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Thursday	25 February	19 August
	22 April	21 October
	17 June	2 December

3. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

Wednesday	24 February	25 August
	24 March	22 September
	28 April	27 October
	26 May	24 November
	23 June	15 December
	28 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.

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30 April - 2 May
13-15 August
1- 3 October

5. CONNEXIONAL MEETINGS

Pakeha Meeting	<i>To be advised</i>
Tauwi Forum	<i>To be advised</i>
Pakeha Meeting	<i>To be advised</i>
Pakeha Stationing	<i>To be advised</i>
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Pakeha Meeting	5 November
Pakeha Stationing	4 November
Tauwi Forum	4 November

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March

June

August

December

Auckland (130)

6 March

12 June

7 December

7 & 8 August

30 October

Manukau (60)

16 February

20 April

15 June

7 August

19 October

16 November

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Waikato-Bay of Plenty (131)

12 March

11 June

6/7 August

15 October

26 November

Taranaki-Wanganui (57)

20 February

15 May

6 & 7 August

16 October

7 December

Hawkes-Bay Manawatu (60)

13 March

14 June

6/7 August

16 October

Wellington (100)

23 February

27 April

22 June

6/7 August

28 September

23 November

Nelson-Marlborough (40)

2 March

7/8 August

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North Canterbury (110)

23 February

27 April

22 June

6/7 August

23 November

South Canterbury (28)

6 March

6 May

7 August

26 November

Otago-Southland (70)

12/16 March

12 June

7/8 August

5 December

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6, 7 & 8 August

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Auckland Hospital - Rev Mark Stephens
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Wesley Hospital) Roger J E Hey
Greenlane, National Women's Hospital - Rev Robyn Kerr
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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)

Taranaki-Wanganui District:

New Plymouth - Rev Robert Anderson (Ecumenical Chaplain)
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Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District

Napier - Rev Wendy Harris (Ecumenical Chaplain)
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Ashburton - Rev Jean Bruce

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OR denotes the year of retirement, **OR** when not known - Ret.

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1984	1998	Abbott , Bryant S L; 32 Bateman Ave, Bryndwr, Christchurch	0-3-351 8505	8120
1955	1983	Abbott , William K; 142 Regan St, Stratford	0-6-765 5464	4030
1997	2	Abernethy , Gordon S 89 Eton Street, Ashburton [Em] gordonandanne@ashburton.co.nz	[O] 0-3-308 6207 [H] ph/fax: 0-3-308 6297	8380

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1997	3	'Akau'ola-Tongotongo , Sylvia 17 Pukehana Ave, Epsom, Auckland	[H] 0-9-624 3520 fax: 0-9-625 2285	2010
1995	5	Alaelua , Faiva; LTh 13 Raleigh Place, Hastings	[H] 0-6-879 9134	5020
1966	CHP20	Alexander , Roy M; 20 McIlroy Ave, Hillsborough, Auckland 1004 (locator 1158)	[O] 0-9-358 0825 [H] ph/fax 0-9-625 8685 alexandr@whl.co.nz	2000
	2	Allan , Patricia 9 Bengal Drive , Christchurch 2. (<i>Supply</i>) [Em] pallan@cyberxpress.co.nz	[H] 0-3-3374148 [O]ph 0-3-366 5030 [O]fax 0-3-366 6650	8010
1968	UFS5	Allan , Robert A; 1 Totara Street, Masterton 5901	[H] 0-6-377 1543	6200
1986	4	Allen-Goudge , Robyn D, P O Box 51019, Tawa	[O] 0-4-232 8844 [H] 0-4-232 9858 robyn-g@clear.net.nz	6110
1969	2	Alley , David R; 5 Lenihan Street, Northcote, North shore City 10	ph/fax 0-9-480 9332 [M] 021 899 948 [Em] ball006@xtra.co.nz	2180
1987	L13	Ambler , Mavis; Postal Agency, Opononi, South Hokianga	0-9-405 8809	1060
1991	1998	Ancrum , Audrey P, 14 Tudor Place, Mairangi Bay, Auckland 10	[H] 09-479 3815	2030
1998	2	Anderson , Bruce J 3 Argyle Avenue, Levin	[O] 0-6-368 5927 [H] 0-6-368 4070	6220
1984	SOC10	Anderson-Carter , Glenys R; 8 Rika Place, Rotorua	[H] 0-7-348 8835 fax: 0-7-348 3445	3000
1956	1993	Andrews , Robert (Bob) S; 2/64 Golf Road, Nelson	ph/fax: 0-3-548 5206	7010
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
1999	1	Aumua , Tovia		2100
	1	Baird , David		
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
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	1	Barnes , Stanley J, 126 East Belt, Lincoln 8152	0-3-325 2257 [Em] yands@xtra.co.nz	8160
1986	D4	Barrow , Shirley-Joy, P O Box 19455, Auckland	[O] 0-9-623 3066 [O] fax 0-9-623 3592 [H] ph/fax 0-9-828 3077 belbarow@clear.net.nz	2090
1975	5	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 [Em] tony-bell@clear.net.nz	2090
1981	9	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
1967	1992	Bennett , Enid J, , 'Tirohanga', 205 Paku Dr, Tairua, via Thames	[H] 0-7-864 7105 [Em] enidb.tai.@xtra.co.nz	3040

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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	UFS4	Biggs, Donald (Don) F, 133 Lincoln Road, Carterton	[O Wed.] 0-4385 0485 ph/fax 0-6-379 7090 Cell 025 479 815 [Em] sunz@voyager.co.nz	6180
1954	1989	Billinghurst, Noel D 14 Hamua Place, Waitara	0-6-754 4498	4020
1962	10	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	L6	Boswell, Ruth, 11 Penruddocke Road, Bucklands Beach.	[O] 0-9-576 2407 [H] 0-9-534 7363 Fax: 0-9-576 5930 [Em] trinity@clear.net.nz	2410
1959	1994	Bowen, Lewis (Lew) A; 67 Kennedy Dr, Levin	[H] 0-6-368 9880	6220
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
	5	Brazendale, Helen (Supply) 3 Neal Dow Street, Crofton, Marton	[H] 0-6-327 5311 [Em] neil-helen.starck@xtra.co.nz	5130

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1998	2	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@methodist-mission-chch.org	8010
1969	4	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
	9	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	2	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	D11	Bryant, David M 11 Lockett St, Lower Hutt	[O] 0-4-568 3029 [H] 0-4-567 6106	6120
1989	UFS1	Bryant, George W;	[H]ph	
1989	D11	Bryant, Margaret I 11 Lockett St, Lower Hutt	[O] 0-4-569 7921 [H] 0-4-567 6106	6120
1993	7	Burgin, Chris, P O Box 113, Inglewood (home: 3 Totara Street0	[H] 0-6-756 7124	4110
1983	1997	Burnett, Margaret E; 7B Sparks Road, Christchurch	0-3-337 4117	8020
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	

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1979	7	Bush, David J; 125 West Belt, Rangiora	[H] 0-3-313 7259 8190 [Em] d.bush@netaccess.co.nz	
	S2	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	SOC4	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	UFS7	Chandler, Clive H; Flat 2, 1 Islington Street, Trentham Upper Hutt	0-4-528 4108	6120
1965	1998	Chessum, William A; 20 Church St, Otahuhu [Em]: billchess@clear.net.nz	[H] 0-9-276 3468 fax: 0-9-276 3465	2490
1965	SOC5	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
1963	1989	Clarke, Ian L; 9 Hurst Place, Christchurch 9.	0-3-383 0918	8010
1981	5	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

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1990	5	Clifford, Kathy M, 104 Manawapou Road, Hawera	[O] 0-6-278 6270 [H] 0-6-278 7320	4050
1991	1	Clifford, William (Bill) J; P O Box 136, Rongotea	0-6-324 8179	5140
1987	4	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; 535B 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	UFS1	Connole, Kevin R, S1 Cooper, Judith, 3 Abbeygate St, Birkdale, Auckland 1013	[Em] connole@clear.net.nz	
1980	8	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 <u>KDESMONDCOOPER@XTRA.CO.NZ</u>	3080
1969	UFS11	Corlett, Ashley I; 43 Waiheke Road, Waiheke Island	0-9-372 6919	2010
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 Supply	[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

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1957	1998	Cropp, James F; 3 Remuera Avenue, Christchurch 2	[H] 0-3-332 5772	8090
1983	UFS	Cubin, Raewyn F 8 Aperahama St, Paekakariki	0-4-292 7002	6010
1980	CHP11	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; (supply)	mobile: 025 223 6464	6190
1989	D11	Dalton, R Harvey; 417 Parawai Rd, Thames	[O] ph/fax 0-7-868 6123 [H] 0-7-868 7506	3010
1997	CHP3	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; C/- Wesley Harewood, 21 Marblewood Drive, Christchurch 5		8030
1943	1982	Dawson, W Selwyn; 44 Kupe St, Orakei, Auckland 5	0-9-521 0236 [Em] selwyn@clear.net.nz	2070
1954	1992	Dickie, Arthur W; 2 Glen Cree Avenue, Hamilton	0-7-855 5462	3100
1983	1995	Dickinson, Audrey N; 1/2 Idris Court, Manurewa Auckland	[H] 0-9- 268-7970 [Em] a.dickinson@clear.net.nz	2490
1958	UFS15	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	9	Dine, Mervyn L; 7 Francis Ryan Close, Mt Albert, Auckland 3:	[O] 0-9-846 7264 [H] 0-9-849 5174 Fax: 0-9-849 5187 [Em] Joy4Mervyn.Dine@xtra.co.nz	2080

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1990	5	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	6	Drylie , John F., 118 Fitzherbert Street, Hokitika 7900	[H] 0-3-755 6119	7120
1990	5	Durrant , Joanne A (Jo), 27 Remuera Ave, Christchurch 2	[H] 0-3-332 5202 fax: 0-3-332 5246 Cell 025 389 264	8070
	S1	Dymond , Michael C/- Trinity Methodist Theological College Private Bag 28907, Remuera, Auckland		
1969	ET4	Eagle , Brian R J; 12 Wyndham Road, Hannahs Bay, Rotorua	[O]ph/fax 0-7-347 2499 [H] 0-7-345 3010	3170
1980	6	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 7538	3190
1980	1	Elderton , William E 131 Francis Avenue, St Albans, Christchurch 1,	[H] 0-3-355 7207	8250
1939	1987	Ellemor , Evelyn (rtd Deacon) 4/13 Nursery Place, New Plymouth	0-6-753 4994	4010
1984	3	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	5	Emslie , Marian; 47 Pennington St, Leeston 8172	0-3-324 3315 [Em] m.emslie@clear.net.nz	8170
1995	MI	Eructi , Hao 21 Simon Road, Raglan	0-7-825 8972	3510
1980	D3	Evans , Edna P O Box 638, (37 Crawford Rd RD1), Tauranga	[O] 0-7-578 8493 [H] 0-7-552 5724 (as from 24/2/98)	3190

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1992	2	Fa'afuata , Iakopo P; 122 Archibald Road, Kelston Waitakere City	[O] 0-9-376 3319 [H] 0-9-813 3975	2370
1989	3	Fa'afuata , Fereti, 14 Fairdale Place, Papakura	[H] ph/fax 0-9-298 4092	2430
	S1	Faleatua , F Faleatua 1 Granite Place, Manukau City		
1943	1983	Falkingham , Wilfred E; 24 Ranui Cres, Diamond Harbour, 1 R D Lyttelton	0-3-329 4439	8140
1989	D11	Fawkner , Brenda R N 21 Findlay Street, New Plymouth	4601 0-6-751 1668	4010
1964	1989	Felderhof , Ludwig; 179 Kingswood Rd, Tauranga	0-7-576-3176	3190
1982	2	Ferguson , I W Les; 31 King Street, Waiuku	[H] 0-9-235 9312 [Em} ferguson@clear.net.nz	2460
1979	5	Ferguson , R Andrew; 120 Colombo Street, Christchurch 2	[O] 03 3666 049 [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	1	Filemoni , Tavita	[H] ph	6010
	S1	Finau , Viliami 16 Kuaka Place, New Lynn, Auckland	[H] 09 826 0589	
	S1	Fogg , Jan C/- Trinity Methodist Theological College Private Bag 28907, Remuera, Auckland		
		Fonokalafi , Sione, 44 Beach Rd, Te Atatu, Auckland 8 (retired x Free Wesleyan Church in Tonga (Methodist)		
1999	1	Forbes , Craig E 15 Waddington Drive, Lower Hutt	[O] 0-4-569 6597 [H] 0-4-567 6110 fax: 0-4-567 6111	6120

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1949	1985	Ford , Wilfred F; 40B Nigel Road, Browns Bay, Auckland 10	0-9-478 0495	2320
1957	1986	Fowler , Irwin J; 54 Buscomb Ave, Henderson, Auckland 8	0-9-836 1265	2100
1981	2	Frith , Lynne O, P O Box 6133, Te Aro, (Home: 7 Cleveland Street, Brooklyn) fax: 0-4-382 9708 Wellington lynne.wesley@clear.net.nz	[O] 0-4-384 7695 [H] 0-4 384 8370	6010
1955	1997	Fuller , June E 37A Waimairi Rd, ChCh 4 (retd Deacon)	0-3-348 8039	8120
1985	1994	Garner , Edna J 7 Lemnos Place, Titirangi, Auckland	0-9-817 9231	2010
1990	1999	George , Norma J		8140
1964	UFS	Gerritsen , Hendrik, Route de Beaumont 9, CH 1700 ,Fribourg Switzerland	0041-26-424 00 59	2310
1998	2	Gibson , Mark 28 Fitzroy Avenue, Melville Hamilton [Em] nz.assoc.psychotherapists@xtra.co.nz		3080
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	D11	Goodwin , Lorna J 317 Albert Street, Palmerston North	0-6-357 9721	5100
1955	1988	Goreham , Norman J, 50A Takapu St, Henderson, Auckland 1008	0-9-837 8223	2100
1959	1976	Goudge , Stanley R, 8 Welcome Place, Orchard Grove, Henderson, Auck 1008	ph/fax: 0-9-835 1890	2100

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1956	1982	Grant, Ian D, 37 Dalton Drive, Papamoa	0-7-542 1265	3210
1986	UFS7	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	4	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	5	Grant, Stuart C, P O Box 1887, Palmerston North (home: 48 Karina Terrace)	[O] 0-6-358 2860 [H] ph/fax 0-6-358 7436	5100
1979		Greenwood, I Marie,		
1976	SOC4	Greer, Michael W, 4 Robertson Street, P O Box 1434, Rotorua.	[H] 07 347 1113 Mobile: 021 632 716 [Em] mgreer@voyager.co.nz	
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, 1 R D Lyttelton	0-3-329 9675 Fax 0-3-329 9847	8070
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

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1947	1984	Hall, Allen H, 493 Priestdale Road, Rochedale, Logan City, Queensland, 4123	[H] 00 61 7 33415669 allenh@ozemail.com.au	2010
1952	1981	Hall, John R 6 Snell Cres., Waihi Beach	0-7-863-5166	3040
	S2	Hall, Margaret 19 Brooklyn Road, Carterton.	06-379-6537	6180
1986	D14	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	8	Hambleton, Warwick J, 1 Hexham Street, Warkworth (residence: 11 Cornel Circle, [Em] warwick@wk.planet.gen.nz 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	UFS5	Handyside, Gwenda J 51A Brunswick Street, Lower Hutt	[H] 0-4-569 3938 fax: 0-4-566 6527	6120
	S3	Hanscamp, Nigel 63 Castledine Cres, Glen Innes Auckland		2820
1960	1999	Hanson, E Francis (Frank) I,		
	S1	Hardy, Marcia C/- Trinity Methodist Theological College Private Bag 28907, Remuera, Auckland		
	MI	Haretuku, Kiri 2A Viola Ave, Mangere East Auckland	[H] 09 276 6655	2510

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1969	2	Harkness, Barry G, 53 Fuller St, Kaiapoi (Home: 3 Muir Ave, Christchurch)	[O] 0-3-327 5274 [H] 0-3-322 8217	8180
1972	1993	Hauraki, Hana P 4/66 Old Onerahi Road, Onerahi, Whangarei	0-9-436-1454	1510
1962	5	Hawkey, Graham E 11 Bruce Place, Alexandra	[O] 0-3-448 6539 [H] 0-3-448 8810	9170
1968	4	Hay, J Cedric, 193 Victoria Street, Devonport, North Shore City.	[O] 0-9-445 6801 [H] 0-9-445 0042	2130
	S2	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	1999	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	1999	Higham, B June, 47 Higham Rd, R D 2, Te Awamutu	[H] 0-7-872 7719 fax: 0-7-872 7919	3250
1986	D14	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

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1983	UFS5	Hingano , Sifa, (in USA)	[H] 0-9-	2400
1948	1980	Hopkins , George C, 67 Stafford St, Shannon	0-6-362 7532	5100
1999	1	Hopner , Elizabeth 1c Tainui Street, Torbay, Auckland	0-9-473 5297 fax 09 473 5298	2140
1962	1996	Hornblow , Edgar R, 45 Rushgreen Avenue, Papakura	0-9-298 8488	2430
1960	1995	Hornblow , Maxwell A Bronte Road East, Upper Moutere, R D Nelson	[H] ph/fax 0-3-540 2718	7040
1960	1997	Horrrill , C Seton, 178A Lyttelton St, ChCh 2	[H] 0-3-338 2914	8010
1959	1999	Hosking , John (Jock) S, P O Box 8047, Kensington, Whangarei. (35 Tui Cres, Maunu, Whangarei)	ph/fax 0-9-438 3651	1130
1988	6	Hughson , Gregory (Greg) A; 463 Gladstone Road, Gisborne	[H] 0-6-867 6260 [Em] hughson@gisborne.net.nz fax: 0-6-868 9344	5040
1993	1998	Hunt , Stan 24 Robertson St, Invercargill	[H] 0-3-217 7416 [Em] huntstan@clear.net.nz	9110
1991	2	Ieriko , Paulo P O Box 45081, Te Atatu Peninsula, (home: 19 Graham Ave)	[O] 0-9-834 3286 [H] 0-9-834 6757 fax: 0-9-834 6767	2100
1975	1997	Jacobson , Patricia (Pat) M, 50 Albatross Road, Red Beach, Orewa 1461	0-9-427 9076	2280
1961	1995	James , Russell E, 2A Pukeuri Lane, ChCh 2.	[H] 0-3-332 9456 [Em] rjames@clear.net.nz	8080
1967	1994	Jamieson , Colin G, 11 Kaikomako Place, Cass Bay Lyttelton	[H] 0-3-328 8190	8090
1968	3	Jeyaseelan , T Wesley 14 St Vincent Ave, Remuera, Auckland 5	[O] ph/fax 0-9-522 1785 [H] 0-9-524 2924	2060

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1989	1994	Johnston , Alexander (Lex) C, 28 Tawari Street, Matamata	[H] 0-7-888 5801	
1962	6	Jones , Barry E, 2 Oswald Crescent, Newlands, Wellington 6004	[H] 0-4-478 6283	6080
1983	10	Kane , Graham A, 4 Lichfield St, Stoke, Nelson	[H] 0-3-547 7322 Fax: 0-3-547 7639	7010
1984	3	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	3	Kerr , Jessie S 28 Oxford St, Richmond, Nelson	[H] 0-3-544 8394 fax: 0-3-541 8313	7030
1987	L12	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
1961	1987	Langley , John E, 29 Santa Rosa Avenue, Halswell, Christchurch 3	0-3-322 5280	8010
1985	1991	Lawry , A Joan, 90A Brown St, Invercargill (retd Deacon)	0-3-216 2249	9110
1963	1985	Laws , Derek G, 1 Willock Place, St Martins, Christchurch 2	0-3-332 8739	8090
1968	5	Leadley , Alan J, 137 Boundary Rd, Hamilton	[O] 0-7-855 7434 [H] 0-7-855 2919 Fax 0-7-855 7019 alan@chartwellchurch.org.nz	3110
1986	4	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	1	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 [Em] erlewis@ihug.co.nz	9020
1942	1981	Lewis , John J, 2/3 Pupuke Rd, Takapuna, Auck. 9	0-9-489 6103	2140
1978	1990	Little , Edith J, 14 Sunshine Ave, Paraparaumu	0-4-298 6873	6070
	MI	Livingstone , Sonny P O Box 262, (Matawaia Road) Kawakawa		1510
	S3	Loader , Vilma 50 St David Street, Lyttelton, Christchurch	[H] 03 328 8563 fax 03 328 8565	
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
1972	2	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	UFS3	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	D4	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	1999	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	1999	McNicol, Derek V 3 Mayroyd Terrace, Nelson	0-3-548 4672	7010
	S2	Mann-Taito, Falaniko 450 Palmerston Road, Gisborne	[H] 0-6-868 0416	5040
1997	3	Manu, Tavake 43 Cassandra Street, Stratford	[O] 0-6-765 6025 [H] 0-6-765 6192	4030
1989	L11	Manu'atu, Lisiate 18 Vincent Place, Hamilton	[H] ph/fax 0-7-846 0626 [Em] manu.tribe@clear.net.nz	3080
1991	L9	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	7	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
1989	L11	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

