9. Valuation of Properties.		
Property is stated at net current value as determined by Southpac Property Trust as at 31 January 1997.		
10. Reconciliation of Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities to Benefits Accrued as a Result of Operation.		
Benefits accrued as a result of operations	74,941	(118,511)
Add (less) non cash items		
Resignation surplus	-	11,980
Changes in net current values:		
Investments - Unrealised Loss (Gain)	<u>8,834</u>	<u>(37,428)</u>
	83,775	(143,959)
Add (less) movement in other working capital items:		
Decrease (Increase) in accounts payable	267	630
Increase (Decrease) in Interest receivable	(4,096)	1,244
Increase in payments in advance	(4,961)	-
Increase in Provision for taxation	<u>8,238</u>	<u>13,063</u>
	<u>83,223</u>	<u>(129,022)</u>
11. General Reserve		
Opening Balance 1 February	69,020	42,011
Resignation Surplus	-	11,980
Transfer from (to) Members' Accounts	(29,971)	23,070
Undistributed Surplus 1995/1995	-	(8,041)
Closing Balance 31 January	<u>39,049</u>	<u>69,020</u>
12. Subsequent Event.		
Subsequent to balance date permission from members was sought to amend the Trust Deed with the view to allow members to elect to transfer their funds to "The Retire Fund" managed by the New Zealand Anglican Church Pension Board.		



AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF LAY WORKERS' RETIRING FUND

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 6. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the fund and its financial position as at 31 January 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Trustee's Responsibilities

The trustee is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the fund as at 31 January 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the trustee and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustee in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the fund's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the fund.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion:

- proper accounting records have been kept by the fund as far as appears from our examination of those records; and
- the financial report on pages 1 to 6:
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice;
 - gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the fund as at 31 January 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 14 July 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

for the Year Ended 31 January 1997

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Fund provides limited assistance to Presbyters and Lay Workers for their retirement housing needs.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REPORTING ENTITY:

The reporting entity is the Home Acquirement Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost and reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Investments - are valued at Cost.

Financial Instruments - are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those of previous years.

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HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the Year Ended 31 January 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME:		
Interest Received - Methodist Trust Association and Bank	9,254	10,728
EXPENDITURE:		
Administration Fee	2,610	1,330
Stationery and General Expenses	89	1,351
Audit Fee	180	180
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	2,879	2,861
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Amount Available for Distribution		
- Transferred as Interest to Contributors Deposits	<u>6,375</u>	<u>7,867</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 31 January 1997

CONTRIBUTORS DEPOSITS -		
Opening Balance 1 February 1996	120,896	116,095
Interest Received - Depositors	6,375	7,867
Resident Withholding Tax	(1,530)	(1,888)
	4,845	5,979
Contributions Refunded	(120,896)	(1,178)
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Closing Balance 31 January 1997	<u>4,845</u>	<u>120,896</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 31 January 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
CONTRIBUTORS EQUITY:		<u>4,845</u>	<u>120,896</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Bank of New Zealand			
- Current Account	1	287	425
Accrued Interest		<u>45</u>	<u>896</u>
		332	1,321
Current Liabilities:			
Sundry Creditors		(1,731)	(2,268)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		(1,399)	(947)
Investments			
Deposit - Methodist Trust Association	3	6,244	121,843
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		<u>4,845</u>	<u>120,896</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:

P. J. Wist

Secretary:

David Johnson

Date:

14 July 1997

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 31 January 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Interest Received		10,105	10,650
Cash was applied to:			
Payment to Suppliers		3,416	2,681
Resident Withholding Tax on Interest		<u>1,530</u>	<u>1,590</u>
		4,946	4,271
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2	5,159	6,379
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Drawing on Investments with Methodist Trust Association		115,599	5,200
Cash was applied to:			
Deposits with Methodist Trust Association		-	10,648
NET CASH FLOW (DEFICIT) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		115,599	(5,448)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was applied to:			
Contributions Refunded		120,896	1,179
NET CASH FLOW (DEFICIT) FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(120,896)	(1,179)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		(138)	(248)
Add Opening Cash Balance		425	673
Closing Cash Balance		<u>287</u>	<u>425</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Bank of New Zealand - Current Account.

The Bank of New Zealand Current Account of this Fund forms part of the banking arrangement of the Board of Administration - Special Account being an investment fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The arrangement gives the Bank of New Zealand the right of offset over any balance. The Bank interest received by this Fund through that banking arrangement is included in Interest Received in the Statement of Financial Performance for the year.

Note 2. Reconciliation of Excess Income over Expenditure with Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure before	6,375	7,867
Resident Withholding Tax Deducted from Depositor's Interest	(1,530)	(1,888)
Changes in Working Capital Items.		
Accruals	(537)	(78)
Interest Receivable	851	478
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>5,159</u>	<u>6,379</u>

Note 3. Related Party Transactions.

The Fund placed monies during the year on deposit with the Methodist Trust Association. The total sum held at Balance Date by the Methodist Trust Association amounted to \$6,244 (1996 \$121,843). Interest earned during the year with respect to these deposits was \$9,250 (1995 \$10,725).

Note 4. Segment Information.

The Fund operates predominantly in one area of investment. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.

Note 5. Financial Instruments.**Credit Risk**

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Fund to credit risk principally consist of bank balances, other receivables and investments.

The Fund has placed all its investments with the Methodist Trust Association.

Fair Values

The carrying amounts of bank balances, other receivables, payables and investments are considered to be fair value for these financial instruments

Note 6. Subsequent Events.

Depositors Funds net of interest for the year were paid out prior to year end.

Subsequent to year end \$4,845 of interest was remitted to depositors completing the wind up of the Fund.



AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 5. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the fund and its financial position as at 31 January 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Trustee's Responsibilities

The trustee is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the fund as at 31 January 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the trustee and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustee in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the fund's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the fund.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion:

- proper accounting records have been kept by the fund as far as appears from our examination of those records; and
- the financial report on pages 1 to 5:
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice;
 - gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the fund as at 31 January 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 14 July 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS RETIREMENT HOUSING FUND

For the Year Ended 31 January 1997

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Fund provides limited assistance to Presbyters and Deacons at retirement for their housing requirements.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REPORTING ENTITY:

The reporting entity is the Presbyters and Deacons Retirement Housing Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost modified by the revaluation of investments with Methodist Trust Association and reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Investments - | Investments other than Special Loans are valued at Current Realisable Value. |
| Special Loans - | These interest-free loans relate to the financing of retired Ministers to assist in their housing requirements. |
| Financial Instruments - | Are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. |

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those of previous years.

PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS RETIREMENT HOUSING FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the Year Ended 31 January 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME:		
Interest Received – Retirement Housing Loans	10,392	937
- Bank	10	19
Distribution - Methodist Trust Association	<u>12,439</u>	<u>19,610</u>
	22,841	20,566
EXPENDITURE:		
Administration Fee	3,146	3,000
Office and General Expenses	76	1,165
Audit Fee	185	180
	<u>3,407</u>	<u>4,345</u>
Excess Income Over Expenditure	19,434	16,221
Plus Capital Accretion and Realised Capital Gain Distribution - Methodist Trust Association 31/3/1996	5,595	1,438
	<u>25,029</u>	<u>17,659</u>
Amount available for Distribution		

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 31 January 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
Accumulated deposits at start of year	244,197	224,238
Net Surplus for the Year	19,434	16,221
Loans Advanced during year	-	(850)
Loans repaid during year	2,200	3,150
MTA Capital Accretion Distribution	<u>5,595</u>	<u>1,438</u>
Accumulated deposits at end of year	<u>271,426</u>	<u>244,197</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS RETIREMENT HOUSING FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 31 January 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
ACCUMULATED DEPOSITS	1	<u>271,426</u>	<u>244,197</u>
Represented By:			
Current Assets			
Bank of New Zealand			
- Current Account	2	347	909
Interest Accrued		1,847	1,781
Sundry Debtors		<u>570</u>	<u>36,000</u>
		2,764	38,690
Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors		(205)	(380)
		2,559	38,310
Investments			
Deposit - Methodist Trust			
Association	4	204,378	124,307
Pre Retirement Housing Loans	5	<u>64,489</u>	<u>81,580</u>
		268,867	205,887
		<u>271,426</u>	<u>244,197</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:

Stor J. West

Secretary:

Donald Brown

Date:

14 July 1997

PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS RETIREMENT HOUSING FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 31 January 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Interest Received		22,775	20,266
Cash was applied to:			
Payment to Suppliers		3,582	4,166
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	3	19,193	16,100
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Drawing on Investments with Methodist Trust Association	30,600		119,100
Loans Repaid	<u>84,721</u>		<u>3,150</u>
		115,321	122,250
Cash was applied to:			
Deposits with Methodist Trust Association	105,076		19,607
Loans Advanced	<u>30,000</u>		<u>118,430</u>
		135,076	138,037
Net Cash Flows From Investing Activities		(19,755)	(15,787)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		(562)	313
Add Opening Cash Balance 1 February 1996		909	596
Closing Cash Balance 31 January 1997		<u>347</u>	<u>909</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS RETIREMENT HOUSING FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Accumulated Deposits

Conference 1995 resolved that the Retiring Ministers Housing Fund and the Ministers Retirement Housing Appeal Fund should be amalgamated to form the Presbyters and Deacons Retirement Housing Fund.

Presbyters and Deacons Retirement Housing Fund

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Opening Balance 1 February 1996	394,610	376,951
Capital Accretion and Realised Capital Gain		
Methodist Trust Association	5,595	1,438
Net Income	<u>19,434</u>	<u>16,221</u>
	<u>25,029</u>	<u>17,659</u>
	419,639	394,610
Special Loans to Supernumeraries on Retirement (Note (a))	(150,413)	(152,713)
- Advanced	-	(850)
- Repaid	<u>2,200</u>	<u>3,150</u>
	<u>(148,213)</u>	<u>(150,413)</u>
Closing Balance 31 January 1997	<u>271,426</u>	<u>244,197</u>

- (a) With the exception of interest being charged on one loan and another loan being secured over property, the loans are interest free and unsecured. The loans are repayable on the death of the borrower or their surviving spouse and therefore are likely to extend over a long period of time. Given the nature of these loans and their potential for being long term, with an indefinable repayment date it is not considered appropriate to include them as assets of the funds, until the loans are repaid.

Note 2. Bank of New Zealand - Current Account:

The Bank of New Zealand Current Account of this Fund forms part of the banking arrangement of the Board of Administration - Special Account being an investment fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The arrangement gives the Bank of New Zealand the right of offset over any balance. The Bank interest received by this Fund through that banking arrangement is included in Interest Received in the Statement of Financial Performance for the year.

Note 3. Reconciliation of Excess Income over Expenditure with Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure	19,434	16,221
Changes in working Capital:		
Increase (Decrease) in Sundry Creditors	(175)	179
Increase in Interest Receivables	<u>(66)</u>	<u>(300)</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>19,193</u>	<u>16,100</u>

PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS RETIREMENT HOUSING FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

continued.

- Note 4. Related Party Transactions.**
The Fund placed monies during the year on deposit with the Methodist Trust Association. The total sum held at Balance Date by the Methodist Trust Association amounted to \$204,378 (1996 \$124,307). Interest earned during the year with respect to these deposits was \$12,439 (1996 \$19,610).
- Note 5. Pre Retirement Housing Loans.**
The pre-retirement housing loans issued to Presbyters over 50 years of age are now financed by this fund as a result of a 1995 Conference decision.
- Note 6. Segment Information.**
The Fund operates in only one area - investment. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.
- Note 7. Financial Instruments.**
Credit Risk
Financial instruments which potentially subject the Fund to credit risk principally consist of bank balances, other receivables and investments.

The Fund has placed all its investments with the Methodist Trust Association.

Fair Values
The carrying amounts of bank balances, other receivables, payables and investments are considered to be fair value for these financial instruments.





AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS RETIREMENT HOUSING FUND

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 6. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the fund and its financial position as at 31 January 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Trustee's Responsibilities

The trustee is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the fund as at 31 January 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the trustee and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustee in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the fund's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the fund.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion:

- proper accounting records have been kept by the fund as far as appears from our examination of those records; and
- the financial report on pages 1 to 6:
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice;
 - gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the fund as at 31 January 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 14 July 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION - SPECIAL ACCOUNT

For the Year Ended 31 March 1997

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Board of Administration - Special Account is to provide an Investment Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. Under the Connexional Banking Arrangement with the Bank of New Zealand, an offset account is held at favourable terms making funds available for investment within the Church on temporary or short-term loans to Parishes or Church Funds and in various other short-term deposits as funds permit. Net Income generated is made available towards the wider work of the Church through the Connexional Budget.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REPORTING ENTITY:

The reporting entity is the Board of Administration - Special Account of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenues.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Investments | - are valued at cost. |
| Sundry Debtors | - are valued at expected realisable value. |
| Financial Instruments | - are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. |

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those of previous years.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION - SPECIAL ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME:		
Interest Received	151,743	141,270
EXPENDITURE:		
Administration Fee	14,900	15,213
Audit Fee	374	361
General Expenses	2,623	1,015
Interest Paid and Bank Charges	<u>82,383</u>	<u>81,188</u>
	100,280	97,777
Excess of Income Over Expenditure	51,463	43,493
Add APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:		
Opening Balance 1 April 1996	<u>12,797</u>	<u>7,304</u>
	64,260	50,797
Less Transfer to Provision for Distribution	<u>48,000</u>	<u>38,000</u>
Closing Balance 31 March 1997	<u><u>16,260</u></u>	<u><u>12,797</u></u>
PROVISION FOR DISTRIBUTION:		
Opening Balance 1 April 1996	46,750	20,000
Grant Paid - Connexional Budget	(46,750)	(11,250)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Transfer from Appropriation Account	48,000	38,000
Closing Balance 31 March 1997	<u><u>48,000</u></u>	<u><u>46,750</u></u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 31 March 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
Opening Balance 1 April 1996	12,797	7,304
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>51,463</u>	<u>43,493</u>
	64,260	50,797
Less Transfer to Provision for Distribution	<u>48,000</u>	<u>38,000</u>
Closing Balance 31 March 1997	<u>16,260</u>	<u>12,797</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 31 March 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
FUND EQUITY		<u>16,260</u>	<u>12,797</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

Current Assets:

Call Deposits - Money Market	89,349	404,677
Short Term Bank Deposits	-	500,000
Short Term Deposits - Methodist Trust Association	1,504,170	-
Accounts Receivable	40	2,913
Interest Accrued	-	8,342
Short Term Investments:		
Advances - Local Parishes and Church Funds	10,970	347,600
Advances - Methodist Trust Association	<u>145,000</u>	<u>488,000</u>
	1,749,529	1,751,532

Current Liabilities:

Bank of New Zealand - (Offset Account)	(1,678,703)	(1,673,728)
Accounts Payable	(6,566)	(18,257)
Provision for Distribution	<u>(48,000)</u>	<u>(46,750)</u>
	(1,733,269)	(1,738,735)
	<u>16,260</u>	<u>12,797</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On Behalf Of The Board:

Chairperson:

Secretary:

Date:

14 July 1997

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Interest Received		162,957	147,310
Bank Charges Recovered		<u>3,135</u>	<u>2,857</u>
		166,092	150,167
Cash was applied to:			
Interest Paid and Bank Charges		96,136	71,594
Other Operating Expenses		18,969	15,321
Grants Paid		<u>46,750</u>	<u>11,250</u>
		161,855	98,165
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	3	4,237	52,002
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Advances from Parishes and Church Funds		2,016,900	58,500
Short Term Withdrawals		815,328	2,975,000
Methodist Trust Association Withdrawals		<u>1,151,975</u>	<u>-</u>
		3,984,203	3,033,500
Cash was applied to:			
Advances to Parishes and Church Funds		1,680,270	401,100
Short Term Bank Deposits		-	2,350,000
Increase in On Call Bank Deposits		-	330,669
MTA Deposits		<u>2,313,145</u>	<u>-</u>
		3,993,415	3,081,769
Net Cash Flow (Outflow) from Investing Activities		(9,212)	(48,269)
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		Nil	Nil
NET INCREASE IN CASH HELD		(4,975)	3,733
Opening Cash Balance		(1,673,728)	(1,677,461)
Closing Cash Balance		<u>(1,678,703)</u>	<u>(1,673,728)</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION - SPECIAL ACCOUNT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 1. Related Party Transactions:

Interest was earned from investments and advances to related parties as follows:

	<u>Interest</u>		<u>Balance</u>	
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
MTA – deposits	-	13,145	-	1,504,170
MTA – advance	29,360	19,017	488,000	145,000
PACT 2086 Trust	-	1,555	-	-
Tamahere Eventide Home	2,593	479	50,000	-
Dunedin Mission	8,448	24,128	250,000	-
Presbyters Deacons and Layworkers Fund	65	199	12,100	-
Christchurch Methodist Mission	-	14,326	-	-
Connexional Expenses Fund	1,543	-	-	-
Auckland Samoan Parish	-	70	-	9,070
Tongan Methodist Fellowship	-	-	-	1,900

Note 2. Segment Information:

The Fund operates predominantly in one area of activity. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.

Note 3. Reconciliation of Excess Income over Expenditure with Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities.

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Excess Income over Expenditure	51,463	43,493
Changes in Working Capital:		
- Interest Accrued	8,342	6,279
- Debtors	2,873	(239)
- Creditors	(11,691)	13,719
- Provision for Distributions	<u>(46,750)</u>	<u>(11,250)</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>4,237</u>	<u>52,002</u>

Note 4. Financial Instruments:

Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the fund to credit risk principally consist of bank balances, call and short-term deposits, investments as advances to the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association and other receivables.

Interest Rate Risk

The Special Account's financial instruments are subject to the following interest rate fluctuations:

	<u>Interest Rate</u>		<u>Reviewed</u>
	<u>(1997)</u>	<u>(1996)</u>	
Call Bank Deposits	7.5%	9.05%	Daily
Overdraft - Bank of New Zealand	1.5%	1.05%	-
Short Term Bank Deposits – Trustbank	-	8.7%	-

Fair Values.

The carrying amounts of bank balances, call and short term deposits, investments by way of advances to Parishes and Church Funds and the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association, the outstanding balance for the Bank of New Zealand - Offset Account, and other receivables and other payables, are considered to be fair value for these financial instruments.

Note 5. Contingent Liabilities:

There are no contingent liabilities at 31 March 1997 (1996 - Nil).

Note 6. Commitments:

There are no commitments at 31 March 1997 (1996 - Nil).



AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION - SPECIAL ACCOUNT

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 5. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the fund and its financial position as at 31 March 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Trustee's Responsibilities

The trustee is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the fund as at 31 March 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the trustee and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustee in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the fund's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the fund.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion:

- proper accounting records have been kept by the fund as far as appears from our examination of those records; and
- the financial report on pages 1 to 5:
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice;
 - gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the fund as at 31 March 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 14 July 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC).

for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The New Zealand Methodist Trust Association (Inc) was founded to receive funds from groups under the general direction of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand/Aotearoa and to on invest these funds in selected commercial investments for the benefit of its depositors.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

REPORTING ENTITY.

The reporting entity is the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association (Inc) of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

Investment properties and development properties intended to be held as investment properties have been valued at independent valuation; revaluation gains or losses and development margins have been included in reserves for the year and the income statement does not include a charge for depreciation on investment properties. Shares are stated at Market Value. In all other respects the measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Association is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| Investments | - | shares are stated at Market Value, all other investments are stated at the lower of cost or expected realisable value. |
| | - | government, local body and other debenture stock is stated at purchase price with premiums and discounts being amortised over the term of the investment. |
| Investment Properties - | | are valued by independent valuers at open market value. |
| Maintenance | - | a provision for maintenance has been calculated at 1% per annum on original cost of the buildings, but not commencing until the expiry of three years from the completion of new buildings. |
| Revaluation Capital Distribution | - | all properties and shares are revalued on an annual basis. It is the Association's policy to distribute such revaluations or devaluations to the accounts of the long term depositors. In the event of a deposit being withdrawn, in total, net accretion distributions are reversed to deferred capital distributions and redistributed from realised capital profits as available. Realised capital profits are distributed as credits to long term depositors and previous accretion revaluations thus realised are reversed from deferred capital distribution. |
| Financial Instruments | - | are valued at Cost or net realisable value. Government stock and other bonds are valued at cost adjusted where appropriate for the amortisation of premiums or discounts. |

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All accounting policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
for the year ended 31 March 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME.			
Excess Property Income Over Expenditure		3,182,257	3,171,384
Dividend Received		184,288	193,148
Interest Received on Investments		<u>1,602,819</u>	<u>1,760,328</u>
		4,969,364	5,124,860
EXPENDITURE.			
Administration Fee	1	381,928	390,146
Audit Fee		4,905	4,770
Doubtful Debts		29,323	64,943
Interest Paid		22,155	43,861
Legal Fees		950	22,022
Stationery, Postage and General Expenses		2,609	4,690
Telephone and Tolls		621	1,205
Travelling Expenses and Investigation Items		<u>40,769</u>	<u>32,764</u>
		483,260	564,401
Write back of Doubtful Debt and Tenancy Contingency Provisions			<u>86,210</u>
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		4,486,104	4,646,669
LESS AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED			
Income Fund	2	1,470,725	1,325,039
Growth and Income Fund		<u>3,015,376</u>	<u>3,321,609</u>
		(4,486,101)	(4,646,648)
TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL RESERVE		<u>3</u>	<u>21</u>
MOVEMENTS IN GENERAL RESERVE			
Opening Balance 1 April		36	15
Plus Under distributed Income		<u>3</u>	<u>21</u>
Closing Balance 31 March		<u>39</u>	<u>36</u>

This Statement should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC)

PROPERTY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
PROPERTY INCOME.		
Rent Received	3,474,391	3,483,746
Property Expenses Recovered	<u>614,309</u>	<u>565,123</u>
	4,088,700	4,048,869
PROPERTY RELATED EXPENDITURE.		
Air Conditioning	33,676	32,678
Cleaning and Caretaking	86,784	88,918
Electricity	58,367	56,453
Fire Appliance Servicing	9,445	8,041
Insurance	113,234	110,479
Legal Fees	27,956	9,153
Lift Maintenance	34,858	34,369
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,825	954
Rates	280,436	267,987
Rent Collection	2,500	5,061
Repairs and Maintenance	229,621	234,045
Security Services	13,408	14,092
Valuation Fees	<u>13,333</u>	<u>15,255</u>
	906,443	877,485
EXCESS PROPERTY INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>3,182,257</u>	<u>3,171,384</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 31 March 1997

Opening Balance 1 April 1996	53,095,834	59,365,753
Excess Income over Expenditure	4,486,104	4,646,669
Amounts distributed	(4,486,101)	(4,646,648)
Revaluation of Property and Shares	587,449	1,492,666
Capital Accretion Distributed	(587,446)	(1,492,667)
Realised Gain / (Loss) on Sale of Investments	-	91,733
Realised Gain Distributed	-	(89,761)
Increase / (Decrease) in Depositor's Funds	4,847,237	(6,327,852)
Increase in Building Maintenance Provision	<u>191,575</u>	<u>55,941</u>
Closing Balance 31 March 1997	<u>58,134,652</u>	<u>53,095,834</u>

This Statement should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts

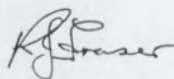
NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	as at 31 March 1997	1997	1996
	Note	\$	\$
DEPOSITORS FUNDS:			
Income Fund		18,244,408	15,667,080
Growth and Income Fund		<u>38,644,517</u>	<u>36,374,608</u>
		56,888,925	52,041,688
PLUS PROVISIONS AND RESERVES:			
Building Maintenance Provision		1,245,681	1,054,106
Property and Share Revaluation Reserves	3 & 4	5	2
Realised Capital Reserve	5	2	2
General Reserve		<u>39</u>	<u>36</u>
Total Depositors Fund		<u>58,134,652</u>	<u>53,095,834</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets			
Bank of New Zealand Current Account	6	40,908	7,066
Interest Accrued		403,736	320,492
Sundry Debtors	7	36,506	105,630
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts		<u>(35,265)</u>	<u>(72,044)</u>
		1,241	33,586
		445,885	361,144
Less Current Liabilities:			
Sundry Creditors and Provisions		(164,646)	(199,514)
Special Terms Deposits	8	<u>(188,158)</u>	<u>-</u>
		(352,804)	(199,514)
		93,081	161,630
Investments:			
Deposits at Call		652,126	787,143
Deposits at Bank		2,000,000	1,000,000
Savings Bank Deposits		144,956	490,300
Shares at Market Value		4,394,439	4,220,029
Debentures, Government, Local			
Body Stock - valuation		15,795,050	11,638,634
Mortgages		<u>-</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total Financial Investments		22,986,571	19,136,106
Less - Special Terms Deposits	8	<u>-</u>	<u>(536,194)</u>
Net Financial Investments		22,986,571	18,599,912
Investment Properties:	9	35,055,000	34,334,292
		<u>58,134,652</u>	<u>53,095,834</u>

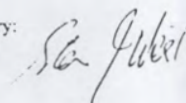
These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:



Secretary:



Date:

9/7/97

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC).

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for year ended 31 March 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Property Income		4,095,490	3,886,296
Interest Received		1,453,455	1,839,547
Dividends Received		<u>184,288</u>	<u>193,148</u>
		5,733,233	5,918,991
Cash was applied to:			
Property Expenses		728,629	826,636
Operating Expenses		449,822	395,208
Interest Paid		<u>19,018</u>	<u>43,861</u>
		(1,197,469)	(1,265,705)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	12	4,535,764	4,653,286
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Withdrawal of Term Deposits		5,095,344	11,000,000
Sale of Stocks and Shares		1,306,847	7,124,200
Loans Repaid		1,000,000	120,030
Increase in Call Deposits		<u>135,017</u>	<u>1,448,856</u>
		7,537,208	19,693,086
Cash was applied to:			
Investment Properties		-	44,959
Term Deposits		5,750,000	9,000,000
Purchase of Stocks and Shares		<u>5,711,647</u>	<u>2,627,578</u>
		(11,461,647)	(11,672,537)
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		(3,924,439)	8,020,549
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Members Deposits (net of withdrawals)		4,259,791	-
Special Term Deposits		<u>3,027</u>	-
		4,262,818	-
Cash was applied to:			
Decrease in Members Deposits		-	7,820,519
Repayment of Special Term Deposits		354,200	126,341
Dividends Paid		<u>4,486,101</u>	<u>4,736,409</u>
		(4,840,301)	(12,683,269)
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		(577,483)	(12,683,269)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		33,842	(9,434)
Add Opening Cash Balance		7,066	16,500
Closing Cash Balance		<u>40,908</u>	<u>7,066</u>

These accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Year Ended 31 March 1997

Note 1. Administration Fee.

The Administration fee charged is charged at 6.5% of rental and other investment income.

Note 2. Distributions.

Distributions have been calculated on the basis of income derived from investments made by the Income Fund and the Growth and Income Funds less expenses, allocated equally over the participants in these funds by using both days and amounts of the investments in respective funds.

Note 3.	Property Revaluation Reserve	1997	1996
		\$	\$
	Opening Balance 1 April	2	3
	Net Increase / (Decrease) in Valuations (Note 11)	727,543	1,371,327
	Amount of (Increase) / Decrease in Valuations allocated to Growth and Income Funds	<u>(727,540)</u>	<u>(1,371,328)</u>
	Closing Balance 31 March	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>

Note 4. Share Revaluation Reserve.

	Opening Balance 1 April	-	-
	Net Increase / (Decrease) in Valuations	(140,094)	121,339
	Amount of (Increase) / Decrease in Valuations allocated to Growth and Income Funds	<u>140,094</u>	<u>(121,339)</u>
	Closing Balance 31 March	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Note 5. Realised Capital Reserve.

	Opening Balance 1 April	2	(1,970)
	(Loss) / gain on sale of stocks and shares	-	91,733
		<u>2</u>	<u>89,763</u>
	Distributed to depositors	-	(89,761)
	Closing Balance 31 March	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Continued.

Note 6. Bank of New Zealand - Current Account.

The Bank of New Zealand Current Account of this Fund forms part of the banking arrangement of the Board of Administration - Special Account being an investment fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The Bank interest received by this Fund through that banking arrangement is included in Interest Received in the Statement of Income for the year.

Note 7. Sundry Debtors.

Sundry Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.

Note 8. Special Terms Deposits.

- Represent funds invested with the Association for specific on-investment at fixed rates of return. They do not take part in the quarterly dividend distributions.

Note 9. Investment Properties: See Separate Schedule.

Note 10. Related Party Transactions.

The Association was constituted by resolution of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand to accept deposits from groups and organisations within the Methodist Church of New Zealand and to invest these funds in appropriate commercial investments. The Association operates equitably on behalf of all depositors with all annual net income paid to depositors by quarterly distribution.

Note 11. Segment Information.

The Association operates predominantly in the one area being the management of investment funds. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand, but includes managing Australian investments.

Note 12. Reconciliation of Cashflow from Operating Activities To Excess Income Over Expenditure Before Abnormal Items:

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Reported Excess Income Over Expenditure	4,486,104	4,646,669
Adjust for Non Cash Items:		
Doubtful Debts	25,555	63,444
Repairs and Maintenance	216,200	212,903
Investment and Development Investigation Provision	30,000	22,500
Tenancy Contingency Reserve Written Back	-	(86,210)
Write-up on Government Stock and Debentures	<u>(49,369)</u>	<u>(142,817)</u>
Adjusted Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>4,708,490</u>	<u>4,716,489</u>
Changes in Working Capital Items:		
Accounts receivable Interest	(83,244)	222,036
Accounts Receivable (net)	32,345	(6,862)
Write off of doubtful debt against accounts receivable	(62,334)	-
Accounts Payable	(63,120)	(83,400)
Investment and Development Investigation Provision	28,252	(38,281)
Building and Maintenance Provision after non-cash portion deducted	<u>(24,625)</u>	<u>(156,696)</u>
Operating Cash Flows	<u>4,535,764</u>	<u>4,653,286</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 31 March 1997 continued

Note 13. Financial Instruments.

Credit Risk.

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Association to credit risk principally consist of bank balances, investments and other receivables.

Interest Rate Risk.

The Association's financial instruments are subject to the following interest rate fluctuations:

	<u>Interest Rate Yield</u>	<u>Interest Rate Review Period</u>
Assets	1997 (1996)	
Cash at Bank	1% (1.5%)	1.4.97
Deposits at Call	7.5% (9.15%)	1.4.97
Deposits at Bank	7.360% - 7.64% (8.7%)	22.4.96
Savings Bank Deposits	7.75% to 9% (6.75% to 9%)	18.6.96 to 29.7.97
Debentures	7.9% to 10.9% (7.7% to 10.3%)	15.10.98 to 30.11.03
Government Stock	10.51% to 11.84% (9.56% to 10.47%)	15.7.97 to 15.3.02
Local Body Stock	8.04% to 11.62% (8.4% to 11.62%)	15.4.96 to 15.3.02
Liabilities		
Special Term Deposits	6% to 7.5% (6% to 7.5%)	1.4.97
Income Fund	8.566% to 8.7% (9% to 9.2%)	1.4.97
Growth and Income Fund	8.15% (8.6%)	1.4.97

Fair Values.

The carrying amounts are considered to be fair value for all the Association's financial instruments.

Note 14. There were no capital commitments at 31 March 1997 (1996 Nil).

Note 15. There were no contingent liabilities at 31 March 1997 (1996 Nil).

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

Note 9. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES at Cost or Valuation.

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Date of Latest Revaluation or Purchase</u>	<u>Current Book Value 1997</u>	<u>Book Value 1996</u>	<u>Movement = Property Valuations at 31.3.97</u>
	\$		\$	\$	\$
Riddiford St Property, Wellington	1,462,990	31/3/97	1,497,542	1,570,000	-72,458
Hinemoa St Property, Rotorua	606,405	31/3/97	1,250,000	1,275,000	-25,000
Great North and Newton Road Property, Auckland	2,990,422	31/3/97	6,300,000	6,050,000	+250,000
132 Kilmore Street Property, Christchurch	255,040	31/3/97	450,000	450,000	-
Cambridge Terrace Property, Christchurch	3,440,295	31/3/97	5,250,000	5,360,000	-110,000
Bainbridge Property, Rotorua	1,030,595	31/3/97	1,000,000	1,050,000	-50,000
*Grafton Heights Property, Auckland	1,454,522	31/3/97	2,400,000	2,220,000	+180,000
*Victoria Street Property, Christchurch	2,100,247	31/3/97	1,545,000	1,505,000	+40,000
Laings Road Property, Lower Hutt	2,326,325	31/3/97	495,000	495,000	-
*Carlton Gore Road Property, Auckland	52,419	31/3/97	820,000	745,000	+75,000
126-132 High Street Property, Lower Hutt	1,504,147	31/3/97	600,000	600,000	-
Ryan Place Property, Manukau City	1,986,004	31/3/97	1,540,000	1,600,000	-60,000
142 Kilmore Street Property, Christchurch	310,000	31/3/97	375,000	375,000	-
Mayoral Drive Property, Auckland	17,100,450	31/3/97	11,500,000	11,000,000	+500,000
Property Development Cost					
Lychgate Centre Tenancy Fitout			32,458	39,292	-6,834
			<u>\$35,055,000</u>	<u>\$34,334,292</u>	<u>+720,708</u>

* Includes additions, disposals and write-offs for the year, as well as re-valuations and de-valuations.

Capital Commitment.

The Association does not have any property development projects under way at balance date.

Valuations have been provided by:

Darroch and Co Limited

Simes Limited

Wall Arlidge Limited

Reid and Reynolds

Mahoney Gardner Churton Limited

* Subsequent to balance date these properties have been marketed for sale.



AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC).

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 9. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the association and its financial position as at 31 March 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Board of New Zealand Methodist Trust Association (Inc)'s Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the association as at 31 March 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the association's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the association.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial report on pages 1 to 9 fairly reflects the financial position of the association as at 31 March 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 31 July 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

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**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

PACT 2086 TRUST

For the Year Ended 31 March 1997

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

PACT 2086 Trust is a charitable trust incorporated under The Charitable Trusts Act 1957.

The purpose of the PACT 2086 Trust is to hold and accumulate investments so as to provide for redevelopment of the Queen Street, Auckland property when this reverts to the Church in the year 2086 at the end of the 100 year lease.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REPORTING ENTITY:

The reporting entity is PACT 2086 Trust of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost modified by the revaluation of investment assets. Reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenues.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

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|--|---|
| Sundry Debtors - | have been valued at expected realisable value. A provision for Doubtful Debts totalling \$5,518 is held at 31 March 1997. |
| Investments - | government, local body and other debenture stock is valued at cost with adjustment made for premiums and discounts being amortised over the term of the investment. |
| Investment Properties - | are valued at cost or valuation (net current value). |
| Company Shares - | are valued at market value. Share portfolio revaluation gains or losses are taken to the Income and Expenditure Account. |
| Depreciation - | no depreciation has been provided on buildings. |
| Property Valuation:
- Rental Properties - | Rental investment properties have been valued at net current value by independent valuers. Property revaluation gains or losses are taken to the Income and Expenditure Account. The Board resolved that the lessor's residual interest in the Queen Street, Auckland property should be revalued at 10 year intervals from March 1987. |
| - Kaweka Forest - | The Board resolved that the Kaweka Forest Project be revalued at 5 year intervals from March 1996. All expenses relating to the Kaweka Forest project have been capitalised. |
| Financial Instruments - | are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. |

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

There have been no changes in accounting policies.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the Year Ended 31 March 1997.

	1997	1996
PROPERTY INCOME:	S	S
Gross Rentals	413,654	385,770
Recovered Property Expenses	<u>46,343</u>	<u>43,691</u>
	459,997	429,461
PROPERTY EXPENDITURE:		
General Property Expenses	5,060	65
Insurance	19,936	18,372
Legal Expenses	894	751
Rates	47,742	49,095
Rent Collection and Leasing Commission	34,500	41,136
Repairs and Maintenance	10,299	41,507
Valuation Fees	8,133	920
Fire Safety Appliance Servicing	-	<u>256</u>
	<u>126,564</u>	<u>152,102</u>
Net Income From Property	333,433	277,359
Interest and Dividends Received	<u>164,363</u>	<u>166,994</u>
	497,796	444,353
GENERAL EXPENDITURE:		
Administration Fee	6,187	6,620
Audit Fee	780	600
Bad and Doubtful Debts	(359)	2,592
Commission on Interest Received	12,328	12,525
Computer Processing	-	8,230
Interest Paid	152,200	185,913
Office and General Expenses	1,633	6,971
Travelling Expenses	<u>3,145</u>	<u>8,361</u>
	<u>175,914</u>	<u>231,812</u>
Excess Income Over Expenditure	321,882	212,541
Unrealised Change in Value of Investments and Investment Properties	1,024,479	158,930
Balance Received ex PACT for Commemorative Project	22,862	-
Realised Gain on sale shares (property)	-	5,948
Net Surplus	<u>1,369,223</u>	<u>377,419</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
For the Year Ended 31 March 1997

Opening Balance	5,173,119	4,795,700
Excess Income Over Expenditure	<u>1,369,223</u>	<u>377,419</u>
Closing Balance	<u>6,542,342</u>	<u>5,173,119</u>

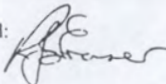
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

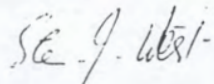
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	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		6,542,342	5,173,119
		<u>6,542,342</u>	<u>5,173,119</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Bank of New Zealand -			
Current Account	(1)	4,049	9,487
Call Deposits - Money Market		26,460	45,610
Methodist Trust Association		22,862	-
Sundry Debtors		28,847	22,781
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts		<u>(5,518)</u>	<u>(5,877)</u>
		23,329	16,904
Interest Accrued		<u>28,023</u>	<u>28,029</u>
		104,723	100,030
Less Current Liabilities:			
Sundry Creditors		25,682	20,811
Accrued Bank Interest		6,665	7,730
PAC History &			
Research Provision	(2)	9,954	9,954
Rent Received in Advance		221	15,188
Bank of New Zealand			
(Secured Loan)	(3)	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
		1,242,522	1,553,683
		<u>(1,137,799)</u>	<u>(1,453,653)</u>
Investments:			
Government, Local Body & SOE Stock		1,155,803	1,151,119
Fletcher Challenge Capital Notes		365,302	367,378
Company Shares		128,284	135,675
Investment Properties:			
Land and Improvements	(4/5)	<u>6,030,752</u>	<u>4,972,600</u>
		7,680,141	6,626,772
		<u>6,542,342</u>	<u>5,173,119</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On Behalf Of The Board:
Chairperson:

Secretary:



Date: 9/4/97

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Property Income		445,030	452,651
Interest / Dividends Received		162,433	173,687
Net Movement in GST		<u>1,955</u>	<u>(2,554)</u>
		609,418	623,784
Cash was applied to:			
Property Expenditure		123,756	166,299
Other Expenditure		24,073	43,307
Interest Paid		<u>153,265</u>	<u>186,976</u>
		<u>301,094</u>	<u>396,582</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities (7)		308,324	227,202
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Sale of Stocks and Shares		-	602,015
Decrease in Call Deposit		<u>19,149</u>	<u>59,128</u>
		19,149	661,143
Cash was applied to:			
Purchase of Stocks and Shares		10,049	553,108
Purchase of Investment Properties		<u>22,862</u>	<u>34,383</u>
		<u>32,911</u>	<u>587,491</u>
- Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		(13,762)	73,652
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was applied to:			
Repayment of Loans		(300,000)	(300,000)
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		<u>(300,000)</u>	<u>(300,000)</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)		(5,438)	854
Opening Cash Balance		9,487	8,633
Closing Cash Balance		<u><u>4,049</u></u>	<u><u>9,487</u></u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Note 1. Bank of New Zealand - Current Account:

The Bank of New Zealand Current Account of this Fund forms part of the banking arrangement of the Board of Administration - Special Account being an investment fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The Bank interest received by this Fund through that banking arrangement is included in Interest Received in the Statement of Financial Performance for the year.

Note 2.	PAC History & Research Provision:	1997	1996
		9,954	9,954

Following a request from the Trustees of the Prince Albert College Trust for funding of a companion volume to the earlier history of the Prince Albert College institution and site the Trust Board set aside \$15,554 to cover such a work. The volume was completed and published in early 1990 and the balance of the provision is retained for future research, publication or promotion of the history of the Prince Albert College Trust to assure that the Church in the future, when considering the PAC site or PACT 2086 Trust, will be aware of the history and significance of the property in the life of the Church.

Note 3.	Bank of New Zealand - Secured Loan	1997	1996
		1,200,000	1,500,000

The loan is secured by way of mortgage of properties due 15 December 1997 at an interest rate fixed to 12 July 1997 of 9.90% per annum.

Note 4.	Investment Properties	1997	1996
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Book Value</u>
		<u>31/3/97</u>	<u>31/3/96</u>
	Land and Improvements:		
	258 Taranaki St, Wgtn.	2,807,076	900,000
	161 Karangahape Rd, Auck.	1,309,656	655,000
	165 Karangahape Rd, Auck.	977,000	610,000
	171 Karangahape Rd, Auck.	1,275,857	728,000
	21 Poynton Terrace, Auck.	649,778	160,000
	43 Mahunga Drive, Auck.	1,701,957	1,164,000
	Queen Street, Auckland		
	Lessor's Residual Interest	25,359	850,000
		8,746,683	5,067,000
	Kaweka Forest Project land	764,403	713,991
	Forestry costs Capitalised	188,814	249,760
	31 March 1997	<u>\$9,699,900</u>	<u>\$6,030,751</u>
			<u>\$4,972,600</u>

(Kaweka Forest land cost reduced by the further proceeds from the sale of farm buildings for removal during the year).