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1991	L9	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	UFS7	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
	2	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
	1999	Moore , Robert 31 Strathavon Place, Nelson (retired from British Conference)	03-545-2297	7010
1997	L3	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	4	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	1999	Neal , Barry W, 2 Upland Road, Huia, West Auckland 1250	[H] 0-9-811 8054	2010
1989	1996	Nesbit , John B 64a Somerfield Street, Christchurch 2	0-3-337 9596	8020

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1953	1988	Newman, Alan, 1 Camellia Drive, Ngongotaha, Rotorua.	0-7-357 5235	3170
	S3	Nicholls, Val 57 :Laurence Street, Manly, Whangaparaoa	[H] 0-9-424 5758 fax: 0-9-424 5709	2280
1980	3	Noa, Nomani, 20 Ireland Road, Panmure, Auckland	[H] 0-9-527 7010	2040
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, R D 2 Tauranga	0-7-548 0658	3350
1983	3	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 [Em] allano@ihug.co.nz	2480
1985	UFS8	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	3	Olsen, Ken W, 'Bridson House', 9 Swanson Rd, Henderson Auckland	[O]ph/fax 0-9-832 5521 [H] 0-9-836 2618	2100
1995	5	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
	S1	Paea, Holakitu'akolo 3 Jukes Place, Otara, Manukau City		
1998	L2	Palelei, Alalafaga 27 Romeny Place, Manurewa, Auckland	[H] 0-9-	2420
1947	1979	Parker, Francis H, 382 Racecourse Rd, Te Awamutu	0-7-871 3060	3250

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1931	1972	Parker, Gordon, Panorama Ave, Whitianga, Coromandel Peninsula	0-7-866 4199	3320
1930	1971	Parker, J Wesley, Astley House, Everill Orr Residential Village Allendale Road, Mt Albert, Auckland	0-9-	2060
1993	L7	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	8	Peterson, Brian C; 67A Gloucester St, Taradale, Napier	[H] ph/fax] 0-6-844 2205 [Em] brian-p@clear.net.nz	5010
1960	1974	Peterson, Frederick D 51 Tainui Street, Christchurch 2	0-3-332 8154	8020
1992	8	Peterson, Marion J; 67A Gloucester Street, Taradale, Napier	[H] ph/fax 0-6-844 2205 [Em] brian-p@clear.net.nz	5010
1968	1998	Phillipps, Donald J, 165 Carroll Street, Dunedin	[H] ph/fax 0-3-477 8929 [Em] phillipps@clear.net.nz	9010
1939	1973	Pointon, Dorothy, Deacon, c/- Everill Orr Homes, 63 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland	0-9-846 7159	2010
	S1	Pole, Siosifa C/- Trinity Methodist Theological College Private Bag 28907, Remuera, Auckland		
1996	MI	Polwart, Riripeti 28 Matenga Street, Waikanae, Wellington	[H] 0-4-293 3007	6510

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1986	1992	Pond , H David, 27 Summer St, Stanley Bay, Auckland	[H] 0-9-445 3364	2140
1967	1	Pratt , David C	[O] 0-9-849 5526	2010
1966	CHP26	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
	S4	Ramacake , Soro Trinity Theological College, Private Bag 28 907, Remuera, Auckland 1136		
	MI	Rauwhero , Heemi, 55-12 Kirton Place, Manurewa, Auckland	[H] 09 268 6695	2510
1999	D1	Reeves , Marica 1/14 Pitoitoi Road, Days Bay, Eastbourne, Wellington	0-4-562 8692	
1984	L9	Reid , Loraine J 31 Leinster Terrace, Lincoln	0-3-325 2899	8010
1987	D13	Reid , Rita J 1/85 Epsom Rd, ChCh 4	0-3-348 9423	8120
	S3	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	UFS2	Rice , William R, 9 Ranui Crescent, Diamond Harbour, R D 1, Lyttelton	[H] 0-3-329 4112	8000

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1982	L9	Richards, Gillian (Jill) M 10B Paritai Drive, Orakei, Auckland 5	[O] 09-9-303 2443 [H] ph/fax 0-9-524 7562	2010
1969	3	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	ET7	Roberts, John H., 11 Brougham St, Wellington 1	[H] 0-4-384 6660 [Em] jroberts@clear.net.nz	6510
1987	UFS1	Rogers, Douglas I, 185 Miromiro Road, Normandale, Lower Hutt	[H] ph/fax 04-586-1492 Cell Ph.: 025 249 6756 [Em] drogers@voyager.co.nz	6120
	MI	Rogers, Markus 296 Massey Road, Mangere East, Auckland	[O] 0-9-525 4179	2510
	MI	Rogers, Timaru (Mrs) 42 Orrs Rd, Kaikohe	[H] 0-9-405 2475	1510
1990		Rolinson, David T H, 17 Valley Road, Mt Eden, Auckland	[H] 0-9-630 2039	2010
1983	2	Rosewell, Wendie, P O Box 617, Pukekohe (home: 23 Landscape Road)	[O] ph/fax 238 6768 [H] 0-9-238 5214	2440
1996	4	Ross, Joan P O Box 29057, Ngaio, Wellington 4	[O] ph/fax 0-4-479 6329 [H] 0-4-477 3087	6060
	MI	Rountree, Ripia 73 Opaheke Road, Papakura, Auckland	[H] 0-9-298 7596	2510
1954	1991	Rushton, Percy P, 1 Craig Road, Maraetai, Manukau City	0-9-536 6291	2410
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, Auckland 3	0-9-846 5942	2080

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1971	1	Salmon, John B, 3/296 St Johns Road, Meadowbank, Auckland.5	[O] 0-9-521 2073 [H] 0-9-521 5949 fax: 0-9-521 7033 [Em] j.salmon@auckland.ac.nz	2820
1982	4	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
1950	1988	Schroeder, Leonard P, 90 Mountview Road, Hamilton	0-7-843 0051	3080
1983	7	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	1	Short, Robert (Bob) D 301 Bank Street, Te Awamutu	[H] 0-7-871 5376	3250
1961	1991	Sides, Brian W 92A Fraser Street, Tauranga	0-7-578 8499	3190
1975	9	Sinclair, Paul F, 406 Thames St, Morrinsville	[H] 0-7-889 7623	3060

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1991	L6	Siulangapo , 'Inoke 35 Alport Street, Christchurch	[H] 0-3-384 2183 fax: 0-3-332 5246	8020
1964	1999	Slinn , Stuart G 9 Rhodes Street, Timaru (<i>Supply</i>)	0-3-688 8401	8310
1979	1	Small , Brian N. P O Box 5010, Rotorua (Home: 48 Hillcrest Avenue, Rotorua)	[O] ph 07 348 1527 [O] fax 07 348 1525 [H] 07 348 6376 [Em] Brian.Small@clear.net.nz	3170
1970	1998	Smith , G Clive, 8 Taranaki Street, Picton	[h] 0-3-	7080
1985	7	Smith , Kenneth R, 171 Parsons Road Wanganui	[O] 0-6-345 7394 [H] 0-6 344 6076 fax: 0-6 345 3385 [Em] Kenneth.R.Smith@xtra.co.nz	4090
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	5	Stephenson , P Anne, 11 Redwood St, Upper Hutt	[O] 0-4-528 8915 [H] 0-4-528 0260 Fax: 0-4-527 3326	6140
1979	2	Stroobant , Anthony (Tony) D 113B Eskdale Road, Birkenhead, Auckland 10,	[H] 0-9-419 8404	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	1999	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	L9	Takau , Salesi, DipAcc,NZCC (overseas)		5100
1975	ET7	Tana , Diana A P O Box 20353, Te Rapa Postal Centre, Te Rapa, (home: 36 Delamere Road), Hamilton	0-7-849 6643	3510
1996	L4	Taufa , Samiuela 5 Awarua Street, Elsdon, Porirua City	[H] 0-4-237 7256	6010
1987	1995	Ta'ufo'ou , Peni Mafi 14 Bingara Pl, Mangere, Auck.	[O] 0-9-638 6644 [H] 0-9-275 4352 fax: 0-9-638 9651	2340
1999	1	Taufu'i , Hausia, 20 Wellington Street, Hamilton	[H] 07-856 5783	3100
1991	3	Taungapeau , 'Epeli, 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	1	Taylor , Keith J, P O Box 5104, Auckland Pager: 026-107-011	[O] 09-302 5390 [H] 09-366 1816 Fax: 09-309 0665 [Em] mmn@outnet.co.nz	2010
1957	1993	Taylor , Philip F 12 Melandra Road, Whangaparaoa	[H] 0-9-424 3059	2280
1980	UFS1	Telford , Gillian A, 7 Balfour Crescent, Hamilton	H] 0-7-856 2083	3080
1993	3	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

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1941	1978	Thomas , Gordon V, 36A Kennedy Drive, Levin	0-6-368 3301	6220
1993	UFS2	Thompson , Susan J, 197B St John's Road, Meadowbank, Auckland 5	[H] 09 528 3077	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, 63 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland 1003	0-9-846 3346	2080
1999	1	Tonga , Viliami 64 Banks Street, Mt Wellington, Auckland		2490
1954	1983	Trebilco , David L 16 Coppelia Ave, Omokoroa, R D 2, Tauranga		3350
1988	UFS2	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	UFS1	Tregurtha , Paul 7 Ajax Street, Milton [Em] p.tregurtha@xtra.co.nz	[H] ph/fax 0-3-417 8134	9080
1982	D17	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	4	Tufuga , Fatuatia 9b Severn Place, New Plymouth	[O] 0-6-758 3592 [H] 0-6-751 0618 fax: 0-6-759 9036	4010
1981	1997	Tugia , A Fa'aoso 18 Renton Place, Mount Albert, Auckland	0-9-846 2234	
	L6	Tu'itupou , Molia 15 Catherine St, Onehunga		2370

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		MI Tupaea , Marangai (Mara) P O Box 112, Tuakau (133 George Street, Tuakau)	[H] 0-7-236 8283	3510
		S1 Tupou , Siosaia 72 Farrington Street, Glen Innes, Auckland 6		
1985	UFS1	Tupou , S Tavake, 3/11 Anglers Way, Manurewa, Auckland	09-266-2659 025-245-4893	
1969	1	Turner , Brian H, Nelson	[O] ph 0-3-548 0558	7010
1991	L9	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	L6	Uhi , Siosifa Latu 38 Wise St, Wainuiomata	[O] 0-4-568 4687 [H] 0-4-564 7637	6120
1995	1	Unasa , Uesifili S T,		2490
1991	1997	Unasa-Su , Piula A 64 Ormond Rd, Gisborne	0-6-868 5789	5040
1964	2	Ungemuth , Shirley V 47 Glendevon Place, Vauxhall, Dunedin	[O Waimate] 0-3-689 8701 [H] 0-3-454 4705	8350
1978	5	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
1997	3	Vaeluaga , Sani T P O Box 20-273, Glen Eden, Auckland (Home:4 Palmer Ave, Glendene)	[O] ph/fax 0-9-818 6542 [H] 0-9-818 4950	2100
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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: (See Resolution 2, p.8, 1977)

- (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) S = Supernumerary, R = Retired Deacon

A. Presbyters:

		1946	Olds, Norman W (S) Shepherd, Trevor (S)
1927	Penn, Athol R (S)		
		1947	Campbell, Michael J (S) Hall, Allen H (S) Parker, Francis H (S)
1930	Leadley, E Clarence (S) Parker, J Wesley (S)		
1931	Parker, Gordon (S)	1948	Eisner, Wilf G. (S) Hilder, Basil J (S) Hopkins, George C (S) Marshall, Edward M (S)
1935	Thornley, Robert (S)		
1939	Lucas, Campbell P (S)		
		1949	Baker, Edward (S) Benny, T Ralph (S) Burt, Douglas H (S) Cornwell, Gordon A R(S) Ford, Wilfred F, CMG(S) Nuttall, A Roger G (S)
1940	Dawson, John B (S)		
1941	Thomas, Gordon V (S)		
1942	Lewis, John J (S) Willing, Leonard V (S)		
1943	Dawson, W Selwyn (S) Falkingham, Wilfred E M.B.E (S) Grounds, Edmund D(S)	1950	Clark, Colin D (S) Schroeder, Leonard P (S) Woodfield Frank H (S) Woodfield, Owen T (S)
1944	Sherson, Donald G (S)	1951	Burrough, Amos W (S) Clucas, Ivan J (S) Gilbert, Geoffrey T (S)
1945	Shapcott, Leonard (S)		

	Olds, O MacLennan (S)		(S)
	Stead, Peter A (S)		Mabon, John C F (S)
1952	Gibson, Loyal J (S)		Pullar, Beverley (S)
	Hall, John R (S)		Russell, Kenneth H (S)
	Penman, John A (S)		Taylor, Philip F (S)
	Shaw, Harry I (S)	1958	Dickinson, J Mervyn
	Spindler, Sydney J (S)		Gilbert, Wilfred S (S)
1953	Baker, Frederick J K (S)		Hamlin, R John (S)
	Craig, Hughan M (S)		Lewis, Evan R (S)
	McKay, Archibald W (S)	1959	Bowen, Lewis A (S)
	Newman, Alan (S)		Dine, Mervyn L
	Osborne, John H (S)		Goudge, Stanley R (S)
	Stubbs, David G (S)		Griffith, Keith C (S)
1954	Billinghurst, Noel D (S)		Hosking, John S (S)
	Dickie, Arthur W (S)		Widdup, Robert W (S)
	Hammond, George M (S)	1960	Brazendale, Graham (S)
	Heppelthwaite, Ernest (S)		Gust, Warwick (S)
	Rakena, Ruawai D (S)		Hanson, E Francis I (S)
	Rushton, Percy P (S)		Hornblow, Maxwell A (S)
	Trebilco, David I (S)		Horrrill, C Seton (S)
	Watson, Alexander C (S)		Mullan, David S (S)
1955	Abbott, William K (S)		Peterson, Frederick D (S)
	Bennett, Trevor L (S)		Wedding, P Joan (S)
	Boyd, Edward P (S)	1961	James, Russell E (S)
	Cable, Wilfred J (S)		Langley, John E (S)
	Goreham, Norman J (S)		Marshall, C Russell (S)
	Rigg, Frank S (S)		Sides, Brian W (S)
	Tauroa, Lane M (S)		Wallace, William L (S)
	Thornicroft, Neville (S)	1962	Bilverstone, John
1956	Andrews, Robert S (S)		Currie, John B
	Bennett, George L (S)		Hawkey, Graham E
	Grant, Ian D (S)		Hornblow, Edgar R (S)
1957	Bell, G Basil W (S)		Jones, Barry E
	Cropp, James F (S)		Wakeling W J Douglas
	Fowler, Irwin J (S)		(S)
	Guthardt, Phyllis M (S)		Woodley, Alan K (S)
	Kitchingman, Henry W	1963	Ansell, David H (S)

	Armstrong, David (S)		Corlett, Ashley I
	Ball, Niven G (S)		Eagle, Brian R J
	Clarke, Ian L (S)		Griffiths, William D
	Laws, Derek G (S)		Harkness, Barry G
	Miller, Barbara I (S)		Rigby, Russell G
	Tucker, W Geoffrey		Turner, Brian H
1964	Felderhof, Ludwig (S)	1970	Smith, G Clive (S)
	Gerritsen, Hendrik		
	Neal, Barry W (S)	1971	Blundell, Warren H (S)
	Slinn, Stuart G (S)		Salmon, John B
	Ungemuth, Shirley .V		
		1971	Wright, Jack (S)
1965	Barnes, Stanley J		
	Chessum, William A (S)	1972	Hauraki, Hana P (S)
	Clarke, Edwin B		MacLeod, D Ian
	Herbert, C Brice (S)		West, Peter J L
	Mackie, Bruce E		
	West, Norman J	1973	Grant, Stuart C
1966	Alexander, Roy M		
	Prince, Donald F	1974	Burton, Restal A (S)
	Taylor, Keith J		Roberts, John H
	West, Stanley J		
		1975	Bell, Anthony N
1967	Bennett, Enid J (S)		Jacobson, Patricia M (S)
	Jamieson, Colin G (S)		Moala, Taniela T
	Pratt, David C		Pratt, G Douglas
			Sinclair, Paul F
			Tana, Diana A
1968	Allan, Robert A		
	Couch, Moke A G (S)	1976	Greer, Michael W
	Hay, J Cedric		Ieriko, Paulo
	Hey, Roger J E (S)		White, Graeme R
	Jeyseelan, Wesley T		
	Leadley, Alan J	1977	Leary, Gordon A (S)
	McIver, Graeme M		Webster, Alan C (S)
	Malcouronne, Brian J		
	Meredith, John D	1978	Wall, Lynne J
	Norwell, Ian C		Wall, Terence W
	Phillipps, Donald J (S)		Upson, Alan R
1969	Alley, David R		
	Brookes, Norman E	1979	Astley-Ford, H Mary (S)
			Bush, David J

	Ferguson, Robert A Greenwood, I Marie Little, Edith J (S) Short, Robert D Small, Brian N Stroobant, Anthony D		Springett, Margaret Waugh, Richard J
1980	Anderson-Carter, Glenys R Biggs, Donald F Cooper, K Desmond Cumberpatch, Lindsay E Egli, Bruno W Elderton, William E Grant, Paul H Murray, John S Telford, Gillian A	1985	Bowring, Stuart J Caygill, Mary E Olsen, F Anne Rogers, Douglas I Smith, Kenneth R Tupou, S Tavake Watkin, Gillian M Wicks, Raymond G (S)
1981	Bell, David S Frith, Lynne O Noa, Nomani Sa'o, Tanielu T (S) Tugia, A Fa'aoso (S) Whaley, Graham H (S)	1986	Chandler, Clive H Cooper, Mark F Garner, Edna J (S) Grant, John M Allen-Goudge, Robyn D Leadley, Colin S Pond, H David (S) Reid, Loraine J
1982	Clarke, Lois R H Langley, Timothy J McNicol, Derek V (S) Ferguson, I W Leslie Richards, Gillian M Samoa Saleupolu, Aso T	1987	Ambler, Mavis Baker, Marcia J (S) Clover, Gary A M Mika, V Salafai Waugh, Jean M (S)
1983	Burnett, Margaret E (S) Dickinson, Audrey N (S) Hingano, Sifa Kane, Graham A Oliver, J Allan Rosewell, Wendie Sedon, Ashley J	1988	Bennett, John E (S) Dombroski, Christopher R Emslie, Marian Hughson, Gregory A Shamy, Eileen L (S) Southward, Gwenda J Trebilco, Paul R Westaway, Robyn E
1984	Abbott, Bryant S L (S) Elphick, Doris J Keesing, Neil R	1989	Bruce, G Jean Fa'afuata, Fereti Johnston, Alexander C (S) Millar, M Anne Manu'atu, Lisiata F T

	Nesbit, John B (S) Rice, William R Webb, Ronald H		Stephenson, P Anne Unasa, Uesifili Vickers, Ralph
1990	Clifford, Kathy Doubleday, Andrew D Durrant, Joanne A George, Norma J (S) Rolinson, David T H	1996	Taufa, Samiuela Tufuga, Fatuatia
1991	Ancrum, Audrey P (S) Clifford, William J Fifita, Saula Le Pine, Dianne Manukia, Mosese Olsen, Kenneth W Takau, Salesi Taungapeau, 'Epli Uasi, Langi'ila Yasa, Mike	1997	Abernethy, Gordon 'Akauola-Tongotongo, Sylvia Manu, Tavake Morunga, Christina Dargaville, Anne Vaeluaga, Sani, Williams, Kenneth
		1998	Anderson, Bruce Bromell, David Gibson, Mark Palelei, Alalafaga
1992	Fa'afuata, Iakopo Moa, Kepu Peterson, Brian C Peterson, Marion J Tu'itupou, Molia	1999	Tovia Aumua Craig Forbes Elizabeth Hopner Val Nicholls Hausia Taufui Viliami Tonga Kathryn Walters Jill van de Geer
1993	Parkes, Judith Te'o, Suiva'aia Thompson, Susan J Zanders, Gloria J		
1994	Alaelua, Faiva Boswell, Ruth Connole, Kevin Filemoni, Tavita Siulangapo, 'Inoke Tregurtha, Paul Uhi, Siosifa Latu		
1995	Bryant, George Kerr, Jessie Osborn, Beverley		