PACT 2086 TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued.

Note 5. Property Revaluation.

The Trust rental investment properties were revalued by independent valuers as at 31 March 1997. The Taranaki Street property was revalued by Wall Aldridge Limited and all other properties revalued by Darroch and Partners. The Board determined a policy that the lessor's residual interest in the Queen Street, Auckland property should be revalued at 10 year intervals, the first such revaluation falling due to be made in the year ended 31 March 1997, and that the Kaweka Forest Project be revalued at 5 year intervals from 31 March 1996.

Note 6. Segment Information.

The Trust operates predominantly in the area of investment in property. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.

Note 7. Reconciliation of Operating Cashflows:	1997	1996
Excess Income Over Expenditure	321,882	212,541
Non Cash Items.		
Interest Amortised to Investments	(1,937)	(2,304)
Movements in Working Capital.		
Sundry Debtors	(4,568)	24,559
- Portion Relating to Property Sold	<u>(5,959)</u>	<u>(5,959)</u>
	1,391	18,600
Interest Accrued	6	8,997
Sundry Creditors	3,014	(16,751)
Interest Payable	(1,065)	(1,063)
Rent in Advance	<u>(14,967)</u>	<u>7,182</u>
	<u>308,324</u>	<u>227,202</u>

Note 8. Capital Commitments.

There were no capital commitments at 31 March 1997 (1996 Nil).

Note 9. Contingent Liabilities.

There were no contingent liabilities at 31 March 1997 (1996 Nil).

Note 10. Financial Instruments.**Credit Risk:**

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Trust to credit risk principally consist of bank balances, call and short-term deposits, other receivables and investments.

PACT 2086 TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
continued.**Note 11. Interest Rate Risk:**

(continued)

Cash, call and short-term deposits, Bank of New Zealand loan, government stock and Fletcher Challenge Capital Notes are subject to the following interest rate fluctuations:

	<u>Current Rate</u> <u>1997 (1996)</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u> <u>Review Period</u>
Cash at Bank	1%(1.5%)	Set six-monthly, February and August. Floating daily.
Call Deposits	7.5%(9.05%)	
Government Local Body	8.75% to 10% (8.75% to 10%)	Fixed to Maturity.
Fletcher Challenge Capital Notes	11.25% (11.25%)	Fixed to Maturity, 15 Dec 2002.
Bank of New Zealand loan	9.75% - 11.15% (9.9%)	Fixed to 13 June 1997.

Fair Values:

The carrying amounts of bank balances, call and short-term deposits, investments, other receivables and payables, and Bank of New Zealand loan, are considered to be fair value for these financial instruments.



AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF PACT 2086 TRUST

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 7. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the trust and its financial position as at 31 March 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Board of PACT 2086's Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the trust as at 31 March 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the trust's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the trust.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial report on pages 1 to 7 fairly reflects the financial position of the trust as at 31 March 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 31 July 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

EPWORTH BOOKSHOP

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1997

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

DESCRIPTION OF ENTITY

The Epworth Bookshop is a branch of the Methodist Church.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is placed on the fact that the business is a going concern.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (a) FIXED ASSETS are valued at cost less accumulated depreciation to date.
- (b) DEPRECIATION has been written off at those rates approved for tax purposes.
- (c) STOCKS have been valued at the lower of cost (on a First In First Out basis) or net realisable value after due allowance for damage and obsolescence.

Stock which is in excess of one year old has been valued at 33% below cost while stock which is over two years old has been written off completely.

- (d) DEBTORS are valued at expected realisable value.
- (e) GOODS AND SERVICES TAX has been excluded from the Accounts other than to show the liability to the Inland Revenue Department at balance date.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous years.

EPWORTH BOOKSHOP
OPERATING STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1997

<u>1996</u>		<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>1997</u>
	SALES		
189,947	General		215,848
6,825	Wholesale		7,178
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196,772			223,026
	LESS COST OF SALES		
64,864	Stock at Beginning		62,027
138,280	Purchases		158,814
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203,144			220,841
62,027	<u>Less</u> Stock at End		76,247
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141,117			144,594
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\$ 55,655	GROSS PROFIT		\$ 78,432
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		<u>LIFE PLUS</u>	
24,335	SALES		9,865
	LESS COST OF SALES		
17,189	Purchases		6,780
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\$ 7,146	GROSS PROFIT		\$ 3,085
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		<u>RELIGION IN LIFE</u>	
220,413	SALES		256,964
	LESS COST OF SALES		
53,100	Stock at Beginning		60,496
165,186	Purchases		175,193
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218,286			235,689
60,496	<u>Less</u> Stock at End		52,932
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157,790			182,757
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\$ 62,623	GROSS PROFIT		\$ 74,207
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EPWORTH BOOKSHOP
OPERATING STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1997

<u>1996</u>	<u>WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD</u>	<u>1997</u>
19,321	SALES	19,021
	LESS COST OF SALES	
-	Stock at Beginning	907
17,723	Purchases	17,925
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17,723		18,832
907	<u>Less</u> Stock at End	1,456
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16,816		17,376
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\$ 2,505	GROSS PROFIT	\$ 1,645
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EPWORTH BOOKSHOP
TRADING ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1997

1996

1997

SALES

189,947	General	215,848
24,335	Life Plus	9,865
220,413	Religion in Life	256,964
6,825	Wholesale	7,178
19,321	Whole People of God	19,021
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\$ 460,841		\$ 508,876
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GROSS PROFIT ON SALES

55,655	General & Wholesale		78,432	
4,867	<u>Less</u> Discount Allowed		5,540	
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50,788	26.7%	32.7%	72,892	
7,146	29.3%	Life Plus	31.2%	3,085
62,623	28.4%	Religion in Life	28.8%	74,207
		Whole People		
2,505	13.0%	of God	8.6%	1,645
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\$ 123,062				\$ 151,829

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1997

<u>1996</u>		<u>1997</u>
123,062	GROSS PROFIT	151,829
	LESS DIRECT AND OVERHEAD EXPENSES	
1,447	Accident Compensation Levies	1,161
36,000	Accountancy	33,000
12,179	Advertising & Promotions	16,761
2,000	Audit	1,750
859	Bad Debts	71
1,675	Bank Charges	1,673
928	Car Park	1,021
897	Cleaning	955
1,256	Commission on Sales	1,176
105	Computer Software & Expenses	244
6,725	Depreciation on Assets	9,289
-	Distribution Grant (RIL)	7,220
-	Equipment Hire	191
23,621	Freight Out - Postage	20,936
(19,264)	Freight Out - Recoveries	(17,627)
3,268	General Expenses	787
457	Insurance	185
208	Interest	-
679	Legal Expenses	-
2,206	Packing Materials	790
420	Photocopying	315
648	Power	961
4,174	Printing & Stationery	4,333
25,040	Rent	24,557
4,756	Rented Premises Outgoings	3,005
1,140	Repairs & Maintenance	743
84,634	Salaries & Wages	78,562
96	Staff Costs	215
4,544	Telephone & Tolls	6,136
3,938	Travelling - Local	2,637
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204,636		201,047
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(81,574)	TRADING PROFIT (LOSS) FOR YEAR	(49,218)
	PLUS SUNDRY INCOME	
5,299	Interest Received	1,967
548	Sundry Income	609
	Grants Received	
13,174	Connexional Budget	14,525
9,000	Hamilton Methodist Trust	-
5,000	Mission Aotearoa	-
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33,021		17,101
10,548	Prior year adjustment Religion In Life	-
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\$ (38,005)	NET PROFIT (LOSS) FOR PERIOD	\$ (32,117)
	563	

EPWORTH BOOKSHOP
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1997

LIABILITIES

1996

1997

CAPITAL

	Accumulated Funds	
180,909	Funds at Beginning	142,824
-	Transfer from Reserves	48,000
(80)	Stamp Duty	-
(38,005)	Net Profit (Loss) for Period	(32,117)
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142,824		110,707

RESERVES (NEW PREMISES)

48,000	New Premises Reserve	-
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CURRENT LIABILITIES

103,596	Trade Creditors	103,932
2,023	Sundry Creditors & Accruals	2,024
4,894	Subscriptions in Advance	4,485
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110,513		110,441
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\$ 301,337	<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	\$ 269,148
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EPWORTH BOOKSHOP

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1997

ASSETS

<u>1996</u>		<u>1997</u>	
	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u> at Book Value		
6,313	Office Furniture - Wellington	4,594	
244	Office Furniture - Wellspring	195	
3,044	Computers	6,392	
38,402	New Premises	35,178	
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48,003		46,359	
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
3	Cash on Hand	23	
34,298	Cash at Bank	24,650	
31,000	BNZ Finance Ltd Call Account	-	
53,903	Trade Debtors	58,826	
1,259	Trade Debtors - Wholesale	1,065	
(5,000)	Provision for Bad Debts	(5,000)	
4,407	Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	5,105	
124,268	Stock on Hand	132,412	
9,196	Goods and Services Tax	5,708	
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246,058		222,789	
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\$ 301,337	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 269,148	
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EPWORTH BOOKSHOP
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 1997

		1.07.96	Movements				31.03.97
	Dep'n	Book	Purchases	Dep'n	Cost	Accum	Book
	Rate DV	Value	(Sales)	for Year	Price	Dep'n	Value
FIXTURES & FITTINGS							
Wellington							
Sundry	20.0%	247	(37)	42	7,429	7,261	168
Minolta Copier	33.0%	1,569		518	2,250	1,199	1,051
Office Chairs	12.0%	532		64	598	130	468
Office Desk	15.0%	229		34	265	70	195
File Cabinet	12.0%	281		34	316	69	247
Panasonic PABX	26.0%	2,277		592	2,990	1,305	1,685
Answer Phone	50.0%	52		26	90	64	26
Cash Register	33.0%	1,126		372	1,395	641	754
		6,313	(37)	1,682	15,333	10,739	4,594
Computer							
KTX Pentium V133(Apr 97)	40.0%		5,303	530	5,303	530	4,773
Inkjet Printer	33.0%		600	50	600	50	550
Port & Cables	26.0%		970	80	970	80	890
Modem	40.0%		199	20	199	20	179
MacIntosh	100.0%	1,413		1,413	5,990	5,990	0
H.Disk CMSPJ Base	100.0%	926		926	3,928	3,928	0
Apple Keyboard	100.0%	73		73	310	310	0
H.P.Deskwriter Printer	100.0%	632		632	3,680	3,680	0
		3,044	7,072	3,724	20,980	14,588	6,392
Auckland							
Cupboard (Wellspring)	20.0%	244		49	930	735	195
		244	0	49	930	735	195
New Premises							
Sundry Painting	18.0%	565		102	745	282	463
Walls & Joinery	9.5%	11,028		1,048	12,186	2,206	9,980
Shelving Shutterwall	9.5%	1,331		126	1,471	266	1,205
Shelving System	9.5%	11,340		1,077	12,530	2,267	10,263
Service Counter	9.5%	2,860		272	3,160	572	2,588
4 Gondolas 2 Podiums	9.5%	5,916		562	6,537	1,183	5,354
Interior Signage	9.5%	790		75	837	122	715
Pin Boards	9.5%	291		28	321	58	263
Security Lights	9.5%	529		50	585	106	479
Shelving	9.5%	225		21	249	45	204
Electrical	7.5%	260		20	281	41	240
Display Bookstand	18.0%	242		44	285	87	198
B/case Cupboard	9.5%	422		40	466	84	382
Sign (Nth side Building)	9.5%	345		33	368	56	312
Solar Window Film	9.5%	1,628		155	1,724	251	1,473
Drapes	22.0%	438		96	473	131	342
Pleated Blind	22.0%	192		42	207	57	150
2 Bianco Fans (Nov 96)	12.0%		610	43	610	43	567
		38,402	610	3,834	43,035	7,857	35,178
		48,003 \$	7,645	9,289 \$	80,278	33,919	46,359

DEPRECIATION SUMMARY

Depreciation on Assets	\$ 9,289
Depreciation on Sale of Assets	\$ 0
	\$ 9,289

To the Board of Management
EPWORTH BOOKSHOP

We have audited the financial report for the year to 30 June 1997. The financial report provides information about the past performance of the Bookshop and its financial position as at 30 June 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies.

THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the Bookshop as at 30 June 1997 and of the results of operations for the year ended 30 June 1997.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Bookshop's circumstances and are consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We have conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand except our work limited as explained below. We planned and performed the audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditor, we have no relationship with or interests in the Bookshop.

FUNDAMENTAL UNCERTAINTY

In forming our unqualified opinion, we have considered the financial position of the Bookshop relative to its continued unprofitable trading, and the support that it received from Grants. The validity of the going concern assumption on which the financial report is prepared is dependent on the continued support of the Methodist Church. If this support was not to continue for the foreseeable future, adjustments may have to be made to reflect the situation that assets may need to be realised other than in the amounts at which they are currently recorded in the Balance Sheet. In addition, the entity may have to provide for further liabilities that may arise and reclassify fixed assets as current assets.

UNQUALIFIED OPINION

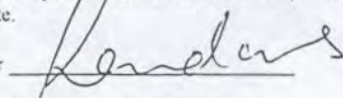
We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion:

- proper accounting records have been kept by the Epworth Bookshop as far as appears from our examination of those records; and
- the financial report attached hereto fairly reflects the financial position of the Bookshop as at 30 June 1997 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

The audit report was conducted on 23 September 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Auditor



23rd September 1997

Kendons Chartered Accountants
 Lower Hutt

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 1997

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE:

	1997 \$	1996 \$
Income was received from:		
Methodist Church:		
Parish Giving	81 020	77 582
Trust Income	85 747	67 663
Ecumenical Grants	<u>71 365</u>	<u>62 024</u>
	238 132	207 269
 Presbyterian Church:		
Parish Giving	251 000	325 000
Other Income	4 534	24 230
Trust Income	138 426	126 204
Ecumenical Grants	<u>59 649</u>	<u>122 336</u>
	453 609	597 770
 Other Income:		
Second Mile Giving:		
Citizens Advice Bureau, Soweto, South Africa	737	
Bougainville Rehabilitation, PNG	2 291	
Tabaka bay Training, Solomon Islands	602	
Pacific Youth Exchange	719	
Landmine Clearance, Cambodia	<u>5 110</u>	
	9 459	17 755
 Total Income:	 701 200	 822 794
 Expenses we paid for - Mission:		
 Overseas Staff:		
Stipend, Allowances, Superannuation	147 166	168 350
Travel	<u>29 930</u>	<u>6 854</u>
	177 096	175 204

Grants and Scholarships for work of Partner Churches:

	\$	\$
Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu	32 000	40 000
United Church in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands	20 000	25 000
Churches in Indonesia	15 000	15 000
Church of North India	25 000	28 000
Pacific Theological College	4 000	5 000
Helena Goldie Hospital, Solomon Islands	17 000	16 600
Leadership Development Churches, Irian Jaya	7 980	10 000
Theological Education in the Pacific	5 000	
Hindi Literature Programme, India	5 000	5 000
Christian Education Training, Sri Lanka	2 000	2 000
Higham Bingham School, Kiribati	2 000	
Bethune House, Hong Kong	2 500	3 000
Amity Foundation, China	3 000	3 000
Presbyterian Church Hakka Evangelism, Taiwan	5 000	5 000
Scholarship - Rev Lal Tin Hre at Trinity, Myanmar	5 000	11 882
Scholarship - Rev P Etauti at PTC, Tuvalu	20 000	20 000
Scholarship - Rev A Poumale at Kana Fou, Niue	1 725	
Scholarship - Rev Hillary Bero at Bishop Patterson Training College, Solomon Islands	3 900	
Scholarship - Rev J Naul at PTC, Vanuatu	19 356	
Students attending Rarongo Training College from Bougainville		2 000
Divinity School Silliman University, Philippines	(1 000)	10 000
Rural Lay Ministry VCCP, Philippines	(2 000)	5 000
House of Love, Korea	(500)	3 000
Pacific Concerns	(2 000)	4 505
	170 605	233 343

Projects Supported:

Ecumenical Relations	9 449	4 436
Overseas Volunteer Services	7 163	8 262
Rehabilitation of the Disabled, Cambodia	5 000	5 000
Building Theological College STM, Malaysia	10 000	
Building the Bishop's House, Bougainville	5 000	
Partner Church Exchange	3 776	
Pacific Children's Concerns	4 890	
Advance to St. Andrew's, Suva (Refundable)	5 194	
	50 472	17 698

Promotion, Education and Administration:

Publicity	7 644	7 236
Co-Ordinating Committee Meetings and Travel	7 537	12 685

Secretariat:

Staff Salaries and Travel, Unit Support	72 136	73 269
Office Equipment		10 102
Office Supplies and Services	20 779	40 161
Accounting Services	14 000	14 000
	122 096	157 453

Total Expenditure - Mission:	520 269	583 698
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Methodist Ecumenical Grants:

	\$	\$
World Council of Churches	4 500	4 500
World Council of Churches 1998 Assembly	2 500	2 500
World Council of Churches Central Committee Travel	525	525
Programme to Combat Racism	1 075	1 075
Christian Conference of Asia	1 100	1 100
Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand	20 000	20 000
Programme on Racism CCANZ	5 000	5 000
Travel and Study Grant	15 000	9 300
World Methodist Council	1 090	944
Churches Broadcasting Commission	1 000	1 000
Te Runanga Whakuwahauia Unga i Nga Hahi Aotearoa	2 720	2 720
Christian World Service Overseas Aid 2%	<u>16 855</u>	<u>17 080</u>
	71 365	65 744

Presbyterian Ecumenical Grants:

Council for World Mission	12 150	13 500
Pacific Conference of Churches	1 350	1 350
World Alliance of Reformed Churches	1 050	1 050
CCANZ Programme on Racism		7 950
World Council of Churches	7 515	8 350
Christian Conference of Asia	1 890	2 100
Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand	35 694	39 660
Overseas Development and Disaster Relief		<u>60 526</u>
	59 649	122 336

Second Mile Giving

9 459	17 755
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Summary:

Total Expenditure:	660 742	768 046
Income was greater (less) than expenditure	40 458	36 981
Balance at beginning of year	188 027	151 046
Balance at end of year	\$228 485	\$188 027

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL FUNDS AND CAPITAL FUNDS:**Special Accounts held for Partner Churches and Specific Purposes:****Methodist Church:**

for United Church Solomon Islands Synod	NZ\$
Helena Goldie Hospital	5 183
PAC Grant (31.03.97)	94 917
	<u>150 345</u>
	250 445

Presbyterian Church:

for Helena Goldie Hospital	105 858
Pacific Island Storm Relief	38 267
Methodist and United Church work in the Pacific	17 572
Community Health Project in India	49 822
Second Mile Giving	37 163
All Other	<u>79 118</u>
	327 800

Total Special Accounts:

\$578 245

Capital Funds:

Methodist Church:

Mission Capital Account	698 520
Medical Mission - Helena Goldie Hospital	188 943
Disaster Relief and Special Projects	36 449
Vehicle Account	50 962
House Account	<u>256 924</u>
	1 186 798

Presbyterian Church:

Mission Overseas Capital	811 194
Blakie House	203 622
Langmuir Estate	229 633
Other Specific Mission trusts	279 288

1 523 737

Total Capital Funds:

\$2 710 535

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**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION INSURANCE ACCOUNT

for the Year Ended 30 April 1997

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The prime intention of the Board of Administration Insurance Account is to provide insurance cover for all Church Property against calamity, general material loss, damage, and other risks.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REPORTING ENTITY:

The reporting entity is the Board of Administration Insurance Account of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Measurement Base.

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost and reliance is placed on the fact that the Account is a going concern.

Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICES:

Sundry Debtors - have been valued at expected realisable value.

Investments - have been valued at cost or market value.

Financial Instruments - have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those of previous years.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION INSURANCE ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the Year Ended 30 April 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME:			
Insurance Premiums Received		1,079,530	1,065,928
Interest		24,684	51,962
Methodist Trust Association Distributions		<u>16,185</u>	<u>3,200</u>
		1,120,399	1,121,090
EXPENDITURE:			
Administration Fee		81,737	50,420
Audit Fee		1,747	1,669
General Office Expenses		2,029	2,314
Insurance Claims - Church Property		88,997	135,888
Re-Insurance - Church Property		674,993	699,250
Video Promotion		-	933
Legal Expenses		<u>659</u>	<u>-</u>
		850,162	890,474
Excess Income over Expenditure	4	<u><u>270,237</u></u>	<u><u>230,616</u></u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 April 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>815,844</u>	<u>545,607</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Bank of New Zealand			
- Current Account	1	2,369	2,724
Deposits at Call		96,284	232,145
Short Term Deposits - Methodist Trust Association		129,216	37,655
Accounts Receivable		102,226	355,632
Premiums Paid in Advance	5	635,707	359,437
Interest Accrued		<u>373</u>	<u>278</u>
		966,175	987,871
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable			
- Ordinary		(95,546)	(386,002)
- Unexpired Insurance Premiums		<u>(54,785)</u>	<u>(56,262)</u>
		<u>(150,331)</u>	<u>(442,264)</u>
		815,844	545,607
		<u>815,844</u>	<u>545,607</u>

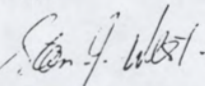
STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
for the year ended 30 April 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
Opening Balance 1 May 1996	545,607	314,991
Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>270,237</u>	<u>230,616</u>
	815,844	545,607
	<u>815,844</u>	<u>545,607</u>

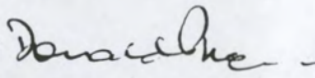
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On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:



Secretary:



Date:

30th September 1997

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION INSURANCE ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for Year Ended 30 April 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Insurance Premiums Received		1,059,909	1,082,696
Interest and Methodist Trust Association Distribution		<u>40,774</u>	<u>55,125</u>
		1,100,683	1,137,821
Cash was applied to:			
Re-Insurance		948,720	733,330
Insurance Claims		110,397	104,900
Payments to Suppliers		<u>86,221</u>	<u>132,271</u>
		1,145,338	970,501
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Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	4	(44,655)	167,320
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from / (applied to)			
Deposits at Call		135,861	(162,435)
Deposit Methodist Trust Association		<u>(91,561)</u>	<u>(3,163)</u>
Net Cash Flow from Investment Activities		44,300	(165,598)
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		(355)	1,722
Opening Cash Balance		2,724	1,002
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Closing Cash Balance		<u>2,369</u>	<u>2,724</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.



**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION INSURANCE ACCOUNT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 1. Bank of New Zealand - Current Account.

The Bank of New Zealand Current Account of this Fund forms part of the banking arrangement of the Board of Administration - Special Account being an investment fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The arrangement gives the Bank of New Zealand the right of offset over any balance. The Bank interest received by this Fund through that banking arrangement is included in Interest Received in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Note 2. Related Party Disclosure:

This Account receives monies from Methodist Church Parishes, Co-operating Parishes and Divisions within the Church for the purpose of insuring their property. All funds received and balances existing at balance date are detailed in the financial statements. Included in Sundry Debtors is an amount of \$45,445 which is owing to the Insurance Account from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund. The money is for subsidising the fire alarm installation scheme offered to parishes. The subsidy is calculated at the lower of \$1,800 or 80% of the actual cost of installation.

Note 3. Segment Information:

The Insurance Account operates predominantly in the one area. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.

Note 4. Reconciliation of Excess Income over Expenditure to Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities:

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure	270,237	230,616
Plus Non Cash items	-	(7,980)
Movement in Working Capital		
Accounts Receivable	253,406	147,061
Interest Accrued	(95)	(37)
Accounts Payable	(290,455)	(177,038)
Unexpired Insurance	(1,476)	3,382
Unexpired Re-Insurance	<u>(276,272)</u>	<u>(28,684)</u>
Net Cash flow from Operating Activities	44,655	167,320

Note 5. Premiums Paid in Advance.

For the current year the principal re-insurance premiums were prepaid to 16 May 1998. In the prior year the principle re-insurance premiums were prepaid to 16 November 1996.

Note 6. Unexpired Insurance Premiums.

The majority of the premiums for parishes relate to the year 16 May 1997 to 16 May 1998.

Note 7. Financial Instruments.

Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Account to Credit Risk principally consist of bank balances, deposits, and other receivables.

Fair Values

The carrying amounts are considered to be fair value for the Account's financial instruments.

Interest Rate Risk.

The current interest rates on the bank call deposits is 6.3% (1996 - 9.05%) floating daily.

Cash at Bank current rate	1%	(1996 1.5%)
Methodist Trust Association	8.566%	(1996 9%)

Note 8. Contingent Liabilities.

There are no contingent liabilities at 30 April 1997 (1996 - nil).

Note 9. Commitments.

There are no commitments at 30 April 1997 (1996 - nil).



AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION INSURANCE ACCOUNT

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 5. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the Fund and its financial position as at 30 April 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Board of Administration's Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 April 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Fund's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the Fund.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial report on pages 1 to 5 fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 April 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 30 September 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

For the Year ended 30 June 1997

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Connexional Budget Account is supported by monetary commitment by Parishes to service the wider outreach of the Church.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- (a) Reporting Entity.
The financial statements presented here are for the Reporting Entity Connexional Budget Account. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Financial Reporting Standards.
- (b) Measurement Base.
The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost and reliance is placed on the fact that the Account is a going concern.

Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- Deposits at Call - have been valued at expected realisable value.
- Sundry Debtors - have been valued at expected realisable value.
- Financial Instruments - are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with previous years.

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the Year Ended 30th June 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME:			
Contributions from Parishes		839,270	853,998
Grants			
- Board of Administration - Special Account		46,750	11,250
- Connexional - Legacies and Donations		10,250	11,020
Interest		6,081	3,763
		<u>902,351</u>	<u>880,031</u>
EXPENDITURE:			
Funds Distributed	1	885,536	866,215
Administration Costs		14,205	13,352
Audit Fee		480	464
Budget Promotion Material		2,130	-
		<u>902,351</u>	<u>880,031</u>
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30th June 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	2	1605	9,392
Deposits at Call		154,676	75,203
Sundry Debtors		1,697	1,190
Contributions Due		38,005	29,080
		<u>195,983</u>	<u>114,865</u>
 CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Sundry Creditors		736	464
Distributions Due		195,247	114,401
		<u>195,983</u>	<u>114,865</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board

Chairperson:

San J. West

Secretary:

Donna V. ...

Date: *30th September 1997*

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 30th June 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was Provided from:			
Contributions from Parishes		830,345	854,559
Grants and Donations		57,000	22,270
Interest Received		6,081	3,762
		<u>893,426</u>	<u>880,591</u>
Cash Was Applied To:			
Distribution of Funds		803,668	869,674
Suppliers		18,072	13,834
		<u>821,740</u>	<u>883,508</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	5	71,686	(2,917)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was Provided from:			
Advance - Connexional Expense Repaid		-	15,000
Cash was Applied to:			
Deposit Call Account		79,473	3,454
		<u>79,473</u>	<u>3,454</u>
Net Cash Flow to Investing Activities		(79,473)	11,546
TOTAL NET CASH OUTFLOWS			
		(7,787)	8,629
Opening Cash Balance		9,392	763
		<u>9,392</u>	<u>763</u>
Closing Cash Balance		<u>1,605</u>	<u>9,392</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Note 1. Funds Distributed.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Guaranteed Distribution		
Forum of Cooperative Ventures	24,030	14,000
Conf. of Churches in Aotearoa NZ	20,000	20,000
Tertiary Chaplaincies	12,500	12,500
Travel and Study Grant Fund	9,300	9,300
Churches Education Commission	6,000	6,000
Prog. to Combat Racism in NZ	5,000	5,000
World Council of Churches	4,500	4,500
Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga	2,720	2,720
WCC Assembly 1998	2,500	2,500
Christian Conference of Asia	1,100	1,100
WCC Programme to Combat Racism	1,075	1,075
World Methodist Council	880	944
WCC Central Committee Travel	<u>525</u>	<u>525</u>
	<u>90,130</u>	<u>80,164</u>
Non-Guaranteed Distribution		
Mission Resourcing Unit	259,215	201,303
Ministry Resourcing Unit	174,305	131,459
Connexional Expenses	171,853	226,068
Council for Mission	81,020	77,582
Crosslink	43,576	39,523
Overseas Aid -		
2% amount received from Parishes	16,785	17,080
Samoa Synod	15,978	8,893
Commission Epworth Book Shop	14,526	13,174
Tongan Advisory Committee	12,008	6,148
Fiji Advisory Committee	5,172	3,689
Churches Broadcasting	968	1,317
Te Taha Maori	-	51,506
"Response" (Joint S'ship)	-	7,905
Conference of Churches in ANZ Review	-	404
	<u>795,406</u>	<u>786,051</u>
Total Funds Distributed	<u><u>885,536</u></u>	<u><u>866,215</u></u>

Note 2. Bank of New Zealand - Current Account:

The Bank of New Zealand Current Account of this Fund forms part of the banking arrangement of the Board of Administration - Special Account being an investment fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The arrangement gives the Bank of New Zealand the right of offset over any balances. The Bank interest received by this Fund through that banking arrangement is included in Interest Received in the Statement of Financial Performance for the year.

Note 3. Segment Information.

The fund operates predominantly in one area of investment. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Continued

Note 4. Financial Instruments. **Credit Risk.**

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Fund to Credit Risk principally consist of Bank balances and other receivables.

Interest Rate Risk.

Cash at Bank and money market call deposits are subject to the following interest rate fluctuations:

	<u>Current Rate</u>		<u>Interest Rate</u>
	<u>(1997)</u>	<u>(1996)</u>	<u>Review Period</u>
Cash at Bank	1%	(1.5%)	1.7.97
Call Deposits	6.5%	(9.0%)	1.7.97

Fair Values.

The carrying amounts of Bank balances, other receivables and payables are considered to be fair value for these financial instruments.

Note 5. Reconciliation of Statement of Financial Performance to Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Income and Expenditure Account	Nil	Nil
Increase (Decrease) in Working Capital:		
Sundry Creditors	272	(19)
Distributions Due	80,846	(3,956)
Sundry Debtors	(507)	497
Contributions Due	(8,925)	561
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Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>71,686</u>	<u>(2,917)</u>



AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 6. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the Fund and its financial position as at 30 June 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Board of Administration's Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Fund's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the Fund.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial report on pages 1 to 6 fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 30 September 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

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**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

For the Year Ended 30 April 1997.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Methodist Church Fire and Insurance Board is incorporated under the provisions of the "Religious Charitable and Educational Trust Act 1957."

The Fund's purpose is to give financial support to the Board of Administration Insurance Account when needed.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REPORTING ENTITY:

The reporting entity is the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost modified by the revaluation of investments with Methodist Trust Association. Reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Investments - are valued at Current Realisable value.

Sundry Debtors - are valued at expected realisable value.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those of previous years.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for Year Ended 30 April 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME:			
Interest Received - Deposits		88,972	92,639
EXPENDITURE:			
Administration Fee		12,450	12,450
Audit Fee		267	258
Stationery and General Expenses		88	57
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		12,805	12,765
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Excess Income over Expenditure		76,167	79,874
Grant to Insurance Fund - Subsidy Alarm Systems	8	<u>(130,759)</u>	<u>(30,702)</u>
		<u>(54,592)</u>	<u>49,172</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 April 1997.

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
Accumulated Funds		<u>1,672,595</u>	<u>1,718,249</u>
Represented by:			
Current Assets:			
Bank of New Zealand Current Account	1	52	118
Interest Accrued		<u>6,554</u>	<u>8,116</u>
		6,606	8,234
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable		(45,712)	(30,960)
Removal Expenses Fund		-	(43,327)
		<u>(45,712)</u>	<u>(74,287)</u>
		(39,106)	(66,053)
Investments:			
Methodist Trust Association	2	1,035,537	1,108,138
Loan - Methodist Theological College Council	2	676,164	676,164
		<u>1,711,701</u>	<u>1,784,302</u>
		<u>1,672,595</u>	<u>1,718,249</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
For The Year Ended 30 April 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
Opening Balance 1 May 1996	1,718,249	1,649,453
Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>(54,592)</u>	<u>49,172</u>
	1,663,657	1,698,625
Plus Capital Accretion	3 <u>8,938</u>	<u>19,624</u>
Closing Balance 30 April 1997	<u>1,672,595</u>	<u>1,718,249</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:

Secretary:

Date:

30th September 1997

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for Year Ended 30 April 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Interest Received		90,534	90,926
Cash was applied to:			
Payments to Suppliers		(128,812)	(12,757)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	5	(38,278)	78,169
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
MTA Withdrawals		462,571	14,550
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		462,571	14,550
Cash was applied to:			
Investment s - Methodist Trust Association		(381,032)	(92,637)
- Removal Fund Reserve		<u>(43,327)</u>	<u>-</u>
		(424,359)	(92,637)
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		38,212	(78,087)
Total Net Cash Flows		(66)	82
Add Opening Cash Balance 1 May 1996		<u>118</u>	<u>36</u>
Closing Cash Balance 30 April 1997		<u>52</u>	<u>118</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

**CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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Note 1. Bank of New Zealand - Current Account:

The Bank of New Zealand Current Account of this Fund forms part of the banking arrangement of the Board of Administration - Special Account being an investment Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The arrangement gives the Bank of New Zealand the right of offset over any balance. The Bank interest received by this Fund through that banking arrangement is included in Interest Received in the Statement of Financial Performance for the year.

Note 2. Related Party Transactions:

In 1991 the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund advanced to the Methodist Theological College Council an amount of \$1million interest free, to assist in the purchase of student housing. This loan is secured over five properties owned by the Trinity Methodist Theological College. These properties have a combined book value of approximately \$644,500 (1996 \$654,000). At 30 April 1997 the balance of this loan has been reduced to \$676,164.

The Fund held investments during the year on deposit with the Methodist Trust Association. The total sum held at Balance Date by the Methodist Trust Association amounted to \$1,035,537. Interest earned during the year from these deposits was \$88,972.

Accounts payable includes \$45,445 (1996: \$30,702) owed to the Board of Administration Insurance Fund. During the current year \$130,759 (1996 \$30,702) was paid to the Board of Administration Insurance Fund to subsidise the installation of fire alarms in Church buildings.

Note 3. Methodist Trust Association Investments Portfolio:

The Methodist Trust Association investment portfolio was again reviewed resulting in a capital accretion of \$8,938 in unrealised gains being allocated to this Fund at 31/3/97.

Note 4. Segment Information.

The Fund operates predominantly in the one area of investment. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.

Note 5. Reconciliation of Excess Income and Expenditure Account with Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure	(54,592)	49,172
Non Cash Item - Valuation Fees		
Changes in Working Capital:		
Interest Accruals	1,562	(1,713)
Accounts Payable	14,752	30,710
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	(38,278)	78,169

Note 6. Financial Instruments.

Credit Risk.

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Fund to credit risk principally consists of Bank deposits, deposits in the Methodist Trust Association and advances to Theological College and Board of Administration Insurance Funds.

Fair Values.

The carrying amounts of bank balances, other receivables, payables and investments are considered to be fair value for these financial instruments.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

Note 7. Contingent Liabilities.

There are no contingent liabilities at 30 April 1997 (1996 - Nil).

Note 8. Commitments.

The Connexional Fire Insurance Fund has committed to subsidising the Board of Administration Insurance Fund for the fire alarm installation scheme offered to parishes. The subsidy is calculated at the lower of \$1,800 or 80% of the actual cost of installation. The maximum commitment as disclosed in 1996 was \$500,000. During the current year \$130,759 was paid out in subsidies.



AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 6. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the Fund and its financial position as at 30 April 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Board of Administration's Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 April 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing;

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Fund's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the Fund.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial report on pages 1 to 6 fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 April 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 30 September 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Removal Expenses Fund is set up to meet the cost of shifting household and personal effects of Presbyters, Minita-a-Iwi, Deacons, Lay Supply and Students to College.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- (a) Reporting Entity.
The financial statements presented here are for the Reporting Entity Removal Expenses Fund. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Financial Reporting Standards.
- (b) Measurement Base.
The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost and reliance is placed on the fact that the Fund is a going concern.

Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- Deposits at Call - have been valued at cost.
- Sundry Debtors - have been valued at expected realisable value.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those of previous years.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME:			
Contributions from Parishes		54,587	54,004
Interest		<u>6,282</u>	<u>3,064</u>
		60,869	57,068
EXPENDITURE:			
Administration Fee		14,500	11,730
Audit Fee		267	258
Stationery and General Expenses		400	387
Removal Costs for Methodist Stationing	1	<u>41,897</u>	<u>36,374</u>
		57,064	48,749
Distribution from Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	9	-	<u>43,327</u>
Excess Income over Expenditure	5	<u>3,805</u>	<u>51,646</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
CONTRIBUTORS FUNDS		<u>81,042</u>	<u>77,237</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	2	460	615
Deposits at Call		85,412	32,135
Sundry Debtors	9	-	44,827
		<u>85,872</u>	<u>77,577</u>
Current Liabilities:			
Sundry Creditors		(4,830)	(340)
		<u>81,042</u>	<u>77,237</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
For the Year Ended 30 June 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	77,237	25,591
Excess Income Over Expenditure	<u>3,805</u>	<u>51,646</u>
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>81,042</u>	<u>77,237</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board.

Chairperson:

Stan J. West

Secretary:

David [illegible]

Date:

30th September 1997

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

	<u>Notes</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Contributions		54,587	54,004
Distribution Received – Connexional Fire		43,327	-
Interest Received		<u>6,282</u>	<u>3,064</u>
		104,196	57,068
Cash was applied to:			
Payment to Suppliers		51,074	61,494
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	5	53,122	(4,426)
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from/(applied to)			
Deposits at Call (Net)		(53,277)	4,941
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net Cash Flow from Investment Activities		(53,277)	4,941
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		(155)	515
Opening Cash Balance		615	100
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Closing Cash Balance		<u>460</u>	<u>615</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Analysis Of Removal Costs:

	1997	Total Cost \$	Average Cost \$	1996	Total Costs \$	Average Cost \$
North Island	15	24,988	1,666	18	24,551	1,364
South Island	5	5,031	1,006	3	6,624	2,208
Inter Island	2	8,388	4,194	1	3,313	3,313
Students to College	<u>5</u>	<u>3,490</u>	698	<u>2</u>	<u>1,886</u>	943
	27	41,897		24	36,374	

Note 2. Bank of New Zealand - Current Account:

The Bank of New Zealand Current Account of this Fund forms part of the banking arrangement of the Board of Administration - Special Account being an investment fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The arrangement gives the Bank of New Zealand the right of offset over any balance. The Bank interest received by this Fund through that banking arrangement is included in Interest Received in the Statement of Financial Performance for the year.

Note 3. Segment Information:

The Fund operates predominantly in one area of investment. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.

Note 4. Related Party Disclosure:

This Fund received monies from Methodist Church Parishes for the purpose of meeting the costs of removals of Presbyters, Students entering Theological College, and those involved in providing Supply Ministry. Sundry creditors includes \$4,010 (1996 nil) owed to the Board of Administration Insurance Fund for removal insurance.

Note 5. Reconciliation of Excess Income Over Expenditure with Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

	1997 \$	1996 \$
Excess Income over Expenditure	3,805	51,646
Movement in Working Capital -		
Sundry Creditors	4,490	(11,286)
Sundry Debtors	<u>44,827</u>	<u>(44,786)</u>
Net Cashflow from Operating Activities	53,122	(4,426)

**Note 6. Financial Instruments
Credit Risk**

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Fund to credit risks principally consist of bank balance, deposits and receivables.

Interest Rate Risk

The current interest rates on the bank call deposits is 6.5% (1996 9.75%) floating daily.

Note 7. Commitments.

Commitments at 30 June 1997 amounted to nil (1996-nil).

Note 8. Contingent Liability.

There are no contingent liabilities at 30 June 1997 (1996-nil).

Note 9.

Distribution from Connexional Fire Insurance Fund. Sundry debtors last year included \$43,827 receivable from the Fire Insurance Fund. This was previously disclosed as a provision by the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund but it had been determined that the provision was no longer required and so the balance has been paid to the Removal Expenses Fund.



AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 5. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the Fund and its financial position as at 30 June 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Board of Administration's Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Fund circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the Fund.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial report on pages 1 to 5 fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 30 September 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the year ended 30 June 1997

	Notes	1997 \$	1996 \$
<u>INCOME</u>			
Circuit Contributions	3	6,750	8,330
Connexional Budget		-	51,506
Administration Division - Budget Support		10,008	10,000
Distributions Received-			
Blackwell Trust		25,779	26,095
Grey Institute		155,570	165,004
Hamilton Trust		12,000	12,000
Investment Funds Board		60,000	50,000
Kai Iwi Trust		15,251	8,569
General Donations & Kohas		969	20
Interest Received	4	31,902	28,506
Special Income -			
Educators	5. (a)	25,000	19,688
Rangatahi	6. (a)	38,500	38,500
Total Income		<u>\$381,729</u>	<u>\$418,218</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE:</u>			
<u>Te Taha Costs</u>			
Nga Kaiarahi Costs	7.	93,931	92,292
Presbyters Costs	8.	104,516	102,385
Educators Costs	5. (b)	23,876	21,607
Rangatahi Costs	6. (b)	43,220	47,084
Accident Compensation Levy		5,809	5,878
General Travel Costs		12,224	11,209
Sundry Expenses		1,871	2,643
Total Te Taha Costs		<u>\$285,447</u>	<u>\$283,098</u>
<u>Te Tari Costs</u>			
Accountancy		9,264	9,288
Audit Fee		1,190	1,190
Bank Charges and Interest		221	296
Computer Processing		1,800	1,800
Office Expenses		1,938	2,433
Office Rent & Operating Costs		20,412	20,412
Office Salaries		40,966	39,394
Postages		1,243	1,445
Printing & Stationery		8,272	8,442
Repairs and Maintenance Equipment		422	396
Telephones		4,638	3,493
Total Te Tari Costs		<u>\$90,366</u>	<u>\$88,589</u>
Total All Expenditure		<u>\$375,813</u>	<u>\$371,687</u>
Surplus for year to Accumulated funds	28	<u>\$5,916</u>	<u>\$46,531</u>

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements

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The Methodist Church of New Zealand

TE TAHA MAORI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 June 1997.

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u> \$	<u>1996</u> \$
<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>			
Accrued Blackwell Trust		6,809	6,717
Accrued Connexional Budget		-	8,496
Accrued Sundry		15,212	100,892
Bank Current Account		8,409	63,719
Sundry Debtors/Reimbursements		<u>17,615</u>	<u>16,662</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>\$48,045</u>	<u>\$196,486</u>
<u>INVESTMENTS AT COST/CAPITAL ACCRETIONS</u>			
M.T.A. Deposits	9.	1,526,647	1,036,554
I.F.B. Advance - P.A.C. Aotearoa Theology Fund	10. (a)	8,879	12,562
I.F.B. Advance- P.A.C. Youth Ventures Fund	10. (b)	24,866	31,741
Joint Office Capital Deposit		<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,050</u>
Total Investments		<u>\$1,561,442</u>	<u>\$1,081,907</u>
<u>TOTAL ALL ASSETS</u>		<u>\$1,609,487</u>	<u>\$1,278,393</u>
<u>Less CURRENT LIABILITIES:</u>			
Sundry Creditors / Provisions		<u>8,732</u>	<u>32,016</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>\$8,732</u>	<u>\$32,016</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		<u>\$1,600,755</u>	<u>\$1,246,377</u>

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements

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Statement of Financial Position continued

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u> \$	<u>1996</u> \$
<u>Net Assets brought forward</u>		\$1,600,755	\$1,246,377

Represented by:

DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Betty Yearbury Bequest Fund		3,450	3,450
Christian Education Materials Fund	11.	-	(142)
Evangelism Training M.D.T.G. Fund		3,538	3,538
Ella Tahere Memorial Fund	12.	625	590
Hui, Staff Meetings Fund	13.	503	2,583
Kaikarakia Training Fund	14.	42,565	46,203
Koroneihana Scholarship Fund	15.	-	561
Liturgies Reserve Fund		20,000	20,000
Maori Hymn Books Fund		1,536	1,536
Moutoa Educational Scholarship Fund	16	38,869	24,309
M & B Gordon Fund (Tane Education)	17	10,904	17,505
N.Z.M.W.F. Kurahuna Scholarship Fund	18	4,546	2,884
N.Z.M.W.F. Smethurst & Stamp Fund	19	16,190	19,704
P.A.C. Aotearoa Theology Fund	20	299,891	280,392
P.A.C. Youth Venture Fund	21	389,649	388,251
P.A.C. Children & Youth Fund	22	37,338	-
Restructuring Reserve Fund	23	33,487	42,009
Research Fund	24	2,678	2,678
Women's Resource Fund	25	147,232	-
Year of the Family Fund	26.	76,027	75,401
Total Designated Funds		\$1,129,028	\$931,452

CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Capital Fund -			
- Legacies Fund	27.	223,343	72,457
- Office Space Fund		36,058	36,058
Accumulated General Funds	28	212,326	206,410
Total Capital and Accumulated Funds		471,727	314,925
<u>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>\$1,600,755</u>	<u>\$1,246,377</u>

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATED FUNDS For the Year ended 30 June 1997.

This statement is provided for additional information. It sets out a consolidated overview of the movement in Designated Funds during the year.

For details of the opening and closing balances of the particular Funds concerned, refer to the preceding Statement of Financial Position and for details of the movement in particular Funds refer to the following Notes 11 to 26.

	Notes	1997 \$	1996 \$
FUNDS RECEIVED DURING YEAR:			
Christian Education Materials Fund	11.	142	-
Ella Tahere Memorial Fund	12.	35	35
Hui, Staff Meetings Fund	13.	373	6,750
Kaikarakia Training Fund	14.	-	2,500
Koroneihana Scholarship Fund	15.	37	2,309
Moutoa Education Scholarship Fund	16.	21,640	21,231
M & B Gordon Fund	17.	5,149	5,000
N.Z.M.W.F. Kurahuna Scholarship Fund	18.	8,062	8,069
N.Z.M.W.F. Smethurst & Stamp Fund	19.	212	577
P.A.C. Aotearoa Theology Fund	20.	24,314	23,669
P.A.C. Youth Venture Fund	21.	25,323	24,856
P.A.C. Children & Youth Fund	22.	37,338	-
Research Fund	24.	-	12
Women's Resource Fund	25.	147,232	-
Year of the Family Fund	26.	6,936	7,559
Total Funds Received		\$276,793	\$102,567

FUNDS EXPENDED DURING YEAR

Christian Education Materials Fund	11.	-	1,072
Hui, Staff Meetings Fund	13.	2,453	4,167
Kaikarakia Training Fund	14.	3,638	3,558
Koroneihana Scholarship Fund	15.	598	29,000
Moutoa Education Scholarship Fund	16.	7,080	23,000
M & B Gordon Fund	17.	11,750	-
N.Z.M.W.F. Kurahuna Scholarship Fund	18.	6,400	8,460
N.Z.M.W.F. Smethurst & Stamp Fund	19.	3,726	2,106
P.A.C. Aotearoa Theology Fund	20.	4,815	6,117
P.A.C. Youth Ventures Fund	21.	23,925	33,930
Resourcing Fund	23.	8,522	2,558
Research Fund	24.	-	1,190
Year of the Family Fund	26.	6,310	14,412
Total Funds Expended		\$79,217	\$129,570

Net Surplus of Funds Received Over Funds Expended	\$197,576	(\$27,003)
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DESIGNATED FUNDS

Opening Balance 1 July 1996	931,452	958,455
Net Surplus for Year	197,576	(27,003)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	\$1,129,028	\$931,452

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 1997

Note 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity: Te Taha Maori is constituted under the laws and regulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The financial statements of Te Taha Maori are a general purpose report which has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.

Measurement Base: These Financial Statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost accounting. Accrual accounting has been used to match revenues earned with expenses incurred. Reliance has been placed on the fact that the Division is a going concern.

Specific Accounting Policies: The following specific accounting policies which materially effect the measurement of financial performance and financial position have been applied:

Debtors - are stated at expected realisable value after allowance for all bad debts.

Goods and Services Tax: - These Financial Statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis.

Changes in Accounting Policies: There have been no changes in accounting policies which have been applied on basis consistent with those used in previous years.

Note 2. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:

There are no material or significant contingent liabilities known of as at balance date.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Note 3 <u>Details of Circuit's Contributions</u>		
Tai Tokerau	1,850	1,450
Tamaki	2,275	2,300
Waikato	-	-
Rohe Potae	-	500
Taranaki	1,125	580
Poneke	1,500	3,500
	<u>\$6,750</u>	<u>\$8,330</u>

Note 4 <u>Details of Interest Received</u>		
Bank Current Account	398	247
M.T.A. - General Deposits	22,304	22,222
M.T.A. - Legacies Deposits	9,200	6,037
	<u>\$31,902</u>	<u>\$28,506</u>

Note 5. (a) <u>Details of Educators' Special Income</u>		
Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments Trust	10,000	10,000
Grey Trust - Kia Neke Ake - Educators' Income	15,000	9,688
	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$19,688</u>

Note 5. (b) <u>Details of Educators' Salaries Etc</u>		
Salaries	17,623	17,259
Expenses/ Travel Costs	2,764	2,890
Superannuation Subsidy	1,489	1,458
Bicultural Co-ordinator Funding	2,000	-
	<u>\$23,876</u>	<u>\$21,607</u>

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	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Note 6. (a) <u>Details of Rangatahi Special Income</u>		
Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments Trust	30,000	30,000
Grant from PAC Youth Venture Fund	8,500	8,500
	<u>\$38,500</u>	<u>\$38,500</u>
6. (b) <u>Details of Rangatahi Salaries etc.</u>		
Salaries	32,166	33,153
Expense Allowance	3,690	2,140
Car Costs	3,270	4,945
Expenses	1,178	3,930
Housing Subsidy	2,916	2,916
	<u>\$43,220</u>	<u>\$47,084</u>
Note 7. <u>Details of Nga Kaiarahi Salaries Etc.</u>		
Salaries	66,290	68,734
Car Allowances	4,020	6,803
Expense Allowances	7,863	4,336
Housing Subsidies	5,459	2,916
Superannuation Subsidies	5,957	5,832
Sundry Expenses	1,631	316
Travel Costs	2,711	3,355
	<u>\$93,931</u>	<u>\$92,292</u>
Note 8. <u>Details of Presbyters' Stipends Etc.</u>		
Stipends	65,526	64,152
Car Allowances	7,500	7,233
Expenses Allowances	5,865	5,763
Housing Subsidies	5,957	5,832
Superannuation Subsidies	5,957	5,832
Circuit Ministry Costs		
- Tai Tokerau	122	123
- Tamaki	3,677	3,337
- Waikato	3,573	3,335
- Rohe Potae	8	-
- Taranaki	3,363	3,288
- Poneke	155	52
- Otago	2,813	3,438
	<u>\$104,516</u>	<u>\$102,385</u>
Note 9. <u>Details of M.T.A. Deposits (Including Accrued Dividends)</u>		
General Deposits	327,164	238,375
Legacies Deposit	227,175	66,710
Koroneihana Scholarship Fund	-	561
Kurahunu Scholarship Fund	4,546	-
M & B Gordon Scholarship Fund	10,904	-
Moutoa Scholarship Fund	33,869	13,711
P.A.C. Aotearoa Theology Fund	290,696	267,382
P.A.C. Youth Ventures Fund	371,696	371,956
P.A.C. Children and Youth Fund	37,338	-
Women's Resource Fund	147,232	-
Year of the Family Fund	76,027	77,859
	<u>\$1,528,847</u>	<u>\$1,038,554</u>

	1997 \$	1996 \$
Note 10. (a) <u>I.F.B. - P.A.C. Theology Fund Advance</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	12,562	6,279
Advance re Purchase of Computers	-	11,194
	12,562	17,473
Less Depreciation written off computers	(3,683)	(4,911)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$8,879</u>	<u>\$12,562</u>
10. (b) <u>I.F.B. - P.A.C. Youth Ventures Fund Advance</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	31,741	37,017
Interest on Car Loan	583	763
Loss on Sale of Vans	(7,458)	-
Less Depreciation written off Assets	-	(6,039)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$24,866</u>	<u>\$31,741</u>
Note 11. <u>Christian Education Materials Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	(142)	930
Transfer to Education Expenses	142	-
Literature/Teaching Aids	-	(1,072)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$142)</u>
Note 12. <u>Ella Tahere Memorial Fund</u> (For benefit of Mangamuka Marae & Church)		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	590	555
Interest Allowance	35	35
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$625</u>	<u>\$590</u>
Note 13. <u>Hui, Staff Meetings Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	2,583	-
Transfer from Accumulated Funds	-	6,000
Koha Poari Hui & Enabling Team	373	750
	2,956	6,750
Enabling Team Hui Costs	(489)	(461)
Poari Hui Costs (Board)	(1,364)	(3,110)
Various other Wananga Costs	(600)	(596)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$503</u>	<u>\$2,583</u>
Note 14. <u>Kaikarakia Training Programme Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	46,203	47,261
Trinity College Grant	-	2,500
	46,203	49,761
Resource Materials/Other Costs/Grants	(779)	(738)
Travel Costs/Grants	(2,859)	(2,820)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$42,565</u>	<u>\$46,203</u>
Note 15. <u>Koroneihana Scholarship Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	561	27,252
M.T.A. Interest	37	2,309
Scholarship Fund handed over	-	(29,000)
Administration Fee	(598)	-
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$561</u>

	1997 \$	1996 \$
Note 16		
<u>Moutoa Education Scholarship Fund</u>		
<u>Opening Balance 1 July 1996</u>	24,309	26,078
Grant - Wellington Methodist Charitable & Educational Endowments Trust	20,000	20,000
M.T.A. Interest	1,640	1,231
	<u>45,949</u>	<u>47,309</u>
Awards made:	(7,080)	(23,000)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$38,869</u>	<u>\$24,309</u>
Note 17		
<u>M. & B Gordon Fund - Tane Education</u>		
<u>Opening Balance 1 July 1996</u>	17,505	12,505
Donation Received	5,000	5,000
M.T.A. Interest	149	
	<u>22,654</u>	<u>17,505</u>
Grants made	(11,750)	-
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$10,904</u>	<u>\$17,505</u>
Note 18		
<u>N.Z.M.W.F. Kurahuna Scholarship Fund</u>		
<u>Opening Balance 1 July 1996</u>	2,884	3,275
Distribution Received	8,000	8,069
M.T.A. Interest	62	-
	<u>10,946</u>	<u>11,344</u>
Grants made	(6,400)	(8,460)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$4,546</u>	<u>\$2,884</u>
Note 19		
<u>N.Z.M.W.F. Smethurst and Stamp Fund</u>		
<u>Opening Balance 1 July 1996 - Smethurst Fund</u>	5,380	5,487
<u>Opening Balance 1 July 1996 - Stamp Fund</u>	14,324	15,746
Smethurst Interest received	212	577
	<u>19,916</u>	<u>21,810</u>
Contribution towards Women Delegates Conference Costs- local & overseas	(2,185)	(684)
Grants made	(1,541)	(1,422)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$16,190</u>	<u>\$19,704</u>

		1997	1996
		\$	\$
Note 20	<u>P.A.C. Aotearoa Theology Fund</u>		
(a)	<u>Opening Balance 1 July 1996</u>	279,944	263,186
	M.T.A. Interest	24,314	23,669
		304,258	286,855
	Transfer to Minor Expenses Fund	(1,000)	(2,000)
	Depreciation on Computers	(3,683)	(4,911)
	<u>Closing Balance 30 June 1997</u>	<u>\$299,575</u>	<u>\$279,944</u>
(b)	<u>P.A.C. Aotearoa Theology Fund - Minor Expenses</u>		
	<u>Opening Balance 1 July 1996</u>	448	(346)
	Transfer from Main Fund	1,000	2,000
		1,448	1,654
	Computer Maintenance and Upgrades	(913)	(503)
	Other Expenditure	(219)	(703)
	<u>Closing Balance 30 June 1997</u>	<u>\$316</u>	<u>\$448</u>
	<u>Total 22. (a) and 22. (b)</u>	<u>\$299,891</u>	<u>\$280,392</u>
Note 21	<u>P.A.C. Youth Ventures Fund</u>		
(a)	<u>Opening Balance 1 July 1996</u>	395,197	386,380
	M.T.A. Interest	33,240	32,593
	Interest on Car Loan	583	763
	Grant to Rangatahi Income	(8,500)	(8,500)
		420,520	411,236
	Transfer to Minor Expense Float	(25,000)	(10,000)
	Depreciation on Assets	-	(6,039)
	Loss on Sale of Vans	(7,458)	-
	<u>Closing Balance 30 June 1997</u>	<u>\$388,062</u>	<u>\$395,197</u>
(b)	<u>P.A.C. Youth Ventures Fund - Minor Expenses</u>		
	<u>Opening Balance 1 July 1996</u>	(6,946)	10,945
	Transfer from Principal Fund	25,000	10,000
	Conference Cost	(771)	(1,637)
	Hul Costs (includes travel)	(7,860)	(21,761)
	Vehicle Costs	(7,179)	(3,267)
	Sports Equipment, Uniform etc.	-	(652)
	Office Equipment and Sundry Expenses	(657)	(574)
	<u>Closing Balance 30 June 1997</u>	<u>\$1,587</u>	<u>(\$6,946)</u>
	<u>Total 23. (a) and 23. (b)</u>	<u>\$389,649</u>	<u>\$388,251</u>
Note 22	<u>P.A.C. Children & Youth Fund</u>		
	Grant Received	35,000	-
	M.T.A. Interest	2,338	-
	<u>Closing Balance 30 June 1997</u>	<u>\$37,338</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Note 23	<u>Resourcing Fund</u>		
	<u>Opening Balance 1 July 1996</u>	42,009	44,567
	Travel and other Costs	(8,522)	(2,558)
	<u>Closing Balance 30 June 1997</u>	<u>\$33,487</u>	<u>\$42,009</u>

	1997 \$	1996 \$
Note 24 <u>Research Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	2,678	3,856
PAC Archive Research Grant & Donations	-	12
	2,678	3,868
Archive Research Costs	-	(1,190)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$2,678</u>	<u>\$2,678</u>
Note 25 <u>Women's Resource Fund</u>		
Fund transferred from I.F.B.	143,966	-
M.T.A. Interest	3,266	-
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$147,232</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Note 26. <u>Year of the Family Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	75,401	82,254
M.T.A. Interest	6,936	7,559
	82,337	89,813
Grants made	(6,310)	(14,412)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$76,027</u>	<u>\$75,401</u>
Note 27. <u>Capital Fund - Legacies Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	72,457	65,174
Legacies Received	150,886	7,283
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$223,343</u>	<u>\$72,457</u>
Note 28 <u>Accumulated General Funds</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	206,410	165,879
Less Transfer to Hui Fund	-	(6,000)
Surplus (Deficit) Income for Year	5,916	46,531
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$212,326</u>	<u>\$206,410</u>

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TE HAAHI WETERIANA O AOTEAROA

The Methodist Church of New Zealand

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD TE TAHA MAORI

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June, 1997

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INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD TE TAHA MAORI
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
for the year ended 30 June 1997

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u> \$	<u>1996</u> \$
<u>INCOME</u>			
Distribution Received -			
Building Partnership		19,200	19,200
Blackwell Trust		25,779	26,095
Interest Received	3.	116,549	109,756
Maungawhare Farm Net Income (Deficit)	4.	(3,672)	(1,923)
Rents Received		47,212	49,874
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Total All Income		\$205,068	\$203,002
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
<u>Property Costs</u>			
Depreciation of Equipment	16.	545	606
Insurances		13,643	3,441
Legal Expenses		6,572	5,059
Rates and Water		12,812	13,495
Rentals Paid		204	181
Rental Costs (Brougham)		-	4,500
Repairs and Maintenance		47,106	69,194
Valuations		350	5,357
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Total Property Costs		\$81,232	\$101,833
<u>Office and General Costs</u>			
Accountancy		9,985	13,492
Audit Fee		924	924
Bank Charges and Interest		107	171
Computer Processing		2,004	2,004
Office Rents and Costs		5,954	6,318
Office Salaries		3,065	-
Postages, Printing, Stationery, Telephone, Sundry Expenses etc		300	788
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Total Office and General Costs		\$22,339	\$23,697
Total All Expenditure		\$103,571	\$125,530
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NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR TO ACCUMULATED FUND:	34	\$101,497	\$77,472
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These Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements. Page 1

TE HAAHI WETERIANA O AOTEAROA

The Methodist Church of New Zealand

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD TE TAHA MAORI

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 1997

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u> \$	<u>1996</u> \$
<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>			
Accrued Blackwell Trust		6,809	6,717
Bank Current Account		58,321	32,565
Kaeo Committee Bank Imprest		-	169
Maungawhare Committee Bank Imprest		1,642	2,328
Maungawhare Livestock	4.	11,750	11,500
Sundry Debtors / Reimbursements		28,993	18,416
Total Current Assets		\$107,515	\$71,695
<u>INVESTMENTS</u>			
Auckland Office Building Partnership	5.	226,000	226,000
M.T.A. General Funds Deposits		1,430,864	1,329,987
M.T.A. Ngati Paoa Whanau Trust Deposits		605,305	595,626
M.T.A. Specified Deposits	6.	979,090	1,064,590
Brougham House Loan	7.	49,500	54,000
Rangatahi Worker Car Loan	15(c)	4,887	7,627
Total Investments		\$3,295,646	\$3,277,830
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
<u>Property</u>			
Land Properties	8.	547,550	529,550
Centres	9.	1,398,200	1,272,200
Churches	10.	136,000	136,000
Residential Homes	11.	1,064,800	840,800
Parsonages	12.	660,000	660,000
Houses and Cottages	13.	634,000	638,000
Total Property		\$4,440,550	\$4,076,550
<u>Other Fixed Assets</u>			
Farm Equipment	14.	1,228	1,535
Motor Vehicles - Youth Venture Funds	15. (a)	-	13,468
Computer Equipment - Youth Venture Funds	15. (b)	6,011	8,015
Office Furniture Equipment	16.	4,906	5,451
Computer Equipment - Aotearoa Theology Fund	17.	11,049	14,732
Total Other Fixed Assets		\$23,194	\$43,201
Total Property & Other Fixed Assets		\$4,463,744	\$4,119,751
<u>TOTAL ALL ASSETS</u>		\$7,866,905	\$7,469,276

These Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements. Page 2

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD TE TAHA MAORI

Statement of Financial Position Continued

	Notes	1997 \$	1996 \$
Total All Assets brought forward		\$7,866,905	\$7,469,276
Less CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Sundry Creditors and Provisions		33,486	124,601
Total Current Liabilities		\$33,486	\$124,601
NET ASSETS		\$7,833,419	\$7,344,675

Represented By:-

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Grey Trust Specific Funds and Grants for Distributions	18	759,456	664,646
Hamilton Trust for Distributions	19	30,339	44,839
Kaeo Land Sales Capital Reserve	20	67,359	66,278
Kaeo Land Sales Revenue Reserve	21	117,847	102,802
Kai Iwi Fund	22	387,350	371,251
Te Taha Maori Advances	23		
- P.A.C. Aotearoa Theology Fund	24	8,879	12,562
- P.A.C. Youth Ventures Fund	25	22,862	31,741
Ngati Paoa Whanau Trust Deposit	26	605,305	595,626
Ngati Te Whiti Reserve	27	96,877	81,877
Otauhahi Building Replacement Fund	28	30,525	27,978
Parsonages Suspense Accounts	29	54,161	44,984
Specific Trust Funds	30	13,969	13,771
Whanau Units - Seamer Fund	31	383,015	351,064
Womens Resource Fund	32	-	135,278
Total Designated Funds		\$2,577,944	\$2,544,697

CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS:

Properties Capital Reserves	33	4,110,036	3,696,036
Accumulated General Funds	34	1,145,439	1,103,942
Total Capital & Accumulated Funds		\$5,255,475	\$4,799,978
TOTAL ALL FUNDS EQUAL TO NET ASSETS		\$7,833,419	\$7,344,675

These Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements. Page 3

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD TE TAHA MAORI

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATED FUNDS for the year ended 30 June 1997

This statement is provided for additional information. It sets out a consolidated overview of the movement in Designated Funds during the year.

For details of the opening and closing balances of the particular Funds concerned, refer to the preceding Statement of Financial Position and for details of the movement in particular Funds refer to the following notes 18 to 32.

	Notes	1997 \$	1996 \$
FUNDS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR			
Grey Trust Specific Funds	18	282,855	311,155
Hamilton Trust	19	-	25,000
Kaeo Land Sales Capital Reserve	20	1,081	2,550
Kaeo Land Sales Revenue Reserve	21	15,045	14,061
Kai Iwi Fund	22	31,350	380,543
Te Taha Maori Advances			
- P.A.C. Aotearoa Theology Fund	24	-	11,194
- P.A.C. Youth Ventures Fund	25	583	763
Ngati Paoa Whanau Trust Deposit	26	57,939	73,981
Ngati Te Whiti Reserve	27	15,000	9,688
Otauhahi Building Replacement Fund	28	2,547	2,395
Parsonage Suspense Accounts	29	26,076	23,038
Specific Trust Funds	30	2,406	3,969
Whanau Units - Seamer Fund	31	31,951	29,425
Women's Resource Fund	32	9,215	12,018
Total Funds Received		\$476,048	\$899,780
FUNDS EXPENDED / DEBITED DURING YEAR			
Grey Trust Specific Funds	18	188,045	195,371
Hamilton Trust Fund	19	14,500	17,000
Kai Iwi Fund	22	15,251	9,292
Te Taha Maori Advances			
- P.A.C. Aotearoa Theology Fund	24	3,683	4,911
- P.A.C. Youth Ventures Fund	25	9,462	6,039
Ngati Paoa Whanau Trust Deposit	26	48,260	96,598
Parsonage Suspense Accounts	29	16,899	34,785
Specific Trust Funds	30	2,208	22,796
Whanau Units - Seamer Fund	31	-	4,253
Women's Resource Fund	32	144,493	5,261
Total Funds Expended		\$442,801	\$396,306
Net Surplus of Funds Received Over Funds Expended		\$33,247	\$503,474
Designated Funds			
Opening Balance 1 July 1996		2,544,697	2,041,223
Net Surplus (Deficit) of Funds Received		33,247	503,474
Closing Balance 30 June 1997		\$2,577,944	\$2,544,697

These Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements. Page 4

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 1997

Note 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity: The Investment Funds Board Te Taha Maori is a charitable organisation registered under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957. The financial statements of the Investment Funds Board Te Taha Maori are a general purpose report which has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices with the exception that Properties are valued at the most recent Government Valuation.

Measurement Base: These Financial Statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost accounting. Accrual accounting has been used to match revenues earned with expenses incurred. Reliance has been placed on the fact that the Board is a going concern.

Specific Accounting Policies: The following specific accounting policies which materially effect the measurement of financial performance and financial position have been applied:

Fixed Assets:

- **Property** - As noted above all properties are in the books at the latest available Government Valuation. All properties are insured for replacement value except where in the event of a loss no replacement is contemplated in which cases the properties are insured for indemnity value.
- **Other Fixed Assets** - are stated at cost less aggregate depreciation. Depreciation has been provided on a diminishing value basis calculated to allocate the asset's cost less residual value over their estimated useful lives. Major depreciation rates are:

Motor Vehicles	20%
Office Equipment	10%
Computer Equipment	25%

Debtors - are stated at expected realisable value after allowance for all bad debts.

Goods and Services Tax: - These Financial Statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis.

Changes In Accounting Policies: There have been no changes in accounting policies which have been applied on basis consistent with those used in previous years.

Note 2. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:

- There are no material or significant contingent liabilities known of as at balance date

Note 3. Details of Interest Received

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
	\$	\$
Bank Current Account	1,022	1,731
M.T.A. General Deposits	<u>115,527</u>	<u>108,025</u>
	<u>\$116,549</u>	<u>\$109,756</u>

Note 4. Maungawhare Farm
Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30 June 1997

	1997		1996	
	Stock	\$	Stock	\$
<u>INCOME</u>				
Sale of Heifers and Cattle	50	14,162	51	12,796
Livestock on Hand 30.6.97 - Cattle	47	11,750	46	11,500
Stock losses -(stolen or died)	1		2	
	<u>98</u>	<u>\$25,912</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>\$24,296</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Livestock on Hand 1.7.96 - Cattle	46	11,500	49	12,250
Purchase of Heifers & Cattle	52	11,668	50	6,469
Cartage		765		155
Depreciation		307		384
Haymaking		220		-
Weed Control		283		84
Farm Rates / Insurance		975		1,555
Fertiliser and Vet Supplies		2,694		2,759
Repairs, Fencing & Drainage		1,172		2,563
	<u>98</u>	<u>\$29,584</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>\$26,219</u>
Net (Deficit)Income to Statement of Income & Expenditure		<u>(\$3,672)</u>		<u>(\$1,923)</u>
		<u>\$25,912</u>		<u>\$24,296</u>

Note 5. Auckland Office Building Partnership

\$226,000 \$226,000

This represents a third interest in the capital of the above partnership which owns the property at 409 Great South Road, Penrose. The other two partners who equally own the other two-thirds are the Administration Division and the Investment Funds Board Mission Resourcing Unit, of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
<u>Note 6. Details of M.T.A. Specified Deposits</u>		
Specific Trusts Funds	16,177	13,872
Kaeo Land Sales Capital Reserves	67,359	66,278
Kaeo Land Sales Revenue Reserves	117,848	102,802
Kai Iwi Fund Deposit	364,166	364,120
Whanau Units - Seamer Fund	383,015	351,064
Otautahi Building Replacement Fund	30,525	27,979
Womens Resource Fund	0	138,475
Total Balances 30 June 1997	<u>\$978,090</u>	<u>\$1,064,590</u>

Note 7. Brougham House Alterations Loan

Advance Wesley Social Services Trust (ex Grant from Kai Iwi Trust)		
10 years Interest free to 15 Jan 1998	90,000	90,000
LESS Annual Amount Forgiven in Lieu of Rent		
to 1996	(36,000)	(31,500)
1997	(4,500)	(4,500)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$49,500</u>	<u>\$54,000</u>

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES 30 JUNE 1997.

		<u>G.V. YEAR</u>	<u>G.V. LAND</u>	<u>G.V. IMPROVEMENTS</u>	<u>G.V. TOTAL</u>
Note 8.	<u>LAND</u>				
	Kaeo, Hospital Road	1995	124,000	12,000	136,000
	Te Poinga, Waimea Valley Road	1995	50,000	-	50,000
	Waimea, State Highway 12	1995	9,500	-	9,500
	Pakanae, Opononi-Newark	1995	96,000	Not House	96,000
	Pakanae, Koutu Point Road	1995	22,000	Not House	22,000
	Maungawhare, Mt Wesley	1996	127,000	8,000	135,000
	Tuakau, 21-23 Gibson Road	1995	51,000	-	51,000
	Ngaruawahia, River Road	1994	23,000	Not Flats	23,000
	Te Kopua, Cannons Road (Cemetery)	1995	50	-	50
	Raglan, Tutchen Avenue	1994	14,000	-	14,000
	Kawhia, Te Waitere Road (Cemetery)	1994	5,000	500	5,500
	Opunake, 21 Longfellow Street	1994	3,200	2,300	5,500
			<u>\$524,750</u>	<u>\$22,800</u>	<u>\$547,550</u>
		<u>G.V. YEAR</u>	<u>G.V. LAND</u>	<u>G.V. BUILDINGS</u>	<u>G.V. TOTAL</u>
Note 9.	<u>CENTRES</u>				
	Te Rongopai, Kaikohe	1995	35,000	115,000	150,000
	Te Atawhai, Kawakawa	1995	12,000	16,000	28,000
	James Buller Memorial, Dargaville	1996	18,000	15,000	33,000
	Whakatuaora, Mangere	1996	69,600	325,600	395,200
	Te Rahui Tane, Hamilton	1995	180,000	375,000	555,000
	Te Pirirua, Otorohanga	1995	11,000	44,000	55,000
	Te Huinga, Te Kuiti	1994	19,000	16,000	35,000
	Patea	1994	1,400	5,600	7,000
	Tahupotiki Haddon Memorial, Hawera	1994	Not Owned	140,000	140,000
			<u>\$346,000</u>	<u>\$1,052,200</u>	<u>\$1,398,200</u>
Note 10.	<u>CHURCHES</u>				
	Te Patunga (Kaeo) Pupuke Road	1995	1,500	3,500	5,000
	Taheke, State Highway 12	1992	12,000	48,000	60,000
	Otaua, Mangatawa Road	1995	3,000	8,000	11,000
	Kawhia, Tairui Street	1995	32,500	27,500	60,000
			<u>\$49,000</u>	<u>\$87,000</u>	<u>\$136,000</u>
Note 11.	<u>RESIDENTIAL HOMES</u>				
	Te Rahui Wahine, Hamilton	1995	160,000	140,000	300,000
	Whanau Units, Mangere	1996	71,800	693,000	764,800
			<u>\$231,800</u>	<u>\$833,000</u>	<u>\$1,064,800</u>
Note 12.	<u>PARSONAGES</u>				
	28 Mount Albert Road, Auckland	1994	260,000	150,000	410,000
	36 Delamare Rd, Hamilton (at cost 20/7/95)		75,000	175,000	250,000
			<u>\$335,000</u>	<u>\$325,000</u>	<u>\$660,000</u>

	G.V. YEAR	G.V. LAND	G.V. BUILDINGS	G.V. TOTAL
Note 13. <u>HOUSES AND COTTAGES</u>				
296 Massey Road, Mangere	1996	106,000	99,000	205,000
298 Massey Road, Mangere	1996	51,600	108,400	160,000
19 Gibson Road, Tuakau	1995	17,000	-	17,000
11 Union Street, Hamilton	1995	88,000	92,000	180,000
Tainui Street, Kawhia	1995	18,000	42,000	60,000
Longfellow Street, Opunake	1994	3,200	8,800	12,000
		<u>\$283,800</u>	<u>\$350,200</u>	<u>\$634,000</u>

TOTAL PROPERTIES 30 June 1997 \$1,770,350 \$2,870,200 \$4,440,550

30 June 1996 \$1,466,550 \$2,086,500 \$3,553,050

1997 1996
\$ \$

Note 14. Farm Equipment - Maungawhare

<u>Total Original Cost to 1 July 1996</u>	<u>\$3,332</u>	<u>\$3,332</u>
Book Value 1 July 1996	1,535	1,919
Less Depreciation 20% D.V.	(307)	(384)
<u>Book Value 30 June 1997</u>	<u>\$1,228</u>	<u>\$1,535</u>

Note 15. (a) Motor Vehicles - Youth Venture Funds

These vehicles and the computer equipment in Note 15 (b) were purchased with monies advanced by Te Taha Maori from funds held specifically for Youth Ventures. Refer to Note 23

	Original Cost	Book Value 30 June 1996	Depreciation 20% D.V.	Book Value 30 June 1997
Isuzu Elf Van - PW 8064	21,500	7,045	(Sold \$1400 Loss \$5845)	0
Isuzu Fargo Van - PW 8065	19,600	6,423	(Sold \$4610 Loss \$1813)	0
<u>Total Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>\$41,100</u>	<u>\$13,468</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

15. (b) Computer Equipment - Youth Venture Funds

Computer Equipment	14,175	8,015	2,004	6,011
<u>Total Youth Venture Assets</u>	<u>\$55,275</u>	<u>\$21,483</u>	<u>\$2,004</u>	<u>\$6,011</u>

15 (c) Rangatahi Worker Car Loan - Youth Venture Funds

	<u>1997</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>\$</u>
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	7,627	-
Advance	709	10,560
Interest Received	583	763
	<u>8,919</u>	<u>11,323</u>
Repayments Received	(4,032)	(3,696)
<u>Closing Balance 30 June 1997</u>	<u>\$4,887</u>	<u>\$7,627</u>

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Note 16. Office Furniture & Equipment		
Book value 1 July 1996	5,451	5,585
Additions: Workstation	-	472
Less Depreciation at 10% Diminishing Value	(545)	(606)
Book value 30 June 1997	<u>\$4,906</u>	<u>\$5,451</u>
Note 17. Computer Equipment - Aotearoa Theology Fund		
This Computer Equipment was purchased with monies advanced by Te Taha Maori from funds held for assistance in the development of the Division's mission (Also refer to Note 23)		
Total Original Cost to 1 July 1996	<u>\$37,573</u>	<u>\$26,379</u>
Book value 1 July 1996	14,732	8,449
Additions: Computers and Printers	-	11,194
	14,732	19,643
Depreciation at 25% Diminishing Value	(3,683)	(4,911)
Book value 30 June 1997	<u>\$11,049</u>	<u>\$14,732</u>
Note 18. Grey Institute Distributions		
(a) General Funds		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	135,003	82,176
Less Distributed:		
Grey Trust Development Fund	(45,001)	(29,064)
Grey Trust Education Fund	(60,002)	(38,752)
Ngati Te Whiti Reserve	(15,000)	(9,688)
Te Taha Maori - Kia Neke Ake	(15,000)	(9,688)
	0	(5,016)
Grant Received	282,855	311,155
Less Distributed Te Taha Maori	(155,570)	(171,136)
General Funds for Distribution 30 June 1997	<u>\$127,285</u>	<u>\$135,003</u>
(b) Grey Trust Bicultural Church Fund		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996 (From Distribution 1984/85)	2,466	2,466
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$2,466</u>	<u>\$2,466</u>
(c) Grey Trust Development Fund		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	219,639	195,434
Distribution as Above	45,001	29,064
	264,640	224,498
Less Costs Disbursed (Air fares)	(2,475)	(1,859)
Grant to Tahupotiki Centre	-	(3,000)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$262,165</u>	<u>\$219,639</u>
(d) Grey Trust Education Fund		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	307,538	268,786
Distribution As Above	60,002	38,752
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$367,540</u>	<u>\$307,538</u>
Combined Total of (a) (b) (c) & (d)	<u>\$759,458</u>	<u>\$684,848</u>

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Note 19 <u>Hamilton Trust Distributions</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	44,839	36,839
Grant Received	-	25,000
	44,839	61,839
Less Te Taha Maori Grant	(12,000)	(12,000)
Koha Koroneihana	(2,500)	(5,000)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$30,339</u>	<u>\$44,839</u>
Note 20 <u>Kaeo Land Sales Capital Reserve</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	66,278	63,728
M.T.A. Capital- Property Revaluation	1,081	2,550
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$67,359</u>	<u>\$66,278</u>
Note 21 <u>Kaeo Land Sales Revenue Reserve</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	102,802	88,741
M.T.A. Revenue & Capital Reserves Dividends	15,045	14,061
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$117,847</u>	<u>\$102,802</u>
Note 22 <u>Kai Iwi Fund</u>		
<u>Kai Iwi Fund Capital</u> - Opening Balance 1 July 1996	356,000	-
Funds received from Kai Iwi Trust	-	356,000
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$356,000</u>	<u>\$356,000</u>
<u>Kai Iwi Fund - Distribution Reserve</u> - Opening Balance 1 July 1996	15,251	-
MTA Dividends Received	31,350	24,543
Less: Distribution to Te Taha Maori	(15,251)	(8,569)
Costs Paid (Airlines)	-	(723)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$31,350</u>	<u>\$15,251</u>
Total Balance Kai Iwi Fund 30 June 1997	<u>\$387,350</u>	<u>\$371,251</u>
Note 23 <u>Te Taha Maori Advances - Notes 24 and 25</u>		
These advances from Te Taha Maori of special funds to enable the I.F.B. to acquire specific assets. (refer to Notes 15 and 17) for the benefit of Maori "Mission". The advances are to be reduced each year by the annual depreciation written off the assets involved. The only obligation I.F.B. has to repay any part of these loans is in the event of assets being sold, traded or otherwise realising a determined value. Such repayment is to be no more nor less than the amount received by or credited to I.F.B.		
	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Note 24 <u>Te Taha Maori Advance-P.A.C. Aotearoa Theology Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	12,562	6,279
Additional Advance to purchase Computers	-	11,194
Depreciation on Computer (Note 17)	(3,683)	(4,911)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$8,879</u>	<u>\$12,562</u>
Note 25 <u>Te Taha Maori Advance - P.A.C. Youth Ventures Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	31,741	37,017
Advances Received	-	-
Interest on Car Loan	583	763
Loss on Sale of Vehicles	(7,458)	-
Depreciation on Assets (Note 15)	(2,004)	-6039
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$22,862</u>	<u>\$31,741</u>

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Note 26		
<u>M.T.A. Deposit, Held as Agent for Ngati Paoa Whanau Trust</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	595,626	618,243
Capital Accretions (Decretions) during year	9,473	23,395
Dividends Received During Year	48,466	50,586
Less Remitted to Trust	(48,260)	(96,598)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$805,305</u>	<u>\$595,826</u>
Note 27		
<u>Ngati Te Whiti Reserve</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	81,877	72,189
Grey Distribution for year	15,000	9,688
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$96,877</u>	<u>\$81,877</u>
Note 28		
<u>Otautahi Building Replacement Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	27,978	25,583
M.T.A. Dividends received	2,547	2,395
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$30,525</u>	<u>\$27,978</u>
Note 29		
<u>Parsonages Suspense Accounts</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	44,984	56,731
Presbyters' Rents & Subsidies	26,076	23,038
	71,060	79,769
<u>Less</u>		
Insurances	(1,349)	(831)
Legal	(550)	(603)
Rates	(4,418)	(4,144)
Rentals Parsonages	(4,500)	-
Repairs, Maintenance & Upgrades	(4,772)	(26,743)
Security & Monitoring	(1,310)	(2,464)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$54,161</u>	<u>\$44,984</u>
<u>Individual Parsonages Suspense Account</u>		
<u>Balances 30 June 1997</u>		
28 Mount Albert Road Auckland	19,486	17,736
296 Massey Road Mangere	(8,770)	(13,757)
4 Bryce Street Hamilton (Let)	14,072	15,237
36 Delamare Road Hamilton	4,877	1,981
11 Brougham Street, Wellington (Rented)	24,496	23,787
Total Balances 30 June 1997	<u>\$54,161</u>	<u>\$44,984</u>

		1997	1996
		\$	\$
Note 30	<u>Specific Trust Funds</u>		
(a)	<u>Thomas Buddle Memorial Trust Fund</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	1,326	1,231
	Interest Received	102	95
	Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$1,428</u>	<u>\$1,326</u>
(b)	<u>George Buttle Centennial Trust Fund</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	6,630	6,154
	Interest Received	512	476
	Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$7,142</u>	<u>\$6,630</u>
(c)	<u>R.T. Haddon Legacy Trust Fund</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	1,837	21,521
	Further Estate Distribution	1,305	2,097
	Interest Received	180	1,015
	Grants Made	(2,208)	(22,796)
	Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$1,114</u>	<u>\$1,837</u>
(d)	<u>A.J. Seamer Legacy Trust Fund</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	3,978	3,692
	Interest Received	307	286
	Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$4,285</u>	<u>\$3,978</u>
	Total Specific Trust Fund Balances at 30 June 1997 (a-d)	<u>\$13,969</u>	<u>\$13,771</u>
Note 31	<u>Whanau Units - Seamer Fund (Whanau Units Projects)</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	351,064	325,892
	M.T.A. Dividends	31,951	29,425
		<u>383,015</u>	<u>355,317</u>
	Less Project Costs		
	Gates	-	(4,253)
	Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$383,015</u>	<u>\$351,064</u>
Note 32	<u>Womens Resource Fund</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	135,278	128,521
	M.T.A. Dividends	9,215	12,018
		<u>144,493</u>	<u>140,539</u>
	Less Hui Wahine Net Costs	(527)	(5,261)
	Tsfr Fund to Te Taha Maori	(143,966)	-
	Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$135,278</u>

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Note 33 <u>Properties Capital Reserve</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	3,696,036	3,422,536
<u>Increase (Decrease) in Government Valuation</u>		
James Buller Memorial Centre - Dargaville	5,000	
Mt Wesley Land	18,000	
Parsonage Mangere	45,000	
House 298 Massey Rd Mangere	19,000	
Whakatuora, Mangere	121,000	
Whanau Units, Mangere	224,000	
Kaeo, Hospital Road		46,000
Te Poinga, Waima Valley Road		17,000
Waima, State Highway 12		(2,500)
Pakanae, Opononi-Newark		41,000
Pakanae, Koutu Point Road		3,000
Land Tuakau, 21-23 Gibson Road		4,500
House Tuakau, 19 Gibson Road,		(3,500)
Te Atawhai, Kawakawa		(3,000)
Te Rahui Tane, Hamilton		60,000
Te Patunga (Kaeo) Pupuke Road		1,000
Te Rahui Wahine, Hamilton		80,000
11 Union Street, Hamilton		30,000
	4,128,036	3,696,036
	(18,000)	-
Loss of Sale 175 Waihi Rd Hawera		
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$4,110,036</u>	<u>\$3,696,036</u>
Note 34 <u>Accumulated General Funds</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	1,103,942	1,076,470
<u>Less Distributions -</u>		
To Te Taha Maori	(60,000)	(50,000)
	1,043,942	1,026,470
<u>Add Net Income for year</u>	101,497	77,472
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$1,145,439</u>	<u>\$1,103,942</u>

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MISSION RESOURCING UNIT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
for the year ended 30 June 1997

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>\$</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>			
Connexional Budget	3.	276,924	201,303
<u>Connexional Funding</u>			
Ministries Fund	4.	15,079	12,500
Winstone Fund (See Parish Grants)		19,400	24,500
Administration Division - Budget Support		10,000	10,000
<u>Distributions Received</u>			
Blackwell Trust		12,889	12,586
Investment Funds Board		10,000	10,000
Interest Received	5.	15,110	22,245
Sundry Recoveries		393	40
Total Income		\$359,795	\$293,174
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
<u>Unit Costs</u>			
Superintendent	6.	53,917	50,607
Other Expenses	7.	2,708	3,574
Total Unit Costs		\$56,625	\$54,181
 <u>Office and General Costs</u>			
Accountancy		9,047	9,083
Accident Compensation Levy		747	727
Audit Fee		1,369	1,369
Bank Charges and Interest		218	424
Computer Processing		2,004	2,004
Office Expenses		1,680	3,721
Office Rent and Operating Costs		13,716	13,716
Office Salaries		33,601	35,824
Postages		1,092	1,261
Printing and Stationery		2,558	5,534
Telephones		2,452	2,874
Total Office and General Costs		\$68,484	\$76,537
 <u>Ministry Costs</u>	8.	3,504	-
<u>Coordinating Committee Expenses</u>		1,342	-
 <u>Carried Forward</u>		\$129,955	\$130,718

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MISSION RESOURCING UNIT

Statement of Financial Performance Continued.