B. Deacons

1928	Snowden, Rita (R)		Bryant, Margaret I
1936	Wharemaru, Heeni (R)		Dalton, R Harvey
1939	Pointon, Dorothy (R)	1990	Fawkner, Brenda R N
1947	Money, Lucy H (R)		Goodwin, Lorna J
1948	Clement, Grace M (R)		Sulzburger, Elva M J (R)
	Collins, Rona W (R)		
1964	Sage, Constance G (R)	1993	McInnes, Jean I (R)
1971	Bowen, Lesley H (R)		Hunt, Stan (R)
1979	Webster, Edna E	1994	Wood, Chris
1982	Birtles, Margaret	1995	Westaway, Francis
	Hill, Desmond A (R)	1996	McLeod, Malcolm
	Hunt, P Anne (to '92)	1998	Williams, Richard
	Tregurtha, Rachel A	1999	Reeves, Marica
1983	Cubin, Raewyn		
	Higham, B June (R)		
1984	Ramsay, B Anne (to '97)		
1985	Gibson, June L. (R)		
	Lawry, A Joan (R)		
1986	Barrow, Shirley-Joy		
	Hallam, Valma E		
	Hight, Dianne C		
	Reynolds, Elva M (R)		
1987	Cochrane, Airdre R (R)		
	Reid, Rita J		
	Unasa-Su, Piula (R)		
	Wicks, Kay		
1989	Bryant, David M		

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Attwood, Mrs Margaret, 9 Galbraith Street, Waihi
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Besant, Mrs Joyce, 1 Arlington Street, Christchurch 5
Brown, Mrs Mavis, 18 Baretta Street, Christchurch 2
Bruce, Mrs Audrey, 29 Martyn Street, Franklin, Waiuku 1852
Bruce, Mrs Pat, 39 Ngaio Place, Hamilton
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Carr, Mrs Rita, Flat 3, 16 Penney Avenue, Mount Albert, Auckland
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Cook, Mr Brian, 58 Kohu Road, Titirangi, Auckland 7
Cramond, Mrs Nellie, 384 High Street, Motueka
Day, Mrs F, 121 Ferguson Drive, Thames
Dixon, Mrs Nell, 21A St Ronans Ave, Lower Hutt
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George, Mrs Aileen, 57 Aotaki St, Otaki
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Goodman, Mrs Elsie, Unit 10, Culverden Retirement Village, Linnet Place,
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Gordon, Mrs Margaret, 32A Havenstock Road, Sandringham, Auckland
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Hoddinott, Mrs Mabel, 86 9th Avenue, Tauranga
Hopper, Mrs Gweneth, 17 Balmoral Lane, Redcliffs, Christchurch 8
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Morrison, Mrs Mary, 18A Mizpah Road, Browns Bay, Auckland 10
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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
IN MEMORIAM
MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

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

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial/Cremation
Abbey, William H E	Melbourne	1883	1907	8 Aug 1944	Fawcner, Melbourne
Abernethy, Christopher	Shetland Islands	1845	1879	29 Apr 1927	Christchurch
Aldred John	Suffolk, England	1818	1839	14 Jan 1894	Christchurch
Allen, Alexander	Christchurch, New Zealand	1884	1910	8 May 1918	France
Allen, James Henry	Normanby, New Zealand	1891	1922	6 Dec 1955	Whangarei
Allen, Robert Henry	Kawakawa	1921	1944	16 Apr 1993	Christchurch
Alley, Donald C	Clinton	1906	1932	Jun 1942	Lost at Sea
Amituaua'i, Siauala Tevita	Samoa	1931	1973	10 Dec 1990	Auckland
Armitage, John	Leeds, England	1834	1875	29 Apr 1881	Drowned in Tararua
Andrews, Stanley George	Carterton	1947	1947	12 Mar. 1996	Auckland
Ashcroft, Arthur	Lancashire, England	1869	1895	15 Dec 1943	Palmerston North
Attwood, Arthur Francis	England	1900	1947	10 Apr 1993	
Avery, William W	Blenheim	1878	1906	15 Mar 1954	Christchurch
Ayrton, Moses	Yorkshire, England	1879	1924	3 Oct 1950	Wellington
Bailey, John H	Oldham, England	1895	1924	2 Mar 1983	Cremated, North Shore
Bailey, Samuel	Staffordshire, England	1872	1901	27 Oct 1949	Wellington
Barley, Charles E	Fincham, England	1851	1874	5 Oct 1888	Hawera
Bateup, Frank	Patea, New Zealand	1884	1924	29 Nov 1962	Hamilton East
Bathey, Percy	Yorkshire, England	1886	1913	12 Jul 1923	New Plymouth
Baumber, William	Lincolnshire, England	1852	1876	8 Sept 1932	Christchurch
Bavin, Rainsford	Lincolnshire, England	1845	1866	2 Aug 1905	Gore Hill, N.S.W.

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Baxter, Matthew	Cumberland, England	1812	1831	1 May 1893	Oxford, Nth Canty
Beck, William Henry	Sussex, England	1837	1869	20 Nov 1922	Blenheim
Beckingsale, George E	Christchurch	1910	1936	23 Jun 1983	Purewa, Auckland
Beecroft, Charles E	Lowestoft, Suffolk	1844	1870	17 Nov 1913	Auckland
Bell, Charles Harrison	New Plymouth	1912	1941	1993	
Bell, Ronald Graham	Hamilton	1922	1944	15 June 1995	Auckland
Bellhouse, Harold E	Leeds, Yorkshire, Eng.	1869	1894	4 Oct 1948	Auckland
Benning, Job	Wednesbury, England	1858	1905	22 Nov 1915	Waikouaiti
Benny, Henry	Broadfield	1888	1921	16 Dec 1956	New Plymouth
Bensley, Arthur A	Sydenham, Christchurch	1884	1913	26 Feb 1974	Auckland
Berry Joseph	Preston, England	1846	1865	9 July 1907	Payneham, S.Aust.
Besant, H David; BA, BD	Minster, Isle of Sheppey, Eng	1926	1951	13 Feb 1983	Timaru
Best, Edward	Newry, Ireland	1824	1848	18 Nov 1900	Auckland
Binet, Vincent Le C	Channel Islands	1883	1914	10 Jan 1943	Auckland
Blair, Charles	Creswick, Victoria	1881	1907	4 Sept 1972	Christchurch
Blakemore, Albert	Leicester, England	1886	1923	13 Feb 1979	Nelson
Blamires, Edgar Percy	Melbourne, Australia	1878	1900	16 Mar 1967	Auckland
Blamires, Ernest O	Warrnabool, Victoria	1881	1904	6 Jun 1963	Auckland
Blamires, Henry L	Bendigo, Vict., Aust	1871	1896	18 Aug 1965	Auckland
Blight, J Montgomery	Temuka, New Zealand	1902	1930	10 May 1972	Matamata
Blight, Joseph	Clare, South Australia	1858	1887	24 Oct 1933	Auckland
Blight, William T; BA, BD Melb	Dargaville	1892	1917	22 Aug 1983	Christchurch
Bond, George,	Durham, England	1848	1871	6 Nov 1931	Auckland
Bowie, William S	Scarsdale, Victoria	1865	1896	19 Dec 1914	Victoria
Brasell, H Maurice	Masterton, New Zealand	1910	1949	9 Jul 1953	Napier
Brooke, Thomas G	Berkshire, England	1849	1879	31 Aug 1931	Auckland
Brooks, Leslie A G	Christchurch	1894	1922	25 Feb 1964	Hamilton
Brown, Clifford G	Dargaville	1917	1943	6 Apr 1981	Opunake
Brown, F Gardner	Seacliff, Port Chalmers	1895	1925	7 July 1987	
Brown, George	Barnard Castle, Eng	1835	1860	8 Apr 1917	Gore Hill, N. S.W.
Brown, George E	Dunedin	1889	1916	23 Jan 1973	Hamilton
Brown, Harold K	Matamata (H.B.)	1914	1941	13 June 1987	Christchurch
Brown, Hubert G	Murchison	1899	1924	16 Oct 1979	Christchurch
Bruce, Dougal H C	Gourock, Scotland	1932	1976	22 Apr 1986	Cremated Hamilton

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Bruce, Maxwell Lawrence	Christchurch	1936	1964	1 Dec 1990	Auckland
Buddle, Thomas	Durham, England	1812	1835	26 Jun 1883	Auckland
Bull, Henry	Middlesex, England	1843	1868	1 Aug 1919	Christchurch
Buller, James	Cornwall, England	1812	1837	6 Nov 1884	Christchurch
Bumby, John Hewgill	Thirsk, England	1808	1830	26 Jun 1840	Drowned Hauraki Gulf
Bunn, Robert Smith	Dublin, Ireland	1835	1860	22 Jun 1907	Sydney, N.S.W.
Burley, William A; MA	Otago, New Zealand	1885	1910	20 May 1969	Hamilton
Burnet, Oswald	Woodend, Nth Cnty	1888	1914	4 Mar 1960	Christchurch
Burton, John W	Lazenby, Yorks, Eng	1875	1897	22 May 1970	Northern Suburbs, N.S.W.
Burton, Ormond E; MA, MC	Auckland	1893	1935	7 Jan 1974	Otaki
Buttle, George	Yorkshire, Eng.	1810	1838	10 Jul 1874	Auckland
Buttle, Joseph Newman	Waipa, New Zealand	1850	1878	23 Dec 1914	Christchurch
Bycroft, Leslie Frank	Cambridge	1918	1944	15 July 1993	Te Puke
Cannell, William	Manchester, England	1836	1861	8 Sept 1921	New Plymouth
Carr, W E Allon	Wellington	1906	1931	16 Jul 1992	Auckland
Carr, Thomas Goodwill	Eastwood, Notts, Eng	1846	1871	2 Aug 1935	Auckland
Carr, Thomas H	Masterton	1905	1931	21 Dec 1977	Auckland
Carter, George G	Invercargill	1922	1951	Oct 1990	Auckland
Caygill, Bruce Allott	Christchurch	1920	1985	16 Sept 1995	Christchurch
Chambers, Ernest Bernard	Northamptonshire, Eng	1892	1919	22 Feb 1967	Auckland
Chambers, Wesley Albert	Inglewood	1921	1944	4 Aug 1993	
Chapman, James, G	London, England	1865	1889	30 Dec 1925	Wellington
Chapman, Wallace C	Levuka, Fiji	1944	1969	1 Sep 1992	Hamilton
Chappell, Albert B; MA	Southsea, England	1872	1896	28 Aug 1942	Auckland
Christian, Owen L	Christchurch	1915	1960	17 Feb 1986	Christchurch
Chrystall, Bernard M; BA	Foxton	1909	1933	4 Sept 1974	Auckland
Churchill, John	Northwood, Eng.	1909	1937	5 Nov 1972	Auckland
Clark, James R	Maysbury, Bucks, Eng	1854	1906	1 Aug 1928	Christchurch
Clement, R Frederick	Hamilton	1916	1942	6 Sep 1982	Auckland
Clement, George	Yorkshire, England	1860	1887	4 Oct 1948	Dunedin
Clements, Leslie Colin	Christchurch	1914	1938	25 May 1995	Auckland
Climo, Frederick John	Rata, Rangitikei	1910	1958	22 Apr 1994	Auckland
Clover, James	Suffolk, Eng	1850	1874	7 Dec 1919	Hamilton
Coatsworth, Thomas	Durham, England	1877	1902	21 Mar 1953	Palmerston North

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Cochrane, Herbert A	Christchurch	1909	1939	3 Jun 1987	Christchurch
Cocker, James	Derbyshire, England	1862	1890	6 Mar 1935	Masterton
Colley, William	Strensall, York, England	1827	1850	21 Sept 1871	Adelaide, S.A.
Collier, John W	Taranaki	1853	1877	16 Feb 1952	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Collins, Alan F	Kaiapoi	1916	1942	2 Sept 1959	Dunedin
Conway, James Hay	Whangamomona	1915	1960	26 July 1993	Tauranga
Cook, George S	Braidwood, N.S.W.	1863	1901	23 Feb 1945	Otaki
Cook, Elizabeth	London, England	1938	1994	19 Jun 1998	
Cooke, Percy I	Blenheim, New Zealand	1885	1915	24 Jun 1970	Auckland
Copeland, Fred	Waikato, New Zealand	1880	1905	19 Sept 1970	Auckland
Cossum, Percy J	Kent, England	1869	1897	9 Sept 1933	Wellington
Costain, Alfred Moore	Isle of Man	1890	1917	16 Feb 1975	Nelson
Cottom, Harry	Birmingham, England	1879	1909	10 Feb 1963	Christchurch
Cramond, George W	Dunedin	1915	1943	20 Nov 1989	Leeston
Crawford, Samuel J	Londonderry, Ireland	1906	1932	13 Oct 1989	Tauranga
Creed, Charles	Somerset, England	1812	1837	18 Feb 1879	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Cropp, Allan H	Australia	1891	1921	1 Jan 1971	Lismore, N.S.W.
Crump, John	Kingsland, Herefordshire, Eng	1828	1857	28 May 1912	Stoke, Nelson
Daglish, John Ainsley	Stanley, Durham	1908	1933	14 Nov 1967	Wellington
Daniel, Herbert	London, England	1881	1906	21 Feb 1939	Matamata
Darvill, Harold Alfred	Taihape	1914	1941	2 Jan 1987	Auckland (cremated)
Dawson, John	Keighly, Yorks, England	1859	1888	13 Sept 1925	Wellington
Dawson, William	Northumberland, England	1865	1894	25 Jul 1906	Christchurch
Day, Reginald	Wimborne, Dorset, U.K.	1905	1932	16 Jan 1988	
Dean, William John	Hereford, England	1826	1854	9 Sept 1905	Wellington
Dellow, John	Kent, England	1851	1879	21 Nov 1897	Woodend
Dent, Tom	U.K.	1888	1917	1959	Wales, U.K.
Dennis, John	Otago, New Zealand	1885	1917	25 Aug 1969	Auckland
Dewsbury, Henry R	Alloa, Scotland	1849	1871	18 Jun 1926	Auckland
Dickens, Charles, E	Belfast, Christchurch	1902	1929	26 Nov 1974	Christchurch
Divers, W Lloyd	Dunedin	1921	1947	14 Oct 1966	Medford, Oregon, U.S.
Dixon, Haddon	Bunnythorpe	1913	1940	18 Sept 1990	Wellington
Dorrian, Arthur Peter	Shannon, New Zealand	1902	1945	12 Sept 1977	Feilding
Drake, Edward	Staffordshire, England	1868	1893	28 Apr 1953	Christchurch

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Draper, Joseph C	Teddington, England	1903	1930	24 Feb 1969	Auckland
Duder, Clifford L	Christchurch	1908	1935	20 Oct 1988	Blenheim
Dudley, Ben	London	1873	1898	1 Jan 1948	Christchurch
Dudley, Raymond; MA, DD, FRES	Suva, Fiji	1904	1931	10 Dec 1963	Napier
Dukes, John	Staffordshire, England	1845	1880	16 Aug 1919	Manurewa, Auckland
Dumbell, John	Isle of Man	1830	1852	28 Oct 1923	Wellington
Eaton, Clarence	Auckland	1878	1901	26 Aug 1949	Christchurch
Edwards, Jaber W	Vict.	1860		1933	Box Hill, Vict.
Eketone, Hone	Kawhia	1828	1857	1862	Mokau
Eketone, James Heke	Otorohanga	1929	1984	20 Oct 1991	
Elliott, William J	Waikato	1866	1893	16 Aug 1946	Auckland
Ellis, Henry	Bundoran, Ireland	1828	1877	17 Jun 1879	Woodend
Emmitt, Ernest S; MC	Hull, England	1879	1903	4 Jun 1944	Auckland
Enticott, Walter J	Lewisham, England	1880	1911	23 Jun 1969	Auckland
Evans, Matthew Joseph	Thames, New Zealand	1882	1912	3 May 1920	Auckland
Fairclough, Paul W	South Australia	1852	1874	17 Apr 1917	Christchurch
Featherston, Jacob	Weardale, England	1864	1901	23 Jun 1951	Christchurch
Fee, Thomas	County Down, Ireland	1850	1878	18 Apr 1940	Christchurch
Fellows, Samuel B	Derbyshire, England	1858	1888	21 Oct 1933	Mt Barker, W.Aust.
Fiebig, Herbert L; BA	Wellington	1899	1924	31 Mar 1974	Christchurch
Fletcher, Joseph Horner	St Vincent, West Indies	1823	1847	30 Jun 1890	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Fletcher, William; BA	Granada, West Indies	1829	1856	20 Jun 1881	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Ford, Thomas Herbert	Latchford, England	1882	1919	28 Nov 1962	Christchurch
Fordyce, Robert E	London	1894	1916	6 Sept 1981	New Plymouth
Foston, Charles A	Lincolnshire	1870	1914	4 June 1944	Levin
Fowles, Albert H	Davenham, England	1885	1911	7 Apr 1963	Christchurch
Francis, William Robert	Christchurch	1912	1937	20 Nov 1994	Auckland
Frost, George	Suffolk, England	1866	1893	29 Mar 1944	Auckland
Garland, Charles H	London, England	1857	1881	4 Nov 1918	Auckland
Garlick, Samuel J	Greenwich, England	1848	1876	27 Aug 1917	Wellington
Gatman, William	Hull, England	1884	1919	21 Sept 1960	Auckland
George, Ronald Leslie	Auckland	1924	1952	20 Aug 1991	Otaki
Gibson, Samuel J	Woolongong, N.S.W.	1859	1881	2 Dec 1940	Rookwood N.S.W.

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Gilmour, Leslie R M; BA	Pukekohe	1915	1940	18 Jul 1982	Pukekohe
Gilmour, Matthew K	Inverary, Scotland	1872	1899	22 Jul 1962	Cremated
Ginger, Barton H	Watford, England	1861	1885	27 Jan 1914	Hutt
Gittos, William	Durham, England	1829	1856	26 May 1916	Auckland
Goldie, John F	Hobart	1870	1897	29 Jun 1954	Melbourne
Goodman, George Harrison	Nelson,	1908	1934	6 June 1994	Auckland
Gordon, Aldwyn Remington; MA	St Leonards, New Zealand	1890	1915	26 Aug 1918	France
Gordon, David Bruce	Hamilton, New Zealand	1926	1950	22 July 1998	Auckland
Gosnell, Robert B	Sydney, N.S.W.	1882	1912	20 Aug 1944	Ashburton
Graves, Norma M	Dunedin	1930		10 Nov 1989	Dunedin
Gray, Joseph Henry	Jersey, England	1841	1878	3 Jan 1902	Karori
Green, William	Cheshire, England	1888	1914	15 Jul 1966	Cremated
Greening, G Kingsley	Richmond, Nelson	1927	1959	19 Sept 1974	Christchurch
Greenslade, Lawrence	Dunedin	1915	1940	24 Sept 1981	Auckland
Greenslade, William	Nelson, New Zealand	1875	1900	19 Aug 1931	Christchurch
Greenslade, William W H	Roxburgh	1907	1931	Jan 1989	Wellington
Greenwood, Fred	England	1868	1897	18 Oct 1956	Wellington
Grice, Reginald	Fibshelf, England	1903	1939	8 Apr 1986	Cambridge
Griffin, Cornelius	Oldbury, England	1851	1876	17 Jun 1929	Auckland
Griffin, John Wesley	Ireland	1854	1894	6 Jan 1932	Auckland
Griffin, Thomas N	Whitehaven, England	1853	1880	20 Aug 1924	Christchurch
Griffith, Samuel	London, England	1859	1882	19 Dec 1937	Auckland
Grigg, William	Cornwall, England	1862	1888	3 Oct 1951	Christchurch
Grocott, John D; BA	Oamaru	1902	1928	25 Nov 1983	Christchurch
Grundy, Albert A	Lyttelton	1934	1960	22 Aug 1987	Cremated
Guy, James	Kent, England	1855	1875	6 Mar 1934	Christchurch
Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki	Taranaki	1866	1900	5 Nov 1936	Normanby
Hailwood, Charlie O	Huntly	1904	1928	26 Nov 1991	Hamilton
Hall, James H	Invercargill	1901	1926	5 Nov 1963	Auckland
Hames, Eric W	Takapuna	1897	1923	7 Oct 1984	Auckland
Hammond, Thomas Godfrey	Richmond, Nelson	1846	1874	15 Dec 1926	Putaruru
Hana, Piripi	Wellington	--	1856	1857	Auckland
Handy, Francis J	Birmingham, England	1900	1928	20 Jan 1961	Otahuhu
Handyside, Allan James	Masterton	1917	1952	19 Jul 1996	