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u> \$	<u>1996</u> \$
<u>Brought Forward</u>		\$129,955	\$130,718
<u>Mission Initiatives</u>			
Bicultural Church Budget	31. (a)	-	6,720
Church Union Costs		339	597
Churches Education Commission		8,000	-
Evangelism Task Group Budget	17. (a)	1,000	2,400
Educational Ministry	(Page 3)	59,275	49,570
Special Projects		2,625	-
Youth Ministry	(Page 4)	48,580	42,400
Youth Ministry - EYY Funding	26. (c)	6,307	8,780
Youth Ministry - TYB Funding	26. (d)	3,397	-
Total Mission Initiatives		125,523	110,467
<u>Grants Shared Support Other Ministries</u>			
Hospital Chaplaincies	9.	30,289	15,701
Parishes (Includes Winstone Fund Distributions)		27,143	38,808
Parish Supply			
- Illness		500	-
- Long Service Leave		500	-
Ministries Fund Grants	4.	15,079	12,500
Total Grants Shared Support Other Ministries		\$73,511	\$67,009
<u>Pacific Ministries</u>			
Arrivals and Return Costs	21. (a)	-	1,200
Furlough Costs	21. (c)	-	300
Fijian Ministry	10	11,640	11,481
Total Pacific Ministries		\$11,640	\$12,981
Total All Expenditure		\$340,629	\$321,175
<u>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</u>		\$19,166	(\$28,001)
Transfer from Designated Funds	11.	-	12,500
Transfer from Legacies Fund	35.	-	10,000
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	36.	\$19,166	(\$5,501)

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MISSION RESOURCING UNIT - EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the year ended 30 June 1997

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
<u>EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY</u>		\$	\$
<u>INCOME</u>			
Connexional Budget Allocation		59,275	49,570
Grants and Other Income		1,600	600
Resource Sales		-	16
Total Income		\$60,875	\$50,186
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
<u>Employment Costs</u>			
Salaries and Allowances		42,092	40,595
Accident Compensation Levy		935	899
Car & Travel Expenses		3,680	3,680
Total Employment Costs		\$46,707	\$45,174
<u>Other Expenses</u>			
Accountancy		600	600
Office Expenses		460	739
Office Rent		3,180	3,180
Postage and Couriers		332	382
Printing and Stationery		614	923
Resource Purchases		550	670
Sundry Expenses		614	615
Special Projects		-	34
Supervision Costs		802	800
Telephone Tolls		848	1,252
Travel		4,108	7,289
Training Expenses		308	116
Total Other Expenses		\$12,416	\$16,600
Total Expenditure		\$59,123	\$61,774
<u>Excess Income over Expenditure (Deficit) carried forward</u>			
<u>to Education Ministry Fund</u>	16.	\$1,752	(\$11,588)

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MISSION RESOURCING UNIT - YOUTH MINISTRY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the year ended 30 June 1997

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
<u>YOUTH MINISTRY</u>		\$	\$
<u>INCOME</u>			
Connexional Budget Allocation		46,580	42,400
Grant - Doris Swadling Trust		6,500	2,500
Grant - Robert Gibson Trust		-	20,000
Grants and Other Income		4,191	5,857
Total Income		\$57,271	\$70,757
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
<u>Employment Costs</u>			
Salaries and Allowances		39,541	38,530
Accident Compensation Levy		870	922
Car Expenses		2,001	1,250
Total Employment Costs		\$42,412	\$40,702
<u>Other Expenses</u>			
Accountancy		600	600
Conference Expenses		378	-
Depreciation		1,494	1,068
Office Expenses		579	1,436
Office Rent		2,180	1,899
Postage and Couriers		351	1,128
Printing and Stationery		766	1,746
Repairs & Maintenance		48	-
Resource Purchases		279	204
Sundry Expenses		453	2,805
Special Projects		-	4,092
Supervision Costs		594	1,050
Telephone Tolls		3,125	3,503
Training Expenses		73	1,019
Travel		12,938	12,617
Youth Event Fees		-	1,260
Total Other Expenses		\$23,858	\$34,427
Total Expenditure		\$66,270	\$75,129
<u>Excess Income over Expenditure (Deficit) carried forward</u>			
<u>to Youth Ministry Fund</u>	26. (a)	(\$8,999)	(\$4,372)

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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MISSION RESOURCING UNIT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 June 1997

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u> \$	<u>1996</u> \$
<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>			
Accrued Blackwell Trust		3,405	3,358
Accrued Connexional Budget		65,059	33,223
Accrued Sundries		-	28,505
Bank Current Account		1,443	4,078
Bank Youth Connexion Accounts		2,192	(468)
Petty Cash		100	100
Sundry Debtors, Reimbursements, Prepayments		23,860	21,452
Total Current Assets		<u>\$96,058</u>	<u>\$90,248</u>
<u>INVESTMENTS AT COST/CAPITAL ACCRETIONS:</u>			
M.T.A. Deposits	12.	1,206,486	1,113,462
Joint Office Capital Deposit		1,300	1,300
Mission Resourcing Unit I.F.B. - YM Fixed Assets Loan		4,916	3,679
Total Investments		<u>\$1,212,702</u>	<u>\$1,118,441</u>
<u>TOTAL ALL ASSETS</u>		<u>\$1,308,760</u>	<u>\$1,208,689</u>
<u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Sundry Creditors / Provisions		27,773	17,202
Total Current Liabilities		<u>\$27,773</u>	<u>\$17,202</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		<u>\$1,280,988</u>	<u>\$1,191,487</u>

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MISSION RESOURCING UNIT

Statement of Financial Position Continued

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u> \$	<u>1996</u> \$
Total Net Assets brought forward		\$1,280,988	\$1,191,487

Represented by: -

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Unit Funds

Ministries Fund	13. (c)	343,992	321,675
Training Fund	14. (c)	14,013	12,755
Coordinating Committee Fund	15.	33,083	-
Educational Ministry Fund	16.	(8,946)	(10,698)
Evangelism Task Group Fund	17. (c)	5,001	4,931
Futures Group Funds	18. (d)	535,613	512,599
Membership Research Fund	19.	3,439	3,394
Needy Parishes Fund	20.	4,303	4,303
Pacific Ministries Funds	21.	8,337	8,337
Parish Consultancy Fund	22.	4,485	4,335
Pastor at Large Fund - S.I. Ministry	23.	4,140	4,140
Small Church Publication Fund		1,000	1,000
Superintendent Overseas Travel Fund	24.	4,908	1,908
Supply and Special Grants Fund	25.	5,240	4,240
Youth Ministry Funds	26. (d)	30,826	68,472

Chaplaincy Funds

Armed Services Chaplaincy Fund	27	129	129
Hospital Chaplaincies Fund	28.	5,000	5,000
Tertiary Chaplaincies Grants Fund	29.	1,000	1,000
Deaf Ministry Fund	30. (c)	12,705	2,025

Other Funds

Bicultural Church Funds	31. (c)	50,662	50,178
NZ Carols Project Fund	32.	1,500	1,500
Rotuman Fellowship Fund	32.	6,456	
Tongan Ministries Fund - S.I. Pastor		7,525	7,525
Video Connexion Fund	33.	406	644
Writers' Guild Publication Fund	34.	(241)	814

Total Designated Funds		\$1,074,576	\$1,010,206
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CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Capital Funds

Legacies Fund	35.	149,859	143,894
Office Space Fund		36,303	36,303

Accumulated General Funds	36.	20,250	1,084
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Total Capital and Accumulated Funds		\$206,412	\$181,281
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TOTAL ALL FUNDS EQUAL TO NET ASSETS

\$1,280,988	\$1,191,487
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MISSION RESOURCING UNIT
STATEMENT OF DESIGNATED FUNDS
for the year ended 30 June 1997

This statement is provided for additional information. It sets out a consolidated overview of the movement in Designated Funds during the year. For details of the opening and closing balance of the particular Funds concerned, refer to the preceding Statement of Financial Position and details of the movement in the particular Funds refer to the following Notes 13 to 35.

<u>Funds Received During Year</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Ministries Fund - Capital	13. (a)	9,923	65,136
Ministries Fund - Revenue	13. (b)	27,473	23,258
Training Fund - Capital	14. (a)	143	343
Training Fund - Revenue	14. (b)	1,115	1,036
Coordinating Committee Fund	15.	53,083	-
Educational Ministry Fund	(Page 3) & 16.	60,875	51,072
Evangelism Task Group Fund	17. (a)	1,000	13,721
Future Task Group Fund	18.	46,268	44,444
Membership Research Fund	19.	45	327
Pacific Ministries Arrival/Return Fund	21. (a)	-	1,200
Pacific Ministries Furlough Fund	21. (c)	-	300
Parish Consultancy Fund	22.	150	-
Superintendent Overseas Travel Fund	24.	3,000	-
Supply and Special Grants Fund	25.	1,000	-
Youth Ministry Fund	(Page 4) & 26.	70,593	88,975
Armed Services Chaplaincy Fund	27.	-	129
Deaf Ministry Fund	30. (a)	29,725	9,058
Bicultural Church Promotion	31. (a)	-	6,738
Bicultural Church Video Fund	31. (b)	3,482	3,276
Rotuman Fellowship Fund	33.	25,000	-
Writers' Guild Publication Fund	35.	111	2,320
Total Funds Received		\$332,986	\$311,333
<u>Funds Expended or Revalued During Year</u>			
Ministries Fund - Revenue	13. (b)	15,079	12,500
Coordinating Committee Fund	15.	20,000	-
Educational Ministry Fund	(Page 3) & 16.	59,123	69,774
Evangelism Task Group Fund	17. (a)	930	10,624
Futures Group Fund	18.	23,254	11,761
Membership Research Fund	19.	-	1,500
Needy Parishes Fund	20.	-	1,000
Pastor at Large Fund - S.I. Ministry	23.	-	5,000
Special Social Justice Ministry Fund	-	-	4,000
Superintendent Overseas Travel Fund	24.	-	1,693
Supply and Special Grants Fund	25.	-	500
Youth Ministry Fund	(Page 4) & 26.	108,239	93,042
Hospital Chaplaincies Fund	28.	-	10,000
Tertiary Chaplaincies Grants Fund	29.	-	2,000
Deaf Ministry Fund	30. (a)	19,045	15,033
Bicultural Church Promotion	31. (a)	2,998	3,679
N.Z. Carols Project Fund	32.	-	1,500
Rotuman Fellowship Fund	33.	18,544	-
Video Connexion Fund	34.	238	356
Writers' Guild Publication Fund	35.	1,166	1,261
Total Funds Expended or Revalued		268,616	245,223
<u>Net Excess of Receipts Over Expenditure</u>		\$64,370	\$66,110
<u>Designated Funds</u>			
Opening Balance 1 July 1996		1,010,206	944,096
Net Excess of Receipts Over Expenditure		64,370	66,110
<u>Closing Balances 30 June 1997</u>		\$1,074,576	\$1,010,206

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 1997

Note 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity: The Mission Resourcing Unit is constituted under the laws and regulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The financial statements of the Mission Resourcing Unit are a general purpose report which has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.

Measurement Base: These Financial Statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost accounting. Accrual accounting has been used to match revenues earned with expenses incurred. Reliance has been placed on the fact that the Division is a going concern.

Specific Accounting Policies: The following specific accounting policies which materially effect the measurement of financial performance and financial position have been applied:

Debtors - are stated at expected realisable value after allowance for all bad debts.

Goods and Services Tax: - These Financial Statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis.

Changes in Accounting Policies: There have been no changes in accounting policies which have been applied on basis consistent with those used in previous years.

Note 2. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:

There are no material or significant contingent liabilities known of as at balance date.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Note 3. <u>Connexional Budget</u>		
Mission Resourcing Unit	259,215	201,303
Ministry	11,709	-
Churches Education Commission	8,000	-
	<u>\$276,924</u>	<u>\$201,303</u>

Note 4. Details of Ministries Fund Grants (These grants are paid from the Ministries Revenue Fund see Note 15b)

Bicultural Co-ordinator Grant	-	2,000
Botany Downs - Shopping Mall Ministry	-	2,500
Hawera Parish	4,500	-
Johnsonville Uniting	3,000	-
Linwood Avenue Parish	-	1,500
Lower Hutt - Petone Parish - T Hudspeth	539	1,500
Manukau North Parish	2,500	-
Northland District	2,040	3,000
Taupo Union Parish - A Oliver	-	2,000
Tongan Advisory Committee	2,500	-
	<u>\$15,079</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>

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Note 5.	<u>Details of Interest Received</u>		
	Bank Current Account	206	26
	M.T.A. - General Deposits	3,082	5,279
	M.T.A. - Legacies Deposits	11,822	16,940
		<u>\$15,110</u>	<u>\$22,245</u>
Note 6.	<u>Details of Superintendent's Stipends etc.</u>		
	Stipend	32,763	32,076
	Car Expenses	3,468	3,468
	Expense Allowance	2,933	2,881
	Housing Subsidy	2,978	2,916
	Superannuation Subsidy	2,978	2,916
	Accident Compensation Levy	727	712
	Sundry Expenses	367	1,728
	Supervision Costs	249	
	Travel Costs - Local	4,434	3,910
	Travel Costs - Overseas (Provision)	3,000	-
		<u>\$53,917</u>	<u>\$50,607</u>
Note 7.	<u>Details of Other Expenses</u>		
	Board Meals - net costs	295	435
	Lay Representatives Conference Costs	367	358
	Subscriptions and Sundries	337	161
	Sundry Travel	1,709	2,620
		<u>\$2,708</u>	<u>\$3,574</u>
Note 8.	<u>Ministry Costs</u>		
	Candidate Assessment Costs	3,118	-
	Ordination Costs	366	-
		<u>\$3,504</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Note 9.	<u>Details of Hospital Chaplaincy Grants</u>		
	Grants Paid	30,289	27,801
	Less: Grant from Methodist Provident Society	-	(2,100)
	Transfer from Hospital Chaplaincy Fund	-	(10,000)
		<u>\$30,289</u>	<u>\$15,701</u>
Note 10	<u>Details of Fijian Pastor-at-Large</u>		
	Budget Allocation	11,640	11,481
	- Fijian Advisory Committee	18,124	32,705
	- North Canterbury Ministries Fund	-	1,000
	- Kingswood Trust	-	1,000
		<u>27,764</u>	<u>46,186</u>
	<u>Expenditure Incurred</u>		
	Stipend, Allowances and Expenses	(28,533)	(44,575)
	Travel	(997)	(1,611)
		<u>(\$1,766)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	Deficit carried forward		

	1,997	1,996
	\$	\$
Note 11. <u>Transfers from Designated Funds</u>		
Research Fund (See Note 19)	-	1,500
Pastor at Large S.I. Fund (See Note 23)	-	5,000
Special Ministries Social Justice Fund	-	4,000
Tertiary Chaplaincy Fund (See Note 29)	-	2,000
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>
Note 12. <u>Details of M.T.A. Deposits</u> (Including accrued dividends)		
Bicultural Video Funds	41,746	38,264
Ministries Fund	348,315	321,676
Training Fund	14,013	12,754
General Funds	35,803	36,033
Legacies Capital Funds	146,476	132,851
Future Task Group Fund	546,662	510,394
Youth Ministry Funds	38,388	61,490
Coordinating Committee Fund	33,083	-
	<u>\$1,206,486</u>	<u>\$1,113,462</u>
Note 13. (a) <u>Ministries Fund - Capital Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	272,340	207,204
Parish Contribution to Fund	4,644	5,000
Grant from Legacies Fund	-	50,000
M.T.A. Accretions - Property Revaluations	5,279	10,136
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$282,263</u>	<u>\$272,340</u>
Note 13. (b) <u>Ministries Fund - Revenue Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	49,335	38,577
M.T.A. Dividends	27,473	23,256
	<u>\$76,808</u>	<u>\$61,835</u>
Grants made as per Note 3.	(15,079)	(12,500)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$61,729</u>	<u>\$49,335</u>
Note 13. (c) Combined Total of 13. (a) and 13. (b)	<u>\$343,992</u>	<u>\$321,675</u>
Note 14. (a) <u>Training Fund - Capital Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	8,778	8,435
M.T.A. Property Revaluation	143	343
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$8,921</u>	<u>\$8,778</u>
Note 14. (b) <u>Training Fund - Revenue Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	3,977	2,941
M.T.A. Dividends	1,115	1,036
	<u>\$5,092</u>	<u>\$3,977</u>
Grants Made	-	-
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$5,092</u>	<u>\$3,977</u>
Note 14. (c) Combined Total of 14. (a) and 14. (b)	<u>\$14,013</u>	<u>\$12,755</u>

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	1,997	1,996
	\$	\$
Note 15. <u>Coordinating Committee Fund</u>		
P.A.C. Grant Received	50,000	-
M.T.A. Dividends	3,083	-
	<u>\$53,083</u>	<u>-</u>
Distribution to Trinity College	(20,000)	-
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$33,083</u>	<u>-</u>
Note 16. <u>Educational Ministry Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	(10,698)	4
Funds ex Education Division	-	886
Surplus (Deficit) as per Statement of Financial Performance	1,752	(11,588)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>(\$8,946)</u>	<u>(\$10,698)</u>
Note 17. (a) <u>Evangelism Task Group Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	1,931	(1,166)
Budget Allocation	1,000	2,400
Donations and Koha Received	-	5,395
Grant from Legacies Fund	-	5,000
Sales of Resources etc.	-	928
	<u>2,931</u>	<u>12,555</u>
Training Events - Costs	-	(1,039)
Training Events - Travel	-	(8,030)
Postage, Tolls and Expenses	-	(2)
Printing, Stationery and Resources	-	(1,439)
Task Group Travel Costs	(930)	(2,114)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$2,001</u>	<u>\$1,931</u>
Note 17. (b) <u>Making Disciples Ministries Depressed Areas Fund</u>		
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
Note 17. (c) Combined Total of 17. (a) and 17. (b)	<u>\$5,001</u>	<u>\$4,931</u>
Note 18. (a) <u>Futures Group - Bulk Grant Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	491,425	449,353
M.T.A. Dividends	43,298	42,072
	<u>\$534,721</u>	<u>\$491,425</u>
Transfer to Futures Group Internet Fund	(50,000)	-
Expenditure Incurred	(5,972)	-
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$478,749</u>	<u>\$491,425</u>
Note 18. (b) <u>Futures Group - Expenditure Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	21,174	30,563
M.T.A. Dividends	1,843	2,372
	<u>\$23,017</u>	<u>\$32,935</u>
Expenditure Incurred	(18,388)	(11,781)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$8,629</u>	<u>\$21,174</u>
Note 18. (c) <u>Futures Group - Internet Fund</u>		
Transfer from Bulk Grant Fund	\$50,000	-
M.T.A. Dividends	1,129	-
	<u>\$51,129</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Expenditure Incurred	(894)	-
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$50,235</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Note 18. (d) Combined Total of 18. (a), 18. (b) and 18. (c)	<u>\$535,613</u>	<u>\$512,599</u>

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		1997	1996
		\$	\$
Note 19.	<u>Membership Research Fund</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	3,394	4,567
	Sales - Methodism at the Crossroads	45	27
	Grant Received	-	300
	Surplus	3,439	4,894
	Transfer to Income	-	(1,500)
	Closing Balance 30 June 1997	\$3,439	\$3,394
Note 20.	<u>Needy Parishes Fund</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	4,303	5,303
	Grant - Waitakere Parish	-	(1,000)
	Closing Balance 30 June 1997	\$4,303	\$4,303
Note 21.	<u>Pacific Ministries Funds</u>		
Note 21. (a)	<u>Pacific Ministries Arrival / Return Fund</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	4,099	2,899
	Budget Allocation	-	1,200
	Closing Balance 30 June 1997	\$4,099	\$4,099
Note 21. (b)	<u>Pacific Ministries Establishment Fund</u>		
	Closing Balance 30 June 1997	\$2,030	\$2,030
Note 21. (c)	<u>Pacific Ministries Furlough Fund</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	2,208	1,908
	Budget Allocation	-	300
	Closing Balance 30 June 1997	\$2,208	\$2,208
	Total Pacific Ministries Funds	\$8,337	\$8,337
Note 22.	<u>Parish Consultancy Fund</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	4,335	4,335
	Koha from Parishes	150	-
	Closing Balance 30 June 1997	\$4,485	\$4,335
Note 23.	<u>Pastor at Large Fund - S.I. Ministry</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	4,140	9,140
	Transfer to Income	-	(5,000)
	Closing Balance 30 June 1997	\$4,140	\$4,140
Note 24.	<u>Superintendent's Overseas Travel Fund</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	1,908	3,601
	Budget Allocation	3,000	-
	Various Travel Expenditures	4,908	3,601
	Closing Balance 30 June 1997	\$4,908	\$1,908

	1,997	1,996
	\$	\$
Note 25. <u>Supply and Special Grants Fund</u>		
(Illness, Long Service Leave, Overseas Supply, etc.)		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	4,240	4,740
Current Year's Provision	1,000	-
	<u>5,240</u>	<u>4,740</u>
Various Expenditures	-	(500)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$5,240</u>	<u>\$4,240</u>
Note 26. <u>Youth Ministry Funds</u>		
26. (a) <u>General Funds</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	(4,214)	(2,131)
Funds ex Education Division	-	2,893
Depreciation of Assets to 30/6/95	-	(604)
(Deficit) as per Statement of Financial Performance	<u>(8,999)</u>	<u>(4,372)</u>
	<u>(13,213)</u>	<u>(4,214)</u>
<u>Investments</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	\$81,490	\$88,945
Interest Received	3,618	6,545
Less: Funds transferred - Diploma in Youth Ministry	-	(12,000)
- Fijian Advisory Committee	(22,549)	-
Less: Expenditure Incurred	<u>(957)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$41,802</u>	<u>\$81,490</u>
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$28,389</u>	<u>\$57,278</u>
Note 26. (b) <u>Youth Ministry Youthtrek Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	1,000	1,000
Expenditure Incurred	<u>(885)</u>	<u>-</u>
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$115</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
Note 26. (c) <u>Youth Ministry E.Y.Y. Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	\$10,198	\$8,725
Connexional Budget Allocation	<u>8,307</u>	<u>8,780</u>
	18,503	15,505
Less E.Y.Y. Travel and other Costs	<u>(15,305)</u>	<u>(5,309)</u>
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$1,198</u>	<u>\$10,196</u>
Note 26. (d) <u>Youth Ministry T.Y.B. Fund</u>		
Connexional Budget Allocation	3,397	-
Less Expenses paid	<u>(2,273)</u>	<u>-</u>
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$1,124</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Note 26. (d) Combined Total of 26. (a), 26. (b), 26. (c) and 26. (d)	<u>\$30,826</u>	<u>\$68,472</u>

	1,997	1,996
	\$	\$
Note 27 <u>Armed Services Chaplaincy Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	129	-
Funds Received	-	129
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$129</u>	<u>\$129</u>
Note 28. <u>Hospital Chaplaincies Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	5,000	15,000
Grant to Hospital Chaplaincies	-	(10,000)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
Note 29. <u>Tertiary Chaplaincies Grants Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	1,000	3,000
Transfer to Income	-	(2,000)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
Note 30. (a) <u>Deaf Ministry Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	2,025	8,000
Grants Received	<u>29,322</u>	<u>9,058</u>
	31,347	17,058
Less: Salary	(15,800)	(11,925)
Expenses	<u>(3,445)</u>	<u>(3,108)</u>
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$12,302</u>	<u>\$2,025</u>
30. (b) <u>Deaf Ministry Investment Fund</u>		
Funds Received	<u>403</u>	<u>-</u>
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$403</u>	<u>\$0</u>
30. (c) Combined Total of 30. (a) and 30. (b)	<u>\$12,705</u>	<u>\$2,025</u>
Note 31. (a) <u>Bicultural Church Promotion Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	11,914	8,855
Budget Allocations	-	8,720
Sales of Resources etc.	-	18
	11,914	15,593
<u>Less Expenditure:</u>		
Training Events - Costs	(580)	(574)
General Travel Costs	(2,418)	(2,154)
Postage and Tolls	-	(322)
Printing, Stationery and Resources	-	(439)
Working Committee Costs	-	(190)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$8,916</u>	<u>\$11,914</u>
Note 31. (b) <u>Bicultural Church Video Funds</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	38,284	34,988
M.T.A Dividends	3,482	3,278
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$41,746</u>	<u>\$38,264</u>
Note 31. (c) Combined Total of 31. (a) and 31. (b)	<u>\$50,662</u>	<u>\$50,178</u>

Mission Resourcing Unit

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	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Note 32. <u>N.Z. Carols Project Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	1,500	3,000
Grant to Ars Nova Choir	-	(1,500)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>
Note 33. <u>Rotuman Fellowship Fund</u>		
Grants received	25,000	-
<u>Less: Expenditure Incurred</u>		
Stipend and Allowances	(18,544)	-
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$6,456</u>	<u>-</u>
Note 34. <u>Video Connexion Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	644	1,000
Various Expenditures	(238)	(356)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$406</u>	<u>\$644</u>
Note 35. <u>Writers' Guild Publication Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	814	(245)
PAC Communications Grant Received	-	2,000
"Lifesparks" Subscriptions and Sales	111	320
	925	2,075
Production Costs - "Lifesparks"	(1,166)	(1,281)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>(\$241)</u>	<u>\$814</u>
Note 36. <u>Capital Fund - Legacies Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	143,894	194,878
Legacies Received	5,965	14,016
	149,859	208,894
Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account	-	(10,000)
Transfer to Ministries Fund	-	(50,000)
Transfer to Making Disciples Task Group Fund	-	(5,000)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$149,859</u>	<u>\$143,894</u>
Note 37. <u>Accumulated General Funds</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	1,084	6,585
Net Surplus (Deficit) from Income and Expenditure Account	19,168	(5,501)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$20,250</u>	<u>\$1,084</u>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June, 1997

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INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD - MISSION RESOURCING UNIT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the year ended 30 June 1997

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>\$</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Distributions Received			
- Blackwell Trust		12,889	13,047
- Building Partnership Rental		19,200	19,200
Interest Received	3.	4,309	3,320
Sundry Income		2,078	1,610
Total All Income		\$38,476	\$37,177
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
<u>Property Costs</u>			
Depreciation	4.	3,830	3,953
Insurances		347	19
Legal Expenses		72	-
Vehicle Costs	9. (b)	1,830	1,527
Total Property Costs		\$6,079	\$5,499
<u>Office and General Costs</u>			
Accountancy		4,127	5,246
Audit Fee		624	624
Bank Charges and Interest		38	95
Computer Processing		720	720
Office Rents and Costs		5,980	6,065
Postages, Printing, Stationery, Telephones, Sundry Expenses etc.		139	362
Repairs and Maintenance		-	225
Total Office and General Costs		\$11,628	\$13,337
Total All Expenditure		\$17,707	\$18,836
NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	20.	\$20,769	\$18,341

These Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements.

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INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD - MISSION RESOURCING UNIT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As At 30 June 1997

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u> \$	<u>1996</u> \$
<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>			
Accrued Blackwell Trust		3,405	3,359
Bank Current Account		25,333	9,350
Joint Office Partners		4,992	5,740
Petty Cash		100	100
Sundry Debtors / Reimbursements		4,111	43,053
Vehicle Loan		4,441	6,000
Total Current Assets		\$42,382	\$67,602
<u>INVESTMENTS:</u>			
Auckland Office Building Partnership	5.	226,000	226,000
M.T.A. Blackwell Trust Deposits	12.	965,890	950,487
M.T.A. General Deposits		61,240	30,692
M.T.A. Trust Deposits	17.	53,653	26,933
M.T.A. Barnett Trust Deposit		36,962	-
Total Investments		\$1,343,745	\$1,234,112
<u>FIXED ASSETS:</u>			
Land and Buildings	6.	320,000	320,000
Office Equipment	7.	9,486	9,591
Computer Equipment	8.	5,559	7,412
Motor Vehicles	9. (c)	3,752	5,153
Mangungu Mission Station Trust Property	13.	106,000	106,000
Office Equipment - Copier Fund	15.	29,999	29,999
YM Fixed Assets	10.	4,913	3,679
Total Fixed Assets		\$479,709	\$481,834
TOTAL ALL ASSETS		\$1,865,836	\$1,783,548
<u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:</u>			
Joint Office Partners Deposit	11	5,175	5,175
Sundry Creditors/Provisions		5,536	840
Total Current Liabilities		\$10,711	\$6,015
NET ASSETS		\$1,855,126	\$1,777,533

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INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD - MISSION RESOURCING UNIT

Statement of Financial Position Continued

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>\$</u>
<u>Total Net Assets brought forward</u>		<u>\$1,855,126</u>	<u>\$1,777,533</u>
Represented By:-			
<u>DESIGNATED FUNDS:</u>			
Capital and Revenue Funds E.W.Blackwell Trust	12.	965,890	950,487
Capital Fund Mangungu Historic Mission	13.	106,000	106,000
Copier Sinking Fund	14.	17,225	10,257
Copier (Office Equipment) Fund	15.	29,999	29,999
Parsonages Suspense Accounts	16.	11,657	7,842
Specific Trust Funds	17.	53,653	51,211
Barnett Trust Revenue Fund	18.	36,962	-
Mission Resourcing Unit Advance - YM Fixed Assets	19.	4,913	3,679
Total Designated Funds		<u>\$1,226,299</u>	<u>\$1,159,475</u>
<u>CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS:</u>			
Properties Reserve		464,898	464,898
Accumulated General Funds	20.	163,929	153,160
Total Capital and Designated Funds		<u>\$628,827</u>	<u>\$618,058</u>
<u>TOTAL ALL FUNDS EQUAL TO NET ASSETS</u>		<u>\$1,855,126</u>	<u>\$1,777,533</u>

These Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements. Page 3

MISSION RESOURCING UNIT INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD
STATEMENT OF DESIGNATED FUNDS
for the year ended 30 June 1997

This statement is provided for additional information. It sets out a consolidated overview of the movement in Designated Funds during the year.

For details of the opening and closing balances of the particular Funds concerned, refer to the preceding Statement of Financial Position and for details of the movement in particular Funds refer to the following Notes 12 - 19

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u> \$	<u>1996</u> \$
<u>FUNDS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR</u>			
E.W. Blackwell Trust	12.	92,463	114,078
Capital Fund Mangungu Historic Mission	13.	-	14,000
Copier Sinking Fund	14.	6,968	7,522
Parsonage Suspense Accounts	16.	5,957	5,832
Specific Trust Funds	17.	2,442	2,011
Barnett Trust Revenue Fund	18.	36,962	-
Mission Resourcing Unit Advance - YM Fixed Assets	19.	2,730	-
Total Funds Received		<u>\$147,522</u>	<u>\$143,443</u>
<u>FUNDS EXPENDED DURING YEAR</u>			
E.W. Blackwell Trust	12.	77,060	75,014
Parsonage Suspense Accounts	16.	2,142	7,282
Specific Trust Funds	17.	-	830
Mission Resourcing Unit Advance - YM Fixed Assets	19.	1,496	1,068
Total Funds Expended		<u>\$80,698</u>	<u>\$84,194</u>
<u>Net Surplus of Funds Received Over Funds Expended</u>		<u>\$66,824</u>	<u>\$59,249</u>
<u>Designated Funds</u>			
Opening Balance 1 July 1996		\$1,159,475	\$1,100,226
Net Surplus of Funds Received		66,824	59,249
Closing Balance 30 June 1997		<u>\$1,226,299</u>	<u>\$1,159,475</u>

These Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements. Page 4

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD - MISSION RESOURCING UNIT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 June 1997

Note 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity: The Investment Funds Board Mission Resourcing Unit is a charitable organisation registered under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957. The financial statements of the Investment Funds Board Mission Resourcing Unit are a general purpose report which has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices with the exception that Properties are valued at the most recent Government Valuation.

Measurement Base: These Financial Statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost accounting. Accrual accounting has been used to match revenues earned with expenses incurred. Reliance has been placed on the fact that the Board is a going concern.

Specific Accounting Policies: The following specific accounting policies which materially effect the measurement of financial performance and financial position have been applied:

Fixed Assets:

- Property - As noted above property is in the books at the latest available Government Valuation. The property is insured for replacement value.

- Other Fixed Assets - are stated at cost less aggregate depreciation. Depreciation has been provided on a diminishing value basis calculated to allocate the asset's cost less residual value over their estimated useful lives. Major depreciation rates are:

Motor Vehicles	20%
Office Equipment	10%
Computer Equipment	25%

Debtors - are stated at expected realisable value after allowance for all bad debts.

Goods and Services Tax: - These Financial Statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis.

Changes in Accounting Policies: There have been no changes in accounting policies which have been applied on basis consistent with those used in previous years.

Note 2. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:

There are no material or significant contingent liabilities known of as at balance date.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Note 3. <u>Details of Interest Received</u>		
Bank Current Account	634	604
M.T.A. General Deposits	3,194	2,716
Vehicle Loans - Overseas Ministers	481	-
Total Interest Received	<u>\$4,309</u>	<u>\$3,320</u>
Note 4. <u>Depreciation</u>		
Office Equipment - Note 7.	1,055	1,067
Computer Equipment - Note 8.	1,853	1,733
Motor Vehicles - Note 9 (a)	922	1,153
Total Depreciation	<u>\$3,830</u>	<u>\$3,953</u>

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Note 5. Auckland Office Building Partnership	\$226,000	\$226,000
This represents a third interest in the capital of the above partnership which owns the property at 409 Great South Road, Penrose. The other two partners who equally own the other two thirds are the Administration Division and the Investment Funds Board Te Taha Maori, of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.		

Note 6. Land and Buildings	(at Government Valuation)		
	G.V. 1/09/94	Revalued / Additions	(Disposal) Acquired
	\$	\$	\$
Parsonage- 3 Steele Street	320,000	-	-
Total Land & Buildings	\$ 320,000	\$ -	\$ -

	1997	1996
Note 7. Office Equipment		
Original Cost	22,003	20,742
Accumulated Depreciation	(12,412)	(11,345)
Book Value 1 July 1996	9,591	9,397
Additions to 30 June, 1997	950	1,261
Depreciation at 10% Diminishing Value	(1,055)	(1,067)
Book Value 30 June 1997	9,486	9,591

Note 8. Computer Equipment		
Original Cost	19,245	18,317
Accumulated Depreciation	(11,833)	(10,100)
Book Value 1 July 1996	7,412	8,217
Additions to 30 June, 1997	-	928
Depreciation at 25% Diminishing Value	(1,853)	(1,733)
Book Value 30 June 1997	5,559	7,412

Note 9. (a) Motor Vehicles	(Leased to Overseas Supply Ministers)				
	Cost Price 1/07/96	Accumulated Depreciation	(Sold) 30/08/97	Depreciation 20% DV	Book Value 30/08/97
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Mazda Capella	8,222	(6,201)	-	(404)	1,617
Toyota Liteace Van *	4,000	(1,408)	-	(518)	2,074
Total Motor Vehicles	\$12,222	(\$7,609)	-	(\$922)	\$3,691

*Toyota Liteace Van This vehicle was purchased jointly with the Fijian Pastor-at-Large for his use during the term of his appointment in New Zealand. The total cost of the vehicle was \$14000 of which the Board provided funds of \$4500. It has been agreed between the joint owners that upon sale of the vehicle the proceeds will be shared in the same proportions as the original funds provided.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Allocation		
Depreciation - Note 4.	922	1,153
Vehicle Cost Provision	-	-
	\$922	\$1,153

Note 9. (b) Motor Vehicles Cost/Recovery Provisions

These Accounts represent the net of Lease Rentals (Excluding the interest factor on the original cost of the Vehicle - see Note 3.) received from Overseas Supply Ministers for the Motor Vehicle they are provided with less direct costs paid by the Unit. e.g. Insurance, Registrations, Share of Maintenance Costs where justified. When a vehicle is sold the balance in its account will be offset against the appropriate balance remaining in the Motor Vehicle Account and the profit or loss on disposal will be transferred to the Income and Expenditure Account in the year of sale.