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Hanna, Leslie Gordon	Auckland	1911	1935	11 Jul 1975	Auckland
Harding, Arthur	Ludlow, Shrops, Eng.	1861	1887	25 Nov 1938	Lower Hutt
Harding Isaac	Wanstron, England	1815	1836	17 Jul 1897	Toowong, Q'land
Harkness, Edwin S	Bendigo, Victoria, Aust.	1878	1916	21 Apr 1966	Auckland
Harkness, Howard E; MA, BD	Haapai, Tonga	1914	1938	6 Dec 1981	Cremated Hastings
Harper, George S	Yorkshire, England	1840	1864	24 Sept 1911	Palmerston North
Harris, Archer O	Christchurch	1885	1910	10 Dec 1965	Christchurch
Harris, Francis Thomas	Christchurch	1888	1914	19 Apr 1933	Christchurch
Harris, G Raymond	Te Kowhai	1900	1926	8 Jul 1981	Auckland
Harris, John	Cornwall, England	1874	1905	27 Aug 1936	Christchurch
Harris, Walter	Warwickshire, England	1848	1872	9 Mar 1926	Christchurch
Harrison, Colin C	Allendale, England	1867	1893	22 Nov 1943	Wellington
Haslam, Jonathan H	Christchurch, New Zealand	1874	1900	19 Oct 1969	Waimate
Haylock, Donald C	Bradford, England	1913	1946	30 Jul 1954	Auckland
Hayman, Leslie A D	Waimate	1909	1939	16 Jul 1985	London
Hemara, Hemara Theo	Waima, Hokianga	1929	1980	2 Jul 1994	Kauri, Northland
Hemmes, Lynnette R	Te Aroha	1939	1987	20 Nov 1987	Te Aroha
Henderson, Samuel	Armagh, Ireland	1865	1894	28 Apr 1942	New Plymouth
Henderson, William John	Dunedin	1900	1960	16 Oct 1976	Waipawa
Heretini, Te Tuhi	Whirinaki	1857	1896	9 Oct 1933	Whirinaki
Hickman, J Donald	Tinwald, Canterbury	1896	1932	3 Sept 1974	Christchurch
Hinton, George B	Durham, England	1884	1912	10 Mar 1965	Auckland
Hobbs, John	Kent England	1800	1824	24 Jun 1883	Auckland
Hoddinott, Ernest Sydney	Hawera	1911	1938	16 May 1967	Wellington
Hopper, Arthur	Christchurch, New Zealand	1869	1911	28 Mar 1969	Hastings
Hopper, Herbert Ian Kirk, BA	Tauranga, New Zealand	1911	1936	6 May 1997	Christchurch
Horwood, Leonard Charles	Bristol, England	1901	1929	11 Oct 1990	Auckland
Hosking, James Alfred	Coromandel, New Zealand	1872	1896	1 Oct 1924	Otahuhu
Hounsell, George	Dorset, England	1839	1879	3 Mar 1906	Gisborne, N.Z.
Hudson, Lewis	London	1855	1879	13 Apr 1922	Auckland
Hunt, George P	Rongotea	1875	1900	29 Jan 1964	Auckland
Innes, Jonathan	Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eng	1809	1845	6 May 1864	Nelson, N Z
Ironside, Samuel	Sheffield, England	1814	1837	24 Apr 1897	Hobart, Tasmania
Isitt, Francis Whitmore	Bedford, England	1846	1870	11 Nov 1916	Dunedin

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Ivory, Arthur H; LLB, BComm	Wellington	1901	1942	Jun 1981	Mangaroa
Jack, J Francis	Palmerston, N. Z.	1893	1922	8 Sept 1961	Auckland
James, Benjamin J	Victoria	1874	1903	20 Jul 1955	Christchurch
Jamieson, Victor Roy	Lower Hutt	1904	1932	11 May 1968	Hamilton
Jefferson, Alfred E	Bairnsdale, Victoria	1888	1919	27 Mar 1980	Purewa, Auckland
Jenkin, William C	Penzance, Cornwall	1903	1932	Mar 1986	Woodville
Johnston, Andrew	Marton	1904	1934	12 Jun 1986	Dunedin
Jolly, Albert	Preston, England	1913	1943	25 Jan 1975	Waihi
Jones, Alan Osmond	Hokianga	1909	1940	18 Jun 1995	Wanganui
Jones, Peter W	Cheshire, England	1846	1876	2 Dec 1929	Feilding
Jones, T Francis	South Wales	1853	1882	16 May 1943	Auckland
Jordan, Charles B; MA, BD, FRES	Motueka, N.Z.	1880	1908	19 Oct 1953	Stoke, Nelson
Jory, John D	Cornwall, England	1846	1874	18 Jun 1935	Auckland
Joughin, Thomas A	Isle of Man	1863	1887	10 Jan 1942	Auckland
Kakuere, Hori	Mangere	1863	1911	21 Aug 1938	Pukekohe
Keall, Robert Purcell	Richmond, Nelson	1875	1899	16 Dec 1972	Wellington
Keall, William	Holbeach, Lincolnshire	1838	1899	31 Aug 1906	Palmerston North
Keast, W H		1880			Christchurch
Keck, Henry (Harry) A G	Strathoddon (Vic)	1883	1907	1960	Springvale (Vic)
Keightley, Clifford John		1922	1949	25 Jul 1997	Christchurch
Kendon, Charles H	Jamaica	1889	1916	18 Feb 1979	New Plymouth
Kent, Arthur T	Christchurch	1904	1929	14 Mar 1983	Tauranga
Kings, Harry Stanley	England	1890	1924	19 Jun 1968	Levin
Kirk, William	Owston, Lincs, England	1825	1846	19 May 1915	Wellington
Kitchingman, Owen Arthur	New Plymouth	1925	1956	6 Jun 1993	Ashburton
Knight, Percy N; BA	Norwood, Australia	1867	1889	16 Aug 1944	Auckland
Kukutai, Ngatete; MBE	Te Kohanga	1878	1941	2 Aug 166	Taupiri
Kuri, Te Hori	Hokianga	1828	1879	6 May 1891	Hokianga
Larsen, Norman P	Wairoa	1900	1927	17 Jun 1981	Hastings
Laurenson, George I	Palmerston North	1902	1927	7 Jun 1988	Auckland
Law, John	Lancashire, England	1841	1868	1 Aug 1908	Auckland
Lawrence, Frederick B	London	1883	1912	16 Jul 1959	Nelson
Lawry, Albert Charles	Auckland, New Zealand	1862	1885	21 Jun 1940	Christchurch

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Lawry, Henry Hassall	New South Wales	1821	1845	8 May 1906	Auckland
Lawry, Samuel	Cornwall England	1854	1877	26 Jul 1933	Christchurch
Lawry, Walter	Cornwall, England	1793	1817	30 Mar 1859	Parramatta, N.S.W.
Laws, Charles H; BA, BD	Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eng	1867	1887	8 Feb 1958	Auckland
Laws, William Robert	Napier	1914	1938	6 Jul 1992	Christchurch
Laycock, William	Lancashire, England	1858	1884	13 Nov 1927	Christchurch
Leadley, Frank E	Yorkshire, England	1876	1900	25 Jul 1964	Auckland
LeCouteur, E Raymond	Manawatu	1917	1953	15 Oct 1992	Christchurch
Lee, William	Yorkshire, England	1841	1864	12 Nov 1925	Auckland
Leigh, Samuel	Milton, England	1788	1812	2 May 1852	Reading, Eng.
Lewis, John James	Abergavenny, Wales	1844	1870	12 Jun 1931	Auckland
Liddell, Ralph J	Ballarat, Aust.	1872	1903	21 Jul 1948	Auckland
Liversedge, Arthur	Barnsley, Yorks, England	1874	1898	31 Dec 1948	Christchurch
Lochore, John Alexander	Westland, New Zealand	1869	1895	2 Jun 1931	Dunedin
Long, Joseph	Carlisle, England	1818	1843	24 Feb 1892	Auckland
Long, Wesley L.	Onewhero	1902	1938	16 Aug 1946	Paeroa
Luke, James Henry	St Just, Cornwall, Eng	1860	1881	22 Nov 1884	Wellington
Luxford, John A; CMG	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1876	28 Jan 1921	Auckland
Luxton, Clarence T J	Southbrook, Canty, N.Z.	1907	1935	19 Nov 1979	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall; MRCA	Yorkshire, Eng.	1810	1836	27 Feb 1887	York, England,
McArthur, John D	Christchurch	1880	1909	3 Mar 1961	Blenheim
Macfarlane, Samuel	Liverpool, Eng	1828	1852	25 Jun 1898	Christchurch
Manihera, John Ian Te Taw	Ngaruawahai	1942	1966	20 Sep 1994	Taupiri Mountain
Mann, George Henry	Yorkshire, Eng.	1868	1894	26 Oct 1918	Gore
Marshall, George T	Warwickshire, Eng.	1853	1883	2 Aug 1938	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15 Feb 1907	Hutt
Martin, J Frederick	Waimate	1879	1908	28 Jul 1952	Wanganui
Mather, Joseph John	Leeds, England	1854	1883	10 Nov 1921	Auckland
Matthews, Howard Charles	Waimate	1910	1938	21 Nov 1995	
McBean, Angus	Ballarat, Vict.	1876	1904	4 May 1947	Christchurch
McDonald, D I Alister	Edendale	1916	1946	18 Sept 1981	Auckland
McDowell, M Alexander, DD MBE	Heathcote, Christchurch	1905	1930	18 Nov 1997	
McGregor, Robert	Dunedin	1887	1924	14 Aug 1956	Paeroa

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McKenzie, Ian H	Warkworth	1932	1960	27 Nov 1990	Waikumete, Auckland
McNicoll, David	Southport, Eng.	1843	1868	7 Jun 1925	Auckland
Mercer, Victor Stanley	Adelaide, S.A.	1885	1920	1 Dec 1923	Bluff
Metcalfe, John R, OBE	Gt Norton, Eng.	1889	1916	1970	Melbourne, Victoria
Metson, Basil	Temuka	1879	1905	8 Feb 1952	Rangiora
Mitchell, Arthur	Truro, England	1866	1888	19 Aug 1951	Auckland
Mitchell, John I	Kent, England	1893	1933	11 Jul 1950	Hutt
Moore, Harry	Leicester, England	1914	1946	Oct 1988	
Moore, William E	Dunedin	1905	1931	6 Sept 1979	Auckland
Morley, William; DD	Notts, England	1842	1863	24 May 1926	Kew, Vict.
Morrison, William James, MA	Hamilton, New Zealand	1918	1942	1 May 1996	Auckland
Murray, Daniel J	Cambridge, England	1851	1875	27 Sept 1928	Auckland
Murray, Richard James	London, England	1862	1896	26 Mar 1928	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Neilsen, Edward	Norway	1842	1877	12 Jun 1894	Palmerston North
Ngaropi, Hamiora	Waikato	1809	1856	1887	Whatawhata
Neal, Wallace S	Napier	1888	1918	12 Nov 1972	Christchurch
Neale, Leslie B; MBE, BA, FRGS	Auckland	1886	1911	26 Aug 1959	Auckland
Nelson, John R	Cumberland, Eng	1883	1915	22 Feb 1951	Auckland
Newbold, Thomas Walter	Auckland	1862	1886	19 Oct 1930	Dunedin
Nixon, John	Scotland	1852	1875	2 Mar 1947	New Plymouth
Noble, Dorothea Mettam,	Greymouth	1926	1959	2 Jun 1995	Wellington
Norwell, Leslie Thomas	Edinburgh, Scotland	1908	1937	7 Feb 1995	Cambridge
Odell, Henry J	New South Wales	1888	1915	16 Mar 1961	London
Oldfield, Charles Brightmore	Waiuku	1913	1939	24 Dec 1993	Auckland
Oldham, Frederick B	Ballarat, Vic	1863	1887	1949	Adelaide, S.A.
Olds, Charles H; BA	Oamaru	1884	1910	29 Sept 1969	Auckland
Olds, E Thomas	Enfield, North Otago	1890	1915	25 Aug 1966	Auckland
Olds, John Stanley	Christchurch	1921	1949	19 Aug 1977	Wellington
Oliver, William C	Sutherlandshire, Scotland	1842	1867	14 Apr 1922	Christchurch
Olphert, John	Auckland	1866	1888	5 Mar 1950	Auckland
Olsen, Brian L	Wanganui	1939	1964	20 Jul 1984	Tuakau
Orchard, Hector C	Geelong, Australia	1884	1920	16 May 1957	Dunedin
Orchard, John	Devonshire, England	1838	1861	6 Jan 1907	Christchurch

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Orr, A Everill; MBE	Roxburgh, New Zealand	1904	1933	25 Aug 1971	Auckland
Oxbrow, Walter	Ballarat, Vict.	1873	1902	29 Jun 1956	Auckland
Paris, Percy R	Dunedin, N Z	1882	1906	29 Mar 1942	Wellington
Parker, Frederick John	Dunedin	1892	1917	15 Nov 1959	Auckland
Parker, James William	Silverdale, Lancs, Eng.	1883	1918	14 Aug 1975	Auckland
Parker, Walter,	Lancaster, Eng	1898	1929	5 Jun 1986	Auckland
Parsons, John Ernest	Birmingham, England	1885	1912	8 Apr 1932	Palmerston North
Parsonson, William George	Lerwick, Shetland Is.	1855	1881	8 Sept 1903	Christchurch
Patchett, Ernest D	Styx, North Canterbury	1878	1902	13 Sept 1958	Auckland
Patchett, Ralph E	Pahiatua	1910	1933	17 May 1989	Christchurch
Patene, Wiremu	Waikato	1810	1859	December 1884	Karakariki
Paul, Hauraki	Orakei	--	1882	1910	Kaipara
Payne, Herbert W	Essex, England	1904	1931	7 Nov 1984	Auckland
Peart, Cuthbert F	Hamilton	1926	1955	17 Mar 1983	
Peat, Harold T	Thames	1885	1913	24 Aug 1948	Auckland
Pendray, John J	Camborne, Cornwall, Eng	1845	1870	2 Jul 1914	Taumarunui
Penney, Charles	Camborne, Cornwall, Eng	1851	1876	17 Mar 1917	Reefton
Peryman, Samuel H D	Tai Tapu, N Z	1867	1892	16 Aug 1945	Wellington
Petch, Ashleigh K; BA	Inglewood	1916	1938	15 Sept 1983	Auckland
Peters, Alfred	Truro, Cornwall, Eng	1850	1877	8 Nov 1939	Christchurch
Peterson, Gordon R H	Inglewood	1903	1925	Oct 1988	
Pewa, Wiremu Warena	Waima	1852	1879	31 Jul 1907	Waikato
Pickering, William B	Staffordshire, Eng	1881	1920	1 Nov 1948	Rotorua
Pinfold, James Thomas; DD	Manchester, Eng.	1855	1881	30 Jul 1933	Wellington
Pomeroy, Harold C	Invercargill	1933	1962	16 Jun 1989	Invercargill
Potter, William Smith	London England	1854	1876	30 Jan 1929	Auckland
Pratt, M A Rugby	Gisborne	1875	1902	6 Mar 1946	Christchurch
Prior, Samuel F	Bedford, Eng	1851	1875	1919	Masterton, N.Z.
Prosser, Frederick O	Blaenavon, Wales	1883	1943	26 Mar 1963	Wellington
Purchon, Samuel Rowling	Leeds, Eng	1851	1875	24 Jan 1878	Motueka
Pybus, T Arthur	Yorkshire, Eng	1873	1897	28 Aug 1957	Port Chalmers
Raine, Robert	Durham, England	1866	1892	17 Mar 1942	Wellington
Rakana, Piripi	Maungamuka, Northland	1859	1882	25 Mar 1934	Mangamuka
Rakana, Rakana P	Maungamuka, Northland	1890	1908	Feb 1956	Rapaki

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Ramage, Ian C E	Napier	1922	1949	6 Mar 1992	Cheviot
Rands, Frederick	Methven, New Zealand	1883	1908	14 Feb 1919	Germany
Ranston, Harry; MA, LittD	Keightley, England	1878	1901	6 Jun 1971	Auckland
Ratou, W Te Kote	Wairarapa	1820	1859	4 May 1895	Greytown
Raynor, Ivo Mervyn	Waipuku, Taranaki	1901	1927	30 May 1977	Levin
Read, Frederick T	Sleaford, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1867	1889	29 Jul 1937	Christchurch
Reader, Amos	Northamptonshire, Eng.	1875	1901	20 Jun 1926	Dargaville
Ready, William	London, England	1860	1885	7 Sept 1927	Auckland
Reddihough, John W	Menston, Yorks, Eng.	1900	1957	23 Jan 1973	Dunedin
Redstone, Harry B	Tavistock, Devon, Eng.	1836	1862	20 Sept 1914	Wellington
Reed, Alexander John	Middlesex, England	1879	1904	5 May 1912	Te Aroha
Reid, Alexander	Edinburgh, Scotland	1821	1848	25 Aug 1891	Auckland
Reid, Andrew Gibb	Scotland	1911	1960	1993	Dunedin
Richards, Horace L	Moonta, South Australia	1883	1911	14 Aug 1962	Christchurch
Richards, James	Victoria, Australia	1883	1910	7 Mar 1957	Christchurch
Richards, Raymond	Mooroopra, Victoria	1879	1905	13 Aug 1948	Christchurch
Richards, Thomas R	Wodonga, Victoria	1866	1895	9 Jan 1944	Wellington
Richardson, John B	Nottingham, England	1840	1864	29 Apr 1881	Drowned in Taranua
Rigg, Charles W	Leeds, England	1826	1850	9 Sept 1883	Drowned, Victoria Brit. Colombia
Riseley, Benjamin Henry	Lithgow, New South Wales	1906	1948	30 Apr 1975	Auckland
Rishworth, John S	Bingley, Yorks, Eng.	1835	1864	21 Oct 1918	Auckland
Roberts, Charles M	Henderson, Auckland	1882	1906	17 May 1958	New Plymouth
Rogers, Ranginohora	Waima, New Zealand	1911	1942	21 Oct 1971	Otaua
Roget, Henry H C	Warrnambool, Vict.	1874	1902	1950	Springvale, Vic.
Roke, Charles Edward	Gisborne, New Zealand	1907	1960	13 Aug 1977	Tauranga
Rothwell, Benjamin Francis	Wexford, Ireland	1860	1885	11 Sept 1924	Hamilton
Rowe, William	Cumberland, England	1885	1911	16 Jul 1980	Nelson
Rowse, William	Cornwall, England	1835	1858	15 Jul 1899	Greytown
Ruck, Idris James	Mountain Ash, Wales	1921	1951	30 Apr 1994	Cambridge
Ryan, Lawrence J	Island of Jersey	1870	1893	4 Jan 1902	Roxburgh
Ryan, Henry	London, England	1881	1906	22 Jul 1971	Auckland
Sadler, Thomas	Whexall, England	1854	1876	1914	Welshpool, England
Sage, Ernest E	Ashburton	1890	1916	25 Sept 1981	Cremated Auckland

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial/Cremation
Scammell, Bruce B	Invercargill	1932	1956	7 Aug. 1998	Feilding
Schnackenberg, Cort Henry	Hanover	1812	1853	10 Aug 1880	Auckland
Scott, William Bramwell	Thames, New Zealand	1873	1907	13 Mar 1935	Wellington
Scotter, Adolphus N; BA	Napier	1875	1900	8 Oct 1955	Christchurch
Scrivin, Arthur H	London, England	1883	1912	13 Jul 1969	Auckland
Seamer, Arthur J; CMG	Tongala, Victoria	1877	1903	17 Sept 1963	Auckland
Sefuiva, Iosua Lemuma	Salani, Western Samoa		1984	26 Nov 1993	Auckland
Serpell, Samuel J	Victoria, Aust.	--	1884	9 Jul 1918	Thames
Sharp, Harold A	Christchurch	1885	1910	27 Sept 1956	Christchurch
Sharp, Joseph	Maidstone, Kent, Eng	1849	1871	15 Aug 1916	Auckland
Shaw, Joseph T	Yorkshire, England	1826	1859	13 Feb 1894	Hawthron, Vict.
Silvester, A Wharton E	Ellesmere, Irwell, Cnty	1899	1927	18 Dec 1967	Auckland
Silvester, John	Hamilton, Waikato	1912	1938	26 Jan 1993	Auckland
Simmonds, Joseph H	Nelson	1845	1869	30 Jun 1936	Auckland
Sinclair, William A	Christchurch	1868	1891	4 Jan 1950	Auckland
Skevington, John	Nottingham, Eng	1814	1839	21 Sept 1845	Auckland
Skuse, Thomas	Wales	1890	1918	27 Jul 1965	Auckland
Slade, William	Staffordshire, England	1859	1881	20 Apr 1916	Onehunga
Slade, William G; MA, DD	Taveuni, Fiji	1892	1915	15 May 1974	Christchurch
Smalley, Joseph S	London, England	1845	1868	26 Apr 1921	London
Smith, Arthur Jackson	The Potteries, England	1854	1874	1 Feb 1935	Vincentown, USA
Smith, G Knowles	Yorkshire, England	1870	1892	1 Jun 1951	Greytown
Smith, John	Prince Edward Island	1835	1862	19 Aug 1926	Auckland
Southern, John	Oldham, England	1874	1899	23 Dec 1933	Christchurch
Speer, William H	Bergalia, N.S.W.	1874	1908	18 Feb 1954	Rotorua
Spence, George W J	Dromore, Ireland	1852	1879	20 May 1917	Auckland
Spencer, Herbert	Lancashire, England	1881	1923	15 Sept 1961	Wanganui
Standage, Charles Henry	Cambletown, Tasmania	1848	1875	8 Jun 1936	Dunedin
Stannard, George	Yorkshire, England	1803	1844	8 Dec 1888	Wanganui
Stockwell, George F	Leicestershire, England	1876	1904	20 Dec 1945	Auckland
Su Unasa (John)	Fogapoa, Western Samoa	1929	1980	18 Nov 1991	Gisborne
Suckling, Joseph B	Chelmsford, England	1880	1909	7 Dec 1918	Nadroga, Fiji
Tahere, Wati Te Awha	Mangamuka	1928	1954	9 May 1989	Rapaki
Taylor, Cecil R	Stropshire, England	1892	1924	21 Jun 1966	Christchurch

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Taylor, Robert	Rochdale, Lanes, Eng.	1839	1866	28 May 1918	Christchurch
Te Tuhi, Eruera	Whirinaki	1888	1911	14 Jan 1976	Oturei
Thomas, Ann Marie	Wellington	1934	1982	13 Mar 1995	Wellington
Thomas, James	Hobart, Tasmania	1846	1871	14 May 1926	Malvern, Vict.
Thomas, Thomas E; MA	Auburn, S.A.	1851	1877	6 Mar 1909	Christchurch
Thomas, William George	Milford Haven, Sth Wales	1843	1868	2 Dec 1909	Auckland
Thompson, George R	Auckland	1905	1946	23 Jul 1984	Waikumete, Auckland
Thompson, J Herbert	Reefton	1908	1952	22 Sep 1989	Cremated, (ChCh)
Tinsley, Robert Borrows	Port Chalmers	1880	1908	4 Apr 1968	Hamilton
Tinsley, William	Hertfordshire, Eng.	1848	1869	22 Aug 1913	Levin
Toia, Samuel N	Waimate North	1924	1967	16 Apr 1992	Papatunanuku
Toothill, Harry William	Hastings, New Zealand	1916	1951	22 Jan 1976	Wellington
Trebilco, George R	Waikari, New Zealand	1926	1952	21 Oct 1971	Christchurch
Trestrail, Thomas	Penwortham, S.A.	1859	1888	18 Mar 1920	Woodville, S.Aust.
Tuimaseve, Fisiga	Gataivai, Western Samoa	1928	1981	1 Apr 1997	
Turner, Nathaniel	Wednesbury, England	1793	1821	5 Dec 1864	Toowong, Q'land
Turner, Nicholas	Kent, England	1863	1909	19 Feb 1930	Christchurch
Utting, Harry V	Auckland	1904	1927	25 Sept 1965	Christchurch
Vealie, Thomas W	St Just, England	1864	1889	1 Jan 1950	Hutt
Voyce, Arthur H	Tasmania	1899	1926	28 Dec 1984	Auckland
Waiti, Hoani	Kaipara	1820	1860	1879	Kaipara
Waiti, Karawini	Kaipara	1851	1878	25 May 1878	Auckland
Waiti, Martini L	Kaipara	1860	1880	1887	Kaipara
Walker, William	Bradford, England	1880	1912	10 Jun 1969	Auckland
Wallis, James	Blackwell, England	1809	1833	5 Jul 1895	Auckland
Wallis, James W	Waingarua (Raglan)	1842	1864	2 Aug 1877	Auckland
Wallis, T Jackson	Raglan, N.Z	1863	1885	25 Dec 1943	Turakina
Walters, Charles	Hungerford, England	1827	1851	1910	Rookwood, NSW
Ward, Charles Ebenezer	New Plymouth, N.Z.	1846	1870	24 Aug 1935	Christchurch
Ward, Josiah	New Plymouth, N.Z.	1848	1872	19 Sept 1926	Wellington
Ward, Robert	Sporle, Norfolk, Eng.	1816	1835	13 Oct 1876	Wellington
Warihi, Heteraka	Te Kuiti	1826	1865	19 Jul 1898	Blenheim
Warren, John	Norfolk, England	1814	1836	23 Nov 1883	Auckland
Watkin, James	Manchester, England	1805	1830	14 May 1886	Rookwood, N.S.W.

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Watkin, William James	Tonga	1833	1857	28 Sept 1909	Auckland
Watson, John Kellett; BA	Yorkshire, England	1911	1939	12 Jun 1979	Thames
Werren, Samuel J	Little River, Canty	1890	1914	10 Sept 1965	Hamilton
Whewell, John	Hadfield, England	1825	1852	11 Dec 1886	Remuera
Whiteley, John	Nottinghamshire, England	1806	1832	13 Feb 1869	New Plymouth
White, Hedley	Silchester, England	1883	1906	14 Dec 1950	Wellington
White, Joseph	England	1835	1860	1905	Melbourne, Vict.
Whitfield, Harris	Durham England	1905	1938	13 May 1967	Auckland
Whittaker, J D	Lancashire, England	1822	1845	3 Oct 1862	Wellington
Wilcox, Davis Pou	Hokianga	--	1911	January 1937	Waikare
Williams, Alfred E	Streatham, London	1906	1967	16 Jan 1969	Auckland
Williams, David O	Westport	1908	1931	28 Dec 1986	Waikoumete
Williams, J C Aldwyn	Ashburton	1912	1944	25 Nov 1983	Auckland
Williams, William James	Redruth, Cornwall, Eng.	1847	1870	11 May 1936	Auckland
Wills, Peter	Staffordshire, Eng.	1853	1879	29 Sept 1884	Springston
Wills, William	Cornwall, England	1872	1899	3 Sept 1950	Auckland
Wilson, Jeremiah	England	1844	1868	1905	Bendigo, Vict.
Witheford, Arthur R	Auckland	1910	1935	15 Dec 1984	Christchurch
Woolford, Joseph Henry	Hamilton	1913	1941	15 Apr 1979	Auckland
Woodnutt, Alfred George	Lynton, Devonshire	1844	1952(NZ)	16 Nov 1971	New Plymouth
Woodward, William Coombs	London, England	1868	1890	27 Sept 1901	At Sea
Woolloxall, Thomas R B	Liverpool, England	1873	1901	29 Jan 1946	Auckland
Woon, William	Cornwall, England	1804	1830	22 Sept 1858	Wanganui
Worboys, John Wesley	London, England	1843	1874	10 Jul 1908	Wellington
Worker, William	Cornwall, England	1817	1841	2 Feb 1900	Wellsford
Wrigley, James	Yorkshire, England	1857	1887	3 Jun 1937	Auckland

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Place	Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary
Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Hon. Charles M Luke	Charles H Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1914	Samuel J Serpell	Ernest Rosevear	Charles H Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1915	John Dawson	Henry Holland	William A Sinclair
Auckland	1916	Albert C Lawry	George Winstone	William A Sinclair
Wellington	1917	William A Sinclair	John Veale	Edward Drake
Dunedin	1918	Thomas A Joughin	Edwin Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E Bellhouse	J H Blackwell	Edward Drake
Auckland	1920	Edward Drake	E H Penny	Arthur Ashcroft
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W Dobbs	Arthur Ashcroft
Auckland	1922	Charles H Laws, BA	L M Isitt, MP	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F Rothwell	H Field	Arthur Ashcroft
Christchurch	1924	Arthur Ashcroft	F Thompson	Adolphus N Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1925	Thomas R Richards	H P Mourant	Adolphus N Scotter, B.A.
Dunedin	1926	Percy N Knight, BA	Sir Donald C Cameron	Adolphus N Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1927	Harry Ranston, MA, LittD	J A Flesher, OBE	Adolphus N Scotter, B.A.
Christchurch	1928	William J Elliott	J W Shackelford	Adolphus N Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1929	John F Goldie	Thomas P Hughson	Adolphus N Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1930	Adolphus N Scotter, BA	Arch Peak	Jonathan H Haslam
Dunedin *	1931	Ernest D Patchett	Wm S Mackay	Jonathan H Haslam
Christchurch	1932	Rugby Pratt, MA	J Voss	Jonathan H Haslam
Auckland	1933	Arthur J Seamer	S T S Martin	Jonathan H Haslam
Wellington	1934	Clarence Eaton	J T Johnson	William A Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1935	Jonathan H Haslam	W Charles Francis	William A Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1936	E Percy Blamires	Richard Hampton	William A Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1937	Fred Copeland	Henry R French	William A Burley, M.A.
Wellington	1938	Percy R Paris	John C Tietjens	William A Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1939	Angus McBean	Mark Kershaw	William A Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1940	Leslie B Neale, BA, FRGS	David J Wesney	William A Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1941	William A Burley, MA	Frank Penn, NDH (NZ)	William G Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1942	William Walker	G H Bransby Lill	William G Slade, M.A.
Christchurch	1943	Charles H Olds, BA	Hedley Oldham	William G Slade, M.A.
Auckland +	1944	Robert B Tinsley	Charlie E Bellringer	William G Slade, M.A.
Dunedin	1945	Arthur H Scriven	William E Burley, BA	William G Slade, M.A.

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Auckland	1946	William T Blight, BA, BD	James Tyler	William G Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1947	William G Slade, MA, BD	Gordon S Gapper	Herbert L Fiebig, B.A.
Christchurch	1948	E Thomas Olds	Harry H Johnson	Herbert L Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington **	1949	E Thomas Olds	Harry H Johnson	Herbert L Fiebig, B.A.
Napier (Nov)	1949	Henry J Odell	John B Beeche	Herbert L Fiebig, B.A.
Dunedin	1950	Eric W Hames, MA	Sidney E Chappell	Herbert L Fiebig, B.A.
Auckland	1951	George I Laurensen	James H Oldham	Herbert L Fiebig, B.A.
Nelson	1952	J Henry Allen	J Francis Southgate	Herbert L Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington	1953	Herbert L Fiebig, BA	Hugh M Patrick, MVO	Gordon R H Peterson
Christchurch	1954	Charlie O Hailwood	E Laurence F Buxton, FNZIMLT	Gordon R H Peterson
Dunedin	1955	M Alexander McDowell, DD	Leonard A Davis	Gordon R H Peterson
Auckland	1956	Raymond Dudley, MA, DD, RRES	Sister Rita F Snowden	Gordon R H Peterson
Palmerston North	1957	David O Williams, MA, LittD	Philip A LeBrun, JP	Gordon R H Peterson
Christchurch	1958	Gordon R H Peterson	Allen A Dingwall	Athol R Penn
Wellington	1959	A Everil Orr, MBE	Magnus S Hughson	Athol R Penn
Invercargill	1960	Bernard M Chrystall, BA	Hubert de R Flesher, MA, LLB	Athol R Penn
Auckland	1961	E Clarence Leadley	Eric A Humphries	Athol R Penn
Christchurch	1962	Robert Thornley, MA	Frank M Souster	Athol R Penn
Wellington	1963	Athol R Penn	G Cyril Burton, MA	Howard E Harkness, M.A., B.D.
Hamilton	1964	George H Goodman	Raynell C A Marshall	Howard E Harkness, M.A., B.D.
Christchurch	1965	Arthur R Witheford, BA	Russell T Garlick, LLB	Howard E Harkness, M.A., B.D.
Auckland	1966	Ashleigh K Petch, BA	Huia W Beaumont, MA, DipEd(NZ)	William R Laws, MA, BD
Dunedin	1967	John D Grocott, BA	William E Donnelly, MBE	William R Laws, MA, BD
New Plymouth	1968	William R Francis, BA, BD	E Alan Crothall	William R Laws, MA, BD
Wellington	1969	John J Lewis, MA, BD, PhD	H Clifford Vince	William R Laws, MA, BD
Christchurch	1970	Wilfred F Ford, BA	Cedric B Radcliffe, MSc	William R Laws, MA, BD
Wellington	1971	R Frederick Clement, MA	N Patrick Alcorn, MSc	William R Laws, MA, BD
Whangarei	1972	W Selwyn Dawson, MA	E Clifford Flyger	William R Laws, MA, BD
Christchurch	1973	William R Laws, MA, BD	Eric G Heggie, M.Comm, A.C.A.	William R Laws, MA, BD
				Acting Secretary: Leslie R M Gilmore, BA

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Auckland	1974	William J Morrison, MA	Archibald C Barrington, F.C.I.S.	William R Laws, MA, BD
Turangawaewae Marae, Ngaruawahia	1975	Ruawai D Rakena, BA	E Geoffrey Hill, M.P.S.	William R Laws, MA, BD
Wellington	1976	Peter A Stead, BA	Vera I Dowie	William R Laws, MA, BD
Christchurch	1977	John A Penman, BA	Thomas G M Spooner, M.A.	Alan K Woodley, BA
Hamilton	1978	D Bruce Gordon, MA	Charles B Fenwick	Alan K Woodley, BA
Auckland	1979	Ian C E Ramage, MA	Stewart J Collis	Alan K Woodley, BA
Wellington	1980	Loyal J Gibson	Sister Rona W Collins	Alan K Woodley, BA
Christchurch	1981	Edmund D Grounds	Graham B Keightley	Alan K Woodley, BA
Napier	1982	Percy P Rushton, BA, BD	Allan K Surrey, J.P., A.N.Z.I.M.	Alan K Woodley, BA
Takapuna	1983	Geoffrey E Hill, MPS	Albert A Grundy, M.A.	Alan K Woodley, BA
Blenheim	1984	E Francis I Hanson, BA, BD	Mrs Joyce K Dey	Alan K Woodley, BA
New Plymouth	1985	Phyllis M Guthardt, MA, PhD	Kenneth M Fay	Alan K Woodley, BA
Manurewa	1986	Donald J Phillipps, BA, BD	Lani Tupu, B.A., A.C.I.S., J.P.	Alan K Woodley, BA
Nelson	1987	Morehu Te Whare	Mrs Patricia M Teague	Stanley J West
Palmerston North	1988	Eric H Laurenson, ANZIA	Edith J Little, J.P.	Stanley J West
Wellington	1989	Barry E Jones, BA	T Kilifi Heimuli, Q.S.M.	Stanley J West
Dunedin	1990	Bruce Scammell	Fletcher Thomas	Stanley J West
Wanganui	1991	Margaret E Burnett, BSc, DipAppSocSc	Alan Bettany	Stanley J West
Auckland	1992	B Keith Rowe, BA, BD, STM(Union NY), STD(San Francisco)	Barbara Lawrence	Stanley J West
Christchurch	1993	Mervyn L Dine,	Margaret Drake	Stanley J West
Whangarei	1994	Dr R Garth Cant	Gillian A Telford, MANZ	Stanley J West
Hamilton	1995	S Tavake Tupou, ThDip, DipMin, LTh	Jill van de Geer	Stanley J West
Auckland	1996	Stanley J West	Ruth Bivlerstone	Donald J Phillipps (Acting)
Wellington	1997	Norman E Brookes, MA	Susau Strickland	Stanley J West
Christchurch	1998	Margaret E Hamilton,	Rev John Salmon MA, ThM (Princeton), PhD, LTh, STh, CA(retired), ACCM,	Stanley J West

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

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Te Hāhi Weteriana O Aotearoa



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PRESIDENT	- Margaret Hamilton
VICE-PRESIDENT	- John Salmon
SECRETARY	- Stan West

CONFERENCE STAFF 1998

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Ex-Vice-President	:	Susau Strickland
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Media Officer	:	Rob Ferguson
Convener Scrutineers	:	Keith Knox

CONFERENCE 1998

THE BUSINESS FROM DAY TO DAY

(N.B. these times may vary during the course of the Conference)

THURSDAY, 5 NOV.

8.30am - 9.00pm	Methodist AFFIRM	
9.00am	Tauiwi Stationing,	<i>Upper Riccarton Church</i>
10.15am	Morning Tea	
10.45am	Tauiwi Stationing	
11.00am	Ordinands Retreat	<i>Community of the Sacred Name</i>
12.30pm	Lunch (for members of Tauiwi Stationing)	
1.30pm	Tauiwi Stationing	
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
4.00pm	Tauiwi Stationing	
6.00pm	Evening Meal (for members of Tauiwi Stationing)	
6.00pm	Bi-cultural Network Meeting	<i>St Davids Church</i>
7.30pm - 9.00pm	Tauiwi Forum	

FRIDAY, 6 NOV.

9.00am	Pakeha Meeting, <i>Upper Riccarton Church</i> Bi-cultural Network Meeting
9.00am-3.00pm	Methodist AFFIRM
10.15am	Morning Tea
10.45am	Pakeha Meeting
12.30pm	Lunch (for Pakeha Meeting members)
1.30pm	Pakeha Meeting - Open Forum
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea
4.00pm - 6.00pm	Pakeha Meeting - Open Forum
5.30pm - 8.00pm	Wesley Historical Society <i>St Marks</i> Meal and Annual Meeting <i>Presbyterian Church</i>

SATURDAY, 7 NOV.

9.00am - 10.30pm	Introduction to Conference	<i>Upper Riccarton Church</i>
11.00am	Powhiri	Students Association -Ballroom
12.30pm	Hot lunch Hospitality to families of the deceased	
2.30pm	"Being Church": A Celebration of Life & Leadership Induction of President & Vice President Ordination	
5.00pm	Light Meal	
6.00pm	"Being Church": The Celebration of Life and Leadership" continues with the recognition of those retiring.	Lower Common Rm
8.00pm	Close	

SUNDAY, 8 NOV.

10.00am	Conference Worship Recognition of the past year: - Acknowledging our Pain & Celebrating our Achievements	Student Association -Ballroom
11.00am - 1.15pm	Lay Preachers Assn meeting	
1.00pm	Lunch	
2.00pm	"Being Church": What might it look like in the future? - Opportunity for dreaming and dialogue	
5.30pm	Evening Meal <i>(Conference Secretary, meets with Conveners Committee of Detail)</i>	
6.15pm	Notices of Motion box cleared	
6.30pm	Ex President & Vice President Reflection Thanking People	
8.30pm	Evening prayers	

MONDAY, 9 NOV.

8.00-8.15am	Morning Prayers	
8.30am	Worship Welcome to Observers and Visitors	
8.50am	Notices of Motion Memorials Conference Questions 1-20 Committee of Detail <i>NOTE: The business of Conference is considered in Committees of Detail before being presented to the Conference.</i>	
10.15am	Morning Tea	
10.45am	Committees of Detail continues	
1.00pm	Lunch & Provident Society Meeting	

2.00pm	Taha Maori & Taiwi Meetings
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea
	Taha Maori & Taiwi Meetings
6.30pm	Evening Meal
	Notice of Motion Box cleared
7.30pm	Taha Maori & Taiwi Meetings
8.50pm	Evening Prayers

TUESDAY, 10 NOV.

8.00-8.15	Morning Prayers
8.30am	Worship
8.50am	Conference Session convenes
	Commission on Diversity of the Church
10.15am	Morning Tea
10.45am	Conference Session
	Commission on Diversity Cont.
1.00pm	Lunch
	Deacons Luncheon
2.00pm	Conference Session
	Stationing Sheet
	A. Administration
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea
4.00pm	Conference Session
	K. Welfare of the Church
	C. Faith & Order
6.00pm	Evening Meal
7.00pm	Conference Session
	H. Public Questions
8.50pm	Evening Prayers

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOV.

8.00-8.15	Morning Prayers	Students Association
8.30am	Worship	
8.50am	Conference Session J. Te Taha Maori	
10.15am	Morning Tea	
10.45am	Conference Session G. Mission & Ministry	
1.00pm	Lunch	
2.00pm	Conference Session D. Fiji, Samoan, Tongan	
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
4.00pm	Conference Session L. Council of Conference	
	I. Social Services	
6.00pm	Evening Meal	
7.00pm	Conference Session F. Mission & Ecumenical	
8.50pm	Evening Prayers	

THURSDAY, 12 NOV.

8.00-8.15am	Morning Prayers
8.30am	Worship
8.50am	Conference Session B. Communication & Organisations
10.00am	Remaining Questions; Unfinished Business; Concluding activities
11.00am	Morning Tea
11.30am	Covenant Service
12.30pm	Lunch

COMMITTEES OF DETAIL - BUSINESS:

A. ADMINISTRATION/CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES & FUNDS:

Convener: Kenneth Smith

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

Convener: Nicola Grundy & Andrea Williamson

Media

PAC Communications Endowment

Epworth Bookshop

Lay Preachers

Women's Fellowship

Community of Women and Men

Methodist AFFIRM

Wesley Historical Society

Wesley College

C. FAITH & ORDER

Conveners: Terry Wall

Faith and Order

D. FIJI-SAMOAN-TONGAN

Conveners: Lupeti Fihaki, Tevita Finau, Lani Tupu

Fiji Advisory Committee

Tongan Advisory Committee

Samoa Synod

F. MISSION & ECUMENICAL

Conveners: Marion Peterson

Council for Mission & Ecumenical Co-operation

G. MISSION & MINISTRY RESOURCING UNIT

Convener: Jan Tasker

Mission Unit - Ministry matters

- Educational Ministry
- English Speaking Youth
- Church Unity
- Forum of Co-operative Ventures
- Futures Task Group
- Chaplaincies

Ministry Unit - Trinity College

- Deacons Task Group

H. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Convener: Fletcher Thomas

Public Questions

I. SOCIAL SERVICES

Convener: Chris Wood

Methodist Mission Aotearoa

Auckland Methodist Mission

Wesley Wellington Mission

Christchurch Methodist Mission

Dunedin Methodist Mission

J. TE TAHA MAORI

Convener: Elaine Dell & Markus Rogers

Taha Maori

Grey Institute Trust

Wellington Charitable Trust

K. WELFARE OF THE CHURCH

Convener: Norman West

Welfare of the Church

Bicultural Committee

Restructuring Task Group

Central Complaints Committee

Disputes/Discipline - National Church

L. COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE

GUIDELINES FOR CONFERENCE DECISION-MAKING

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

The first step in decision-making is for the Taha Maori to reach general agreement and Tauwiwi to reach general agreement on the decision before them. Then the two groups meet together to see if they can agree with a suggested decision.