	<u>Opening Balance 1/07/96</u>	<u>Rental Received 30/06/97</u>	<u>Costs Paid to 30/06/97</u>	<u>Excess to I & E 30/06/97</u>	<u>Closing Balance 30/06/97</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Mazda Capella	540	-	1,351	1,830	61
Total Motor Vehicle Cost/ Recovery Provisions	<u>\$540</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$1,351</u>	<u>\$1,830</u>	<u>\$61</u>

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
	\$	\$
Note 9. (c) <u>Summary of Motor Vehicles and Provisions:</u>		
Motor Vehicles 30 June 1997. (Note 9.a)	3,691	4,613
Motor Vehicles Cost / Recovery Provision 30 June 1997. Note 9.b)	61	540
	<u>\$3,752</u>	<u>\$5,153</u>

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
	\$	\$
Note 10. <u>Youth Ministry Fixed Assets</u>		
(a) <u>Office Equipment</u>		
Fax Machines (cost)	1,468	1,468
Accumulated Depreciation to 30/6/96	(412)	(147)
	<u>1,056</u>	<u>1,321</u>
Less Depreciation 20% DV	(211)	(285)
	<u>845</u>	<u>1,056</u>
(b) <u>Office Furniture</u>		
Office Desk, Chair & Filing Cabinet	377	377
Accumulated Depreciation to 30/6/96	(55)	(19)
	<u>322</u>	<u>358</u>
Less Depreciation 10% DV	(32)	(36)
	<u>290</u>	<u>322</u>
(c) <u>Computer Equipment</u>		
Computer and Printer	3,506	3,506
Additions	2,730	-
Accumulated Depreciation to 30/6/96	(1,205)	(438)
	<u>5,031</u>	<u>3,068</u>
Less Depreciation 25% DV	(1,253)	(767)
	<u>3,778</u>	<u>2,301</u>
Total Youth Ministry Fixed Assets 30 June 1997	<u>\$4,913</u>	<u>\$3,679</u>

These assets in Note 10. were purchased with monies advanced by Mission Resourcing Unit from Youth Ministry funds. Refer Note 19.

		1997	1996
		\$	\$
Note 11	<u>Joint Office Partners Deposits</u>		
	Methodist Mission Resourcing Unit	1,300	1,300
	Methodist Te Taha Maori	1,050	1,050
	Methodist Education Ministry	275	275
	Conference of Churches in Aotearoa N.Z.	1,000	1,000
	C.C.A.N.Z. - Programme on Racism	950	950
	Women's Resource Centre	300	300
	Te Runanga	300	300
		<u>\$5,175</u>	<u>\$5,175</u>
Note 12.	<u>E.W.Blackwell Trust Funds</u>		
(a)	<u>Capital Funds</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	930,336	894,542
	M.T.A. Capital Accretions (Devaluations) for year	15,127	35,794
	<u>Closing Balance 30 June 1997</u>	<u>\$945,463</u>	<u>\$930,336</u>
(b)	<u>Revenue Funds</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	20,151	16,881
	M.T.A. Dividends to 31 March 1997	56,909	58,133
	M.T.A. Accrued Dividend to 30 June 1997	20,427	20,151
		<u>97,487</u>	<u>95,165</u>
	Less Distributions -		
	Te Taha Maori	(25,687)	(25,005)
	I.F.B. Te Taha Maori	(25,687)	(25,005)
	Mission Resourcing Unit	(12,843)	(12,502)
	I.F.B. Mission Resourcing Unit	(12,843)	(12,502)
	<u>Closing Balance 30 June 1997</u>	<u>\$20,427</u>	<u>\$20,151</u>
	Combined Total of (a) and (b)	<u>\$965,890</u>	<u>\$950,487</u>
Note 13.	<u>Capital Fund Mangungu Historic Mission</u>		
	Government Valuation 1/9/95	106,000	92,000
	Revaluation GV 1/9/95	-	14,000
	<u>Government Valuation 1/9/95</u>	<u>\$106,000</u>	<u>\$108,000</u>
	This property is leased to the Historic Places trust from 1 May 1972 for 99 years.		
Note 14.	<u>Copier Sinking Fund</u>		
	Opening Balance 1 July 1996	10,257	2,735
	Recoveries from Joint Users - on usage basis	6,968	7,522
	<u>Closing Balance 30 June 1997</u>	<u>\$17,225</u>	<u>\$10,257</u>

	1996 \$	1996 \$
Note 15. <u>Copier (Office Equipment) Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	\$29,999	\$29,999
Mita Copier	5,000	5,000
Canon NP6060 Copier	24,999	24,999
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$29,999</u>	<u>\$29,999</u>
The assets represented by this fund are not subject to depreciation as the Copier Sinking Fund provides for their replacement.		
Note 16. <u>Movement in Parsonage Suspense Account</u>		
<u>3 Steele Street, Auckland</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	7,842	9,292
Presbyter's Rent and Unit's Subsidy	5,957	5,832
	<u>13,799</u>	<u>15,124</u>
Less: Insurances	(424)	(106)
Rates	(1,560)	(1,562)
Repairs and Maintenance	(158)	(5,614)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$11,657</u>	<u>\$7,842</u>
Note 17. <u>Specific Trust Funds</u>		
(a) <u>Thomas Brooke Memorial Trust Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	19,901	19,224
Interest Received	1,535	1,507
Grants Paid	-	(830)
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$21,436</u>	<u>\$19,901</u>
(b) <u>Gerard Grounds Legacy Trust Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	4,496	4,174
Interest Received	347	322
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$4,843</u>	<u>\$4,496</u>
(c) <u>Emily Rishworth Trust Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	2,536	2,354
Interest Received	196	182
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$2,732</u>	<u>\$2,536</u>
(d) <u>R. D. Griffiths Trust Fund</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	\$24,278	\$24,278
Interest Received	\$364	-
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$24,642</u>	<u>\$24,278</u>
Total Closing Balances 30 June 1997 (a-d)	<u>\$53,653</u>	<u>\$51,211</u>

Note 18. Barnett Trust Revenue Fund

Distribution Received	36,294	-
M.T.A. Interest Received	668	-
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$38,962</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Note 19. Mission Resourcing Unit Advance - YM Fixed Assets

This is an advance from Mission Resourcing Unit of funds to enable I.F.B.M.R.U. to acquire specific assets, (refer to Note 10.) for the benefit of Youth Ministry. The advance is to be reduced each year by the annual depreciation written off the assets involved. The only obligation I.F.B.M.R.U. has to repay any part of this loan is in the event of the assets being sold, traded or otherwise realising a determined value. Such repayment is to be no more nor less than the net amount received by or credited to I.F.B.M.R.U.

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>
	\$	\$
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	3,679	4,747
Additional Advance	2,730	
Less Depreciation written off assets	<u>(1,496)</u>	<u>(1,068)</u>
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$4,913</u>	<u>\$3,679</u>

Note 20. Movement in Accumulated General Funds:

Opening Balance 1 July 1996	153,160	144,819
Income & Expenditure Account Net Surplus for year.	<u>20,769</u>	<u>18,341</u>
	173,929	163,160
Distribution to Mission Resourcing Unit	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>\$163,929</u>	<u>\$153,160</u>

J.S. Murray

Superintendent

D.W. Annett

Accountant

9 October 1997

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

For the Year Ended 30 June 1997.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Methodist Church Building and Loan Fund is an activity of the Board of Administration.

The Board of Administration is incorporated under the "Charitable Trust Act 1957."

The purpose of the Fund is to hold funds from the realisation of properties and to provide loan facilities and development grants for financial assistance to Parishes and Divisions of the Church for approved building projects.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- (a) Reporting Entity.
The financial statements presented here are for the Reporting Entity Methodist Church Building and Loan Fund. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Financial Reporting Standards.
- (b) Measurement Base.
The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is placed on the fact that the Fund is a going concern.

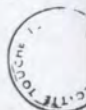
Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Investments	- have been valued at the lower of cost or market value.
Loans to Parishes	- have been valued at expected realisable value.
Sundry Debtors	- have been valued at expected realisable value.
Financial Instruments	- are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.
Development Fund - Properties	- Conference decisions in 1989 resolved that fifty per cent of the annual excess of Income over Expenditure of the Methodist Church Building and Loan Fund be available for the Development Fund Properties. The calculation of the annual excess of income over expenditure excludes any grants donations, bequests and any capital accretion on MTA deposits. All income from MTA deposits pertaining to this Fund are credited directly to this Fund. All grants are made on the recommendation of the Mission Resourcing Unit, formerly the Development Division Board, 20% of the income received by the Development Fund is added to Development Fund capital each year.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with previous years.



METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS

For the 12 Months Ended 30 June 1997.

	<u>Note</u>	12 Months 1997 \$	13 Months 1996 \$
INCOME:			
Interest Received - Loans		68,553	81,173
Interest Received - Methodist Trust Association and Bank		391,946	302,779
		<u>460,499</u>	<u>383,952</u>
EXPENDITURE:			
Administration Fee	78,000		68,034
Audit Fee	1,636		1,581
Interest Paid on Property Deposits and Bank	280,196		207,335
Office and General Expenses	2,637		2,783
Travelling Expenses	198		748
Legal Expenses	2,006		1,279
		<u>364,673</u>	<u>281,760</u>
		95,826	102,192
Grants, Donations and Bequests Received	1	<u>54,725</u>	<u>31,527</u>
Excess Income over Expenditure		150,551	133,719
ACCUMULATED FUNDS:			
Opening Balance 1 June		2,013,008	1,906,106
Capital Accretion on Methodist Trust Association Investments		10,756	22,902
Real Capital Gain on Methodist Trust Association Investments		-	1,377
Capital Grant to Development Fund Properties	2	(47,913)	(51,096)
		<u>2,126,402</u>	<u>2,013,008</u>
Closing Balance		<u>2,126,402</u>	<u>2,013,008</u>

These accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		2,126,402	2,013,008
DEVELOPMENT FUND - PROPERTIES	2	507,994	445,453
		<u>2,634,396</u>	<u>2,458,461</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	3	7,051	4,848
Deposits at Call		50,447	40,282
Accounts Receivable		<u>8,757</u>	<u>7,663</u>
		66,255	52,793
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable		(6,644)	(2,763)
		<u>59,611</u>	<u>50,030</u>
Investments:			
Methodist Trust Association	4	4,677,912	3,879,335
Methodist Trust Association - Development Fund-Properties	5	507,994	445,453
Loans to Parishes	6	<u>1,180,552</u>	<u>1,395,243</u>
		6,366,458	5,720,031
Advances:			
Parish Deposits Held		(3,791,673)	(3,311,600)
		<u>2,634,396</u>	<u>2,458,461</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

For the 12 Months Ended 30 June 1997

Opening Balance 1 July 1996	2,458,461	2,290,612
Excess Income over Expenditure	150,551	133,719
Interest and Donations Received - Development Fund	39,628	38,353
Development Funds Grants	(25,000)	(28,502)
Capital Accretion of Methodist Trust Association Investment	10,756	22,902
Realised Capital Gain on Methodist Trust Association Investment	-	<u>1,377</u>
Closing Balance	<u>2,634,396</u>	<u>2,458,461</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board

Chairperson:

Stan J. West

Secretary:

Donald Wilson

Date: 10th October 1997

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the 12 Months Ended 30 June 1997.

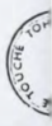
	12 Months 1997 \$	13 Months 1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES.		
Cash was provided from:		
Interest	431,574	379,253
Interest from Borrowers	70,519	81,173
Grant, Bequests Received	54,398	23,864
	<u>556,491</u>	<u>484,290</u>
Cash was applied to:		
Grants paid	25,000	28,502
Payments to Suppliers	85,815	73,362
Interest Paid	<u>280,196</u>	<u>207,335</u>
	<u>391,011</u>	<u>309,199</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	9 165,480	175,091
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES.		
Cash was provided from:		
Loan Repayments	369,177	409,081
Property Realisation Deposits Received	<u>1,467,821</u>	<u>2,211,692</u>
	<u>1,836,998</u>	<u>2,620,773</u>
Cash was applied to:		
Loans Advanced	152,000	446,581
Investment - Methodist Trust Association	850,362	1,461,962
Deposit - Short Term Money Market	10,165	35,858
Property Realisation Deposits Withdrawn	<u>987,748</u>	<u>847,233</u>
	<u>2,000,275</u>	<u>2,791,634</u>
Net Cash Flow from Investment Activities	(163,277)	(170,861)
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS	2,203	4,230
Opening Cash Balance	<u>4,848</u>	<u>618</u>
Closing Cash Balance	<u><u>7,051</u></u>	<u><u>4,848</u></u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the notes to the Accounts.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	1997	1996
Note 1. Grants Legacies and Donations Received:	\$	\$
Buttle Estate	452	1,087
F W Walters Estate	8,291	19,979
Cardno Estate	2,516	3,297
Woodward Estate	2,299	5,522
M B Gilmour Estate	685	1,642
Barnett Estate	40,482	-
	<u>54,725</u>	<u>31,527</u>
Note 2. Development Fund - Properties:		
Opening Balance 1 June		
Capital Fund	376,899	358,615
Income Fund	68,554	25,891
	445,453	384,506
Interest Received - Methodist Trust Assn	39,628	38,353
Grant Received from Income and Expenditure	47,913	51,096
Grants Paid to Parishes for Development	(25,000)	(28,502)
	<u>507,994</u>	<u>445,453</u>
Capital Fund	393,163	376,899
Income Fund	114,831	68,554
	<u>507,994</u>	<u>445,453</u>
Note 3. Bank of New Zealand - Current Account:		
The Bank of New Zealand Current Account of this Fund forms part of the banking arrangement of the Board of Administration - Special Account being an investment fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The arrangement gives the Bank of New Zealand the right of offset over any balances. The Bank interest received by this Fund through that banking arrangement is included in Interest Received in the Statement of Financial Performance for the period.		
Note 4. Investment: Methodist Trust Association:		
Held for the general purposes of the Fund		
In the Short Term Fund	3,955,301	3,223,690
In the Long Term Fund	722,611	655,645
	<u>4,677,912</u>	<u>3,879,335</u>
Note 5. Investment: Methodist Trust Association:		
Development Fund - Properties	507,994	445,453
Held for the general purposes of the Development Fund - Properties.		
Interest received is credited to the Development Fund - Properties.		



METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Continued

	1997	1996
Note 6. Investment - Loans to Parishes: (See Note 7)	\$	\$
Loans at the Beginning of the Year	1,395,243	1,357,743
New Loans Advanced	152,000	446,581
Working Expenses and Interest Charged	<u>71,473</u>	<u>83,200</u>
	1,618,716	1,887,524
Repayments of Principal, Working Expenses and Interest	<u>438,164</u>	<u>492,281</u>
	<u>1,180,552</u>	<u>1,395,243</u>

There was an approved loan of \$85,000 to be uplifted at Balance Date (1996 Nil).

Note 7. Related Party Transactions:

The Fund has placed monies on deposit with the Methodist Trust Association during the period and has received income from these deposits. Details of income received and deposits existing at balance date are shown in the financial statements.

Note 8. Segment Information:

The Fund operates predominantly in one Investment area of activity. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.

Note 9. Reconciliation of Excess Income over Expenditure to Net Cash Flow from

Operating Activities:	1997	1996
Excess Income over Expenditure	150,551	133,719
Items Not Included in Statement of Financial Performance:		
Development Fund Grant	(25,000)	(28,502)
Interest Received on Development Fund	39,628	38,353
Movement in Working Capital:		
Accounts Payable	3,881	1,063
Accounts Receivable	<u>(3,580)</u>	<u>30,458</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>165,480</u>	<u>175,091</u>

Note 10. Financial Instruments.

Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Fund to credit risk principally consist of bank balances, other receivables and investments.

The Fund has placed a significant amount of its deposits in both short term and long term deposits with the Methodist Trust Association.

Interest Rate Risk.

The Fund's financial instruments are subject to the following interest rate fluctuations:

	<u>Current Rate</u>		<u>Interest Rate</u>
	<u>(1997)</u>	<u>(1996)</u>	<u>Review Period.</u>
Cash at Bank	1%	(1.5%)	1.7.97
Bank Call Deposits	6.5%	(9.75%)	1.7.97
Loans to Parishes	8.45%	(9.225%)	1.7.97
Parish Deposits held	6.345%	(6.919%)	1.7.97

Fair Values

The carrying amounts are considered to be fair value for the Fund's financial instruments.

Note 11. Contingent Liabilities.

There are no contingent liabilities at 30 June 1997 (1996 - nil).

Note 12. Commitments.

There are no commitments at 30 June 1997 (1996 - nil).





AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 6. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the Fund and its financial position as at 30 June 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Board of Administration's Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the period ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Fund circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the Fund.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial report on pages 1 to 6 fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 10 October 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

PRESBYTERS DEACONS AND LAYWORKERS LOAN FUND

for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Fund is to provide a limited source of finance available for loans to Presbyters Deacons and Layworkers of the Church in the course of which it also provides the facility to accept interest-bearing deposits from Presbyters Deacons and Layworkers.
The Methodist Church of New Zealand Transport Trust Board (registered under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957) is the Trustee of this Fund.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (a) Reporting Entity.
The financial statements presented here are for the Reporting Entity Presbyters Deacons and Layworkers Loan Fund. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Financial Reporting Standards.
- (b) Measurement Base.
The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is placed on the fact that the Fund is a going concern.

Accrual accounting is used to match expense and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- | | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Loans Advanced | - are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. |
| Investments | - are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. |
| Financial Instruments | - are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. |

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those of previous years.



PRESBYTERS DEACONS AND LAYWORKERS LOAN FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME:			
Interest Received		21,496	24,716
Grants Received	1	<u>73,899</u>	<u>7,551</u>
		95,395	32,267
EXPENDITURE:			
Administration Fees		15,000	12,840
Doubtful Debts		3,917	-
Interest Paid		12,180	17,426
Audit Fee		267	227
General Office Expenses		<u>564</u>	<u>560</u>
		31,928	31,053
Excess Income over Expenditure		<u>63,467</u>	<u>1,214</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 30 June 1997

	1997	1996
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	56,934	55,720
Excess Income Over Expenditure	<u>63,467</u>	<u>1,214</u>
	<u>120,401</u>	<u>56,934</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

PRESBYTERS DEACONS AND LAYWORKERS LOAN FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>120,401</u>	<u>56,934</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	2	1,624	2,362
Short Term Investments:			
- Bank Deposits at Call		18,873	1,157
- Methodist Trust Association		978	897
- Accounts Receivable		<u>255</u>	<u>-</u>
		21,730	4,416
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable		(3,166)	(410)
		<u>18,564</u>	<u>4,006</u>
Investments:			
Methodist Provident Society		1	1
Loans Advanced		287,027	297,615
		<u>305,592</u>	<u>301,622</u>
Loans and Deposits Received:			
Special Loans - Retiring Ministers		(73,349)	(109,379)
Deposits - Vehicle Replacement		<u>(111,842)</u>	<u>(135,309)</u>
		<u>(185,191)</u>	<u>(244,688)</u>
		<u>120,401</u>	<u>56,934</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:

S. J. West

Secretary:

David [Signature]

Date:

10th October 1997

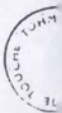
PRESBYTERS DEACONS AND LAYWORKERS LOAN FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Interest Received		20,741	24,716
Grants Received		<u>73,899</u>	<u>7,551</u>
		94,640	32,267
Cash was applied to:			
Interest Paid		10,485	17,426
Other Operating Expenses		<u>15,459</u>	<u>13,800</u>
		25,944	31,226
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	6	68,696	1,041
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Loan Repayments		117,576	118,493
Methodist Trust Association Deposit			3,815
Trust Bank Call Account (net)		-	<u>26,015</u>
		<u>117,576</u>	148,323
Cash was applied to:			
New Loans Advanced		110,405	105,850
Methodist Trust Association		81	-
Trust Bank Call Account (net)		<u>17,716</u>	-
		<u>128,202</u>	<u>105,850</u>
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		(10,626)	42,473
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Inter Fund Loan Advanced		<u>10,000</u>	<u>109,379</u>
		10,000	109,379
Cash was applied to:			
Repayment of Inter Fund Loans		45,341	120,030
Net Repayment of Vehicle Replacement			
Deposits		<u>23,467</u>	<u>31,626</u>
		68,808	151,656
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		(58,808)	(42,277)
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		(738)	1,237
Opening Cash Balance		2,362	1,125
Closing Cash Balance		<u>1,624</u>	<u>2,362</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.



PRESBYTERS DEACONS AND LAYWORKERS LOAN FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- Note 1.** **Grants Received:**
- | | 1997 | 1996 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Thorndon Trust | 8,982 | 6,551 |
| W F Walters Trust | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| PAC Distribution | 60,000 | - |
| Special Purpose Trust - GPT | <u>3,917</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | <u>73,899</u> | <u>7,551</u> |
- Note 2.** **Bank of New Zealand - Current Account:**
The Bank of New Zealand Current Account of this Fund forms part of the banking arrangement of the Board of Administration - Special Account being an investment fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The arrangement gives the Bank of New Zealand the right of offset over any balance. The Bank interest received by this Fund through that banking arrangement is included in Interest Received in the Statement of Financial Performance for the year.
- Note 3.** **Related Party Transactions:**
A short term investment with the Methodist Trust Association totalled \$978 at balance date (1996 \$897).
Distributions received from this investment for the year to 30 June 1997 were \$81 (1996: \$247).
The special loans are financed by the Presbyters and Deacons Retirement Housing Fund totalling \$73,349 (1996 \$109,379).
These funds are advanced to Presbyters and Deacons of the Church nearing retirement to assist in purchasing homes.
Interest Rates on the loans ranged from 8% to 8.6% (1996: 8.71% to 10.9%).
Interest paid to the Presbyters and Deacons Retirement Housing Fund was \$8,458. (1996 \$4,690 and also \$7,089 to Methodist Trust Association up to 22 January 1996).
- Note 4.** **Segment Information:**
The Fund operates predominantly in one area of activity. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.
- Note 5.** **Financial Instruments.**
Credit Risk
Financial instruments which potentially subject the fund to credit risk principally consist of bank balances, bank call deposits, short-term deposits with the Methodist Trust Association and loans to Presbyters Deacons and Layworkers.
- Interest Rate Risk**
The Fund's financial instruments are subject to the following interest rate fluctuations:
- | | Current Rate | 1996 | Interest Rate
Review Period |
|--|--------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Cash at Bank | 1% | (1.5%) | 1.7.97 |
| Bank Call Deposits | | | |
| - Money Market | 6.5% | (9.75%) | 1.7.97 |
| Methodist Trust Association | 9.20% | (9%) | 1.7.97 |
| Car Loans to Presbyters Deacons and Layworkers | | | |
| 5.0% Flat | 5% Flat | 5% Flat | |
| (equals 9.155% True) | | | 1.7.97 |
| Special Loans Advanced | 9.95% | 9.27% | 1.7.97 |
| Deposits from Presbyters | | | |
| Deacons and Layworkers | 3% | 3% | 1.7.97 |
| Special Loans from Retiring Ministers Housing Fund | 8% | 9.27% | 1.7.97 |



PRESBYTERS DEACONS AND LAYWORKERS LOAN FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued.

Fair Values

The carrying amounts of bank balances and call deposits, loans to presbyters deacons and layworkers and deposits received from them, deposits with and loans from Methodist Trust Association and other receivables and payables are considered to be fair value for these financial instruments.

Note 6. Reconciliation of Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities with Excess Income over Expenditure.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure	63,467	1,214
Non Cash Items - Doubtful Debtors	3,917	-
- Interest not received	(500)	-
Movement in Working Capital:		
Accounts Receivable	(255)	-
Accounts Payable	<u>2,067</u>	<u>(173)</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>68,696</u>	<u>1,041</u>

Methodist Trust Association and Bank Deposits at call have been excluded from the Cash balance reported. Cash Balance comprises only the Bank of New Zealand Current Account.

Note 7. Commitments.
Commitments at 30 June 1997 amounted to nil (1996-nil).

Note 8. Contingent Liabilities.
There are no contingent liabilities at 30 June 1997 (1996-nil).





AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERS DEACONS AND LAYWORKERS LOAN FUND

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 6. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the Fund and its financial position as at 30 June 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Board of Administration's Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Fund's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the Fund.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial report on pages 1 to 6 fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 10 October 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LTD

for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Society accepts interest bearing and non-interest bearing cash deposits from Church Parishioners which provides financial assistance to the wider work of the Church.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REPORTING ENTITY:

Methodist Provident Society Limited is a company incorporated under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1908. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable financial reporting standards.

MEASUREMENT BASE.

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is placed on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Investments - have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Sundry Debtors - have been valued at expected realisable value.

Financial Instruments - have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.



METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

	<u>Note</u>	12 Month Period 1997 \$	15 Month Period 1996 \$
INCOME:			
Interest Received and Distribution			
Received - Methodist Trust Association		38,914	50,393
Commission Received		2,783	2,788
Donations Received		4	1,012
Interest Donated by Members		<u>3,385</u>	<u>3,951</u>
		45,086	58,144
EXPENDITURE:			
Administration Fee		11,230	14,038
Audit Fee		1,413	1,365
General Office Expenses		796	633
Legal Expenses		2,548	-
Printing, Stationery and Postage		754	497
Interest		<u>17,504</u>	<u>20,053</u>
		34,245	36,586
Excess Income over Expenditure	2	<u>10,841</u>	<u>21,558</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
MEMBERS DEPOSITS:			
Interest Bearing -			
Advances		262,320	327,285
		262,320	327,285
Non Interest Bearing -			
Advances		81,134	79,112
Nominated Trusts		144,400	111,025
		225,534	190,137
		487,854	517,422
Share Capital	3	262	248
Appropriated Funds		34,598	43,757
		<u>522,714</u>	<u>561,427</u>
Represented by:			
Current Assets -			
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	1	1,874	1,824
Accounts Receivable		117	135
		1,991	1,959
Current Liabilities -			
Accounts Payable		(1,609)	(1,706)
		382	253
Investments:			
Deposits - Methodist Trust Association		377,678	450,017
Loans - Nominated Trust Advances		144,654	111,157
		522,332	561,174
		<u>522,714</u>	<u>561,427</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

For the Year

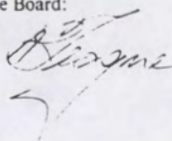
Ended 30 June 1997

	1997	1996
Opening Balance	561,427	562,015
Increase (decrease) in Members Deposits	(29,568)	(14,138)
New Shares Issued	27	14
Shares Redeemed upon Termination of Deposits	(13)	(22)
Excess Income over Expenditure	10,841	21,558
Grants Paid	(20,000)	(8,000)
	<u>522,714</u>	<u>561,427</u>

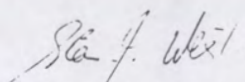
These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:



Secretary:



Date:

4th October 1997

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the Year ended 30 June 1997

	<u>Note</u>	12 Months 1997 \$	15 Months 1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Commission Received		2,801	3,034
Donations		3,389	4,963
Interest Received and Distribution Methodist Trust Assn		38,767	50,393
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		44,957	58,390
Cash was applied to:			
Suppliers		16,838	16,525
Interest Paid		17,504	20,053
Grants Paid		<u>20,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
		54,342	44,578
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Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	2	(9,385)	13,812
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Nominated Trust Loans Repaid		14,150	18,676
Decrease in Investment Deposits - Methodist Trust Association		<u>72,339</u>	<u>-</u>
		86,489	18,676
Cash was applied to:			
Increase in Investment Deposit - Methodist Trust Association		<u>-</u>	16,884
Nominated Trust Loans Advanced		47,500	<u>-</u>
		<u>47,500</u>	<u>16,884</u>
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Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		38,989	1,792
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Share Capital		27	14
Nominated Trust Deposits		49,500	<u>-</u>
Increase in Contributors' Advances		<u>-</u>	4,487
		49,527	4,501
Cash was applied to:			
Share Capital Repaid		13	22
Nominated Trust Deposits Repaid		16,125	18,625
Decrease in Contributors' Advances		<u>62,943</u>	<u>-</u>
		79,081	18,647
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Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities		(29,554)	(14,146)
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TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		50	1,458
Opening Cash Balance		1,824	366
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Closing Cash Balance		<u>1,874</u>	<u>1,824</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Bank of New Zealand - Current Account:

The Bank of New Zealand Current Account of this Fund forms part of the banking arrangement of the Board of Administration - Special Account being an investment fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The arrangement gives the Bank of New Zealand the right of offset over any balances. The Bank interest received by this Fund through that banking arrangement is included in Interest Received in the Statement of Financial Performance for the period.

Note 2. Reconciliation of Excess Income Over Expenditure With Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure	10,841	21,558
Plus Movements in Working Capital		
Accounts Receivable	(129)	246
Accounts Payable	(97)	8
	10,615	21,812
Less Grants Paid - Not Included In Statement of Financial Performance	(20,000)	(8,000)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	(9,385)	13,812

Note 3. Share Capital: (\$1 Ordinary Shares fully paid)

	1997	1996
Brought forward	248	256
New Shares issued to new depositors	27	14
Shares redeemed upon termination of deposits	(13)	(22)
Share Capital carried forward	262	248

Note 4. Related Party Transactions:

The Society placed monies during the year on deposit with the Methodist Trust Association and received income from those deposits. Details of income received and deposits held at Balance Date are as shown in the Financial Statements.

Note 5. Segment Information:

The Society operates predominantly in one area of Investment activity. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.

Note 6. Financial Instruments.

Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Fund to credit risk principally consist of bank balances, other receivables and investments.

The Fund has placed the majority of its investments with the Methodist Trust Association.

Interest Rate Risk.

The Fund's financial instruments are subject to the following interest rate fluctuations.

	Current Rate	(1996)	Interest Review Period
Cash at Bank	1%	(1.5%)	1.7.97
Loans to Parishes	5%	(.5%)	1.7.97
Deposits held	3.85%	(4%)	1.7.97

Fair Values

The carrying amounts of bank balances, other receivables, investments and payables are considered to be fair value for these financial instruments.

Note 7. Contingent Liabilities.

There are no contingent liabilities at 30 June 1997 (1996- Nil).

Note 8. Commitments.

There are no commitments at 30 June 1997 (1996 - Nil).





AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 5. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the company and its financial position as at 30 June 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Board of Methodist Provident Society Limited's Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at 30 June 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the period ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing;

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the company.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion:

- proper accounting records have been kept by the company as far as appears from our examination of those records; and
- the financial report on pages 1 to 5:
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice;
 - gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at 30 June 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 10 October 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Connexional Expenses Fund is financed from the Connexional Budget Account to administer the various Connexional commitments.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

(a) Reporting Entity.

The financial statements presented here are for the Reporting Entity Connexional Expenses Fund. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Financial Reporting Standards.

(b) Measurement Base.

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost and reliance is placed on the fact that the Fund is a going concern.

Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Sundry Debtors - have been valued at expected realisable value.

Financial Instruments - are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those of previous years.

CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME:			
Connexional Budget		171,853	226,068
Interest Received		17,520	11,279
Bi Cultural Committee Grant		2,000	2,000
PAC Fund Grant			
- Presbyter Dispute Costs		200,000	226,427
- Central Complaints Training		-	37,543
		<u>391,373</u>	<u>503,317</u>
EXPENDITURE:			
President		29,845	36,719
Vice President		18,982	12,788
Councils of Conference		18,394	17,519
Tauwi Forum		12,445	12,348
District Superintendents		22,196	23,322
Committees of Conference	2	81,725	69,737
Presbyters Disputes Costs	10	48,938	122,352
A K Woodley - Compensation Payments and Legal Costs		-	102,552
Connexional Printing		-	-
Non Stationed Stipend Costs		<u>11,748</u>	-
		244,273	<u>397,337</u>
Administration			
Interest Expense		-	1,543
Audit Fee		374	361
Other Administration Costs		<u>14,321</u>	<u>14,905</u>
		14,695	16,809
Conference			
Travel Official Representatives	11	10,739	-
Printing	11	12,815	-
Secretarial and Other		<u>607</u>	-
		<u>24,161</u>	-
		283,129	<u>414,146</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure		108,244	89,171
Excess of Conference Income over Expenditure		6,024	(21,705)
TOTAL NET INCOME		<u>114,268</u>	<u>67,466</u>
Transfer (to) / from Provisions			
- Supply Ministries		-	(344)
- Central Complaints Committee Training		9,365	(26,173)
- Presbyters Disputes Cost	10	(151,062)	(1,523)
- Interchurch Taxation Committee		-	291
Transfer to Accumulated Funds		<u>(27,429)</u>	<u>39,717</u>

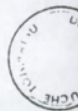
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CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
CONFERENCE
for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997	1996
INCOME		\$	\$
Conference Registration and Meals		44,961	48,682
Offerings, Donation and Kohas		1,418	898
Interest Received		1,006	1,233
Net Sales - Souvenirs / Photographs		<u>-</u>	<u>402</u>
		47,385	51,215
 EXPENDITURE			
Audit Fee		(258)	258
Accommodation		1,261	3,266
Administration		1,547	2,137
Catering		25,591	29,997
Gifts and Kohas		5,000	1,500
Hire Cost of Venue and Equipment		4,654	5,780
Promotional Costs		800	767
Travel	11	474	8,210
Printing	11	1,869	20,593
Secretarial / Other Costs		<u>423</u>	<u>412</u>
		41,361	72,920
 Excess of Income Over Expenditure Transferred to Connexional Expenses Statement of Financial Performance		 <u>6,024</u>	 <u>(21,705)</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.



CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 June 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
Provisions:			
Supply Ministries		16,382	16,382
Central Complaints Committee Training		16,808	26,173
Interchurch Taxation Committee		7,473	7,473
Presbyters Disputes Costs	10	<u>152,584</u>	<u>1,523</u>
		193,247	51,551
 Accumulated Fund	 1	 (7,192)	 20,236
 Total Accumulated Funds and Provisions		 <u><u>186,055</u></u>	 <u><u>71,787</u></u>
 REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	4	1,730	3,527
Advance - Conference Arrangements Committee		500	500
Deposits at Call		6,963	79,749
Sundry Debtors		46,449	36,973
Methodist Trust Association	5	<u>186,251</u>	<u>37,543</u>
		241,893	158,292
 Current Liabilities:			
Sundry Creditors		(55,838)	(86,505)
Advance - Connexional Budget Account		-	-
		<u>(55,838)</u>	<u>(86,505)</u>
		<u><u>186,055</u></u>	<u><u>71,787</u></u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
for the Year ended 30 June 1997

	1997	1996
Opening Balance 1 July 1996	71,787	4,321
Net Income for the Period	114,268	67,466
 Closing Balance 30 June 1997	 <u><u>186,055</u></u>	 <u><u>71,787</u></u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:

St. J. West

Secretary:

Donaldson

Date:

13th October 1997



CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 30th June 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Connexional Budget		148,969	212,230
Conference Arrangements Income		47,415	56,913
Interest Received		17,520	11,279
Grants		2,000	2,000
PAC Grant		200,000	226,427
Central Complaints Committee		-	<u>37,543</u>
		415,904	546,392
Cash was applied to:			
Conference Arrangements Expenditure		42,150	81,427
Connexional Committees and District Expenses		132,122	121,398
Legal and Court Costs		82,439	167,337
President and Vice President		47,783	47,306
Payment to Suppliers		<u>37,285</u>	<u>16,623</u>
		341,779	434,091
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	7	74,125	112,301
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Withdrawals from Call Account		<u>72,786</u>	-
		72,786	-
Cash was applied to:			
Deposits to Call Account		-	56,561
Deposits to MTA Account		<u>148,708</u>	<u>37,543</u>
		148,708	94,104
Net Cash Flow from Investment Activities		(75,922)	(94,104)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was applied to:			
Repayment of Advance from Budget Fund		-	<u>15,000</u>
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		0	(15,000)
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		(1,797)	3,197
Opening Cash Balance		3,527	330
Closing Cash Balance		<u><u>1,730</u></u>	<u><u>3,527</u></u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Note 1. Accumulated Fund:	(7,192)	20,236
The state of the Fund, either deficit or credit, reflects the capacity of the Connexion to accurately budget for the year's activities.		
Note 2. Committees of Conference - Expenditure:		
Committee on Ministry	11,767	8,249
Conference of Churches in Aotearoa - Travel	2,432	2,177
Council of Elders	1,535	1,934
Diaconate Task Group	1,940	1,500
Connexional Budget Task Group	1,938	-
Land Commission	-	41
Law Revision Committee	152	1,308
MINESCO (Interim)	-	1,490
Forum of Co-operative Ventures - Travel	1,277	2,016
Pastoral Committee	1,255	1,436
Public Questions Committee	7,246	9,943
Review of Connexional Structures	1,285	2,985
Special Committees of Conference	1,003	6,662
Stationing Consultations	7,109	3,192
Superintendents' Consultations	2,978	854
Bi-Cultural Committee	2,707	2,702
The Community of Women and Men in Church and Society	903	497
Welfare of the Church Committee	-	96
Central Complaints Committee	18,355	11,284
Central Complaints Training	9,365	11,371
World Methodist Council Travel	8,478	-
	81,725	69,737
Note 3. Segment Information:		
The Fund operates predominantly in one area of activity. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.		
Note 4. Bank of New Zealand - Current Account:		
The Bank of New Zealand Current Account of this Fund forms part of the banking arrangement of the Board of Administration - Special Account being an investment fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The arrangement gives the Bank of New Zealand the right of offset over any balances. The Bank interest received by this Fund through that banking arrangement is included in Interest Received in the Statement of Financial Performance for the year.		
Note 5. Related Party Transactions:		
(a) The Fund placed monies during the year on deposit with the Methodist Trust Association. The total sum held at Balance Date by the Methodist Trust Association amounted to \$186,251 (1996 \$37,543). Interest earned during the year with respect to these deposits was \$14,188 (1996 \$3,363).		
(b) Legal Fees amounting to \$49,992 (1996 \$88,916) were paid to a firm in which one of the partners is also a member of the Board of Administration of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.		
(c) Sundry debtors includes \$41,723 (1996 \$18,839) owing from the Connexional Budget Fund.		



CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

Note 6. Financial Instruments.

Credit Risk.

Financial Instruments which potentially subject the Fund to credit risk principally consist of Bank balances and other receivables.

Fair Value.

The carrying amounts of Bank balances, other receivables and payables are considered to be fair value for those financial instruments. It is not practical to estimate fair value of the deposit with the Methodist Trust Association, as there are no quoted market prices for similar investment.

Note 7. Reconciliation of Excess Income over Expenditure with Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure	114,271	67,466
Increase (Decrease) in Working Capital		
Sundry Debtors	(9,480)	(26,931)
Sundry Creditors	(30,666)	69,066
Advance - Conference Arrangements	-	2,700
	<u>74,125</u>	<u>112,301</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities		

Note 8. Commitments.

Commitments at 30 June 1997 amounted to nil (1996-nil).

Note 9. Contingent Liabilities.

The court case involving the Methodist Church and John Mabon has not yet been settled. At 30 June 1997 no provision has been made for any future litigation and associated costs.

The court case involving the Methodist Church and Robin Gray has been decided in favour of the Methodist Church of New Zealand at the Court of Appeal. There have been no further application lodged by Mr Gray in relation to the matter.

The Church has also indemnified the General Secretary against a separate action filed by Mr Gray. The District Court has ruled in favour of the General Secretary. However, Mr Gray is going to appeal. The outcome of this action is unknown and no provision has been made in these accounts.

An action has also been lodged by a student against the Trinity Theological College, which is currently unresolved. Any legal costs that may eventuate from this action will be indemnified by the Connexional Expenses Fund, through the Presbyters Disputes Provision. At 30 June 1997, no provision has been made in either these accounts, or the accounts of the Trinity Theological College for future litigation and associated costs.

Note 10. Provision for Presbyters Disputes Costs.

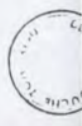
A grant from PAC of \$200,000 (1996 \$226,427) was received. During the year \$48,938 (1996 \$224,904) expenses were incurred.

The balance \$151,062 (1996 \$1,523) was added to the Provision amount which totalled \$152,584 (1996 \$1,523) at 30 June 1997.

Note 11. "Conference" Printing and Travel.

In 1996 the Statement of Financial Performance - Conference included printing and travel costs incurred outside the time of Conference.

In 1997 these expenses are disclosed in the Statement of Financial Performance.





AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 7. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the Fund and its financial position as at 30 June 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Board of Administration's Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Fund's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the Fund.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial report on pages 1 to 7 fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 13 October 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC)
For the Year Ended 30 June 1997

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Methodist General Purposes Trust Board is incorporated under the provisions of "The Charitable Trust Act 1957".

The Methodist General Purposes Trust Board acts as Trustee for individual Trusts and administers these Funds in accordance with the terms of each Trust.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- (a) Reporting Entity.
The financial statements presented here are for the Reporting Entity Methodist General Purposes Trust Board (Inc). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Financial Reporting Standards.
- (b) Measurement Base.
The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost and reliance is placed on the fact that the Fund is a going concern.

Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue of the Methodist General Purposes Trust Board.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- Sundry Debtors - have been valued at expected realisable value.
- Investments - have been valued at cost or market value.
- Capitalised Income - in the absence of provisions to the contrary in the terms of the Trust, 20% of income received is added to capital.
- Financial Instruments - are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those of the previous year.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME:		
Income Earned on Trust Investments	1,941,283	2,024,079
Distribution - Methodist Trust Association	33,728	76,576
Dividends and Interest	3,170	246
	<u>1,978,181</u>	<u>2,100,901</u>
EXPENDITURE:		
Audit Fee	1,669	-
Legal Fees	1,574	-
General Office Expenses	53	-
Commission Paid to Board of Administration	105,311	85,889
	<u>108,607</u>	<u>85,889</u>
	1,869,574	2,015,012
Distribution Credited to Trusts	1,869,834	2,015,057
	<u>(260)</u>	<u>(45)</u>
Excess Income Over Expenditure (Deficit)		

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 June 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
INVESTMENTS (Held on Behalf of Trusts)			
Assets held on behalf of Trusts	2	24,382,502	22,232,240
Sundry Loans to Parishes		28,693	15,964
Deposits at Call - Methodist Trust Association	2	134,677	1,562,841
		<u>24,545,872</u>	<u>23,811,045</u>
REPRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING:			
Trust Deposits		5,352,961	4,918,511
Prince Albert College Endowment Trusts		16,773,869	16,514,603
Walters Family Trusts		676,435	687,370
Winstone Memorial Fund		395,033	377,600
Deposits Held on Behalf of Parishes		121,647	116,829
Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation		1,225,927	1,196,132
		<u>24,545,872</u>	<u>23,811,045</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account		8,436	1,814
Deposits at Call - Methodist Trust Association	2	31,095	112,375
Sundry Debtors		5,673	5,006
		45,204	119,195
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Sundry Creditors		(7,588)	(82,231)
		37,616	36,964
INVESTMENTS:			
Shares In Public Companies	1	650	1,562
		<u>38,266</u>	<u>38,526</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Accumulated Funds		30,681	30,942
General Reserve		7,585	7,584
		<u>38,266</u>	<u>38,526</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
for Year Ended 30 June 1997

Opening Balance	38,526	38,571
Excess Income over Expenditure (Deficit)	(260)	(45)
Closing Balance	<u>38,266</u>	<u>38,526</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:

SA. 16/7

Secretary:

Donald Phillip

Date:

10th October 1997

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Methodist Trust Association Distributions		1,974,344	2,205,871
Other Investment Income		<u>3,170</u>	<u>246</u>
		1,977,514	2,206,117
Cash was applied to:			
Payments to Suppliers		183,250	97,658
Distributions to Trusts		<u>1,135,007</u>	<u>1,225,649</u>
		<u>1,318,257</u>	<u>1,323,307</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	5	659,257	882,810
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Withdrawals of Call Account Investments		81,280	-
Disposal of Trust Assets		<u>912</u>	<u>-</u>
		82,192	-
Cash was applied to:			
Methodist Trust Association Investments		734,827	789,408
Call Account Investments		<u>-</u>	<u>94,320</u>
		734,827	883,728
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		(652,635)	(883,728)
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		6,622	(918)
Opening Cash Balance		<u>1,814</u>	<u>2,732</u>
Closing Cash Balance		<u>8,436</u>	<u>1,814</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the notes to the Accounts.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 30 June 1997.

- Note 1. Investment - Company Shares.**
- | | 1997 | 1996 |
|--|-------|---------|
| The Market Value of Company shares at balance date | \$470 | \$1,952 |
- Note 2. Methodist Trust Association Investments Portfolio.**
Income received on behalf of Trusts includes a capital accretion of \$343,925 (1996, \$701,492).
- Note 3. Related Party Transactions.**
The Fund placed monies during the year on deposit with the Methodist Trust Association. The total sum held at Balance Date by the Methodist Trust Association amounted to \$24,278,884 (1996 \$23,439,278). Interest earned during the year with respect to these deposits was \$1,943,000 (1996 \$2,100,655).
- Note 4. Commission paid.**
A commission on income collections is paid to the Board of Administration. For the year ended 30 June 1997 commission paid to the Board of Administration was \$105,311 (1996 \$85,889).
- Note 5. Reconciliation of Excess Income over Expenditure with Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities.**
- | | 1997 | 1996 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Excess Income over Expenditure | (260) | (45) |
| Add non cash item - Mortgage forgiven | - | 467,370 |
|
Movement in Working Capital - | | |
| Sundry Debtors | (667) | 105,216 |
| Sundry Creditors | <u>(74,643)</u> | <u>(11,769)</u> |
| | (75,310) | 93,447 |
| Increase in Trust Assets | <u>734,827</u> | <u>322,038</u> |
|
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities |
659,257 |
882,810 |
- Note 6. Segment Information.**
The Fund operates predominantly in one area of investment. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.
- Note 7. Financial Instruments.**
- Credit Risk**
Financial instruments which potentially subject the Fund to credit risk principally consist of bank balances, deposits, other receivables and investments.
The Fund has placed a majority of its deposits in the long term deposits with the Methodist Trust Association.
- Fair Values**
The carrying amounts of bank balances, deposits, other receivables, investments and payables are considered to be fair value for these financial instruments.
- Note 8. Commitments.**
There were no commitments at 30 June 1997 (1996 Nil).
- Note 9. Contingent Liabilities.**
There were no contingent liabilities at 30 June 1997 (1996 Nil).



AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC)

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 5. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the Fund and its financial position as at 30 June 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

The General Purposes Trust Board's Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Fund's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the Fund.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial report on pages 1 to 5 fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 13 October 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

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**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

**METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
For the Year Ended 30 June 1997**

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity.

The reporting entity is the Methodist Theological College constituted under Section 10D (5.1) of the Laws and Regulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. It is incorporated under "The Charitable Trust Act 1957".

The Council provides Theological Education and Ministerial Training.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Measurement Base.

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost.

Accrual accounting is used to match expenses with revenue except as noted under the accounting policies below.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- | | |
|--|--|
| Investments | - Investments have been valued at Cost or market value. |
| Sundry Debtors | - Sundry Debtors have been valued at Expected Realisable Value. |
| Depreciation | - Straight line method for Depreciation has been adopted to recover the cost of the assets over their useful life.
Buildings 2% per annum
Wellspring Development 2% per annum
Furniture and Fittings 10% per annum
Office Equipment 20% per annum
Library Contents Nil
Organ Nil |
| Income from Specific Fund Investments | - Income from the Grafton Heights Fund and the Probert Trust Fund is credited to the revenue account on a cash received basis.
Income from other specific investment funds is credited to the capital of each fund on an accrual basis. It does not appear in the revenue account.
Capital accretions and decrections from deposits with the Methodist Trust Association are applied directly to the capital of the fund concerned. They do not appear in the revenue account. |
| Financial Instruments | - Are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. |

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a base consistent with the prior year.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME:		
Unrestricted Income		
Connexional Budget	174,305	131,459
Distribution from Grafton Heights Fund	107,414	105,164
Distribution from Probert Trust Fund	160,871	157,502
Donations and Grants	29,500	9,500
Income Received - Buttle House	2,100	4,114
Interest on General Deposits	<u>9,264</u>	<u>7,796</u>
	483,454	415,535
Restricted Income		
Residential Programme		
Donations and Grants	12,942	22,347
Rent from Student Housing	-	3,750
Tuition Fees	<u>59,201</u>	<u>50,686</u>
	72,143	76,783
Wellspring		
Donations and Grants	-	31
Hospitality	<u>27,042</u>	<u>22,879</u>
	27,042	22,910
Home Setting		
Donations and Grants	4,839	12,724
Morley Fund Distribution	<u>5,505</u>	<u>12,686</u>
	10,344	25,410
Lay Ministry		
Course fees - Centre based	-	432
Course fees - Parish based	6	-
Donations and Grants	141	141
Laos Fees	<u>487</u>	<u>516</u>
	634	1,089
Total Income	<u><u>\$593,617</u></u>	<u><u>\$541,727</u></u>

These Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes on pages 8 - 11.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
Continued

for the year ended 30 June 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
EXPENDITURE:		
Governance		
Travel	805	1,962
Administrator	9,508	5,511
Secretarial	6,324	2,916
Taha Maori	-	2,500
Stipends and Allowances	23,495	7,175
Meeting Costs	1,914	3,473
Conference Costs	1,477	1,278
Student Graduation Costs	281	498
Legal Fees	1,200	-
General	<u>3,448</u>	<u>3,362</u>
	48,452	28,675
Administration		
Administrator	11,093	5,512
General Expenses Inc Depreciation	53,095	48,346
Office Accommodation	6,672	8,008
Property Costs Buttle House	10,046	21,468
Secretarial	12,648	24,016
Staff Housing	-	1,203
Staff Medical	667	-
Stipends and Allowances	-	7,140
Theological Review	<u>584</u>	<u>-</u>
	94,805	115,693
Residential Programme		
Administrator	11,093	10,128
Field Education	4,015	8,415
Office Accommodation	13,346	12,011
Principal's Discretion	683	2,100
Secretarial	12,647	11,688
Stipends and Allowances	86,508	87,054
Teaching Aids	-	1,000
General Expenses	<u>(215)</u>	<u>318</u>
	128,077	132,714
Student Costs		
Allowances	50,634	47,139
Residential Accommodation	35,317	37,136
Secretarial	-	<u>2,916</u>
	85,951	87,191
Wellspring		
Director Salary and Allowances	9,720	8,496
General Expenses	19,899	18,289
Hospitality	19,639	17,485
Property Expenses	26,439	22,882
Secretarial	<u>4,675</u>	<u>4,502</u>
	80,372	71,654

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METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
Continued

for the year ended 30 June 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
Home Setting		
Secretarial	11,687	9,144
Stipend and Allowances	21,988	20,592
Student Allowances	6,948	8,669
Travel	4,517	2,735
Course Development	<u>130</u>	<u>336</u>
	45,270	41,476
Continuing Education		
Stipend and Allowances	21,988	24,240
Probationary Studies	3,087	213
Summer School	(148)	-
Ministry Matters	<u>1,457</u>	<u>1,458</u>
	26,384	25,911
Lay Ministry		
Laos Costs	10	12
Salary and Allowances	38,880	36,141
Secretarial	7,013	9,144
Travel	(1)	(293)
TELM Course costs	10,135	6,530
TELM Travel staff	2,399	2,456
Centre-based Course Costs	(13)	163
Parish-based Course Costs	<u>1,077</u>	<u>1,456</u>
	59,500	55,609
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	568,811	558,923
TOTAL INCOME	<u>593,617</u>	<u>541,727</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$24,806</u>	<u>(\$17,196)</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 30 June 1997

Opening Accumulated Funds 1 July 1996	4,342,156	4,228,948
Excess Income over Expenditure	24,806	(17,196)
Net Movement in MTA Investments Administered	50,240	130,404
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Closing Accumulated Funds 30 June 1997	<u>\$4,417,202</u>	<u>\$4,342,156</u>

These Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes on pages 8 – 11

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Bank of New Zealand – Current Account	2	6,290	17,527
Sundry Debtors		<u>51,378</u>	<u>27,060</u>
		57,668	44,587
INVESTMENTS:			
Deposits		118,576	59,934
Loans		<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
		126,576	67,934
SPECIFIC INVESTMENT OF FUNDS:			
New Organ Fund – MTA	3	12,205	15,256
Loan		<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
		24,205	27,256
Library Fund – MTA		16,569	14,989
Shares		<u>1,369</u>	<u>1,369</u>
		17,938	16,358
Bursary Fund – MTA		29,622	27,716
Probert Fund – MTA		1,978,778	1,947,199
Grafton Heights Fund – MTA		1,321,236	1,300,151
Wallis Family Trust Fund – MTA		3,686	3,601
Samoan Exchange Fund – MTA		<u>17,926</u>	<u>20,870</u>
		3,351,248	3,299,537
FIXED ASSETS:			
Buttle House, 2 College Road		174,244	176,584
Lay Education Centre		400,454	406,670
Furniture and Fittings		7,440	9,269
Furniture and Fittings – Wellspring		28,890	34,233
Office Equipment		6,052	16,790
Library Contents		8,000	8,000
Organ		<u>13,778</u>	<u>13,778</u>
		638,858	665,324
STUDENT ACCOMMODATION:			
1/3 Bonnie Brae Road		123,815	125,471
3 Kapua Street		124,298	125,966
3a Kapua Street		147,060	149,040
1 Epping Street		121,801	123,289
1/3 Epping Street		81,515	82,655
63 Castledine Crescent		112,543	113,731
10 Jefferson Street		138,560	139,640
12 Lintaine Place		<u>103,343</u>	<u>104,507</u>
		952,935	964,299
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>\$5,169,428</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,085,295</u></u>

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Sundry Creditors		<u>40,607</u>	<u>24,265</u>
		40,607	24,265
TERM LIABILITIES:			
Fire Insurance Fund – Student Accommodation	4	676,164	676,164
C B and L Fund – Buttle House	4	<u>35,455</u>	<u>42,710</u>
		711,619	718,874
ACCUMULATED FUNDS:			
General:			
Balance at 1 July 1996		756,564	762,721
Add Excess Income over Expenditure		24,806	(6,157)
Transfer from Student accommodation		<u>242,441</u>	-
		1,023,811	756,564
Student Accommodation:			
Balance at 1 July 1996		242,441	253,480
Add Excess Income over Expenditure		-	(11,039)
Transfer to Accumulated Funds		<u>(242,441)</u>	-
		-	242,441
Funds Administered:			
	3		
New Organ Fund		24,205	27,256
Student Library Fund		17,939	16,358
Bursary Fund		29,621	27,716
Probert Fund		1,978,778	1,947,199
Grafton Heights Fund		1,321,236	1,300,151
Wallis Family Methodist Trust Association		3,686	3,601
Samoa Exchange Fund		<u>17,926</u>	<u>20,870</u>
		3,393,391	3,343,151
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS		\$4,417,202	\$4,342,156
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>\$5,169,428</u>	<u>\$5,085,295</u>

On behalf of the Methodist Theological College Council:

Chairperson:

Treasurer:

Date:

21/10/97

These Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes on pages 8 - 11.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended 30 June 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was Provided from:			
Connexional Budget		153,680	134,510
Methodist Trust Association Distributions		277,304	270,429
Interest		43	33
Donations and Grants		49,437	52,761
Fees		59,694	51,634
Rents		<u>29,142</u>	<u>33,659</u>
		569,300	543,026
Cash was Applied to:			
Stipends, Salaries and Allowances		(283,659)	(249,143)
Students Allowances		(57,582)	(58,406)
Property Expenses		(73,287)	(62,017)
Other Operating Expenses		<u>(97,613)</u>	<u>(151,326)</u>
		(512,141)	(520,892)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	7	57,159	22,134
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was Provided from:			
Methodist Trust Association Deposits - Decrease		-	1,411
Cash was Applied to:			
Deposits, Methodist Trust Association - Increase		(58,643)	
Fixed Asset Additions		<u>(2,498)</u>	<u>(3,139)</u>
		(61,141)	(3,139)
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities:		(61,141)	(1,728)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was Applied to:			
Loan Repayments		(7,255)	(6,505)
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities:		(7,255)	(6,505)
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		(11,237)	13,901
Opening Cash Balance		<u>17,527</u>	<u>3,626</u>
Closing Cash Balance		<u><u>6,290</u></u>	<u><u>17,527</u></u>

These Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes on pages 8 - 11.

**METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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NOTE 1. The Financial Statements have been prepared by the Board of Administration on information and instructions supplied by the Trinity Methodist Theological Council.

NOTE 2. Bank of New Zealand - Current Account.

The Bank of New Zealand Current Account of this Fund forms part of the banking arrangement of the Board of Administration - Special Account being an investment fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The arrangement gives the Bank of New Zealand the right of offset over any balance. The Bank interest received by this Fund through that banking arrangement is included in Interest Received in the Statement of Financial Performance for the year.

NOTE 3. Specific Trust Funds and Investments:	1997	1996
New Organ Fund:	\$	\$
Methodist Trust Association Investment		
Opening Balance	15,256	18,404
Contributions Paid Out	(4,500)	(5,000)
Income	<u>1,449</u>	<u>1,852</u>
Closing Balance	12,205	15,256
Loan - The Ecumenical Board of Studies	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
	24,205	27,256
Student Library Fund:		
Methodist Trust Association Investment.		
Opening Balance	14,989	13,579
Income	<u>1,581</u>	<u>1,410</u>
Closing Balance	16,570	14,989
Shares at cost	<u>1,369</u>	<u>1,369</u>
(Market Value 1997 \$4,896, 1996 \$4,279)	17,939	16,358
Staff and Student Bursary Fund:		
Methodist Trust Association Investment		
Opening Balance	27,716	22,527
Reimbursement	15,590	5,040
Grants Paid	(15,917)	(2,069)
Income	<u>2,232</u>	<u>2,218</u>
Closing Balance	29,621	27,716
Probert Trust Fund:		
Methodist Trust Association Investment	1,947,199	1,872,032
Capital Accretion and Realised		
Capital Gain	<u>31,579</u>	<u>75,167</u>
	1,978,778	1,947,199
Grafton Heights Fund:		
Methodist Trust Association Opening Balance	1,300,151	1,249,962
Capital Accretion	<u>21,085</u>	<u>50,189</u>
	1,321,236	1,300,151
Wallis Family Trust:		
Methodist Trust Association		
Opening Balance	3,601	3,758
Contribution Paid Out	(250)	(495)
	3,351	3,263
Income	<u>335</u>	<u>338</u>
	3,686	3,601
Samoan Exchange Fund:		
Methodist Trust Association		
Opening Balance	20,870	19,117
Contribution Paid	(4,845)	-
	<u>1,901</u>	<u>1,753</u>
Income	17,926	20,870
	<u>3,393,391</u>	<u>3,343,151</u>

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METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Continued.

NOTE 4. Term Liabilities:

4.1. Loan - Connexional Fire Insurance Fund (Interest Free).

In accordance with normal Church policy the following property titles supporting the loan are registered in the name of the Board of Administration:

63 Castledine Crescent, Glen Innes
 10 Jefferson Avenue, Glendowie
 31 Bonnie Brae Crescent, Meadowbank
 3 Kapua Street, Meadowbank
 3A Kapua Street, Meadowbank

The balance of this interest free loan was \$676,164 at 30 June 1997. No further repayment terms have been established.

4.2. Loan - Church Building and Loan Fund.

The current rate of interest charged is 8.45%. Loan principal is repaid in monthly instalments. The outstanding principal at Balance Date is repayable as follows:

Current	8,174
Non Current	<u>27,281</u>
	35,455

NOTE 5. Segment Information:

The Fund operates predominantly in the one area, to provide Theological Education and Ministerial Training. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.

NOTE 6. Related Party Transactions:

The Fund placed monies during the year on deposit with the Methodist Trust Association. The total sum held at Balance Date by the Methodist Trust Association amounted to \$3,498,597 (1996 \$3,389,716). Interest earned during the year with respect to these deposits was \$285,000 (1996 \$278,000). The Fund has loaned funds from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund and the Church Building and Loan Fund as detailed in Note 4. Interest paid on the latter was \$3,830 (1996 \$4,368).

NOTE 7. Reconciliation of Excess Expenditure over Income with Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure (Deficit)	24,806	(17,196)
Movements of Working Capital		
Sundry Debtors	(24,318)	8,499
Less Non Operating Item	<u> </u>	<u>(5,023)</u>
	(24,318)	3,476
Sundry Creditors	16,343	(5,127)
Non Cash Item:		
Depreciation	<u>40,328</u>	<u>40,981</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>57,159</u>	<u>22,134</u>

NOTE 8. Financial Instruments:

Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Fund to credit risk principally consist of bank balances, deposits, other receivables and investments.

The Fund has placed a majority of its deposits in the long term deposits with the Methodist Trust Association.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Continued

Interest Rate Risk

Term Deposits and loans are subject to the following interest rates:

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Review</u>
Loan - Methodist Church Building and Loan Fund (1996: 9.225%)	8.45%	Subject to movement of Trust Bank first home Mortgage Rates
Loan - Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	Nil	See Note 4
Loans - Other	Nil	At Call

Fair Values

The carrying amounts of bank balances, other receivables, investments and payables are considered to be fair value for these financial instruments.

Note 9.

Commitments.

Commitments at 30 June 1997 amounted to Nil. (1996-Nil).

Note 10.

Contingent Liabilities.

An action has been lodged by a student against the College which is currently unresolved. Any legal costs that may eventuate from this action will be indemnified by the Connexional Expenses Fund. At 30 June 1997 no provision has been made in these accounts for future litigation and associated costs. (1996 - Nil).

Note 11.

General Expenses.

Included in general expenses are the following items:

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Audit Fees	800	773
Interest Paid	3,830	4,368
Depreciation	40,328	40,980

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Continued

NOTE 12. Fixed Assets:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>Book Value 1997</u>	<u>Book Value 1996</u>	<u>Govern- ment Valuation 1994</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Library Contents	8,000		8,000	8,000	
New Organ	13,778		13,778	13,778	
Furniture and Fittings	71,501	35,171	36,330	43,502	
Office Equipment	<u>69,353</u>	<u>63,301</u>	<u>6,052</u>	<u>16,790</u>	
	162,632	98,472	64,160	82,070	
Buildings:					
Wellspring	185,215	18,529	166,686	170,394	260,000
Wellspring Redevelopment	125,165	12,526	112,639	115,147	
Buttle House	117,068	11,704	105,364	107,704	90,000
Student Accommodation:					
Housing:					
1/31 Bonnie Bræ Road	82,550	8,265	74,285	75,941	98,000
3 Kapua Street	83,628	8,353	75,275	76,943)
3A Kapua Street	98,951	9,897	89,054	91,034	195,000)
1 Epping Street	74,311	7,435	66,876	68,364	57,500
1/3 Epping Street	56,874	5,692	51,182	52,322	37,500
63 Castledine Street	59,236	5,929	53,307	54,495	41,000
10 Jefferson Street	53,984	5,398	48,586	49,666	120,000
12 Lintaine Place	<u>58,099</u>	<u>5,813</u>	<u>52,286</u>	<u>53,450</u>	<u>91,000</u>
	995,081	99,541	895,540	915,460	990,000
Land:					
Wellspring	121,129	-	121,129	121,129	220,000
Buttle House	68,880	-	68,880	68,880	100,000
1/31 Bonnie Bræ Road	49,530	-	49,530	49,530	62,000
3 Kapua Street	49,023	-	49,023	49,023)
3A Kapua Street	58,006	-	58,006	58,006	115,000)
1 Epping Street	54,925	-	54,925	54,925	42,500
1/3 Epping Street	30,333	-	30,333	30,333	20,000
63 Castledine Street	59,236	-	59,236	59,236	49,000
10 Jefferson Street	89,974	-	89,974	89,974	55,000
12 Lintaine Place	<u>51,057</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,057</u>	<u>51,059</u>	<u>84,000</u>
	632,093		632,093	632,093	747,500
	<u>1,789,806</u>	<u>198,013</u>	<u>1,591,793</u>	<u>1,629,623</u>	<u>1,737,500</u>
1996:	<u>1,787,308</u>	<u>157,685</u>			



AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 11. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the College and its financial position as at 30 June 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

The Methodist Theological College Council's Responsibilities

The Council is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the College as at 30 June 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Council and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Council in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the College's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the College.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial report on pages 1 to 11 fairly reflects the financial position of the College as at 30 June 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 21 October 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
For the Year Ended 30 June 1997**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Board of Administration of the Methodist Church of New Zealand is incorporated under the provisions of the "Charitable Trust Act 1957".

The Board of Administration's purpose is to implement such policies of Conference entrusted to it and to serve the interests of the various Boards and Committees appointed by Conference to administer the Funds located in the Central Office.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- (a) Reporting Entity.
The financial statements presented here are for the Reporting Entity Board of Administration. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Financial Reporting Standards.
- (b) Measurement Base.
The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is placed on the fact that the Board is a going concern.

Accrual accounting is used to match expenses with revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- Depreciation - Straight line depreciation has been adopted to expend the cost of the assets over their useful lives. Depreciation is calculated at the following rates:
- | | |
|----------------------|-----|
| - Buildings | 2% |
| - Vehicles | 20% |
| - Computer Equipment | 20% |
| - Office Equipment | 15% |
| - Printing Plant | 15% |
- Sundry Debtors - Debtors have been valued at Expected Realisable Value.
- Investments - Those with the Methodist Trust Association are valued at current realisable value. Other investments are valued at cost.
- Fixed Assets - Fixed Assets have been valued at Cost.
- Financial Instruments - Are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with the prior period.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
for the Year ended 30 June 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME:			
Management Fees	2	1,033,935	974,075
Methodist Trust Association - Distribution		67,388	69,828
- Accretion		11,554	31,264
- Realised Gains		-	1,880
Interest		12,463	6,614
Printing Receipts		29,609	33,153
Rent Received (Net)		47,821	53,844
Research Fees and Grants - Archives		16,237	13,817
Sundry Income		8,468	7,950
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		1,227,475	1,192,425
EXPENDITURE:			
Archival Material		53	2,274
Audit Fee		1,333	1,288
Cleaning		4,519	12,344
Depreciation	3	95,729	84,856
General Expenses and Stationery		45,923	47,489
Grant Paid		28,000	28,000
Legal		500	395
Light and Heat		8,272	10,524
Occupancy Costs	13	116,563	120,726
Repairs and Maintenance		28,182	31,022
Salaries and Wages		821,735	843,572
Staff Recruitment and Training		20,445	17,029
Telephones, Tolls and Postage		25,087	24,837
Travel and Vehicle Costs		42,142	29,536
Computer Investigation and Implementation		26,683	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		(1,265,167)	1,253,892
Excess Expenditure over Income		<u>(37,692)</u>	<u>(61,467)</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
for year ended 30 June 1997

Opening Balance 1 July 1996	1,773,391	1,834,858
Excess Income Over Expenditure	(37,692)	(61,467)
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Closing Balance 30 June 1997	<u>1,735,699</u>	<u>1,773,391</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

Prepared 21.10.97.



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 June 1997

	<u>Note</u>	1997 \$	1996 \$
Accumulated Funds:		1,433,987	1,417,441
Provisions and Reserves:			
Staff Training		-	6,233
Staff Overseas Travel		-	13,005
Building Development		66,279	66,279
Archives - Finding & Catalogue Aids		-	35,000
Asset Replacement Reserve		<u>235,433</u>	<u>235,433</u>
		301,712	355,950
		<u><u>1,735,699</u></u>	<u><u>1,773,391</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Cash on Hand		1,050	1,050
Bank - Current Account	1	(54,743)	22,263
Deposit at Call		46,184	20,917
Sundry Debtors		156,479	212,730
Stock on Hand		4,243	4,650
BNZ (Australian Account)		<u>34,144</u>	-
		187,357	261,610
Current Liabilities:			
Sundry Creditors		(126,964)	(52,752)
Holiday Pay Provision		(48,515)	(56,751)
Trustbank Mortgage		<u>(36,624)</u>	-
		<u>(212,103)</u>	<u>(109,503)</u>
		(24,746)	152,107
Investments:			
Methodist Trust Association	6		
- Parsonage Investment		231,169	209,732
General Deposits		589,793	592,276
Methodist Provident Society		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
		<u>820,963</u>	<u>802,009</u>
Fixed Assets:			
Provision for Depreciation	4 3	2,138,951 (709,462)	1,488,700 (669,425)
		1,429,489	819,275
Term Liability:			
Trustbank Mortgage		<u>(490,007)</u>	-
		<u><u>1,735,699</u></u>	<u><u>1,773,391</u></u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson.

John J. West

Secretary Donald Phillip

Date: 21 October 1997

Prepared 21.10.97

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended 30 June 1997

	1997 \$	1996 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES.		
Cash was provided from:		
Management Fees	1,080,249	943,335
Sales and Sundry Receipts	29,609	42,983
Rent	47,821	53,844
Grant - Historical Records	16,237	13,817
Interest	<u>79,851</u>	<u>76,442</u>
	1,253,767	1,130,421
Cash was applied to:		
Wages and Salaries	829,971	847,927
Payments to Suppliers	206,437	312,171
Interest	<u>56,710</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,093,118	1,160,098
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	160,649	(29,677)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES.		
Cash was provided from:		
Proceeds from Disposal of Fixed Assets	8,156	-
Decrease in Methodist Trust Association Investments	<u>-</u>	<u>100,292</u>
	8,156	100,292
Cash was applied to:		
Purchase of Fixed Assets	705,631	28,506
Increase in Trustbank - Call Deposit	25,267	20,740
Increase in Methodist Trust Association Investments	<u>7,400</u>	<u>-</u>
	738,298	49,246
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities	(730,142)	51,046
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash was Provided from:		
Trustbank Mortgage Advance	557,000	-
Cash was Applied to:		
Trustbank Mortgage Repayment	<u>30,369</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities	526,631	-
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS	(42,862)	21,369
Opening Cash Balance	<u>23,313</u>	<u>1,944</u>
Closing Cash Balance	<u>(19,549)</u>	<u>23,313</u>
Made up of:		
BNZ Current Account	(54,743)	22,263
Cash on Hand	1,050	1,050
BNZ Australian Account	<u>34,144</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(\$19,549)</u>	<u>\$23,313</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the notes to the Accounts.



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. Bank of New Zealand - Current Account.

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NOTE 2. Management Fees.

	Total 1997 \$	Total 1996 \$
Auckland Church Offices	4,406	4,452
Board of Administration-		
- Insurance Account	88,000	50,420
- Special Account	13,542	14,884
Church Building and Loan Fund	78,000	62,800
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	12,450	12,450
Connexional Expenses Fund	13,338	5,990
Connexional Expenses Budget Account	12,230	12,230
Co-operative Ventures Removal Fund	6,006	6,006
Development Division	18,415	18,820
General Purposes Trust Fund	105,311	85,889
Home Acquisition Fund	1,523	2,610
Layworkers Retiring Fund	8,350	4,330
Methodist Provident Society	11,230	11,230
Methodist Theological College	15,501	15,501
Methodist Trust Association	392,511	449,393
Maori Division	21,455	21,004
PACT 2086 Trust	53,840	46,915
Papakura Trust	26,036	26,161
Presbyters Deacons and Layworkers Fund	15,000	12,840
Pitt Street Trust	25,214	24,918
Removals Fund	14,500	11,730
Retiring Ministers' Fund	3,250	3,000
Wesley College	2,327	1,571
Supernumerary Fund	<u>91,500</u>	<u>68,931</u>
	<u>1,033,935</u>	<u>974,075</u>

Management Fee charges are based on time spent administering the various entities except the following funds which are charged a commission on income receipts only:

General Purposes Trust	Papakura Trust
Methodist Trust Association	Pitt Street Trust
PACT 2086 Trust	Wesley College

The methods adopted are considered the most equitable means to recompense the Board of Administration.

	1997 \$	1996 \$
NOTE 3. Depreciation:		
Depreciation Provision - Balance		
1 July 1996	669,425	724,353
Adjustment for Asset Disposals	(55,692)	(139,784)
Depreciation Expense:		
- Buildings	19,978	12,172
- Other	<u>75,751</u>	<u>72,684</u>
Closing Balance 30 June 1997	709,462	669,425

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BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Notes to the Financial Statements continued.

NOTE 4. Fixed Assets: (a)

	Cost	Provn for Deprec.	Book Value	
	\$	\$	1997 \$	1996 \$
Morley House				
- Christchurch Pty	1,036,179	(30,761)	1,005,418	463,375
Great South Road				
- Auckland Pty	226,000	(13,560)	212,440	216,960
Office Equipment, Computer Equipment, Furnishings,				
Printing Plant	800,821	(615,540)	185,281	97,400
Vehicles	<u>75,951</u>	<u>(49,601)</u>	<u>26,350</u>	<u>41,540</u>
	2,138,951	(709,462)	1,429,489	819,275

(b) Morley House Property.

Government Valuation 1996	
Improvements	690,000
Land	<u>360,000</u>
Capital Value	\$1,050,000

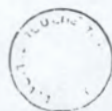
- (c) The Great South Road Property is a joint venture with the Maori and Development Divisions to provide office accommodation for these Divisions.
Government Valuation 1994

		Board of Administrations 33.3% Share
Improvements	630,000	210,000
Land	<u>220,000</u>	<u>73,333</u>
Capital Value	\$850,000	\$283,333

(d) Asset Additions	1997	1996
Morley House	557,500	-
Office Equipment	6,793	13,681
Computer Equipment	<u>141,338</u>	<u>14,826</u>
	<u>\$705,631</u>	<u>\$28,507</u>

NOTE 5. Board of Administration Expenditure Analysed by Activity:

	1997 \$	1996 \$
General Secretary	59,155	58,200
Administration	174,671	210,867
Accounting Services	320,271	297,048
Computer Operations	170,720	159,223
Financial Investment Board	97,299	92,256
Property Management Board	198,597	195,543
Auckland Office	139,998	130,434
Printery	34,618	38,826
Archives - Christchurch	51,435	53,208
- Auckland	<u>18,403</u>	<u>18,287</u>
	1,265,167	1,253,892



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Notes to the Financial Statements continued

NOTE 6. Related Party Transactions.

The Fund placed monies during the year on deposit with the Methodist Trust Association. The total sum held at Balance Date by the Methodist Trust Association amounted to \$820,963 (\$802,009 - 1996). Interest earned during the year with respect to these deposits was \$67,388 (\$69,828 - 1996).

NOTE 7. Segment Information.

The Fund operates predominantly in one area, to administer the various funds located in the Connexional Office. All operations in this activity are carried out within New Zealand.

NOTE 8. Financial Instruments.**Credit Risk**

Financial Instruments which potentially subject the Fund to credit risk principally consist of bank balances, other receivables and investments.

Interest Rate Risk.

Interest is paid on call deposits at a rate of 6.5% floating daily.

Fair Value

The carrying amounts of bank balances, other receivables, investments and payables are considered to be fair value for those financial instruments.

NOTE 9. Reconciliation of Excess Income over Expenditure with Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities.

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure	(37,692)	(61,467)
Movements of Working Capital Increase (Decrease)		
Sundry Debtors	56,251	(25,034)
Sundry Creditors	74,212	5,782
Stock	407	1,805
Holiday Pay Provisions	(8,236)	(4,355)
Non Cash Items:		
Capital Accretion	(11,554)	(31,264)
Depreciation Expense	95,729	84,856
Depreciation Recovered	(8,468)	-
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	160,649	(29,677)

Note 10. Commitments.

Commitments for computer software amounted to \$92,000 at 30 June 1997 (1996 - nil).

Note 11. Contingent Liabilities.

The court case involving the Methodist Church and Robin Gray has been decided in favour of the Methodist Church of New Zealand at the Court of Appeal. There have been no further application lodged by Mr Gray in relation to the matter. The Church has also indemnified the General Secretary against a separate action filed by Mr Gray. The outcome of this action is unknown and no provision has been made in these accounts.



Notes to the Financial Statements continued

Note 12. Provisions and Reserves.

In accordance with the Board resolution the following Reserves were transferred to Accumulated Funds:

Staff Training	6,233
Staff Overseas Travel	13,005
Archives	<u>35,000</u>
	<u>54,238</u>

Note 13. Occupancy Costs Include:

Interest paid to Trustbank Canterbury \$56,711 (1996 – nil).





AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 8. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the Fund and its financial position as at 30 June 1997. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 1.

Board of Administration's Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 1997 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Fund's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interests in the Fund.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial report on pages 1 to 8 fairly reflects the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 1997 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 22 October 1997 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.



DECISIONS

1997

CONFERENCE

WELLINGTON

The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

QUESTION 1--Who are Members of this Conference?

(a & b) Presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference and Ordained Deacons. Ministers of other denominations who are appointed to Union and Co-operating Parishes or other Co-operative Ventures serving with the Conference and whose names are printed in the Report on page 31f

() **Representatives:** As printed in the Reports, pages 23f together with such substitute and additional Representatives as shall be advised by the District Superintendent of each Synod and are recorded in the Journal.

QUESTION 2--What members from other Conferences and Churches are associated with this Conference?

Those listed in the Report on pages 31 and 32 together with any additions or deletions as recorded in the Journal.

QUESTION 3--What Candidates are now received for training?

(a) **Deacons:**

None.

(b) **Presbyters:**

Alison Cable	Residential
Margaret Hall	Home-Setting
Kilifi Heimuli	Home-Setting
Falaniko Mann-Taito	Home-Setting

QUESTION 4--Who continues in training for ordained ministry?

(a) **Deacon:**

Marica Reeves	Home-Setting, for a third year
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(c) **Presbyters:**

Tovia Aumua	Residential, for a third year
Craig Forbes	Residential, for a fourth year
Nigel Hanscamp	Residential, for a second year
Elizabeth Hopner	Residential, for a third year
Vilma Loader	Home-Setting, for a second year
Val Nicholls	Home-Setting, for a second year
Ravai Rennel	Home-Setting, for a second year
Soro Ramacake	Residential, for a third year
Hausia Taufui	Residential, for a third year
Viliami Tonga	Residential, for a third year

Kathryn Walters
Sanele Lavata'i

Residential, for a second year
Exchange student from Piula
Theological College, for a second year

QUESTION 5--Who are stationed by Conference as Probationers?

- (a) **Deacon:**
Richard Williams
- (b) **Presbyters:**
- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Bruce Anderson | First Year |
| Mark Gibson | First Year |
| Alalafaga Palelei | First Year |
| Sylvia 'Akau'ola-Tongotongo | Second Year |
| Anne Dargaville | Second Year |
| Tavake Manu | Second Year |
| Sani Vaeluaga | Second Year |
| Kenneth Williams | Second Year |

QUESTION 6 --Who are now admitted as Presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference?

- (a) Gordon Abernethy
David Bromell
Christina Morunga
Fatu Tufuga
- (b) **from another Church?**
None

QUESTION 7 --Who are now ordained Deacon or Presbyter?

- (a) **Deacon:**
None
- (b) **Presbyter:**
Gordon Abernethy
Christina Morunga
Fatuatia Tufuga

QUESTION 8—

- (a) **What Deacon(s) is reinstated into the Diaconate?**
None

- (b) What **Presbyter(s)** is reinstated into Full Connexion?

D Ian MacLeod

QUESTION 9:

- (a) What **Deacon(s)** now cease to be recognised as a **Deacon(s)** of the Conference?

None

- (b) What **Presbyter(s)** now cease to be recognised as in Full Connexion with the Conference?

Peter E Glensor

Rosalie J Hoddinott

John A Stringer

- (c) What **Presbyter(s)** now cease to be recognised as a **Probationer** with the Conference?

None

QUESTION 10:

What appointments are authorised to provide remuneration at a rate less than Standard Stipend?

- A. For full-time Ministers requesting not to receive a full stipend. (the balance to be paid to Supply Ministry Fund).

- (a) **Deacons**

None

- (b) **Presbyters**

None

- B. For full-time or part-time Local Ministries (with no remuneration) with Ministry Covenant. (*Indicate full or part-time*):

- (a) **Deacons**

Shirley-Joy Barrow (Part-time)

David M Bryant (Part-time)

Margaret I Bryant (Part-time)

R Harvey Dalton (Part-time)

Brenda R N Fawkner (Part-time)

Lorna Goodwin (Part-time)

Valma E Hallam (Part-time)

B June Higham (Part-time)

Dianne C Hight (Part-time)

Malcom McLeod (Part-time)
 Rita J Reid (Part-time)
 Elva M J Sulzberger (Part-time)
 Samiuela Faufa (Part-time)
 Rachel A Tregurtha (Part-time)
 Edna E Webster (Part-time)
 Francis Westaway (Part-time)
 Kay Wicks (Part-time)

(b) **Presbyters**

Mavis Ambler (Part-time)
 Liz Cook (Part-time)
 Vaikoloa Kilikiti (Part-time)
 Mosese Manukia (Part-time)
 Lisiate Manu'atu (Part-time)
 M Anne Millar (Part-time)
 Kepu Moa (Part-time)
 Christina Morunga (Part-time)
 Judith R Parkes (Part-time)
 Loraine J Reid (Part-time)
 Gillian M Richards (Part-time)
 'Inoke Siulangapo (Part-time)
 Salesi Takau (Part-time)
 Langi'ila Uasi (Part-time)
 Siosifa Latu Uhi (Part-time)
 Robyn E Westaway (Part-time)

C. For part-time ministries (remuneration pro rata) with a ministry covenant:

(a) **Deacons**

None

(b) **Presbyters**

Robyn Allen Goudge (75%)
 Ruth Boswell
 Lois R H Clark
 Paul H Grant
 William D Griffiths
 Barry G Harkness
 John D Meredith
 Alison Molineux (Supply)
 Brian C Peterson
 Marion J Peterson
 Joan Ross (90%)
 Douglas I Rogers
 Brian N Small
 Shirley V Ungemuth

Lynne J Wall
Terry W Wall

QUESTION 11:

What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) is designated for service through the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation?

None

QUESTION 12:

What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) is transferred to or received from another Conference?

(a) Deacons

None

(b) Presbyters

Kyoung-Soo Oh to the Uniting Church in Australia

QUESTION 13:

A. What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) formerly member(s) of the Conference is now exercising ministry in another Church(es) overseas, and has the right to return to the Conference on the completion of their overseas service?

(a) Deacons

None

(b) Presbyters

Timothy J Langley

David C Pratt

Molia Tu'itupou

B What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) has Conference released to exercise ministry in another Church(es) within New Zealand, to have the right to return to the Conference on the completion of their service?

✍ (a) Deacons

None

(b) Presbyters

Robert A Allan, (Presbyterian Church, Masterton)

Mary E Caygill, DMin(SFTS), DipSocWork,LTh, (St John's Theological College)

Edwin B Clarke, MA, BD(Hons)(Melb.), (Presbyterian Church, Palmerston North)

Michael W Greer, LTh, (Cashmere Hills, Presbyterian Church)

C. What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) has been received on secondment from another Church, to serve under the Conference, and after the completion of the secondment to return to the Church of their origin?

(a) Deacons

None

(b) Presbyters

Theresa Angert-Quilter (serving as Anglican Lecturer St John's College)

Jione Langi, one year Fiji Advisory Committee

Sione F Ha'angana

QUESTION 14:

For what Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) there is no appointment available?