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 our Treaty partnership: i.e. between Taha Maori and Tauwiwi.

- The aim of Conference decision-making is to discern what is best for the Church.
- A decision is made only when it is clear that both partners - i.e. Taha Maori and Tauwiwi - can state that they agree with the suggested decision.
- Taha Maori or Tauwiwi may caucus if this will enable their group to reach general agreement so a partnership decision can be explored.

- Partners may choose their own language for the discussion. (Tuiwi 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:

Consensus is a term often used when general agreement or substantial support, 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 accept 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 do not agree, but in the interests of the Church we will allow this to be 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.

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.

PROCESSES:

Some processes help us to listen to each other and find a way forward for the Church.

For example:

Discussion:

Contribution which assists decision is about

- The issue
- Theology of the issue
- Suggested ways forward

Consensus:

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
- 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 allow the decision to be made.

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/Tauwiwi 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 Tauwiwi 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) Tauwiwi may call for a caucus.
- or (c) Taha Maori may call for a caucus.

Conference then divides into Taha Maori and Tauwiwi 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.

- or
- (a) They may work in one group
 - (b) They may divide into smaller 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 expected 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.

What does the Conference do?

When Tauwi 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.

SUMMARY

- Conference decision-making is a process which demonstrates Taha Maori-Tauwi 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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AND BOARDS
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**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Hāhi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

Faith and Order Committee

Part A

Being Church

Over the year our committee has spent considerable time reflecting on the crisis in our church. Differing views have been represented and we have had to work hard at listening to one another. This has not always been easy, but it has been rewarding. Langdon Gilkey wrote in his Message and Existence,

"The Kingdom, then, is both future and present, both objective, historical, and inward, personal. The subsequent task of theology is to find ways of keeping these two sets of polarities in creative tension." [p.170]

It could be that we are being drawn toward a deeper understanding of church, one that allows us to hold together what seems to be at different poles.

One guiding question has been, how can tension be creative rather than destructive? If we are truly to honour catholicity, what will living in community require of us? Certainly a rejection of an individualistic approach to theology. Dialogue seems to be essential, but the nature of the dialogue is important. We are growing in awareness that our own level of security will influence our ability to cope with different opinions. We are recognising that the tone in which exchanges are conducted can powerfully communicate attitudes. Some statements imply closure, judgement and the threat of marginalisation.

We are agreed that a fresh emphasis could be placed on the quality of our relationships within the community of Christ. At the same time we also acknowledge that tension will be a part of relationship. Awareness of the centre, of the Spirit of God in all our relationships will assist us to value the other for who they are. There will be a time to commit ourselves to particular causes, but this should not be at the expense of personal relationships. It may be that there is a distinctive psychology that belongs to those who are minorities, and sensitivity toward this could help conflict resolution. Following the model of 'Elders' one suggestion has been that we need to attend to the quality of our relationships at Conference. Could the presence of persons designated to monitor anger levels assist us?

Lectionary

Again we wish to record our appreciation of the work of the Reverend Lois Clark for her oversight of the Lectionary. This year it was available early to assist parishes in their future planning.

Joint Liturgical Consultation

Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic Churches participate in the JLC NZ. Valuable sharing of liturgical developments in each of our churches take place, and we have received reports from the international meeting of the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) most recently from its 1997 meeting in Finland.

Methodist/Roman Catholic Dialogue

Two meetings have been held during the last year, one at Pompallier House and the other at Wellspring. Worship is an integral part of each meeting. Subjects explored through papers from Roman Catholic and Methodist members of the dialogue have been, 'the ministry of the scholar in the church': 'the role of Mary', and the 'goal of dialogue'. Shared reflection has taken place on key insights that have emerged and a bibliography of papers given has been drawn up. The last meeting in the current series is scheduled for June 1999 when it is planned to finalise a report to our churches.

Anglican Methodist Conversations

The Committee reported to the 1997 Conference that it had expressed concern to the Anglican Commission on Ecumenism regarding re-ordinations into the Anglican ministry of Methodist presbyters. This conversation has been taken further between the two churches with a meeting of representatives of the Faith and Order Committee and the Anglican Church.

A proposal resulted from the conversation suggesting that Canon Law related to this matter be reconsidered, believing that "adequate safeguards, relevant guidelines and liturgical affirmation could be developed without implications of re-ordination."

The Baptismal Formula

Responding to concerns raised in 1996, the committee wrote to the World Methodist Council for information regarding developments within World Methodism. The chairperson of the World Methodist Council Standing Committee on Ecumenism and Dialogues,

The Reverend Professor Geoffrey Wainwright has written to the committee. "I know of no Methodist Churches which have introduced into their service books any changes from the formula 'I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'" Later in his letter he observes "Among circles concerned for Christian unity it is almost universally acknowledged that baptism in water 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,' being one of the precious few things that hold Christians together across time and space, should not be forfeited."

Rights of Probationers

The committee has written to the Law Revision committee for further clarification as to the precise nature of the work that the Faith and Order Committee has been requested to undertake in this regard.

Theology of Aotearoa

The Committee awaits relevant background material before embarking upon this work.

"Every member a minister"

The Committee presented a report to the last conference. In the light of a response from Te Taha Maori the committee plans to revisit the report and send it to parishes and synods in the new year.

Affirming same-sex relationships

The 1997 Conference asked the Faith and Order Committee "to seek ways in which the church may affirm same-sex relationships based on mutual love, respect and faithfulness." A sub-committee of four people was formed for this purpose and met on two occasions. The sub-committee was not able to reach consensus but wishes to continue its work next year.

Funeral Resources

The funeral resources were distributed to all presbyters at the end of last year. The Committee has been encouraged by the appreciative comments it has received.

Communion beyond the Gathered Congregation

This service was prepared in response to requests for a liturgy to assist lay people taking the bread and wine from a congregational celebration of communion to those unable to attend. We stress that it is not a communion liturgy and therefore it is quite inappropriate to use it as such. The service is very flexible, with a few core elements and others that can be added according to the circumstances. Where possible, the familiar words have been retained, as we believe that it is more helpful to older people and to those who are ill. The Committee intends to put out an information sheet for the guidance of those who will be using the service. The Committee has been delighted by the responses to the Liturgy.

Infant Baptism

The Committee is grateful to all those who took the trouble to respond to the draft order of service. Some suggestions have been incorporated in the amended version. The Committee is strongly of the view that the sacrament of baptism should take priority in any service at which it is celebrated. The order is not unduly long for such a significant occasion. It probably looks longer than it is because of the commentary. We do not believe that the service should be 'watered down' because some people cannot in good conscience make the promises. For such people and for those who choose to delay their children's baptism there is an Act of Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child. Copies are available from the Connexional Office.

Adult Baptism

The Committee continues to welcome responses to the new liturgy for Adult Baptism.

Further work has been done on the *Alternative Covenant Service*, and a start has been made on revising the *Confirmation Service*.

Part B

The committee presents the following two orders of service for approval.

INFANT BAPTISM

Introduction

Baptism is a sacrament of the church. It is not a private ceremony. It takes place within the context of congregational worship in the church attended by the child and her/his parent(s). If in exceptional circumstances baptism occurs elsewhere, the presbyter should ensure that representatives of the congregation are present if at all possible.

Those parents or guardians requesting baptism for their child would normally be baptised Christians who are actively involved in the life of the church. It is the responsibility of the presbyter administering the sacrament to ensure that they, and any godparents, have been thoroughly prepared beforehand and are aware of their responsibility to nurture the child in the Christian faith.

Candidates for baptism must be approved by the Leaders' Meeting/Parish Council. After baptism their names are entered in the baptismal register and a certificate of baptism is presented.

The font should occupy a prominent place within the church building and be large enough to hold a substantial quantity of water.

The Baptism Service may be followed by Holy Communion.

COMMENTARY

Baptism and Holy Communion are the two sacraments celebrated by our church. Baptism is the sacrament of Christian initiation. In baptism God's presence is made known to us through the symbolism of water, the words of scripture, the action of the church and the faith of the participants.

Grace, the unearned love of God, precedes and awakens faith.

Baptism is not an end in itself; it looks ahead to a life-long journey of Christian faith and discipleship. It represents one step in an ongoing process of growth and discovery.

The New Testament gives the church its authority to baptise. (Matt 28: 18-20; Acts 2: 38-39, 42)

Baptism is the sign of inclusion in God's new covenant with the church, the body of Christ, in whom "..... there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female." (Gal 3:28)

Through the goodness of God we are offered the possibility of a fresh start at any stage of life.

Children nurtured in a loving Christian environment can, like adults, have a ministry to others even though they may not be conscious of it at the time.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE BAPTISM OF A CHILD

The family and friends of the child brought for baptism are welcomed at the beginning of the service. Leadership of the service may be shared by the presbyter and a lay leader.

A baptismal hymn may be sung at an appropriate point.

Children may be invited to come forward and gather around the font.

Presbyter: Once when people brought their babies to Jesus to be blessed, his disciples wanted to send them away, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." (Luke 18: 15-16).

....., we are glad you have brought to be baptised today.

Baptism is God's gift to us.

It is God who takes the initiative;

God chooses us.

Long before we can understand or respond,

God knows and loves each one of us,

and wants to be known and loved by us.

Baptism marks and celebrates

the gracious, transforming work of God within us,

not just in the moment of baptism itself

but throughout the whole of life.

Leader: From the very beginning of the Christian community, people have been received into the church through baptism. Children belong in the community of faith which is centred on Jesus Christ. Through baptism they become members of the church, God's covenant people, and are united with Christians of every time and place. Human life is marked by brokenness and inadequacy but forgiveness and new life in Christ are available to all who are open to receive them. Little children do not understand this yet, but their parents and the church together affirm their faith in God and promise to nurture them in this faith, so that as members of the Body of Christ they may learn to love and serve God all their life.

The creeds are not a definition but, rather, a witness of the church (in the language of the day) to God's saving action in creation and human history. The Apostles' Creed was not written by the Apostles; it was developed in the early church over a period of centuries. Originally it was used as a declaration of faith at baptism, which usually took place at Easter after a lengthy period of preparation.

The Affirmation is a contemporary declaration of faith originating from the United Church of Canada.

Creed and Affirmation

APOSTLES' CREED

We believe in God, the
 Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and
 earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
 God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by
 the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and
 was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right
 hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge
 the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

AFFIRMATION

Leader: We are not alone - we live in
 God's world.

All: We believe in God:
 who has created and is
 creating,
 who has come in Jesus,
 the Word made flesh,
 to reconcile and make new,
 who works in us and others
 by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the
 Church:
 to celebrate God's presence,
 to love and serve others,
 to seek justice and resist evil,
 to proclaim Jesus,
 crucified and risen,
 our Judge and our Hope.
In life, in death,
in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Congregation sit.

*The parent(s) or guardians are invited to come forward with the child,
together with other family members (and godparents if desired).*

Leader: (to parents), what do you ask of the church?

Parents: We ask that be baptised.

Parents have the primary responsibility to nurture their child in the faith, as much by the way they live as by the words they say.

Christ is honoured in many ways - such as when we give thanks before meals, join in family prayers, celebrate the festivals of the church and the anniversaries of baptism in appropriate ways, and set aside time each day to listen to the child's concerns.

At confirmation we reaffirm our baptism and are ordained to a more intentional form of lay ministry and witness.

The use of godparents (or sponsors approved by the Leaders' Meeting/ Parish Council) is optional. When used, godparents/ sponsors should be included in the discussions and preparations for the baptism service.

In baptism we are adopted into the world-wide Christian family and become part of a rich tradition passed on to us by all who have gone before us in the faith. Together with the parents, the church accepts the responsibility to nurture the growing child, and to value all children and young people and ensure that they always feel welcome and included in the worship and life of the church.

Statement of intent by the parents or the following vows:

Leader: You have acknowledged with us your faith in God.
Do you now entrust to God's loving embrace?

Parents: We do.

Leader: Will you share in worship and the life of the church,
so that will always know she/ he belongs within it?

Parents: We will.

Presbyter: Will you make your home a place where Christ is honoured
and where may grow in love and faith?

Parents: We will, with God's help.

Presbyter: Will you by your example encourage
to share in the celebration of Holy Communion
and the service of God in the world,
and to come to the confirmation of her/his baptism.

Parents: We will, with God's help.

To the godparents (if applicable):

Presbyter: As godparents will you lovingly guide
and give your support to her/his family,
so that she/he may grow in Christian faith?

Godparents: We will, with God's help.

Congregation stand.

Leader: *(to the people)* As members of Christ's universal church
you are about to receive into membership.
Will you surround and her/his family with love,
nurture and encourage her/him in the faith,
and with God's help make this a place
where all may grow in the knowledge and love of Christ?

People: We will. With great joy we welcome
into the church.

Congregation sit.

God's Spirit enables us to enter into the richer
fuller life which Jesus promised. (Jn10 :10)

Genesis 1

Exodus 14: 21-22

Joshua 1:1-4

Matthew 3:13-17

John 4:10. 13-14

Paul links baptism with the death and resurrection of
Christ to illustrate the radically different way of life
that commitment to Christ involves (Romans 6:3-4).
It is the church's prayer that every child who is baptised
will grow to live in the way of Christ.

Before the baptism the presbyter may say:

....., for you Jesus Christ has come,
he lived on this earth,
and suffered on the cross.
For you he cried, "It is accomplished."
For you he died;
for you he was raised from the dead.
For you he lives now
and has promised
to be with you for ever,
even though you do not know it.

The Baptism

Leader: Flowing water is the central symbol of baptism.
It is a sign of life and growth,
of freshness and delight,
of cleansing and new beginnings,
of God's Holy Spirit poured out
on those who belong to Christ.

Water is poured into the font by a member of the congregation.

Presbyter: Eternal God,
we thank you for the gift of water.
When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the waters of creation
and brought forth life;
when you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea;
across the river Jordan you led Israel
to the land you promised.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the waters of a womb;
in the Jordan he was baptised by John
and anointed by your Spirit;
at the well in Samaria
he offered the gift of living water;
his followers are called to share the baptism
of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
bless this water
and this child who is baptised in it,
that she/he may be born of water and the Spirit,
be raised to new life in Christ
and strengthened to serve you in the world.
To you be all honour and glory,
now and for ever. Amen.

Congregation may be invited to stand.

*The presbyter receives the child from the parents
and pours or liberally sprinkles water from the font
over the child's head three times, with these words:*

..... I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

For some the sign of the cross is a mark of our identity,
a sign that we belong to God.

Christ is the Light of the World, and his followers too
are called to give light to all (John 8:12; Matt 5: 14-14).
Some find it a helpful custom to light the baptismal
candle on each anniversary of the baptism.

God's faithfulness towards us never changes; our commitment
to God needs to be renewed continually. The church gives us
the opportunity to do this at every baptism and communion
service, at the covenant service, at confirmation and, indeed,
on every occasion we meet for worship.

The presbyter may make the sign of the cross on the child's forehead and say:

Presbyter:, from this day on
the sign of the cross is upon you.

Presbyter: Remember always that you are a child of God.
Through the waters of birth
you were brought into the world.
Through the waters of baptism
you have been brought into the church.

A lighted candle may be presented to the child.

Presbyter:, walk in the way of Christ (crucified and risen).
Shine with the light of Christ.

The grace of Christ attend you;
the love of God surround you;
the Holy Spirit keep you,
this day and for ever. Amen.

Congregation sit.

The presbyter may carry or take the child around the congregation.

Leader: Let us pray:
We thank you, loving God, for the miracle of birth,
for the gift of children and the richness that family life can bring.
Bless and her/his family. Give to(parents)
the faith and wisdom to fulfil their responsibility.

People: We remember with gratitude our own baptism.
Help us to live lives worthy of this high calling.

Presbyter: May your Spirit continually be at work in us
so that we may be channels of love and peace.
Amen.

*The child's name may be entered in the baptismal register at this point.
The baptismal certificate is presented by a lay leader.*

Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa

Communion
beyond the
Gathered Congregation.

Faith and Order Committee
1998

COMMUNION BEYOND THE GATHERED CONGREGATION

INTRODUCTION

It is important that people have the opportunity to hear the Word and receive communion when illness or some other reason prevents them from joining in Sunday worship with the gathered congregation.

This service is not a celebration of the Lord's Supper; it is an act of worship during which the participants receive elements previously set aside at a service of Holy Communion.

This service may be led by a lay person approved by the parish council or a deacon, under the direction of the parish superintendent. It is expected that such people will have been prepared and trained by the parish superintendent.

This ministry would take place preferably on the day of the communion service, as it is part of the worship of the whole congregation that day. It would be appropriate to read one of the Bible passages heard by the congregation (or at least some verses from it), and for the visitor to share some points from the sermon.

Before the congregational worship, the elements to be set aside may be prepared and placed in communion sets, then brought forward to be dedicated with the offering.

or

The setting aside of bread and wine may take place during the congregational worship when all have received communion. The elements are placed in suitable containers before the remaining bread and wine are covered by the communion cloth.

It would be appropriate for the congregation to know who are to be visited with the communion and who are to make the visits. All these people can be remembered in the prayers of the congregation.

The basic parts of the service are within the asterisks. Other sections may be omitted. If necessary, the words printed in **bold type** may be said by the leader alone.

ORDER OF SERVICE
FOR
COMMUNION BEYOND THE GATHERED CONGREGATION
PREPARATION

** The bread and wine are set out reverently. **

* The bread and wine which we share in this service come from a celebration of Holy Communion at today.

Grace and peace to you from our Saviour Jesus Christ. *

Grace and peace to you also.

Give thanks for the goodness of God.

God's love will last for ever.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Our Lord Jesus Christ said,

The first commandment is: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second commandment is: Love your neighbour as yourself.

He also said. I give you a new commandment: Love one another; as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.

silence

Let us pray.

Loving God, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We have not loved you with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved one another as you have loved us. Have mercy upon us; cleanse us from our sins and help us to overcome our faults, that we may serve you in lives renewed through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God's mercy never ends. Know that your sins are forgiven.
Forgive others; forgive yourself.

Amen.

** The Lord's Prayer may be said here or after the intercessions **

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

or

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

** The Bible is read.**

One of the readings from the communion service may be used, or one of the following: 1 Cor 11:23-26, Luke 24:28-35

Some points from the sermon may be shared.

Prayers of Intercession

These intercessions are a guide. Other prayers appropriate to the occasion may be offered by those present.

The following response may be used:

God of love, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for one another, for our families and friends and all those through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbours and our community, loving others as he loves us.

silence

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

silence

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these islands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and all leaders of the nations.

silence

We pray for your church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name will also reflect your glory.

silence

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

silence

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all those who turn to you. Receive the prayers of your people. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer may be said here.

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Reception of Communion

* In obedience to the Lord Jesus,
our congregation has shared today in holy communion,
as Christians have done through the ages.
This bread and this wine have been brought
from the communion table
so that you also may receive Christ's body and blood,
and be nourished for eternal life.
So let us lift our hearts to the Lord,
and receive this sacrament with thanksgiving.*

**We come to your table, Lord, trusting not in our own righteousness
but in your great mercy. We are not worthy even to gather the
crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose
nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat this bread and drink this wine that Christ may evermore
dwell in us and we in him. Amen.**

or

**We come to your table, Lord, conscious of our own shortcomings,
but trusting in your love and mercy. Humbly we take this bread and
wine, recognising in you that life we seek for ourselves, but which is
not yet fully our own. So, gracious Lord, we eat this bread and drink
this wine, believing that you will grow in us and we in you. Amen.**

* The gifts of God for the people of God.*

** The bread and wine are given with the words:*

The body of the Lord Jesus Christ, broken for you
or the bread of life.

The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, shed for you.
*or the true vine.**

Prayer After Communion

Those present may offer prayer in their own words or in silence.

* We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament and united us with Christ.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.*

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep our/your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us/you always.

or

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

or

The blessing of the God of Sarah and Abraham,
the blessing of the Son born of the woman Mary,
The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who broods over us
as a mother with her children,
be with us/you (all).

*** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us (all). Amen.***

Suggested Decisions

1. That the report be received.
2. That the order of service for Communion beyond the gathered Congregation be approved.
3. That the order of service for Infant Baptism be approved.
4. That the members of the Faith and Order Standing Committee for 1999 be:

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

1. 1998 Agenda

The Committee surveyed all congregations in late 1997 seeking their ideas on what topics we should work proactively on in 1998. We received 23 responses suggesting more than 50 suitable subjects. From these the topics chosen were: values education, youth suicide, advertising, health reforms, the future of work/universal basic income, and the theology of 'public questions'.

2. Bicultural Journey

The annual planning meeting identified ongoing treaty issues including monitoring of the treaty claims settlement policy as a matter for ongoing work. The Committee continues to have a Bicultural Workgroup. A ten-minute bicultural reflection is provided at the beginning of each Committee meeting. The Committee considers that all issues are bi-cultural issues and so attempts to bring a Maori perspective into all its discussions.

Matters of a specifically bicultural nature have included:

- Ongoing discussion by Maori of Maori sovereignty and the Government's negative response to the concept.

- Maori rejection of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment.
- The New Zealand Business Roundtable-commissioned report, *Waitangi: Morality and Reality*, a right wing questioning of the treaty settlements policy.
- The Government's budget and its implication for Maori.
- The ineffectiveness of the mainstreaming of Government assistance to Maori.
- The Prime Minister's suggestions that if the number of seats in the MMP Parliament is to be reduced then consideration should be given to abolishing the Maori seats.
- Maori response to the proposed Code of Social and Family Responsibility.

Work has begun on a paper that will critique the Government's treaty settlements policy commonly known as the fiscal envelope. It is provisionally titled, *Politics not Justice*. It should be available early in 1999.

Constitutional change continues to be a matter of considerable interest to the Committee. In early 1998 Labour MP Mike Moore promoted his Constitutional Convention Bill. The purpose of this Bill, as explained in its explanatory note, is "to establish a transparent process by which the people of New Zealand can consider and decide issues of major constitutional importance. In pursuance of this aim, a constitutional Convention is proposed, with, if the Convention's deliberations point to that course, a referendum to follow in which fundamental questions will be put to voters." While some Maori have welcomed the debate opened up by the Bill, many have concerns about its underlying assumptions and the proposed methodology of change.

The Committee supports the work of the Wellington Bicultural Working group and encourages all Church members to make use of the fine studies they have produced on the issue of constitutional change. The Committee will continue to look at the issue of constitutional change so that Church members can be informed participants in any public debate on this issue.

3. Capital City Forum

Over the last four years the Committee, in association with the Anglican and Catholic Churches, has organised evening meetings over a meal under the banner of Capital City Forum. The last

speaker in this format was Campbell Roberts on 'Poverty or Dependency?'. We have now changed the format of the Forum to have seminars and other one-off evening meetings. In November 1997 a one-day conference with the title 'Social Capital and Strong Communities' was held. The Committee published the proceedings of this conference in March 1998. Included in this publication was a paper on 'social capital' presented by Research Executive Officer (REO), Richard Davis, to the Association of Non-Governmental Organisations' AGM.

The first Forum meeting for 1998 had Auckland businessman Dick Hubbard speak on the subject 'Companies with a Soul - NZ Businesses for Social Responsibility'. The second meeting, held in September 1998, was on the topic, 'Hikoi of Hope - Walking for Change'.

4. Casinos and Gambling

The Committee has strongly opposed the establishment of casinos in this country. It should be noted that it is the policy of the Committee to leave opposition to particular casinos to local groups. We are pleased to be able to support these groups with any material that we have available. Many such groups and individuals have approached the Committee for assistance in challenging possible casinos in their own towns.

Although a casino license moratorium is in place for three years (from December 1997) four more casinos may go ahead if current license applications are successful. Therefore casinos could still be established in Dunedin, Arrowtown, Hamilton and Queenstown. In addition to casinos we are following the poker machine proliferation and have grave concerns about their rapid numerical growth. The government will soon introduce its Gaming Law Reform Bill to which we will be making a submission.

5. Communication

5.1 It is a continuing concern that two-way communication between the Committee and members of the church is vital and needs to be improved. Budget limitations mean that Committee members cannot visit as many congregations as we would like to. Increasingly the Committee is depending on long-range forms of communication such as the internet. It is with some distress that we discover from time to time that responsible and otherwise well-

informed church members seem to be unaware of the extent of our work and available resources. It is a priority of the Committee to develop a public relations plan that will facilitate more effective communication to our target audiences.

5.2 *PQ Broadsheet*

There were 6 issues of *PQ Broadsheet* published over the last year. Issue 64 was our largest issue yet at 12 pages. Circulation continues to increase and is now in excess of 2200. It is sent out in the monthly ministers mailing and is also available to individuals on request. It also goes to all Members of Parliament. Several people have subscribed to *PQ Broadsheet* through our website, where it is available for downloading. Feedback has been generally positive.

Some church bulletin editors use our material in their newsletters—something we encourage. We can post *PQ Broadsheet* directly to these people when we know who they are.

Typical content includes book reviews, church decisions on 'public questions', articles on issues, sources of information, such as websites and publications, campaigns for change, and cartoons. We appreciate feedback and suggestions on how we can better meet the needs of our readers.

5.3 *Crosslink, Crumbs and Harvest Field*

We have a good relationship with the editors of these publications and hope to use these where possible to provide an alternative perspective on social issues. From time to time we review books on social issues for *Crosslink*, and we have also had some articles from *PQ Broadsheet* reprinted in *Harvest Field*.

5.4 *Internet*

During 1998 the Committee has spent a considerable amount of time constructing a homepage on the World Wide Web. This site will host all our publications in a format that people can readily use. The site is searchable so it is possible to find out what the Committee has done in the past on a particular topics. It is also possible to find out the Churches' position on specific social issues. Two E-mail lists have been established, one for discussion and another for notices about the work of the Committee, and other news related to social justice. Anyone with E-mail is free to join these lists.

We have at least three aims in developing these forms of communication. The first is to make documents and information more readily accessible to Church members. Secondly, we hope to provide increased opportunities for Church members to participate in the work of the Committee and social justice initiatives. Thirdly, we hope to show non-church members that the Church cares about the issues that concern the general public.

6. The Community Wage Scheme

Last year the idea of compulsory work for benefits was mooted and Conference resolved to urge the Government not to introduce such schemes. In 1998 the government's plans firmed up and the plan was implemented. The Committee has followed the debate and has tried to work out what the scheme would mean for the Church.

On 22 April 1998 the Minister of Employment Peter McCardle announced details of the new Community Wage Scheme. From 1 October 1998 the current unemployment benefits (Unemployment Benefit, Young Job Seekers Allowance, 55 Plus, the work-tested Independent Youth Benefit and Emergency Unemployment Benefits, Sickness Benefit, and the Training Benefit) became the Community Wage. To receive the Wage the 'jobseeker' (beneficiary) must fulfil certain obligations. These obligations will be set out in a Job Seeker Agreement and will require beneficiaries to actively seek work and to be available for any organised activity that is provided. Domestic Purposes and Widows beneficiaries will also be required to work from 1 February 1999.

In general terms the Committee believes that in attempting to deal with unemployment the Government is focusing its attention too much on individual victims of unemployment and not enough on structural factors, such as the direction of economic policy. The Committee would like to see a careful analysis of the effects of economic policies on employment, rather than the 'blaming the victim' approach that is currently being pursued.

Many groups, including a Labour Department assessment in 1989, have identified specific concerns about community wage-style schemes. These concerns are summarised here:

1. Workfare schemes may undermine real paid work and could displace people from their jobs by offering to employers a

cheaper workforce. Displacement may lead to employing organisations substituting the 'free' labour of unemployed persons for the unsubsidised labour that would otherwise have been taken on.

2. People should be able to choose the employment that best matches their skills. This is a human right guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
3. 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.
4. Compulsory work schemes can be significantly more expensive than alternative measures (such as increased counselling) for dealing with unemployment. Other additional costs to the work sponsor and Government are likely to include the organisation of work projects, close supervision, material and equipment, as well as compliance enforcement and arbitration structures.
5. The work which participants do very rarely increases skills and employability.
6. The compulsory nature cuts across the maintenance of a work ethic and self esteem by participants.
7. There will be difficulty in the provision of enough suitable job places for long-term DSW beneficiaries.

Other churches and related organisation have also spoken out against workfare. The Presbyterian Church, at its General Assembly in July, made the following decision, "That in light of concerns raised both here and overseas; that workfare can cause displacement of contracted and paid workers, and that the work which participants do very rarely increases their skills and employability; Assembly express concern to the Government over the implementation of any workfare policies." Last year the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services called for a boycott of schemes that do not meet a number of minimum standards. Overseas, in countries where workfare has been introduced, churches have sometimes boycotted these schemes. In New York a coalition of 68 New York City churches, synagogues and non-profit groups has announced it will refuse to hire welfare recipients under the city's workfare program. Among their concerns the churches argue that the scheme is driving down the wages of others. "This program fails miserably to meet the criteria of justice and fairness", said the Rev. Peter Laarman. "We don't want to say five years from now, here was an evil system that grew up around us and we did not resist it". The United Church of Canada has also taken a stand

against workfare. It has said that churches should not participate in programmes that force the poor to work. The Church's 36th General Council meeting voted to encourage all its mission units and pastoral charges to refuse to participate in employment or work programs that force social assistance recipients to be involved. And the Church said in a detailed resolution on work and employment that participation in work programs (known as workfare in some areas) ought not to be a condition for welfare.

7. Eradication of Poverty

The Committee has been working in cooperation with the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services on a publication that will examine myths about poverty in Aotearoa New Zealand. It is proposed to launch the booklet in late-1998. Copies of the publication will be available from the Committee office and through our web site.

8. The Hikoi of Hope

The Committee supported the general thrust of the Hikoi of Hope but recognised that the Churches could only really participate through involvement at the local level. Therefore the Committee suggested that each congregation consider for themselves ways they could get involved. The success of the Hikoi will reflect not only on the Anglican Church, who initiated it, but also on the credibility of all churches when they engage with political and economic issues.

9. Human Rights

Under the Human Rights Act 1993 the Human Rights Commission was charged with identifying all legislation, government policies and practices that are inconsistent with the provisions of the Act itself. By 2000 the Government is supposed to have all its practices and law in line with the Act. This exercise is known as Consistency 2000. The Committee supports this project and was disappointed to learn in October 1997 that the Government terminated it. The Committee rejects the excuses made by Government for the discontinuation of Consistency 2000 and believes that it should proceed. The Committee wrote to all Government agencies affected by the Act and requested their reports to the Human Rights Commission. These reports identify actual and potential inconsistencies between their practices and the Human Rights Act.

The Government has now introduced the Human Rights Amendment Bill that will legally halt the Consistency 2000 project and permit human rights exemptions for the Government in the areas of social welfare and defence. The Committee will be making a submission on this bill.

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and we still have some way to go before all the rights spelt out in the Declaration are a reality for all people. The Human Rights Commission history of the Declaration concludes: "The UDHR set the standards for global human rights fifty years ago, now in 1998, the year which celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration, it is crucial that the continuous effort towards the promotion, implementation, and enforcement of the UDHR and its conceptions be given extra impetus and assistance". The Committee is part of this effort and continues advocacy for human rights.

The Committee has lobbied for a Maori version of the Declaration and we hope that this will be completed in September.

10. Inequality in Aotearoa New Zealand

Three major reports released in mid 1998 confirmed what many of us already knew—the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. Inequalities also exist between Maori and non-Maori in many areas and are largely due to socio-economic factors.

Progress Towards Closing the Social and Economic Gaps Between Maori and Non-Maori: A Report to the Minister of Maori Affairs

This report examines the progress that has been made towards addressing the inequality that exists between Maori and non-Maori over the last decade. In future the report will be produced annually. The statistics show that while limited progress has been made Maori are currently worse off than Pakeha in the following areas:

Education

Despite increased participation of Maori in all sectors of education "disparities persist between Maori and non-Maori for most indicators of educational status".

Employment

While disparities were reduced in the early 1990s, "over the 1997-1998 period Maori unemployment began to increase once more" and is still worse than for non-Maori.

Economic Status

The report says, "the economic position of Maori relative to non-Maori has deteriorated over the last decade ... During this time Maori rental housing became less affordable and gaps between Maori and non-Maori self employment, household income and home ownership widened."

Health Status

"In terms of health status, the past decade has seen continued improvements in Maori life expectancy and declines in infant mortality. However, for almost every other health indicator reviewed in this report, Maori health status has deteriorated."

Sharing the Cake in Post Reform New Zealand

In this report economists Nripesh Podder and Srikanta Chatterjee examine the trend of income inequality in New Zealand over the years 1984-96; years that have seen dramatic economic and political reforms that have altered, as they show, income distribution in this country.

The report confirms that the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. Specifically: "the bottom 80 percent of New Zealand income earners suffered a reduction in their share of the total incomes paid out, while the top 5 percent enjoyed a 25 percent gain after twelve years of painful restructuring". Factors contributing to this increasing inequality are unemployment, GST, high interest rates, benefit cuts and freer trade. The report sheds doubt on the benefits of the reform process saying, "the verdict on how well-off New Zealanders are after all the recent economic changes must remain an open issue".

The social, cultural and economic determinants of health in New Zealand: Action to improve health

The National Advisory Committee on Health and Disability published this report in June. The main topic is health inequalities and their economic causes. The report makes clear that Maori and Pacific people have poorer health status than other New Zealanders due to their inferior economic position. Significant factors in health are income and poverty, employment and occupation, education, housing and culture and ethnicity.

From the Summary:

- Both poverty and income inequalities increased in NZ over the last decade.
- The average duration of unemployment has increased in recent years.
- There was an increase in serious housing need between the late 1980s and the mid-1990s.
- The relatively poor health status of Maori results from a number of factors but it is mostly due to poorer socioeconomic circumstances than non-Maori.
- People in the lowest socioeconomic groups consistently have the poorest health status.

The Committee considers inequality an important issue and will endeavor to work toward a more equal society.

11. Multilateral Agreement on Investment

The Committee has worked on this issue since June 1997. Our reservations about this Agreement were made clear to last year's Conference. Since our last report we have assisted in the organisation of a one-day seminar on the MAI in Wellington (1 November 1997) and have distributed much information about the subject. We are pleased that the agreement failed to be agreed to as initially planned. Undoubtedly pressure from people's organisations around the world including the churches led to its demise. In particular we note the Consultation hui held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Maori Development. The result was Maori saying, in very strong terms, "no" to the MAI. Aroha Mead of the Ministry of Maori Development, speaking about the hui, said "many participants felt that it remains to be proven that foreign investment really does bring benefits to Maori". Despite the

apparent rejection of the MAI the desire for an international investment agreement still exists and so we will be watching other multilateral bodies such as the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to see if they attempt to bring such an agreement into effect. *The Economist* said in March, "With luck, parts of the MAI could become a blueprint for a global WTO accord on investment". More recent news suggests that the United States is seeking the resolution of the MAI in the OECD because it is there that it will be able to secure more comprehensive investment protections. The New Zealand Government still seems committed to the MAI. In a MAI 'action alert' in August GATT Watchdog wrote, "An Australian contact has alerted us to the fact that New Zealand Treasury officials have been in recent contact with their Canadian and Australian counterparts about the MAI. According to Australian Treasury sources, resumption of MAI negotiations in October is expected to lead to a further meeting in April 1999, with the aim of concluding the MAI before the WTO launches its next trade liberalisation round." In addition to concerns we have about the MAI itself, an on-going issue is undemocratic way in which international treaties are implemented.

12. Parliamentary Reform/Constitutional Change

On 5 November 1997, the Committee was represented at the inaugural meeting of Parliament Alive!, a parliamentary reform group (now called Parliamentary Reform Network). While the Committee has no strong views on specific reforms, we certainly have concerns about the power of the Executive (Cabinet), the effectiveness of Select Committees, and representations by minority groups in the decision-making process. The Committee does not see a return to FPP (First Past the Post) as a solution to the disappointments of MMP (Mixed Member Proportional), but rather a development of the system to allow for the advantages of MMP to be realised. Our work on parliamentary reform does not pre-empt further work on constitutional change, which we see as more important.

13. Publications

Since our last report the Committee has issued the following publications:

13.1 Social Capital and Strong Communities

Proceedings of a one-day conference organised by Capital City Forum.

13.2 Human Sexuality

This occasional paper arose out a perceived need for some alternative thinking to the more traditional thinking that was getting prominent attention.

14. Social Responsibility

In response to the proposed Code of Social & Family Responsibility the Committee produced and distributed a letter and alternate fact sheet to all congregations. The approach taken was that the Code emphasised individual responsibility and ignored collective responsibilities and those of other sectors. The Committee sought to remind people that the Government has many responsibilities to all New Zealanders under various human rights instruments and that the responsibilities of business and other sectors also need to be considered. In addition to this fact sheet the Committee made available other useful information and contributed to a front-page article for the April 1998 issue of *Crosslink*. Information was also placed on our website. The Committee sent in a response form rejecting the proposed Code and advocating a Social Responsibility Act to sit alongside the Fiscal Responsibility Act.

15. Staffing and Personnel

We recognise the significant contribution that our Presbyterian colleagues, particularly our Co-Convenor Robert Hopkirk, have made to this partnership. The knowledge and skills that members bring to the Committee are quite diverse and Committee members carry out a considerable amount of work

The Research Executive Officer's position remains part-time. Ideally this should position should be made full-time. There are many opportunities for mission that are missed due to the lack of paid staff time. We are limited in what we can do because of the part-time nature of the position and the inadequate funding for carrying out our task for the Churches.

16. Submissions

16.1 Casino Control (Moratorium) Amendment Bill

The Committee supported this Bill and it was suggested to the Select Committee that the Moratorium be extended retrospectively to cover the four Casino licence applications that were pending before the Casino Control Authority. While we were pleased to see the Bill pass, we were disappointed that it left the possibility of four new casinos being established. We felt that this action of the Government to be too little too late.

16.2 Holidays Act Review

The Committee believes that the Holidays Act needs revision. Our submission opposed changes that would have removed some of the benefits now enjoyed by workers, which in our view enhance opportunities for family recreation. We argued for an increase in the minimum entitlement to paid holidays to four weeks and consistent Mondayisation of all public holidays. The Committee believes that more holidays will provide opportunities to build stronger communities and families and also enable the more equitable sharing of labour and rest. We saw the review as a good time for the Government to ratify International Labour Organisation Convention 132. This sets a standard of annual holidays of three weeks, and prohibits the swapping of holidays for cash. Article 12 of the Convention states: "Agreements to relinquish the right to the minimum annual holiday with pay prescribed in Article 3, paragraph 3, of this Convention or to forgo such a holiday, for compensation or otherwise, shall, as appropriate to national conditions, be null and void or be prohibited."

The REO was interviewed by John Banks on breakfast radio following our press release on this subject.

16.3. Shop Trading Hours (Repeal of Restrictions) Bill

This Bill would have eliminated restrictions on retail trading on Easter Sunday. We opposed this Bill arguing that the public needs to have some commercial free days and that the elimination of restrictions would adversely affect the small trader.

16.4 The Implications of NZ's Participation in APEC

Auckland will host the APEC summit in 1999. This will be several times larger than the CHOGM meeting held there in 1995 and will

disrupt the city dramatically to the detriment of the residents and the homeless of the inner city.

Our submission raised doubts that the focus on economic growth will benefit all New Zealanders, when it is likely to worsen present economic inequalities.

The Seoul Declaration, to which the Government is committed, has as one of its objectives "to enhance and promote the role of the private sector and the application of free market principles in maximising the benefits of regional cooperation." In response to this we wrote: "Enhancing and promoting the role of the private sector should not be the role of government. The proper role of government is to promote the well being of all peoples in the country."

It is clear that APEC is focused on the needs of big business and it is of concern that the Government is using this forum to promote these interests to the detriment of the common good. In a speech to the New Zealand Canada Business Association in Auckland on Thursday 9 June 1998 Lockwood Smith, Minister for International Trade, spoke of the benefits of APEC to business and how the government would assist business in making the most of APEC. He said, "We politicians don't want to waste our time and energy on issues which are not important to business. We want to be working on your priorities ... The New Zealand Government is determined to help you. Not with old fashioned assistance that you neither want nor need. But by maintaining our current economic framework, undertaking comprehensive microeconomic reform, and by negotiating better access for your products."

We will continue to follow the progress of APEC and its effects on New Zealand.

17. Workgroups

Since last year the Committee has done work on the following topics with a view to publishing some material

The Effects of Advertising

Advertising is a topic that the Committee has addressed a number of times, specifically in relation to the promotion of liquor, tobacco and gambling. The purpose of further study in this area is to examine the effects of advertising on democracy, the environment and what

we consider to be the good life. From a bicultural perspective the difficulty of Maori language media to attract advertising—due to the relatively small, and on average poorer, audience—means that dependence on advertising revenues will put their future in jeopardy.