(a) Deacon

Margaret G Birtles

(b) Presbyter

Gillian A Telford

S Tavake Tupou

(c) Local Presbyter

David T H Rolinson

QUESTION 15:

What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) are not available for stationing this year?

(All ministries recorded under this Question shall normally have prepared a Ministry Covenant)

(a) Deacons

Raewyn F Cubin, Personal Assistant

(b) Presbyters

(i) Chaplaincies

Roy M Alexander, Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain, North Shore

Lindsay E Cumberpatch, BA, LTh, Director, Workplace Chaplaincy Services Waikato

B Anne Dargaville, Hospital Chaplain Hastings

John M Grant, BSocSci, LTh, Part-time Ecumenical Chaplain, Waikato Polytech, Counsellor & Consultant in the Health Field

Gwenda J Handyside, I.T.I.M. Central

F Anne Olsen, BA, Chaplain, Chilton St James School, Lower Hutt

Donald F Prince, MNZAP, Hospital Chaplain,
Christchurch

(ii) **Other**

Glenys R Anderson-Carter (being clarified)

Donald F Biggs, Bible Reading Ministries, S.U.(NZ)

Clive H Chandler, in a Covenant relationship with his
Parish

Ashley I Corlett, LTh, Community Corrections Officer
(Probation)

John B Currie, BA

Mervyn J Dickinson, BA, BD, PhD, Management
Consultant

Brian R J Eagle, Educator-Facilitator Taha Maori &
Community Health Worker

Saula Fifita,

Henk Gerritsen,

Sifa Hingano, training in USA

John S Hosking, MA, DipMus, LTCL, DMin(SFTS),
Organist, St John's/Raumanga, Parish Consultant,
Teacher

Brian J Malcournne, BA, Celebrant/Counsellor

Graeme M McIver

Taniela T Moala, JP, LTh, DipRE, volunteer service for
Tongan Community Trust

Ian C Norwell

G Douglas Pratt, MA, BD, LTh(Hons), ASB,
PhD,(StAnd)University of Waikato

William R Rice

Susan J Thompson, MA(Hons), BTheol(Melb)

Paul R Trebilco, BSc(Hons), BD, PhD, Senior Lecturer in
New Testament Studies - Otago University

W Geoffrey Tucker, Peoples Centre

Brian H Turner, MA(Hons), DipRE, Trade Aid Importers
Ltd Manager

QUESTION 16:

What Deacon(s), and Presbyter(s) retire at this Conference?

(a) **Deacon**

Stan Hunt

Piula A Unasa-Su 31/1/97

(b) **Presbyters**

Bryant S L Abbott

Audrey P Ancrum

William A Chessum

James F Cropp

Kenneth H Russell 31/1/97

Tanielu T Sa'o

G Clive Smith

Alan K Woodley

Donald J Phillipps W J Douglas Wakeling
Bruce E Mackie (retires 31/1/98 record of service Conference
'98)

QUESTION 17:

What Deacons, Home Missionaries, and Presbyters continue in retirement?

(a) Deacons (Deaconesses)

Lesley H Bowen	A Joan Lawry
Rona W Collins	Jean I McInnes
Grace M Clement	Lucy H Money
Airdre Cochrane	Dorothy Pointon
June Fuller	Elva M Reynolds
Evelyn Ellemore	Constance Sage
June L Gibson	Rita F Snowden
Desmond A Hill	Heeni Wharemaru

(b) Home Missionaries

None

(C) Presbyters

William K Abbott
 Robert S Andrews
 David H Ansell
 David Armstrong
 H Mary Astley
 Edward Baker
 Frederick J K Baker
 Marcia J Baker
 Niven G Ball
 G Basil W Bell
 Enid J Bennett, MA, BD, DipEd
 George L Bennett
 John E Bennett
 Trevor L Bennett
 T Ralph Benny
 Noel D Billingham
 Warren Blundell,
 Lewis A Bowen, DipRE
 Edward P Boyd
 Graham Brazendale, MA
 Margaret E Burnett
 Amos W Burrough
 Douglas H Burt
 Restel A Burton, JP
 Wilfred J Cable
 M Jackson Campbell
 Colin D Clark, MA
 Ian L Clarke, ACA
 Ivan J Clucas
 Gordon A R Cornwell
 Moke A G Couch, BA
 Hughan M Craig
 John B Dawson, BA
 W Selwyn Dawson, MA
 Arthur W Dickie, MIPENZ
 Audrey N Dickinson, LTh
 Wilfred G Eisner, BA
 Wilfred E Falkingham, MBE
 Ludwig Felderhof
 Wilfred F Ford, CMG, BA
 Irwin J Fowler
 Edna J Garner
 Loyal J Gibson

Geoffrey T Gilbert
 Wilfred S Gilbert
 D Bruce Gordon, CBE, MA
 (Fellow of Trinity College)
 Norman J Goreham, BA(B'ham),
 BD(Lond)
 Stanley R Goudge, BA
 Ian D Grant
 Keith C Griffith, MBE
 Edmund D Grounds
 Warwick Gust
 Phyllis M Guthardt, DBE, MA,
 PhD(Camb), HonD(Waik)
 Allen H Hall, MA, DipTch, (NZ)
 MA, PhD, (Qld) DipTheol, ATCL
 John R Hall
 R John Hamlin
 George M Hammond
 Hana P Hauraki
 Ernest Heppelthwaite
 C Brice Herbert
 Basil J Hilder
 George C Hopkins
 Edgar R Hornblow, LLB
 Maxwell A Hornblow
 C Seton Horrill
 Patricia M Jacobson
 Rusell E James
 Colin G Jamieson
 Alexander C Johnston
 Henry W Kitchingman
 John E Langley
 Derek G Laws
 E Clarence Leadley
 A Gordon Leary, MA, DipEd, JP
 Evan R Lewis, MSc, BA
 John J Lewis, MA, BD(Melb),
 PhD(Lond), (Fellow of Trinity
 College)
 Edith J Little, JP
 Campbell P Lucas, LTh(Melb)
 John C F Mabon

A Alexander McDowell, DD (Mt.Union U.S.A.)	Leonard Shapcott
Archibald W McKay	Harry I Shaw
C Russell Marshall	Trevor Shepherd
Edward M Marshall, BA, DipEd	Donald G Sherson, BA
Barbara I Miller	Brian W Sides
David S Mullan	Sydney J Spindler
John B Nesbit	Margaret Springett
A Roger Nuttall, BA	Peter A Stead, BA
Norman W Olds	David G Stubbs
O McLennan Olds	Lane M Tauroa, BA
John H Osborne, MA	Peni Maf'i Ta'ufo'ou
Francis H Parker	Philip F Taylor
Gordon Parker, MA, PhD(Lond)	Gordon V Thomas, BA
J Wesley Parker, ED, MA, BD	Neville Thornicroft
Henry Heremia Pate	Robert Thornley, MA, DipSocSc
John A Penman, BA (Fellow of Trinity College)	David L Trebilco
Athol R Penn	A Fa'aoso Tugia
Frederick D Peterson	William L Wallace, BA
David H Pond	Alexander C Watson
Beverley Pullar	Jean M Waugh
Ruawai D Rakena, BA	Alan C Webster, MA,MDiv,EdD,PhD
Frank S Rigg	P Joan Wedding
Percy P Rushton, BA, BD	Raymond G Wicks
Elia Samusamuvodre	Robert W Widdup
Bruce Scammell	Leonard V Willing, BA
Leonard P Schroeder, BA, BD(Melb)	Frank H Woodfield
Eileen L Shamy	Owen T Woodfield, BA
	Jack Wright

QUESTION 18:

What Deacons, Home Missionaries, Minita-a-iwi and Presbyters have died since last Conference?

(a) **Deacons/Deaconess**

None

(b) **Minita-a-iwi**

Whatia Rountree

(c) **Presbyters**

H Ian K Hopper

Clifford J Keightley

Fisiga Tuimaseve

QUESTION 19:

What Laypersons who have given leadership in the Conference have died since last Conference?

Taha Maori: None.

Tauiwi:

N Patrick Alcorn

Florence Baber

Huia W Beaumont

Graham E Brown

Allen A Dingwall

Ronald E Field

John P Harding

Leicester W Peak

Alan W Scott

Thomas G M Spooner

Winifred A Wood

QUESTION 20:

(a) Are there any congregation 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?

Taha Maori:

Tamaki ki te Rerenga Wairua - Mere Cassidy

- Matiu Rakena

- Timaru Rogers

- Waha Wiki

- Winiata Morunga

- Te Uru Heta

- Rex Nathan

- Markus Rogers

- Ripia Rountree

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- Waikato/Te Rohe Potae
 - Whati Rountree
 - Huia Martin (retired)
 - Heemi Rauwhero
 - Te Waihoroi Tana (to the sick & dying)
 - Hao Erueti
 - Sam Grace
 - John Kopa
 - Tiaki Taiawa
 - Sunnah Thompson
 - Mara Tupaea
 - Phillip Te Uira
 - Barney Winikerei
- Taranaki/Poneke/Otautahi-
Te Waipounamu
 - Jack Whitikia
 - Riripeti Polwart
 - Hoani Heremaia (John) (Retired)
- Tauīwi:**
 - South Hokianga
 - John Askew
 - Bay of Islands
 - George Barke
 - Ruawai Co-operating
 - Ken Williams
 - Otamatea Co-operating
 - Diana Hamilton
 - Aotea Chapel
 - Charlie Fenwick
 - Auckland Central
 - Sylvia 'Akau'ola-Tongotongo
 - Waitakere (Glen Eden)
 - Sani Vaeluaga
 - Auckland Manakau Tongan
 - T Kilifi Heimuli
 - Uhaone Metuifela
 - Sione Tonga
 - Tokoroa
 - Alesana Letoa
 - Opotiki Union
 - Don Riesterer
 - St Paul's Co-operating
(Taumarunui)
 - Jack Roper
 - Waitara-Urenui
 - David Baird
 - Stratford
 - Tavake Manu
 - Feilding-Oroua
 - Jan Fogg
 - Patea Co-operating
 - Harvey Watt
 - Gisborne Samoan
 - Falaniko Mann-Taito
 - Hastings Hospital
 - Anne Dargaville
 - Marton
 - Helen Brazendale
 - Hastings/Havelock North
(during Long Leave supply) Hank Overeem
 - Communion Ministry to Age
Care home in Upper Hutt
 - Viti Olds
 - Wider Nelson
 - Graham A Harris
 - St Luke's Union Fijian Cong.
 - Tom Nacagilevu
 - Oamaru
 - Melesitina Kaufana
 - Dunedin
 - Janet Marsh
 - Alex Webster
 - Otautau
 - Judith Day

QUESTION 21--

- (a) Does the Conference sanction the amalgamation or Division of any District, Parish or does it originate any proposal having reference thereto.

That the Panmure Church become a Parish relating to the Samoan Synod.

That the Epsom Church become part of the Auckland Central Parish and Mission.

Conference notes:

Wainuiomata Union Parish has now become part of the Hutt City Uniting Congregations.

- (b) What other Agreements affecting Parishes and/or Use of Buildings are approved by Conference?

None

QUESTION 22--To what Parishes are additional Deacons, Minita-a-Iwi or Presbyters appointed?

Auckland Central Parish and Mission - 1 additional Presbyter
TOPS - 1 Minita-a-Iwi

QUESTION 23--From what Parishes are Deacons, Minita-a-Iwi or Presbyters withdrawn?

None

QUESTION 24

How are the Presbyters, Presbyters in training, Deacons, Deacons in training, Minita-a-Iwi stationed for the ensuing year?

LIST OF STATIONS of the METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

President---Norman E Brookes
Vice-President---Susau Strickland
Secretary---Stan J West

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PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND MINITA-A-IWI 1998

INTRODUCTION

The List of Stations is divided into two sections.

- A. Te Taha Maori:** Records the appointments for Liaison People, Minita-a-iwi and Ministry Team.
- B. Tau-iwi:** Records each Station and the Presbyterian/Deacons appointed to them.

- Note:**
- 1. Supply Appointments**
Recorded in italics are the names of the Supply Appointments that relate to this year's Stationing. The names are advised by the Mission Resourcing Unit and recorded in this List of Stations for information.
 - 2. Without Appointment**
Presbyters/Deacons Without Appointment and Supernumeraries are recorded under the appropriate Conference Question and not on the Station Sheet.

A. TE TAHA MAORI

1510/2510 TAMAKI KI TE RERENGA WAIRUA

Liaison People:
Mere Cassidy
Kiri Haretuku

Minita-a-iwi:

Mere Cassidy
Matiu Rakena
Timaru Rogers
Waha Wiki
Winiata Morunga
Te Uru Heta
Rex Nathan
Markus Rogers
Ripia Rountree
Huia Martin (Retired)
Heemi Rauwhero

3510 WAIKATO/ROHE POTAE

Liaison People:

Paringahau Waaka
Barney Winikerei

Minita-a-iwi:

Hao Erueti
Sam Grace
John Kopa
Tiaki Taiawa
Sunnah Thompson
Mara Tupaea
Phillip Te Uira
Barney Winikerei

4510/6510 TARANAKI/PONEKE/OTAUTAHU

Liaison People:

Rita Bublitz
Christine Kershaw
Huia Tahere

Minita-a-iwi:

Jack Whitikia
Hoani Heremaia (Retired)
Riripeti Polwart

ENABLING MINISTRY TEAM:

Nga Kaiarahi:

Te Rua Winiata
Paewhenua Nathan

Minita-i-tohia:

Diana Tana
John Roberts

Rangatahi Worker:

Markus Rogers

Educator (Part time):

Brian Eagle

B. TAUWI

1000 NORTHLAND DISTRICT

1010 MANGONUI COUNTY UNION PARISH
Kevin R Connole, BTheol (Melb)

1020 KAIKOHE UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Verna Healy

1030 BAY OF ISLANDS CO-OPERATING PARISH
Lay Ministry Team

1040 KAEO-KERIKERI UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Eric S Mattock, BTheol

1050 NORTH HOKIANGA COMMUNITY CHURCH
Christina Morunga (Local Presbyter Part-time) See Q10B(b)

1060 SOUTH HOKIANGA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Mavis Ambler (Local Presbyter) See Q10B(b)
Anglican Appts:

1070 HIKURANGI UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt:

1080 WHANGAREI UNITING CHURCH
Awaiting clarification (St James, Onerahi)
Presbyterian Appts:

P Wayne Matheson, BA, BTh, DipMin, (St Andrew's
Uniting)

Geoffrey Skilton, BTh (Trinity Uniting)

1090 DARGAVILLE
Uesifili Unasa, MA, BD(Otago), CertMinStudies

- 1100 RUAWAI CO-OPERATING PARISH
Ken Williams, BEd, BMin. (Probationer)
- 1120 WELLSFORD CO-OPERATING PARISH
Irene Smith (*shared minisry with Wellsford Anglican Parish*)
- 1130 ST JOHN'S/RAUMANGA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Robert R Te Whaiti, BTh
- 1140 ST PAUL'S CO-OPERATING (KAMO)
Presbyterian Appt: Edward W Body, BCom, ACA
- 1150 OTAMATEA CO-OPERATING PARISH
One Wanted (Part-time): *Supply: Diana Hamilton*

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

John S Hosking, MA, DipMus, LTCL, DMin(SFTS)

2000 AUCKLAND DISTRICT

- 2002 AUCKLAND HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN
- 2004 MINISTRY TO THE DEAF
Ecumenical Appt:
- 2007 FIJI MINISTRY
Jione Langi, Q13C(b) to conclude January 1999
- 2600 MISSION RESOURCING UNIT
John S Murray
Winifred Murray, MA (Hons), DipTchg - Co-ordinator Educational
Ministry
- 2820 MINISTRY RESOURCING UNIT (Trinity College)
Methodist Staff:
E Francis I Hanson, BA, BD, TheolM (Melbourne), Principal
John B Salmon, MA, ThM(Princeton), PhD, LTh, STh, CA(Retired),
ACCM, Lecturer in Systematic Theology
Gillian M Watkin, LTh (2nd Class Hon), Fieldworker, Ordained
Ministry
Robyn Brown: Director, Lay Ministry Education and Training

- 2010 AUCKLAND CENTRAL PARISH AND MISSION
Auckland Mission
 Graham H Whaley, BA, BD Mission Superintendent
- Auckland Central Parish**
 Ashley J Sedon, BTP, LTh (Hons) - Parish Superintendent (Pitt Street)
 Barry W Neal, MA, DipEd (Kingsland/Dominion Rd)
 Sylvia 'Akauola-Tongotonga (Probationer) (Epsom, Mt Eden)
 Roger J E Hey. Aged Care Chaplain
 Gillian M Richards (with a Covenant)
- 2030 ROSKILL
 One Wanted: *Supply: William D Griffiths*
- 2040 PANMURE SAMOAN
 Nomani Noa, (Samoan Appt) (Panmure)
- 2060 ORAKEI
 T Wesley Jeyaseelan
- 2070 GLEN INNES CO-OPERATING PARISH - St Marys (**Part time**)
 One Wanted: *Supply: Percy P Rushton, BA, BD (Sup)*
- 2080 MT ALBERT
 Mervyn L Dine
- 2090 AVONDALE UNION PARISH
 Anthony (Tony) N Bell, LTh
 Shirley-Joy Barrow, MNZSWA (Deacon) (See Q10B(a))
 Presbyterian Appt: Leao T Si'itia, LTh
- 2100 WAITAKERE
 Kenneth W Olsen, BTh(Melb) (Henderson)
 Sani Vaeluaga (Probationer) (Glen Eden)
 One Wanted: *Supply: T Tanielu Sa'o* (Samoan Ministry)
 Liz Cook (Local Presbyter)
- 2120 TE ATATU UNION PARISH
 Paulo Ieriko BMus(Auckland) , BD(Otago)
- 2130 DEVONPORT
 J Cedric Hay

- 2140 TAKAPUNA
Lynne J Wall, BA, BD, PhD (part-time shared ministry)
Terence W Wall, MA, BSc, STM (part-time shared ministry)
Korean Congregation:
- 2150 BIRKENHEAD
Gary A M Clover, MA, BD, DipNZLS
Malcolm McLeod, (Deacon) See Q10B(a)
- 2160 GLENFIELD ANGLICAN/METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
Appointment not required
- 2180 NORTHCOTE
David R Alley
Richard Williams (Deacon)
- 2270 SOUTH KAIPARA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Anglican appt: Peter A Deane
- 2280 WHANGAPARAOA
Graeme R White, LTh
- 2290 MAHURANGI
Warwick J Hambleton, BE
- 2300 ST AUSTELL'S CO-OPERATING PARISH -New Lynn
Presbyterian Appt: Elizabeth M Mansill
- 2310 WATERVIEW (**Part-time**)
One Wanted: *Supply:*
- 2320 EAST COAST BAYS
David S Bell, BA,BD, MTh(Distinction), PhD
- 2330 LYNFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH
Anglican Appt:
- 2340 AUCKLAND-MANUKAU TONGAN PARISH
Sione F Ha'angana See Q13C(b)
Vaikola Kilikiti (Local Presbyter) See Q10B(b)
Kepu Moa (Local Presbyter) See Q10B(b)
Mosese Manukia (Local Presbyter, New Lynn Fellowship)
See Q10B(b)
Langi'ila Uasi (Local Presbyter, Otahuhu Fellowship) See Q10B(b)
Taniela T Moala, LTh, DipRE See Q15(b)
- 2370 AUCKLAND-SAMOAN PARISH
Iakopo P Fa'afuata, LTh, MinDip

- 2380 ONEHUNGA CO-OPERATING
Anthony (Tony) Stroobant (Half-time)
Peter Wedde

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Mervyn L Dine

Regional Superintendents

Northern: Jan Tasker AdvDipTchg, JP

Central: Jill van de Geer

West: Tony Bell

2400 MANUKAU DISTRICT

- 2830 WESLEY COLLEGE
George Bryant, JP, MA(Hons), DipEd, DipTchg, AFNZIM, ATCL,
- 2410 HOWICK PAKURANGA
Richard J Waugh, BA, LTh, STh, MBA, (Howick-Pakuranga)
Ruth Boswell, NZROT, LTh(Hons); (Local Presbyterian)
(Local Presbyterian) See Q10B(b)
- 2420 MANUREWA
Alan R Upson
Alalafaga Palelei (Samoan Fellowship) Local Presbyterian (Probationer)
- 2430 PAPAKURA
Norman E Brookes, MA
Feretī Fa'afuata (Samoan Ministry)
- 2440 PUKEKOHE
Wendie Rosewell (learning covenant)
- 2450 TUAKAU UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Gary Davis
Kay Wicks (Deacon) See Q10B(a)
- 2460 FRANKLIN WEST CO-OPERATING
I W Les Ferguson (one year)
- 2470 BUCKLANDS BEACH CO-OPERATING
Anglican Appt: Jim Thornburrow, BA, LTh
- 2480 PAPATOETOE OTARA
J Allan Oliver, MSc, LTh
Aso T Samoa Saleupolu, DipTropAgr, LTh

2490 MANGERE OTAHUHU
One Wanted: *Supply: Audrey N Dickinson*
Tavita Filemoni (Mangere East, Samoan) (Half-time) (also Samoan Youth)

2340 AUCKLAND-MANUKAU TONGAN PARISH (See Auckland District)

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (Team)
Allan Oliver, MSc, LTh (Acting)
Audrey Bruce

3000 WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

3700 COUNCIL FOR MISSION AND ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION
One Wanted:

3010 THAMES UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt:
R Harvey Dalton (Deacon) See Q10B(a)

3020 HAURAKI PLAINS CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt. David A G North, BA, BD

3030 PAEROA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Stanley J Stewart

3040 WAIHI BEACH CONGREGATION LEP
Presbyterian appt: Lester Simpson (Waihi)

3050 TE AROHA CO-OPERATING PARISH
One Wanted: *Supply: Pauline Stewart*
Dianne Hight Deacon See Q10B(a)

3060 MORRINSVILLE
Paul F Sinclair

3070 CAMBRIDGE UNION PARISH
Russell G Rigby, BA(Hons), CertCounc, MNZAC

3080 HAMILTON
K Desmond Cooper
Mark Gibson (probationer) (Melville)
Lisiate F T Manu'atu (Local Presbyter - Tongan Ministry) See Q10B(b)

3090 RAGLAN UNION PARISH
Congregational: Peter Kennett

- 3100 HAMILTON EAST
Stuart J Bowring, LTh.
- 3110 CHARTWELL CO-OPERATING PARISH
Alan J Leadley, MA, BD
Anglican Appt: Florence Chambers
- 3120 NGARUAWAHIA UNION PARISH
Robert D Short
- 3130 HUNTLY CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Murray J Lambert, BTh
- 3140 MATAMATA UNION PARISH
Dianne L Le Pine, BTh(Melb)
- 3150 PUTARURU CO-OPERATING PARISH
Anglican Appt: Gary Husband
- 3160 TOKOROA (**Part-time**)
One Wanted: *Extended Supply: Harry I Shaw (Sup)*
- 3170 ROTORUA
One Wanted: *Supply*
- 3180 TAUPO UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Roger Gillies
- 3190 WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY
Neil R Keesing, LTh(Melb), STh (Wesley Tauranga)
One Wanted:: *Supply: (St Stephens)*
Valma E Hallam (Deacon) See Q10B(a)
Edna E Webster (Deacon) See Q10B(a)
- 3200 ST JAMES UNION PARISH, GREERTON
Presbyterian Appt:
- 3210 TE PUKE/MT MAUNGANUI
Ralph Vickers, LTh, ACM (with responsibility for Kawerau)
- 3220 WHAKATANE CO-OPERATING PARISH
One Wanted:
Anglican Appt: Alexander H Czerwonka
- 3230 KAWERAU
Ralph Vickers (see 3210)

- 3240 OPOTIKI UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt.
- 3250 TE AWAMUTU
One Wanted: *Supply: Ian Millar*
B June Higham (Deacon) See Q10B(a)
- 3260 OTOROHANGA
Part-time Supply One Wanted:
- 3270 TE KUITI
See 3260
- 3280 ST PAUL'S CO-OPERATING PARISH (TAUMARUNUI)
Presbyterian Appt
- 3290 TURANGI CO-OPERATING PARISH
Anglican Appt: Kevin J Tarry
- 3300 OHURA (See 3280)
- 3320 COROMANDEL (See 3030)
- 3330 ST FRANCIS CO-OPERATING PARISH (HILLCREST)
Presbyterian appt:
Anglican Appt: Ross Falconer
- 3340 PIO PIO-ARIA MOKAU CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Brian E Cavit, MSc, BD
- 3350 OMOKOROA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Anthony N Hepburn
- 3360 CO-OPERATING PARISH OF ST CLARE, DINSDALE
Presbyterian Appt: Nancy-Jean M Whitehead
- 3390 ALL SAINTS (BRYANT PARK) CO-OPERATING PARISH
Peter J L West
- 3400 WHANGAMATA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

K Desmond Cooper

Associate Superintendent:

B June Higham

4000 TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

4010 NEW PLYMOUTH

* Doris J Elphick, DipTheol(Otago) * Team Ministry

* Fatu'atia Tufuga, BTheol(MCD), Cert Sup(NZIM),
CertSmBus, CertTropAgr(Fiji)) * Team Ministry

Brenda R N Fawcner (Deacon) See Q10B(a)

Elva M J Sulzburger (Deacon) See Q10B(a)

Brooklands Cooperating

Anglican Appt: David Pearce

4020 WAITARA

One Wanted: *Extended Supply part-time: David Baird, MA(Hons),
TTC (Distinction)*

4030 STRATFORD

Tavake Manu (Probationer)

4040 ELTHAM-KAPONGA CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian Appt: Alan D Hawksworth, BA, BTh

4050 HAWERA

Kathy Clifford, LTh

4060 MANAIA UNION PARISH

Presbyterian Appt: Peter M Kirkpatrick, BCom,LLB, MTh

4070 OPUNAKE CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian: Sione L J Faitala, BTh, DipMin

4080 OKATO CO-OPERATING PARISH

Anglican appt: Ian Campbell

4090 WANGANUI

Norma J George

4110 INGLEWOOD UNION PARISH

Chris T Burgin, DipAg, BSW, BD

4120 PATEA CO-OPERATING PARISH (Part-time)

One Wanted: *Supply*

4130 BELL BLOCK LEPPERTON CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian Appt. Bruce A T Hellyer, LTh

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Doris J Elphick, DipTheol(Otago)

5000 HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

5010 NAPIER

'Epeli Taungapeau, BTh (Melb.), LTh, (Trinity)
Marion J Peterson, BTh (Greenmeadows - St Marks) See Q10C(b)
Brian C Peterson, LTh, MinDip (Greenmeadows - St Marks) See
Q10C(b)
Anne Dargaville (Ramsay) (Probationer) (Ecumenical Chaplain,
Hastings Memorial Hospital)

5020 HASTINGS

Bruno W Egli
Faiva Alaelua, LTh, DipMin(ACTE) (Samoan Ministry)
Paul H Grant (part-time Havelock North)

5040 GISBORNE

Greg A Hughson, ATCL, MSc(Hons), BD
Falaniko Mann-Taito (Ministry to Samoan congregation) (Local
Presbyter in training)

5050 MANGAPAPA UNION PARISH

Presbyterian Appt: Bruce Mounsey (Parish Co-ordinator)

5060 PRESBYTERIAN-METHODIST PARISH OF WAIROA

One Wanted:

5070 DANNEVIRKE

Mark D Cooper

5080 WOODVILLE ST JAMES UNION PARISH

One Wanted: *Supply (part-time)*

5090 PAHIATUA UNION PARISH

Presbyterian Appt: James E Soper

5100 PALMERSTON NORTH

Stuart C Grant, BA, LLB, LTh
Salesi Takau, DipAcc, NZCC (Local Presbyter, Palmerston North
Tongan Fellowship) See Q10B(b)
Lorna J Goodwin (Deacon) See Q10B(a)

5110 ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE-POHANGINA (Part time)

Lois R H Clarke, BA, LTCL, LTh (See Q10C(b))

5120 FEILDING-OROUA

One Wanted: *Supply: Jan Fogg*

- 5130 MARTON (Part-time)
One Wanted: *Part-time Supply: Helen Brazendale*
- 5140 RONGOTEA-SANSON CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt.: Ted Brash
- 5150 FOXTON/SHANNON CO-OPERATING PARISH
Christopher R Dombroski, LTh
- 5160 TAMATEA COMMUNITY CHURCH
Brian N Small, DipTh(Otago) See Q10C(b)
- 5170 WAIPAWA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Nio M Daniela
- 5180 MILSON COMBINED CHURCH part-time)
One Wanted:

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
Stuart C Grant, BA, LLB, LTh
Deputy Superintendent:

6000 WELLINGTON DISTRICT

6700 COUNCIL FOR MISSION & ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION

6800 RESPONSE

MISSION RESOURCING UNIT
Youth Ministry Co-ordinators:
Matthew Roberts

METHODIST MISSION AOTEAROA
Convener: Chris Wood (Deacon) (one year)

6010 WESLEY WELLINGTON
Wesley Wellington Mission
Awaiting clarification.

Wesley Wellington Parish
Lynne O Frith, BTheol, PGDipTheol.(Otago) *
One Wanted: *Supply:* (Samoan Ministry) *
Samiuela Taufua (Local) (Tongan Ministry)

6030 WELLINGTON SOUTH-LYALL BAY UNION
Church of Christ Appt: Barbara Stephens, BA

- 6050 MIRAMAR UNITING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Ria A Sporry
- 6060 NGAIO UNION PARISH
Joan Ross, BA (Hons), BD (Hons), MCD
- 6070 JOHNSONVILLE UNION PARISH
Keith J Taylor, BA
- 6080 NEWLANDS UNION PARISH
Barry E Jones, BA
- 6100 MANA PARISH
One Wanted: *Part-time Supply: Alison Molineux, BA(Hons), BD*
- 6110 TAWA UNION PARISH
Robyn D Allen Goudge, BSc, BD
Presbyterian Appt: Tom Etuata, BTh, NZCC
- 6120 HUTT CITY UNITING CONGREGATIONS
Suiva'aia Te'o
One Wanted: *John B Currie, BA (Supply)*
J Peill, LTh,
Douglas I Rogers, LLB(Hons), BD(Hons), MTh, (Part-time)
Norman Knipe (Part-time Supply Presbyter)
Ian McCallum (Part-time Supply Presbyter)
Wilfred J Cable (Sup) (part-time Supply Presbyter)
Siosifa Latu Uhi (Local Presbyter)
Margaret I Bryant (Deacon) See Q10B(a)
David M Bryant (Deacon) See Q10B(a)
- 6140 UPPER HUTT UNITING PARISH
P Anne Stephenson, SRN, LTh, CertChristian Min. (Probationer)
- 6160 GREYTOWN ST ANDREWS UNION PARISH
William (Bill) J Clifford, BTh(Melb), ACA (See 6170)
- 6170 FEATHERSTON UNION PARISH
William (Bill) J Clifford, BTh(Melb), ACA (See 6160)
- 6180 CARTERTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Ruth D Caughley, BSc, BTh, DipTchg
- 6190 MASTERTON ST LUKES UNION PARISH
One Wanted: *Supply:*
- 6200 ST JAMES, MASTERTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Robin List, BA, BTh, DipTchg

- 6210 EKETAHUNA UNION PARISH
Interim Moderator: Ian Hewson
- 6220 LEVIN
Bruce J Anderson, BTheol(Auck) (probationer)
- 6230 OTAKI
Co-operative Agreement with the Otaki Anglican Parish - Methodist
Liaison, Anglican appt. Jenny Chalmers
Oversight by Levin Minister
- 6240 KAPITI CO-OPERATING
I Marie Greenwood, BA, BTheol, PGDipTheol
- 6250 HATAITAI-KILBIRNIE CO-OPERATING PARISH
Anglican Appt: Paul Williamson, BTh, MPhil
- 6260 NORTH WAIRARAPA RURAL SUPPORT MINISTRY
Being clarified
- 6270 BROOKLYN CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Jim Cunningham, BA
- 6280 KARORI-NORTHLAND UNITING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Pamela J Tankersley, BSc, DipTchg, BD

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS (Team)

Barry E Jones, BA
Barbara Halliwell

7000 NELSON/MALBOROUGH/WESTCOAST DISTRICT

- 7010 NELSON
Derek V McNicol (St John's)
Graham A Kane (Stoke)
- 7020 NELSON, ST LUKE'S UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: W Bruce Murray
- 7030 WAIMEA
Jessie S Kerr, CertTh(Otago)

7040 MOTUEKA UNITING
Presbyterian Appt: *Stated Supply: Maxwell A Hornblow*

7060 MURCHISON (Part-time)
Anglican appt: Ross Turner

7070 BLENHEIM
Gloria Zanders BTheol(Melb)
Judith R Parkes (Local Presbyterian) See Q10B(b)

7080 PICTON UNION PARISH
Awaiting clarification

7090 REEFTON DISTRICT UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Graham M Gillespie (Lay Supply)

7100 BULLER UNION PARISH
Beverley L Osborn, MA, CertSocWkrs, DipTheol

7110 GREYMOUTH DISTRICT UNITING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: I Douglas Grierson, BA

7120 HOKITIKA UNION PARISH
John F Drylie, LLB

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
Derek V McNicol

8000 NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT
'PASTOR-AT-LARGE' Presbyterian Appt:
M Anne Millar, LTh (Local Presbyterian) See 10B(b)

8700 COUNCIL FOR MISSION & ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION
Judy Allison

MISSION RESOURCING UNIT
Margaret E Hamilton, Co-ordinator Educational Ministry

8900 CONNEXIONAL OFFICE and ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
Stan J West, General Secretary, (See 9020) and Authorised
Representative.

8010 CHRISTCHURCH MISSION
Dr David Bromell
One Wanted: *Supply: Patricia Allen* (Durham St)
Loraine J Reid (Local Presbyterian) See Q10B(b)

- 8020 CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH
Joanne A (Jo) Durrant, LTh
'Inoke Siulangapo (Local Presbyter) (Christchurch Tongan Fellowship)
- 8030 CHRISTCHURCH EAST
Ian D McLeod, CBC (Wainoni/Richmond)
One Wanted: *Supply: Brian Booth until January 1999* (Shirley)
- 8040 NEW BRIGHTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Samoa Mavaega, LTh
- 8050 SUMNER-REDCLIFFS/LYTTELTON HARBOUR UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Yvonne Smith
- 8060 SOUTH EAST CHRISTCHURCH UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: M Lyndsey McKay, BA, BTh
- 8070 MT HERBERT
Anglican Pastoral Ministry
- 8080 CHRISTCHURCH (OPAWA)
Andrew D Doubleday, BTheol(Melb)
- 8090 BECKENHAM-SYDENHAM
R Andrew Ferguson, MA, LTh
- 8110 HALSWELL UNION PARISH
Awaiting clarification
- 8120 CHRISTCHURCH (HORNBY/RICCARTON)
John Bilverstone (Upper Riccarton)
Mikaele Yasa (Clarence St & St Stephens)
Rita J Reid (Deacon) See Q10B(a)
- 8140 CHRISTCHURCH NORTH
Kenneth R Smith, LTh
One Wanted: *Supply:*
- 8160 LINCOLN UNION PARISH
One Wanted: *Supply: Frederick (Fred) J K Baker*
- 8170 ELLESMERE CO-OPERATING PARISH
Marian Emslie, MSR(T), LTh
- 8180 KAIAPOI CO-OPERATING PARISH
Barry G Harkness, BA, BD (part-time) See Q10C

- 8190 RANGIORA
David J Bush, BSc
Rachel A Tregurtha (Deacon) See Q10B(a)
- 8200 MALVERN CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: D Bruce Hamill, BA, BD, PhD.
- 8210 OXFORD DISTRICT UNION PARISH (**Part-time**)
Presbyterian appt: Fogitia L Levi
- 8220 PARKLANDS CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt:
- 8230 ROLLESTON COMBINED CHURCH
Presbyterian Appt:
- 8250 ST ALBANS UNITING PARISH
Stanley J Barnes, BA(Rhodes)
Leonard J Pierce, BA, MDiv

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS (Team)
R Andrew Ferguson, MA, LTh
Helen Buxton

8300 SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

- 8310 TIMARU-TEMUKA
Stuart G Slinn
- 8330 ST DAVID'S MARCHWIEL UNION PARISH (**Part-time**)
John D Meredith See Q10C(b)
- 8350 WAIMATE (**Part-time**)
Shirley V Ungemuth (See Q10(c))
- 8360 GERALDINE CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Ian G Hyslop, BD, BEd, DipTchg,
- 8380 ASHBURTON
Gordon Abernethy, Dip Tchg, (Learning Covenant)
- 8390 ALLENTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Martin J Stewart, BA, BD
- 8400 OAMARU UNION PARISH (**Part-time**)
Presbyterian Appt: Karima Fai'ai (*shared ministry with WaihiCo-op. Parish*)

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

Stuart G Slinn

Betty Watson

9000 OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

9020 DUNEDIN MISSION

Dunedin Mission

One Wanted

G Jean Bruce (Half-time) (Trinity Hall)

Dunedin Parish

Norman J West (Mornington/Glenaven)

G Jean Bruce, BTh. (Mosgiel) (Half-time)

One Wanted: *Supply: Janet Marsh* (part-time) (Broad Bay)

One Wanted: *Supply: Alex Webster* (Dunedin South/ St Kilda)

9070 GRANTS BRAES UNION PARISH

Awaiting clarification

9080 TOKOMAIRIRO CO-OPERATING PARISH

Paul Tregurtha, BTheol(Otago)

9090 BALCLUTHA

Anglican Pastoral Ministry

9100 GORE

9110 INVERCARGILL

William E Elderton, MA, ANZIA, Dip,NZLS, LTh

Colin S Leadley (part-time See Bluff Co-operating Parish 9150)

9120 RIVERTON UNION PARISH

Presbyterian Appt: Clive Haliday

9130 OTAUTAU-WAIONO UNION PARISH (Part time)

One Wanted: *Part-time Supply: Judith Day*

9150 BLUFF CO-OPERATING PARISH

Colin S Leadley (part-time See Invercargill 9110)

9160 TEVIOT UNION PARISH

Presbyterian Appt: (Part-Time)

9170 ALEXANDRA-CLYDE-LAUDER UNION PARISH

Graham E Hawkey

Church of Christ appt.: Geraldine Coats (part-time)

- 9190 FLAGSTAFF CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Brett J Walker, BA,BTh, PGDip
- 9220 BLUESKIN CO-OPERATING
Presbyterian Supply: *Arthur J Templeton, MA*
- 9230 LAWRENCE
Robyn E Westaway (Local Presbyter) See Q10B(b)
Francis Westaway (Deacon)
- 9240 KAIKORAI UNION
Presbyterian Appt: W Donald Hegan, BA, Bd
- 9250 BROCKVILLE UNION
Awaiting clarification
- 9260 OTATARA (**Part-time**)
Presbyterian Appt: Stephen Lindsay, BA, BD

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

Norman J West
Judith Day

QUESTION 25—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Council of Conference?

COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE

Report pp 299-303
Suppl. 311-314, 317-319

Decisions:

1. The Reports are received including the supplementary report President, Vice-President Process, and General Secretary appointment.
2. Conference asks the Council of Conference to initiate an exploration of the effectiveness of *Crosslink* as a communication medium for the Church, and to report back to Conference.
3. Conference appoints as replacement members to the PAC Distributing Group: Jenny Winter and Siniva Moli.
4. Conference recognises and records its appreciation to Hao Euret, John Higham, Doug Rogers, and Fletcher Thomas as they end their term of office.
5. The Membership of the Council is as printed in the Year Book on page 311.

QUESTION 26—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Mission and Ministry Resourcing Units?

CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Report pp 304-305

Decisions:

1. Conference approves in principle the establishment of a common Board in order to correlate the work of the Mission Resourcing Unit, Ministry Resourcing Unit, and encourages the Co-ordinating Committee to continue its ongoing work to this end.
2. Conference endorses the ongoing work of the Committee, including focus on ministry formation and Parish, etc, resourcing.
3. Committee membership shall be 3 from Ministry Resourcing Unit, 3 from Mission Resourcing Unit, 3 appointed by Conference, together with the power to co-opt.
4. Conference appoints Jan Tasker as Chairperson, Peter Williams and Uesifili Unasa as its representatives on the Co-ordinating Committee 1998.

UPERVISION

Report pp. 83

Decisions:

The Report is received.

Conference commends and thanks those who have already entered into supervision.

That the Law Book be appropriately amended to include provision to the effect: that all persons, ordained or lay, adult, youth or children's workers, who undertake paid or covenanted ministry [which is deemed to require supervision as set out in the guidelines provided by the Mission Resourcing Unit] in the name of the Methodist Church, shall have approved supervision.

Recognising that the Methodist, Anglican, Presbyterian Churches all have a policy of supervision, Conference asks the Standing Committee of the Forum of Co-operating Ventures to explore the implications of implementing this policy in Co-operative Ventures.

Conference generally approves the process contained in the report.

That the Mission Resourcing Unit prepare information leaflets for supervisees, supervisors and parishes to assist in establishing supervision.

Errata

The following changes of wording in the report should be noted:

p.83 All persons paid or in covenanted positions who.....

p.84 Under Responsibilities of a Supervisor: "That the Supervisor has approved training in supervision and that he/she is in supervision themselves. It is preferable to use a non-Methodist as a supervisor."

p.85 Recommendation 3: Take out words "whether paid or unpaid".

CANDIDATURE

Report pp94

Decisions:

1. The report is received.

2. Conference approves the introduction of Taiwi Candidating Procedures, as outlined in the Report, during 1998.

3. Conference asks that a report on progress of these procedures be presented in 1998.

4. That the Mission and Ministry Resourcing Units initiate a programme of information and publicity about possibilities for ministry training and development in our Church.

5. Conference asks Synods, Parishes, and Faith Communities to be intentional in identifying those in their midst suitable for ministry/leadership training and education.

QUESTION 27—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Welfare of the Church?

WELFARE OF THE CHURCH

Report pp 69-80

Decisions:

1. The report is received.
2. Noting the work already done by the Welfare of the Church Committee, Conference asks Council of Conference to set up a Task Group to continue to pursue matters relating to the nature of the presidency. The Task Group is to pay attention to matters of status, functional models of leadership, the exercise of power, need for Presidency, term, and style. The task group is to report to Synods, UDC's and Advisory Committees, by August (or earlier), and to Conference 1998.
3. Synods, in partnership with the Mission & Ministry Resourcing Unit, are charged with taking responsibility for providing training opportunities in leadership and evangelism to the congregational leaders in their Synodal District, each to regard this brief as their primary and priority activity.
4. The Mission and Ministry Resourcing Unit is charged with:
 - (a) networking with other denominational and para-church organisations;
 - (b) being committed to ensuring a broad theological spectrum of training opportunities;
 - (c) initiating regular publicity to Synods and parishes informing them regarding training opportunities in leadership and evangelism that become available.
5. Conference notes with appreciation the course on Evangelism (communication of the faith) available within the Auckland B.Theological degree, and asks the Ministry Resourcing Unit to explore the development of a professional leadership course within the degree structure.
6. Conference asks the Mission and Ministry Resourcing Units to examine ways in which Presbyters and Deacons can continue to be resourced and accountable from the time of ordination to retirement.

MEMORIAL

"That a Parish be able to appoint a student in training as their Parish Representative to Conference when they have not other persons available.

That this student appointed by the Parish be able to attend Conference as a full Member of Conference, with a right to fully participate

discussion in Committees of Detail and to speak to the Conference as a Parish Representative.

Limitations in the matters of (1) Stationing, where the student is about to be stationed, and (2) Theological training policy at the College, would be acceptable to the Parish.

The content of the Memorial is referred to Welfare of Church Standing Committee for discussion, and report to Synods, Advisory Committees and Conference 1998.

NOTICE OF MOTION

"That Conference appoints a facilitator(s) of business for all sessions rather than business being chaired by President or Vice-President, such a position to be held for 5 years."

The content of the Notice of Motion is referred to the Welfare of the Church Standing Committee for consideration.

The Membership of the Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 25.

rata

Delete in Report paragraph 3 page 76 "We know from our pastoral experience....."

page 77, paper B. 1st paragraph change last sentence to read: "Although our overall numbers remain static, the growth in numbers of the Fiji, Samoan, and Tongan congregations mask the decline in numbers across the breadth of the pakeha church.

RESTRUCTURING TASK GROUP

Report pp 202-204

cisions:

The Report is received.

The Restructuring Task Group is asked to:

- (a) develop further the concept of a refocused District Synod and a National Synod;
- (b) to circulate the proposal to all sections of the Church for discussion early in 1998 and to report to August Synods, and Conference 1998.

The Membership of the Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 24.

DISPUTE/DISCIPLINE NATIONAL CHURCH PROCESS

Report pp 156-164

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. The Goals at page 156 of
 - To establish a formal system of providing pastoral care for Complainants/Petitioners and for those being subjected to the procedures.
3. The procedures set out in the Report are referred to the Law Revision Committee to
 - (a) see that they complement and parallel the Sexual Harassment/Abuse Procedures;
 - (b) ensure they accord with other parts of the Laws and Regulations;
 - (c) expand the Tribunal proceedings in light of other churches experience;
 - (d) draft or arrange the drafting of the procedures into legal language.
4. The procedures then be reported through the Law Revision Committee to Synods and the 1998 Conference with a view to being adopted.

Errata

Page 156 of the Report should be changed to read:

“Pastoral care is offered to both parties in the concern/complaint.”

QUESTION 28—What are the decisions of Conference on matter relating to Central Complaints Committee?

CENTRAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

Report pp 154-155

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference thanks Rev Lynne Frith for her commitment to the Central Complaints Committee and her many hours of dedicated work seeking justice and healing for Complainants and Respondents.
3. Conference commends the Theological Reflection and recommends its use by all Synods and parishes.
4. The membership of the Central Complaints Committee is altered to four persons with experience in dealing with sexual harassment/abuse, two appointed by the Pastoral Committee, one appointed by Tauīwi Forum and one appointed by Taha Māori. The committee members shall serve on the Committee for no more than a four years. The appoint

members shall be replaced at intervals, as far as possible so that there is only one new member at a time

NOTICE OF MOTION

"That ~~the~~ Methodist Church of New Zealand appoint independent assessors to assess the full extent and degree of trauma caused by sexual exploitation of clergy.

A full report to be made to Conference 1998.

It is to be noted that this would be following a precedent set by the English Methodist Conference."

The Central Complaints Committee is asked to explore the possibility that in the Church independent assessors be engaged to assess the extent and degree of trauma caused to clergy by sexual exploitation, and to report to Conference.

The Membership of the Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 3.

: This decision brings the Committee's membership in line with that used in the Discipline/Dispute Procedures.)

QUESTION 29—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to New Zealand Lay Preachers Association?

LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Report p 184

Decisions:

The Annual Report is received.

- (a) Conference encourages the Executive to make links with Australian Lay Preachers and to explore avenues for New Zealand Lay Preachers to participate in the Conference being planned for January 2000.
- (b) That the National Executive investigate the use of electronic technology to facilitate New Zealand participation.
- (c) That the National Executive set up a fund to provide grants to assist New Zealand participants.

Conference confirms that from 1 January 2000:

- (a) all Methodist candidates seeking accreditation for English-language situations be subject to the same rules.
- (b) All accreditation candidates be required to demonstrate a standard in theological studies satisfactory to the New Zealand Lay Preachers' Association.
- (c) The studies shall cover the subjects: Understanding the Bible; Theology; Church and Society; Preparing for Worship (or their

equivalents), supported by sufficient practical experience preaching and leadership.

4. Conference notes that the National Executive is to be relocated from 1999 onwards. Other Districts/Regions are invited to consider assuming this task.
5. The Membership of the Executive is as printed in the Year Book page 19.

QUESTION 30—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Women's Fellowship?

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

Report pp 186f

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.

QUESTION 31—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Media?

CHURCHES BROADCASTING COMMISSION

Report pp 27f

Decision:

1. The Report is received.

CROSSLINK

Report pp 278-279

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference thanks the Crosslink Board and staff for their work.
3. Conference notes that the Wellington District is in the process of completing the list of Methodist Crosslink Board Members, to the number, four people.

EPWORTH BOOKSHOP TRUST

Report pp 18f

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference thanks both the Board and staff for improving performance of the Bookshop.

3. Conference encourages the Board to continue with the steps being taken to improve viability.
4. Conference requests that the Connexional Budget provides a subsidy, the equivalent of the cost of one presbyter, in the June 1998-May 1999 year.
5. The Membership of the Board is as printed in the Year Book on page 17.

PAC MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Report p298

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.

NB. The report is noted as incorrect, "many applications were received for funding from this Fund but unfortunately a number did not meet the criteria for assistance.'

QUESTION 33—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Wesley Historical Society?

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Report pp.191ff

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference notes that Verna Mossong is Vice-President (Oceana) of the World Methodist Historical Society and has received the Meritorious Service Award of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations.

QUESTION 34—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Community of Women and Men in Church and Society?

COMMUNITY OF WOMEN AND MEN

Report pp 189ff

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference confirms the valuable work over past years of the Community of Women and Men in Church and Society.

3. Conference requests that during 1998 the Community of Women and Men in Church and Society will
 - (a) ensure that the original mandate is satisfactorily complete,
 - (b) refer outstanding agenda to other committees of the Church, and
 - (c) order its life so that the Committee will cease to function from Conference 1998.
4. The Membership of the Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 16.

QUESTION 35—What are the decisions of Conference relating to Methodist AFFIRM?

METHODIST AFFIRM

Report pp 294ff

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. The Membership of the Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 18.

QUESTION 36—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Faith and Order?

FAITH & ORDER

Report pp63 – 68

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference commends the section "Every member a minister", and asks the Faith and Order Committee to refer it to Taha Maori and then to Synods, Districts, Advisory Committees and Parishes for discussion.
3. Conference requests the Faith and Order Committee to commence revision of the order of Service for Confirmation.
4. Conference endorses the World Council of Churches' report on the common date of Easter and commends the recommended directions.

N.B. We note that the extension of the median of Jerusalem into the Southern Hemisphere means that the formula from Nicca would give a date in September or October for Christian communities in this hemisphere. It is an irony that work on a common date for Easter between East and West should result in either a different date for Easter or the imposition of a Northern perspective on the churches of the South.

5. Conference encourages the planned dialogue on re-ordination in the light of the recent re-ordination of Methodist Presbyters that occurred within the last few months in the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch.
N.B. The Faith and Order Committee has expressed concern to Bishop David Coles and he has suggested that a dialogue take place on this matter with the Anglican Commission on Ecumenism at its meeting on November 21, 1997, which will be attended by three or four members of the Faith and Order Committee.
6. Conference warmly thanks Lois Clarke for her work on the Lectionary.
7. Conference asks the Faith and Order Committee to seek ways in which the church may affirm same-sex relationships based on mutual love, respect and faithfulness.
8. The Membership of the Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 17.

QUESTION 37—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Law Revision?

LAW REVISION

Report pages 285-287

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference receives the new and revised Law presented to it to be available for checking by members during the Conference.
3. Conference notes that the guidelines for Consensus decision-making continue in use by Conference and its Committees until further decision of the Conference.
4. Conference notes and approves that the questions under which Conference conducts its business under Section 6 have been amended to bring them into line with current practice.
5. Conference notes that the status of probationers is unclear in terms of the present law, and refers the issue of the status of probationers to the Faith & Orders Standing Committee for clarification during 1998.
6. Conference notes that the Bicultural committee has yet to report to the Law Revision Committee regarding the possibility of re-ordering the Law Book so as to identify partnership law (things we do together), and Tauwi and Taha Maori (things we do in separate groups or caucuses), and notes that the Law Revision Committee will work on this matter when it has the necessary information to proceed.
7. Conference adopts the new and revised law received by it in terms of Decision 2.

SECTION 2

7. 2. 2 A Presbyterian ordained at Conference shall *thereafter* usually, by that Conference, be received into Full Connexion.

Replace 12. 5. with the following.

12. 5. 1 *The ordination of a Deacon shall be by prayer and the laying on of hands.*

12. 5. 2 *The basic elements of the service shall be as from time to time decided by Conference.*

Add as:

18. 4 *Those Ministers in good standing who become Supernumeraries or who transfer to another Conference or Church shall be appropriately acknowledged*

SECTION 3

Replace with the following

11. 1 *During the first quarter of every fifth year of every ministerial appointment there shall normally be a consultation to review the life, work and future of the pastorate. Such consultation shall take place in terms of Section 4-13. 1 to 13. 3*

SECTION 4(B) GENERAL INFORMATION

Replace present Clause 2 with

2. *The Guidelines are to be used in relation to the new Stationing procedures in that the review is to take place in the first quarter of the fifth year of every ministerial appointment.*

Note: In a multi-presbyter parish the review will relate to the pastorate of the Presbyterian serving in his/her *fifth* year.

SECTION 5

MEMBERSHIP

2. 1. 4 Each person who is *a member of the Council of Conference or the Taiwi Forum* shall be a member of the Conference in that year, if such person is not already appointed as a member of Conference in any other capacity. No substitute may be appointed to attend Conference under this *provision*.

COMMITTEES OF DETAIL

11. 1 The Committees of Detail are:
- (A) Administration, Connexional Properties and Funds
 - (B) Communication/Organisations

- (C) Faith and Order
- (D) Fiji-Samoan-Tongan
- (E) Law Revision
- (F) Mission and Ecumenical
- (G) Mission and Ministry
- (H) Public Questions
- (I) Social Services
- (J) Te Taha Maori
- (K) Welfare of the Church

CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES

13. 1 In view of their specific tasks, function and membership, the following Standing Committees are recognised as Connexional Committees of Conference and shall report to Conference

Council of Conference

Tauiti Forum

Pakeha Stationing

Pakeha Meeting

(N.B. Remove General Purposes, Stationing Committee, Finance and Stewardship, Church Council, and replace with above.)

17. 4. 2 Such Minister shall have the right to make representations to the *Tauiti Forum/Taha Maori* personally and/or through a person of that Minister's choice. The *Tauiti Forum/Taha Maori* shall report its recommendation to the next meeting of the appropriate Stationing Committee.

17. 4. 3 The *District Superintendent of the Minister concerned* shall ensure that consultation and pastoral care through appropriate support persons shall be provided for the Minister while consideration is being given to this matter.

28. 1 to 28. 4 **delete** Section on Media and Communications Committee (no longer exists)

TONGAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

31. 3 The membership of the Committee shall be:

- (a) *the Convener, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Advisory Committee;*
- (b) *all Ordained Tongan Presbyters stationed by Conference and Presbyters on secondment from the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga;*

- (c) *one representative from each of the sixteen Auckland/Manukau Tongan Fellowships (of which eight representatives will be male and eight female);*
- (d) *two representatives (one male and one female) from each of the other Tongan Fellowships/congregations;*
- (e) *the Tongan Youth Co-ordinator and one youth representative;*
- (f) *the President and Vice-President of Conference;*
- (g) *one Synod representative from each District where there is a Tongan Fellowship.*

FIJI ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 32.3 (a) Two lay representatives from each of the Wellington, Auckland and Khyber Pass Fiji Fellowships, and one each from Palmerston North, Lower Hutt and Christchurch Fellowships.

SECTION 10B

- 9.1.1 ***Methodist Mission Northern:*** Established 1885 as Helping Hand Mission and incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 on the 1 July 1974.
- 9.1.2 ***Wesley Wellington Mission:*** Established as "The Wesley Church (Wellington Circuit) Social Services Trust Board 19 December 1949 and subsequently amended to Wesley Social Services Trust Board (Inc.). Incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 on the 24 January 1978.
- 9.1.3 ***Christchurch Methodist Mission:*** Authorised by Conference 1949 and Incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 on 21 June 1974.
- 9.1.4 ***Dunedin Methodist Mission:*** Established by Conference 1890 and incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act, 1957 on 26 November 1976.

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Membership comprises the Superintendents of the *Methodist Mission Northern, Wesley Wellington Mission, Christchurch Methodist Mission and Dunedin Methodist Mission*, plus six other members who shall be drawn from Synod/Church Agencies/Parishes/individuals who are interested or involved in Social Services and who shall be appointed annually at the Annual Meeting.

8. The Membership of the Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 18.

QUESTION 38—What are the decisions of Conference respecting the Laws of the Church including the rulings of the President during the year?

There are none.

QUESTION 39—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Public Questions?

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Report pp 55ff

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference urges the Government and all other Members of Parliament to support legislation and changes in the standing orders that will provide a framework that would prevent the Government ratifying a treaty without prior parliamentary approval.
3. Conference urges the Government:
 - (a) not to implement the Multilateral Agreement on Investment without full disclosure of the terms of the Agreement and the Government's position on it.
 - (b) to ensure that the rights of tangata whenua, guaranteed by the Treaty of Waitangi, are protected when negotiating the Agreement.
 - (c) to provide an opportunity for all New Zealanders, Maori and Tauitiwi, to participate in meaningful public debate on the possible effects of the Agreement.
4. In the light of the following considerations:
 - (a) 'Workfare' schemes may undermine real paid work and could displace people from their jobs by offering to employers a cheaper workforce open to exploitation, and
 - (b) that people should be able to choose the employment that best meets their skills is a human right guaranteed by the universal Declaration of Human Rights, and
 - (c) that people should be entitled to real employment, which is valued by the community enough that it attracts at least the minimum wage and full work safety procedures; it is of concern that the work created for beneficiaries may be work not valued by the community and are therefore not real jobs,

Conference urges the Government not to introduce compulsory work for benefit schemes unless there is an entitlement to at least the minimum wage and there are full work safety features.

5. Conference urges the Government to develop and publish an official measure of poverty in Aotearoa/New Zealand so that the true level of poverty can be monitored and published on a regular basis.
6. Noting the addictive nature of gambling, Conference calls on Government to establish a Public Health Policy which seeks to minimise the social risks of gambling on people and the community.
7. Conference urges Government to implement a moratorium on all Casino licences until fully independent social impact reports have been prepared on the two existing casinos.
8. Conference urges the Government to implement, without delay, the recommendations of Sir Thomas Thorp in his Review of Firearms Control in New Zealand.
9. Conference expresses its concern at the Government's decision to halt the Consistency 2000 project of the Human Rights Commission and urges it to reverse this decision and to continue with this project as presently required by the Human Rights Act.
10. The Membership of the Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 23.

QUESTION 40-What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Methodist Mission Aotearoa and Regional Missions?

METHODIST MISSION AOTEAROA

Report pp 233-268

Suppl. 288-293

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference notes the outcomes of the Annual General Meeting and Social Service Forum:
 - (a) dialogue with Te Taha Maori both informal sharing and with MMA Convener and Auckland members of MMA executive meeting Te Taha Maori;
 - (b) sharing with Council of Conference in October send through forum papers;
 - (c) MMA to consult with Mission Resourcing Unit;
 - (d) MMA executive to frame a suggested decision to Conference 1997;
 - (e) share with Conference 1997 process and outcomes of this forum;

- (f) MMA to facilitate dialogue between Auckland and Christchurch Mission regarding the establishment of a national research facility;
 - (g) a time frame needs to be established for 1998;
- and notes that they will form the basis for the major discussion and work of the MMA Executive in 1998, and will be reported on to Conference 1998
3. Conference:
 - (a) appoints Deacon Chris Wood as Convener of MMA for 1998 and endorses this as a full-time appointment and
 - (b) notes that the position will be funded from MMA funds.
 4. The Membership of the Executive is as printed in the Year Book on page 19.

METHODIST MISSION NORTHERN

Report pp 239-248

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. The Membership of the Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 19.

WESLEY WELLINGTON MISSION

Report pp 252-268

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference notes that Wesley Wellington Mission has carefully considered the matters referred back to it by Conference 1996.
3. Conference agrees that further consideration by it of the restructuring of Wesley Wellington Mission should await the outcome of Conference decisions about MMA.
4. The Membership of the Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 19.

CHRISTCHURCH MISSION

Report pp 288-293

Decisions:

En bloc

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference records with appreciation the Rev Tim Langley's ten years of service as Christchurch Methodist Mission Superintendent. Tim leaves a Mission that now reflects many of his key concerns:
 - * a clear focus on its core activity of care for children, their families and the frail aged;
 - * movement of non-core services to viable independence;

- * structures and relationships designed to achieve effective work within a Christ centred ethos;
- * and financial viability and increased security against the vagaries of external fund.

Two long term projects that bear witness to Tim's vision and leadership are changed understanding of the values that underpin aged care, with the new ways of working that this inspires, and the major expansion of services with Maori through Te Roopu Manaaki.

3. The Membership of the Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 20.

DUNEDIN MISSION

Report pp 249-251

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. The Membership of the Board is as printed in the Year Book on page 20.

QUESTION 41—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Ministry Resourcing Unit (Trinity College)?

MINISTRY RESOURCING UNIT (TRINITY COLLEGE)

Report pp86f

Suppl Report pp325ff

Decision:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference approves the Job Description for the position of Principal, Trinity Methodist Theological College.
3. Conference notes the resignations of Rev Audrey Dickinson and Rev. Mervyn Dine and thanks them for their contribution to the work of the Trinity College Council.
4. Conferences notes the death of Mr Leicester Peak and records appreciation of 42 years of dedicated service to Trinity College Council.
5. The Membership of the College Council is as printed in the Year Book on page 21.

QUESTION 42—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Wesley College Trust Board?

WESLEY COLLEGE

Report pp193ff & 307
Suppl Report pp329

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference requests the Wesley College Trust Board to initiate discussion with the Wesley College Board of Governors on issues surrounding Maori Scholarships and Educational outcomes.
3. Conference thanks Rev Jack Penman for this work on the Trust Board.
4. (a) Conference, in affirming the 30 years service to Wesley College Trust Board of Brian Caughey, instructs the Board to review its membership and thank and discharge all members who have completed more than 25 year's service.
(b) Conference requires that a new membership of Wesley College Trust Board be prepared by the Board through the Board Chairperson in consultation with the District Superintendents of Auckland, Manukau and Samoan Synods, Tongan & Fiji Advisory Committees and Te Taha Maori, such new membership to be approved by the President before March 1998. Such new membership shall comprise the Board after its appointment.
(c) Board membership until appointment under the preceding decision, of the new Board, is: Eric Beavis, Audrey Bruce, John Hull, Heather Jack, Barbara Lawrence, Jack McCoskrie, Graeme Mathieson, John Murray, Harvey O'Loughlin, Paewhenua Nathan, Jack Paine, Markus Rogers, Lana Lazarus, Vaotane Samoa Saleupolu, Jill van de Geer and Te Rua Winiata. (year book p23.)
5. Conference reaffirms that Wesley College is a Methodist School which, through the Integration Agreement, reflects a partnership between the Crown and the Church
6. Conference affirms the work of the Trust Board as it seeks to ensure that Wesley College continues to reflect its special character.
7. Conference receives the Job Description for the Chaplain to Wesley College.

QUESTION 43—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation?

COUNCIL FOR MISSION

pages 132-143

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference affirm the re-structuring process followed by the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation.
3. Conference encourages Methodist AFFIRM to be in dialogue with the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation.
4. Conference warmly affirms the work of the Rev Bill Griffiths, the initiatives and role he has undertaken during the Bougainville crisis, which has helped lead to the peace talks and the Burnham Truce.
5. Conference recommends to parishes that the needs of the people of Bougainville be upheld in prayer.
6. That the present Methodist Convener and the President be responsible for the appointment of four Methodists to the committee of the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation.
7. Conference thanks the Units, Conference Representatives and the Convener of the Co-ordinating Committee for years of faithful service to the Church.

REVIEW OF OVERSEAS MISSION

Report pp 167-174

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. The Report be referred to Council of Conference.

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE

Report pp 144-148

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Te Hahi Weteriana gives support to the Debt Action Network which is calling for:
 - (a) the New Zealand Government to take active steps to help eliminate poverty among the world's poorest peoples by actively promoting the cancellation of all unsustainable debt owed by the poorest countries by the year 2000,
 - (b) the New Zealand Government to do this at all appropriate international fora, in particular meetings of the World Bank and its member's agencies, the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations,

by participating in programmes and actions recommended by Christian World Service.

3. The New Zealand Government to undertake study of alternative international economic systems designed to enhance the economic viability of poor countries,

CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND:

Report pp 149-151

Decision:

1. The Report is received.

QUESTION 44—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Mission Resourcing Unit?

MISSION RESOURCING UNIT

Report pp103

Decisions En bloc

1. The Report is received.
2. The following Grants-in-Aid are approved

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Methodist</u>
Glen Innes Co-op.	3,000	3,000
Avondale Union	1,500	375
St Austells Co-op	3,000	750
Turangi Co-op	12,605	1,575
Hutt City Uniting	4,800	1,200
St Lukes, Nelson	4,500	1,125
Westland-Buller Union	8,750	2,187
Greymouth District Uniting	6,000	2,000
Parklands Co-op	2,000	250
Bluff Greenhills	4,800	600
Bell Block Co-op	1,500	187
Botany Ecumenical Project	12,000	1,500
Franklin West Co-op	3,000	750
Levin	10,000	10,000
Dannevirke	5,500	5,500
Waimea	3,000	3,000
3. Conference notes, and records its appreciation for the work of the Rev Roy Alexander in his role as National Candidates Convener.
4. Conference appoints the Rev Ken Olsen as National Candidates Convener.
5. That the Mission Resourcing Unit Superintendent, trial, during 1998, with no more than 3 parishes, alternative methods of finding possible

matchings for Stationing. Such trials must have Presidential approval and continue the Methodist principles of: itinerancy, Connexional oversight, District strategy, and parish requirements.

6. That the Church place on record its deep appreciation for the work of the Rev Joan Dallaway, Executive Officer, Interchurch Council on Hospital Chaplaincy, whose term in that position comes to an end in January, 1998. Conference recognises the excellence of her work with church groups, Regional Health Authorities and CHE's; her pastoral care of chaplains and her breadth of vision for chaplaincy, and her tenacity in living through very difficult and stressful times. Joan has, in her three year term, challenged the churches to own hospital chaplaincy as an important area of ministry. Her ministry is greatly valued.
7. The Membership of the Board is as printed in the Year Book on page 22.

DIACONATE TASK GROUP

Report pp 111

Decision:

1. The Report is received.

EVANGELISM GROUP

Report pp 112

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Subject to their each consenting to being appointed, the Evangelism Group is: Desmond Cooper, Elsie Jones, Neil Keesing, Ralph Vickers (Convener), Peter West, Viv Whimster, Alan Withy, and John Murray (Mission Resourcing Unit).
3. Conference encourages Parishes and other groups to send their "evangelism stories" to the Convener of the Evangelism Task Group.

FUTURES GROUP

Report pp 152

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. That Conference find some time at Conference 1998 to dream about the future of the Church.
3. Conference supports the work of the Futures Group and encourages it to continue being intentional about futures for church and spiritual lives in this country.

TRAVEL AND STUDY

Report pp 118

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. The Committee Membership for 1998 is: Robyn Brown, Joan Bryant, Liz Cook, Jill van de Geer, John Murray, Ken Olsen, Gillian Watkin, the General Secretary, and Jack Penman (Convener).

QUESTION 45--What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Fiji Advisory Committee?

FIJI ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report pp 177-178

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Fiji Advisory Committee acknowledges and thanks the New Zealand Conference for inviting the President of the Conference of Fiji, Dr Ilaitia Tuwere and Mrs Tuwere, on behalf of the FAC, to be present at the induction of Susau as Vice-President of the Conference of New Zealand.
3. The dates for FAC meeting be changed from March to June.
4. The Rev Langi is granted one more year with the Rotuman Fellowship.
5. The representatives of the FAC to the various committees are:

Tauiwi Forum	Titilia Fihaki
Mission Resourcing Unit	Lupeti Fihaki
Council of Conference	Lupeti Fihaki
Tauiwi Youth Board	Lupeti Fihaki
Conference	Lupeti Fihaki, Rupeni Balawa, Akisi Renner
Youth Representatives to Conference	Rejieli Langi and Laisa Kama
6. The Executive Members of the FAC are:

Presbyters	Jione Langi and Mikaele Yasa
Lay Representatives:	Manasa Rayasi, Cama Tuwai, Jioji Tikodei, Malakai Waqa, Rupeni Balawa, Sisa Tuicakau, Laisa Fonmoa, Voi Muaror, Ilitomasi Nacagilevu
Convener	Lupeti Fihaki
Secretary	Vasiti Strong
Treasurer	Kelera Waqa
7. The Membership of the Advisory Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 18.

QUESTION 46—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Sinoti Samoa?

SINOTI SAMOA

Report pp 304-306

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. That Conference should continue to fund the Sinoti Samoa through its connexional budget for the next two financial years and asks that Sinoti Samoa to clarify its financial position within that time.
3. Conference asks the Mission Resourcing Unit to follow through with the Conference 1996 decision to provide funding for the Samoan Youth Co-ordinator(s) similar to that for English Speaking Youth Co-ordinator(s).

QUESTION 47—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Tongan Advisory Committee?

TONGAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report as printed.

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference thanks Rev Tavake Tupou, Heu and family for Tavake's three years of serving the church in his roles as President-Elect 1995, President 1996, and Ex-President 1997.
3. Conference notes that the TAC is continuing its work towards providing Youth Ministry.
4. The members of the Executive Committee for 1998 are:
Presbyters: Salesi Takau, Sione Ha'angana, Kepu Moa, Taniela Moala.
Laity: Tevita Finau, 'Evaline Ha'angana, 'Uha'one Metuisela, Kilifi Heimuli.
5. The members of the TAC remain as decided by Conference 1996 and are as listed on page 24 of the Year Book.

QUESTION 48—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Church Union?

FORUM OF CO-OPERATIVE VENTURES

Page 113

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.

QUESTION 49—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Statistics?

STATISTICS

Report pp 491ff

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.

QUESTION 50—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to becoming a Bi-cultural Church?

BICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Report pp 198-201

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference thanks Lynne Frith for the considerable work she has done as Co-Convener of the Bi-cultural Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION

"Noting that Conference is a meeting of two partners of a bicultural church, it asks

- (a) that reports to Conference by Boards and Committees are appropriate for reporting to both partners, and*
 - (b) that the Administration Division in consultation with the Bicultural Committee identify and distribute guidelines for such reporting."*
3. Noting that Conference is the meeting of a Bicultural Church it asks that:
 - (a) reports to Conference by Boards and Committees are appropriate for reporting to both partners, and
 - (b) the Administration Division in consultation with the Bicultural Committee prepare and distribute suitable guidelines regarding the preparation of reports.
 4. The Membership of the Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 2.

QUESTION 51—What are the Conference decisions on matters relating to Te Taha Maori?

TE TAHA MAORI

Report pages 47ff

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference notes Te Taha Maori appreciation of the work of the Grey Institute Trust and the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments, whose members' continued commitment enables Te Taha Maori to work towards the achievement of its goals.
3. Multilateral Agreement on Investment.
Conference requests the Government that:
 - (a) New Zealand involvement in the formulation of the Multilateral Agreement on investment (MAI) including proposed reservations, be put on hold till there has been full and open consultation with tangata whenua.
 - (b) New Zealand not sign up to the MAI without full tangata whenua input and agreement.
 - (c) the tino rangatiratanga rights of tangata whenua under the Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Article 2) be fully recognised in the process of drawing up such international treaties.
4. The membership of Hui Poari is as printed in the Year Book on page 7.
5. The membership of Te Runga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi is as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

Errata:

page 49 Minita-a-iwi add

Waikato-Te Rohe Potae – add Barney Winikerei

Taranaki, Otautahi, Poneke – add Jack Whitikia

Grey Institute Trust

report pages 175f

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. The membership of the Board is as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments

Report page 280f

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.

2. The Membership of the Board is as printed in the Year Book on page 25.

QUESTION—52 What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Education?

ENGLISH SPEAKING TAUWI YOUTH

Report pp 120

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference thanks Alison Greening, Walter Nicholls, Chris Konings, Amanda Stace, Malcolm Salter, Gabrielle Fawcner, and Isaiah Kainiu for their service to EYY.
3. Conference thanks John Eaddy, David Baird, Gabrielle Fawcner and Kathy Clifford for their service on the Management Group.
4. Conference affirms Youthtrek as a valuable experience for young people and asks parishes to encourage young people to attend Youthtrek.
5. The Taranaki Youthtrek organising committee is thanked for its dedication in creating Youthtrek '97.
6. Conference expresses concern at the under-funding of the Children's and Young Persons' Service and the Government is called upon to demonstrate that it values children and young people by making this work a budget priority.
7. All Committees and Boards, in preparing their budgets, are asked to recognise that 40% of the population is aged under 25 and to resource ministry to this age group accordingly, and to report to Conference next year regarding progress in this area.
8. That employment and review procedures for processing lay covenanted/contracted ministry, be developed by the Mission Resourcing Unit in consultation with the Administration Division. This is to ensure fair and just appointment and appraisal of the ministry and fair and just information on which to base decisions regarding the appointment, continuation/cessation of contracts/covenants.
9. Conference asks the Welfare of the Church Committee, in consultation with the Administration Division, EYY Board, Tongan Advisory Committee, Fiji Advisory Committee, and Sinoti Samoa to consider a change of date for Conference to September or October.
10. The Laws and Regulations are amended to provide that Youth Representatives to Conference may be up to 30 years of age.
11. Empower Your Youth Board shall have the right to be represented by one person at Conference.

12. When more than one person is sharing a Connexional Appointment, both persons are to be entitled to attend Conference as full members.
13. Conference acknowledges and affirms the ministry that Russell Fleet has offered as English Speaking Tauivi National Youth Co-ordinator, and wishes him well in his future ventures.
14. The Membership of Empower Your Youth Board is as printed in the Year Book on page 26.

TAUIVI YOUTH BOARD

Report pp321

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference thanks all who have been involved on the Tauivi Youth Board and acknowledges the immediate past convenors, Beverley Aufai, Chris Konings, 'Ofa Mone and Tavita Filemoni.
3. The Tauivi Youth Board is now disbanded.
4. The remaining funds of Tauivi Youth Board shall be retained for appropriate use by Tauivi Youth, administered through the Mission Resourcing Unit.
5. The remainder of the PAC Grant, given for the training of Tauivi National Youth Co-ordinators, shall be administered by the Mission Resourcing Unit within the intention for which it was given.
6. Tauivi Youth representation on the Board of the Mission Resourcing Unit shall be: a youth or someone working with youth appointed from each cultural group – Samoan Synod, Tongan Advisory Committee, Fiji Advisory Committee, and Empower Your Youth.

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES

Report pp 109

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference notes that Uniting Education will no longer be producing its own Curriculum material. However, it will remain in consultation with MediaCom in this area and the Life Plus modules will still be available. Publications for use in the educational ministries of the churches will continue to be published under the imprint of JBCE books.
3. The Job Description for Educational Resource Person is approved.
4. That the Mission Resourcing Unit continue to review the nature and structure of comprehensive resourcing.

CLOSURE OF EDUCATION DIVISION Report pp 165-166

NOTE: The Report and following Decisions were overlooked by the Conference Decision making process. However, the Report and the Decisions were discussed by the Council of Conference at their October meeting and received their support. In light of this the President has determined that the following be the Decisions of Conference. This will enable the significant income to be available to the Church as well as reimbursing the Commissioner.

Decisions:

1. The income of Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa Education Resource Trust Fund be transferred to the Investment Funds Board for distribution, to resource education in Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, as determined from time to time by Conference.
2. The Commissioner appointed to administer the closure of the Education Division be discharged.
3. An Honorarium of \$4,000 be paid to the Commissioner in acknowledgement of costs and time spent in discharging the duties in which Conference requested of him.

CHURCHES EDUCATION COMMISSION Report pp117

Decision:

1. The Report is received.

QUESTION 53—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Administration Division?

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Report pp213-232

Supp. pp315-318

Suggested Decisions:

1. The Report is received
2. Conference recognises and records its appreciation to Vin Percy for her 21 years of work in the Connexional Office and wishes her well in her retirement.
3. Conference notes the 1.8% increase to the annuity rate of the Supernumerary Fund, from 1 February 1998, giving a benefit of \$303.18 for each year of contribution.
4. Conference affirms the interpretation to the Minister's entitlements as set out in the Board's report.
5. In relation to the Lay Workers Retiring Fund, Conference notes that:

- (a) members of the Fund have elected to transfer their interest to the Anglican Church Retire Fund.
 - (b) the provisions of the Anglican Church Retire Fund make it possible for Presbyters, Deacons and Lay Workers to make extra personal savings, over and above their other superannuation commitments.
6. Conference authorises the Board of Administration through the Insurance Fund to have installed intruder alarms and smoke detectors in all Churches and Halls, with an insurable replacement value in excess of \$300,000.
 7. That the Travel and Study Grants Committee be responsible for the allocation of grants from the Bradley Trust.
 8. That the savings available through the use of Methodist Mobil Fuel Card be seriously considered by Presbyters and other eligible Church employees.
 9. Conference authorises the Board of Administration to adjust the Methodist Stipend package, taking account of allowances, superannuation and leave entitlement, so as to bring it into line with the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches: These adjustments are to be fully effective from 1st July 1999.
 10. Conference notes and affirms the intention of the Board of Administration to prepare a paper on housing allowances and related matters, including the report on pages 315-316 for distribution to Synods, etc. and to report to Conference 1998.

NOTICE OF MOTION

"That the Administration Division be asked to ascertain and publish fax numbers and e-mail addresses, as well as phone numbers for staff, churches and organisations included in the Year Book green page listings."

11. The content is referred to the Board of Administration for consideration and action.
12. Conference notes the establishment of a Denominational Copyright Licence and affirms the requirement for Parishes to participate within the Licence, unless they can show that they have alternative arrangements.
13. The Membership of the Board is as printed in the Year Book on page 2.

QUESTION 54—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Investment Board?

INVESTMENT BOARD

Report pg 276
Suppl Report page 322

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. The membership of the Board for 1998 is as printed in the Year Book on page 18.

QUESTION 55—What Are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Methodist Trust Association?

METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

Report pp 269-273
Suppl Report page 322

Decision:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference affirms the place of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association as the appropriate investment vehicle for Church funds.
3. That because of the diversified nature of the investments held by the Trust Association and the satisfactory rates of return achieved on the various funds, all to the benefit to the Church in investing through one organisation, all church groups holding investments outside of the Methodist Trust Association are asked to reconsider those investments and to open negotiations with the Association regarding transfer of funds to the Association.
4. That Rev's Bruce Gordon and Alan Woodley be thanked for their service to the Church as members of the Board of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association, the Church's Investment Board and PACT 2086 Trust.
5. The Constitution of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association is amended by rewording Clause 6 (iv)(f) to read:
 "6. (iv)(f) To invest in any shares, debentures or other securities listed on the New Zealand Stock Exchange or on such other recognised overseas Stock Exchange, as the Board may from time to time approve, and to retain any company shares or debentures transferred to the Board by any person or Trustee, and to take up whether for cash or otherwise any further such shares or debentures as may be offered to existing holders."
6. The Membership of the Board is as printed in the Year Book on page 20.

QUESTION 56—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Connexional Trusts?

CONNEXIONAL TRUSTS

PACT 2086 TRUST

Report pp 274

Decision:

1. The Report is received.

PAC DISTRIBUTION

Report pp205

Decision:

1. The Report is received.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON

Report pp207

Decision:

1. The Report is received.

ROBERT GIBSON TRUST BOARD

Report pp 210-212

Decision:

1. The Report be received.
2. The Membership of the Trust is as printed in the Year Book on page 24.

METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY

Report pp208-209

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. That the sum of \$10,000, available for distribution as follows:
 - (a) \$1,000 to the Northland U.D.C. as a Methodist contribution (covering 1998/1999) towards the planning of the Rural Ministry Conference 2000.
 - (b) \$7,000 for Polytech Chaplaincies, to be distributed through the Tertiary Chaplaincy Committee.
 - (c) \$1,000 to the Tairāwhiti Polytechnic Chaplaincy Support Committee – Gisborne.
 - (d) \$1,000 to the Wellington Synod and Presbytery Youth Ministry Trust.

QUESTION 57—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Connexional Budget?

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

Report pp 41-46

Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. The Membership of the Connexional Budget Task Group is as printed in the Year Book on page 4.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO CONFERENCE 1997

- 1(a). I report that I have received all audited Annual Accounts with the exception of Grey Institute Trust and the Methodist Mission Aotearoa for the Financial Year ended since last Conference of the Boards and Funds under the Conference.

All other audited Accounts have been placed in the Conference Journal.

- (b) Audit Certificates have not been received from the following Parishes:

Auckland Central Parish	Tokoroa
Auckland East	Otorohanga Parish
East Coast Bays	Wellington Central
Manukau North Parish	Christchurch East
Papakura Parish	Dunedin Methodist Parish
Hamilton	

QUESTION 58--Who is elected President of the Church for induction at next Conference?

Margaret Hamilton

QUESTION 59--Have adequate arrangements been made for the President's supply?

In consultation with the President-Elect adequate arrangements will be made.

QUESTION 60--Who is elected the President's Legal Adviser?

Mr Geoffrey H Peak, LLB

QUESTION 61--Who is elected Vice-President for induction at next Conference?

Rev John B Salmon

QUESTION 62--Who are elected as District Superintendents for the ensuing year?

As printed in the Year Book on pages 9-10.

QUESTION 63—Who are elected as Secretaries of Synods for the ensuing year?

As printed in the Year Book on pages 10-11.

QUESTION 64—Who are elected as Financial Secretaries of Synods for the ensuing year?

As printed in the Year Book on pages 11-12.

QUESTION 65—Who are elected as Property Secretaries of Synods for the ensuing year?

As printed in the Year Book on page 12.

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 President, Ex-President, President-Elect, the Vice-President, Ex-Vice-President, the Vice-President-Elect, General Secretary, Superintendent of the Mission Resourcing Unit, Nga Kaiarahi

(d) President's Committee of Advice.

QUESTION 67---When and where shall the next Conference be held?

Christchurch

7 - 12 November 1998

QUESTION 68--When shall the Annual Meeting of Synods be held?

7 – 15 August 1998

QUESTION 69—

- (a) What is God saying to us now?
- (b) What more can be done to promote the work of God?

REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

That Conference requests the President and Vice-President to establish a group representative of the diversity of life within Te Haahi Weteriana, to help individuals, groups, congregations, parishes who have difficulty in accepting the decision of Conference (relating to Full Connexion and Stationing) to explore the consequences of the decision.

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