Children's Rights

This project has been on hold pending the announcement of a new appointment off a new Commissioner for Children. We note that former National MP Roger McClay has now been permanently appointed to this position following a period as the temporary Commissioner. The intention is to meet with him and discuss priorities in this area.

The Committee wrote to Mr McClay about the Code of Social and Family Responsibility Discussion Document after noticing how many "expectations" related to children appeared to already be covered by the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989). It seemed that the state has more responsibilities to children than was made apparent in the Code Discussion Document. We encouraged the Commissioner "to make a stand that any code must take account of the Convention and that the state cannot set aside its own obligations when it comes to the rights of children".

It is also of concern that Christian political leaders have a questionable commitment to children's rights. For example Graham Lee, leader of the Christian Democrats, has said, "While there is an admirable purpose in seeking better rights for children in many third world countries, that does not apply to New Zealand". Graham Capill, leader of the Christian Heritage party, has also spoken out against the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, one time calling it a "real beast". It is interesting to recall that the Convention evolved from the Declaration of the Rights of the Child drafted by the founder of the Save the Fund, Eglantyne Jebb, a committed Christian. We believe that children's rights can be founded on Christian principles and that they need to be taken seriously by all New Zealanders.

The New Right

Since 1984 the country has been under the influence of an ideology called the "New Right". This ideology has been driving the changes we have seen in government and the economy. Because the Committee was dealing an increasing number of issues with an

economic underpinning it was felt that an examination of the ideological roots of these changes would be worthwhile. A paper on this topic is well advanced and will published shortly.

In research for the paper the Committee wrote to the Treasurer Winston Peters asking for references to research which the government is using to justify cutting government expenditure to below 30% of GDP. The Budget Policy Statement of 1998 says: "Some international evidence suggests that an increase in the share of the economy taken up by government spending can reduce economic and social well-being." His reply gave references to three papers.

The International Monetary Fund paper suggests that, "Over the long run, total public expenditure could be reduced to, perhaps, under 30 percent of GDP without sacrificing much in terms of social or economic objectives. " [p. 25] This reduction in spending will require radical reforms "that will require much privatization of higher education and of health care. They will require the privatization of some pensions and many other changes. In this process, the role of the government will change from provider to overseer or regulator of activities." [p. 34].

With this thinking being influential in Government policy we can expect to have further cuts in social spending and a corresponding increase in the demand for social services run by church groups. It is not an exaggeration to say that with every Government policy change we can expect them to be aiming for reduced expenditure.

Other work on this project has included accumulating several articles critical of the new right and placing them in a special section of our website. Written by academics, journalists and commentators this selection, we hope, will cast doubt on the proclaimed success of these reforms and encourage people to seek alternatives. There has been considerable international interest in New Zealand's reforms recent years and it is hoped that through the internet we can contribute alternative perspectives on these matters. We anticipate that some interest will be shown in this part of our Website at the eighth World Council of Churches Assembly in December.

To further his understanding of economics and to share some of the findings of the work to date the REO attended a Consultation on

Biblical Economics organised by Vision New Zealand. He gave a paper on the role of the state in economics.

In August the Committee received under the Official Information Act an internal discussion paper of Treasury called "Human nature, growth, welfare and economic reform in New Zealand" by former Treasury analyst Peter Gorringer, (First draft, October 1996). The paper "examines the New Zealand economic reforms since 1984 in the light of findings from human psychology that imply that economic growth may not lead to growth in welfare, at least through the route of growth in consumption." After reviewing the evidence the author makes the following conclusions: "Thus two common justifications for economic growth—that it will increase aggregate utility by increasing material standards of living absolutely, or relative to those of other countries—are not supported by the evidence." And, "the argument that economic growth will increase happiness by relieving the distress associated with poverty also seems at variance with the evidence." The paper concludes: "My overall conclusion, albeit as an interested party, is that the reforms were broadly worthwhile, and that we should not be trying to unwind them. That said, the arguments in Section II have led me to question whether the pain reform inflicted on many people was always worth the gain."

Youth Suicide

That Aotearoa New Zealand has one of the highest youth suicide rates in the world is now well known. Many groups, including several in the churches, are now taking this issue seriously in an attempt to understand the problem and seek possible solutions. The focus of most of this attention is that a person's state of mental health is the cause of many suicide attempts and therefore prevention of suicide must be directed to mental health services. There is, however a different approach. What is often being ignored is the reason why people are feeling so mentally ill that they consider taking their own life.

The Committee supports viewing the problem holistically and these views formed the basis for an article that appeared in *Harvest Field* and *Crumbs*. While individual causes undoubtedly exist, we cannot ignore the complex societal causes of suicide. Our economic and political system is becoming more individualistic and this a probable factor in increased suicides. The period since 1984 has seen both a

dramatic rise in suicide rates and an increased reliance on individualistic markets, and with a weakening sense of community. It is interesting to recall, therefore, the observations of French sociologist Emile Durkheim. In his book *Suicide: A Study in Sociology* he argued that suicide rates varied inversely with integration into society: "Excessive individualism not only results in favouring the action of suicidogenic causes, but it is itself such a cause". Colonisation may also be a factor in suicide among Maori youth. In an article published in the *Youth Law Review* (Oct/Nov/Dec 1996) Paul Joseph wrote, "The primary conclusion to be drawn then is that 'suicide' per se, is not a static or isolated incident but is a consequence of colonisation which has left Maori without a sense of self. If any progress is to be made regarding the reduction and elimination of Maori youth suicide, then a decolonisation process must commence that results in the adoption of a Maori world view in all spheres of life."

The Committee rejected the idea of coroner Mate Frankovich that compulsory military service could be a useful way of combating youth suicide. The idea that young people's lives could be saved by teaching them how to kill others is a somewhat contradictory and repugnant idea.

Theology and Philosophy of "Public Questions"

The Committee recognises that to remain effective we must engage in constant reflection on how we work and why we do what we do. The purpose of this project is to examine the question "Why should the churches be concerned about social justice?". This will ultimately determine our vision and strategies in the future. We expect to be able to share the results of this work with the whole Church next year.

Values Education

Prime Minister Jenny Shipley gave the values in schools debate a huge push with her speech to the Unesco conference in March 1998. Many people concerned about the falling level of basic values are seeing the school as a place to teach what perhaps the family and church used to teach.

The Committee has not had time to take up this issue in depth and it is on hold while other work gets completed. We have managed to

do the following things. The REO reviewed the book *Values Integrating Education* by John Hinchcliff. We have also published an article in *PQ Broadsheet* that argued that all education is value-laden and we therefore need to decide which values will predominate—not whether or not we have values education.

A useful focus for further work could be asking the question, "What is education for?" This question has already been answered by the APEC forum. They wrote: "The dichonomic view on school and work is no longer appropriate. The emphasis on education for itself or on education for good members of a community without a large emphasis on preparations for the future work are no longer appropriate." They write that Governments "can play a pro-active role in building a positive training culture to insure that education and training meet the needs of business, labor markets, and changing economic environment." [The Provisional Themes for the 2nd APEC Human Resources Development Ministerial Meeting (part I)] The Committee rejects this view of education and believes that education is for life and all aspects of human experience, and not be solely vocational or work focused.

Universal Basic Income/The Future of Work

The Committee's first mention of UBI was in issue 14 of *PQ Broadsheet* (February 1985). At the time we quoted from Erich Fromm's *To Have and To Be*, "a guaranteed yearly income", "a very old norm, demanded by Christianity and practised in many 'primitive' tribes, that human beings have an unconditional right to live, regardless of whether they do their 'duty to society'. It is a right we guarantee to our pets, but not to our fellow human beings."

The issues facing the unemployed and employed are now very different one to those existing in 1985. The effects of globalisation and technological change are seemingly irreversible forces that are rapidly changing the nature of work. We are currently engaged in studying these forces of change and what they will mean for work in the twenty-first century.

To assist in research for this topic, the REO attended the UBI Conference (Wellington, March 1998) and facilitated a workshop on the 'Future of Work'.

SECTION B: LOOKING FORWARD

Our vision

- To interpret the Christian ethic in relation to contemporary society;
- To be a voice for the voiceless;
- To articulate a Christian perspective on the activities of all sectors of society.

Long Term and short term strategies

The strategies of the Committee include:

- To be the conduit of information and resources for the church;
- To represent the Church to Government and select committees;
- Acting on behalf of the Church in matters of public interest and in ecumenical social actions;
- To be the voice of the church on issues of public interest to the community.

Resourcing

Our primary resources are people and money. Our current level of financial resourcing remains comparatively low for a Church that aims to "work for justice for any who are oppressed," "to be peacemakers between people, and in the world" and "to care for creation." Additional resources of people and money will mean increased opportunities to take a Christian perspective on social justice to more people, to do more in depth research and to present our material more professionally and attractively.

Who will do the work?

The work of the Committee is shared amongst the members and the REO. Financial constraints mean that we are unable to employ professional assistance or buy research when this would be useful.

When will tasks be done?

Tasks are done when time permits. Reactive tasks such as responding to requests and correspondence will be done as soon as practicable. Other work will be fitted in when it is able to be done.

What do you hope to have achieved by next conference

- 1) To have published several papers on topics that relate directly to social justice issues.
- 2) To have completed the basic design of our website and to have it up-to date with previous years' documents placed there.

- 3) Have developed a communication strategy so that we can maximise the communication between the committee and its publics. These include church members, Presbyters, Members of Parliament and the general public.
- 4) Have finalised the position relating to the future involvement of the Society of Friends and Associated Churches of Christ in the Committee's work.
- 5) To have expanded the distribution of *PQ Broadsheet*.

Measuring success

Our task will never be finished until the reign of God on Earth is complete. Our work is not so much directed at changing things that can be measured but in providing all members of the church and other people with information and inspiration that they can use to help build a better society. By facilitating social change and providing information for others, inside and outside the church, it will not always be obvious, even to us, what our presence has achieved.

SUGGESTED DECISIONS

Recommendations

1. That Conference, acknowledging the contribution made by the Society of Friends (Quakers) and the Associated Churches of Christ as observers on the Committee for a number of years, agrees to:
 - (a) the request from the Society of Friends to become full members of the Joint Methodist-Presbyterian Public Questions Committee;
 - (b) a formal approach being made to the next national meeting of the Associated Churches of Christ inviting them to become full members of the Joint Methodist-Presbyterian Public Questions Committee.
2. That Conference request the Government to change its foreign policy to one of active peacemaking. In particular the Government should:
 - (a) focus the New Zealand Defence Force on matters of national civil defence, humanitarian relief to neighbouring countries, and protection against the destruction of our fisheries by other countries.

- (b) re-assess the suitability of ANZAC frigates for the Royal New Zealand Navy in the light of our regional responsibilities to our Pacific neighbours.
 - (c) further develop and make use of the peacemaking abilities as demonstrated in the Bougainville negotiations.
3. That Conference urge Government to adopt a policy of translating significant United Nations' and other multilateral declarations and treaties, that bear directly on the interests and rights of Maori, into te reo Maori.
 4. That this Conference adopt the concept of restorative justice and in doing so:
 - (a) adopts restorative justice as a mission initiative of the Church, and supports the development of programmes to educate members of the Church and society to accept and work for restorative justice.
 - (b) applauds the steps taken to date in fostering restorative justice in the Youth Court system and urges the Government to expand restorative justice initiatives in relation to adult offenders and in relation to enhancement of parenting skills and promotion of law and order in schools.
 5. That Conference in recognising that the Church's work in social justice must be carried out at all levels of the Church and to all sectors of society, urge parishes and congregations to:
 - (a) engage with local government in their own locality to encourage them to take seriously the needs of all people in their jurisdiction;
 - (b) investigate establishing local or regional public questions committees to look at local and regional issues and to make use of the work of the Joint Methodist Presbyterian Public Questions Committee.
 6. That Conference urge all parts of the Church to celebrate Human Rights Day (10 December 1998), not only to observe the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights but also to reflect on how we can make full human rights a reality in Aotearoa New Zealand.
 7. That Conference encourage the Government, and in particular the Minister of Health, to implement the 34 recommendations of the National Health Committee in their report *The Social*,

8. That Conference, acknowledging that the Government has proposed the introduction of the Community Wage scheme, which means that beneficiaries may be compelled to work for their benefit, and recognising that the Government will be relying on the community sector including churches for sponsoring "jobs", make the following decisions:

- (a) That in light of concerns raised both here and overseas;
 - i. that workfare can cause displacement of contracted and paid workers, and
 - ii. that the work which participants do very rarely increases their skills and employability;

Conference express concern to the Government over the implementation of any workfare policies.

- (b) That Conference recommend that those parts of the church that are in a position to sponsor community wage work consider the following issues before deciding whether to participate in the scheme:

- i. That churches will be required to meet the costs of training, supervision and safety procedures in relation to the 'jobseeker'.
- ii. That 'jobseekers' compelled to work may not have a commitment to the church's mission and that this may reflect badly on the church's image.
- iii. That churches having work to be done and for which it could employ someone consider doing so rather than using the community wage scheme in an attempt to save money. Only by employing people can the church protect and create real jobs.
- iv. That churches sponsoring 'jobs' will be asked to report whether a "jobseekers" performance has been satisfactory. If it is reported that their work is unsatisfactory the job seeker could have their income reduced by up to 40%. Churches should consider the ethical implications of being responsible for a severe reduction in income for a person whose current income is already low.
- v. That churches may need to ensure that they are indemnified against any consequent liability arising from

such things as workplace accidents and litigation regarding performance assessments.

10. That Conference express to Government its concern about increasing inequality in Aotearoa New Zealand and urge them to adopt policies that will work toward increased equality of opportunity and outcome for all New Zealanders.
11. That Conference, being pleased with the present with the present casino license moratorium but having grave concerns about the proliferation of poker machines, urge government to introduce a moratorium on these machines until a full independent social and economic impact study is made.
12. That the membership of the Committee for 1999 shall be John Currie, Gwenda Handyside, Jill Harris, Graham Hulston, John Roberts, Terry Sugrue, Fletcher Thomas (Convenor), and other members as the President may appoint.

COMMUNITY OF WOMEN AND MEN IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Report to Conference 1998

SECTION A

Booklists

Two further annotated booklists of teenage novels have been written by a committee member and published by us, one on issues of sexual abuse 'Crossing Boundaries', and the other on youth suicide 'Sharing the Grief'. The booklist on gay issues has been updated. All these booklists have been successfully promoted here and in Australia via schools, libraries, bookstores and teenage magazines. As a consequence William Elderton was invited to give a paper at the Conference of the Australasian Children's Literature Association. A grant from PAC Media and Communication Fund has covered the cost of research, publication and advertising. The booklists can be purchased for \$5 and they are also available on the WWW. (<http://www.dunedinmethodist.org.nz/mtke>)

Workshops

The committee was invited to present a workshop session for the Anglican Lay Ministers meeting of the Diocese of Dunedin, held in Mosgiel in March. This was a successful event. In October we sponsored a day-long seminar to celebrate the Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women, "Lighting the Fires of the Future", with topics on 'Spirituality for Justice' and 'Re-imagining the Church'.

Issues Pursued in Response to Requests

MWF and Connexional involvement: The National President of MWF brought to our attention that MWF did not feel that it was given the appreciation and recognition it deserves within the Church, and asked for our support. We researched this and took up this issue and prepared a case for MWF to be represented and recognised more fully on Connexional Committees.

Futures Group Request: We were asked to prepare guidelines for ending the life of a group or committee. We have prepared a brochure outlining a discussion/decision strategy, including a brief liturgy for 'The Ending of a Group' and given this to the Futures Group to use as they wish.

Gender Issues in Ministry: We were asked by the Mission Resource Unit to explore issues relating to women in ministry, to enhance the work of women in positions of leadership. This task has commenced and is ongoing. ✓

Sexual Harassment Training Video: We were asked by the Central Complaints Committee to purchase copies of the video "Keeping Trust" and distribute to each Synod. We are awaiting this video which we will then view with the aim to purchase copies for distribution.

SECTION B - LOOKING FORWARD

Ongoing Tasks

At the requests of the Mission Resourcing Unit:

- Women in Ministry: a survey is planned in 1999.
- Monitoring the membership of Boards and Committees to ensure gender balance is maintained. A process to do this will be put into place during 1999.
- Critique of reports, discussion papers and minutes: We will set this up in 1999 to monitor issues relating to inclusiveness and empowerment. This is linked with safety in the Church.

Initiated from requests by Central Complaints Committee:

- Sexual Harassment Library, Video and Posters. We have been asked to develop, organise and promote a library and video resource for trainers and others. The processes are to be set up to ensure resources are readily available to the church. We will set in place the most appropriate way to do this. Appropriate sexual harassment poster for parishes to advertise their contact people will be prepared and distributed in 1999. The Community has sufficient money to fund these tasks.

The Future of the Community of Women and Men in Church and Society

While the mandate given to the Community has been redefined over the years, this committee is still actively fulfilling its tasks and we believe that the Community has more ongoing work to do for the Methodist Church of New Zealand that cannot easily be transferred to other groups.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the membership for 1998 be:
Mary Thompson (convenor), Olive Bain, William Elderton, Nicola Grundy, Elspeth McLean, Dorothy Pearce, Edie Pont, Frances Sharples, Leah Taylor, Shirley Ungemuth, Norman West, Jenny Winter.

CENTRAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1998

A. What we have done:

- We welcomed Rev Anne Millar as a member of the Committee.
- In March 1998 we convened a successful interdenominational Conference for people working in the field of clergy sexual exploitation. 29 people from 7 denominations attended. A report of this gathering appeared in both the *NZ Herald* and the *Dominion* newspapers. The Conference made two major decisions:
 - *to hold a meeting for members of the different churches to explore the possibilities of having common stages and language for sexual harassment/abuse precedures/protocols.
 - *to convene an interdisciplinary meeting to discuss "What is the most effective way of holding professionals accountable? Is it criminalisation of professional sexual misconduct or is there a more effective way?" [In some countries (not NZ) professional sexual abuse is a criminal act.]
- A training event for new Trainers, new District Superintendents and Connexional people was held.
- Rev Anne Millar and Winifred Murray attended the "breaking boundaries" Conference on professional sexual misconduct in Melbourne. Winifred was invited to be the speaker from New Zealand during the opening session. She also co-facilitated a workshop using the video "Keeping Trust" which was produced by the Auckland Interchurch Network for the Prevention of Abuse.
- The establishment of a 4 resource libraries which have material on sexual safety and sexual exploitation was commenced.
- An information leaflet on the purpose and work of the Central Complaints Committee was formulated.
- The Committee has continued to attempt to redress the damage suffered by the Complainants of two Respondents. Two approaches have been made to the Committee enquiring about appropriate action.
- The people from 8 denominations - Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Churches of Christ, Methodist, Presbyterian, Salvation Army, and Society of Friends - who met in August to explore the possibilities of having common stages and language for sexual harassment/abuse processes found the different churches had developed along remarkably similar paths. The sharing of experiences was heartwarming and useful. The participants contracted to meet again next year.

B. Our hopes for next year:

- To formulate *Guidelines for the Reinstatement of Respondents*.
- To explore changes to the Procedures to allow two options in Option C:
 - (a) that mediation be offered when the Respondent admits their behaviour is exploitative.

(b) that when the Respondent denies the impact of their behaviour the Complainant will be supported to take action through the legal system, or through our Church's Tribunal.

- To offer programmes to congregations who have not received education about sexual misconduct and how to keep their members safe.
- To develop a document which includes the Church's *Ethical Standards* and conditions of service, which will be signed at the commencement of training and at each induction into a parish or church position.

In response to 1997 Conference Decisions we report that:

- The work of the Sexual Harassment/Abuse Procedures focuses on creating a safe environment for all ages in the Church, including youth. Specific Contact People for youth are trained.
- Because of the amount of other work which has been done the Committee has been unable to explore the possibility of engaging independent assessors to assess the extent and degree of trauma caused by clergy sexual exploitation.

Suggested Decisions:

- That Conference thank Aroha Houston for her contribution to the Central Complaints Committee.
- That the following changes be made to the Procedures (additional wording shown in bold type):

*The District Sexual Harassment/Abuse Group will be gathered within **2 weeks of receipt of the complaint** and will institute:

*Dismissal will be *required* by the Church in cases where the Respondent:

(f) is convicted by a Court for professional sexual misconduct.

*The Contact Person who is approached about a complaint either will continue to support that Complainant through the process of the complaint, or will arrange for another Contact Person to do so. **The Contact Person's work with a Complainant will be supervised by their district Trainer.**

***Final Stage:**

Respondents will be required to have supervision with an approved supervisor **for a minimum of 2 years**. The Central Complaints Committee will **make input into the matters which need to be covered in supervision and will require a report at least six-monthly from the supervisor. Cessation of reporting to be subject to satisfactory progress being maintained. This will be agreed between the Respondent, the Central Complaints Committee, the Pastoral Committee and the Supervisor.**

- That the Church develops a system for making people in unpaid but designated positions accountable to the Church for their actions.

TE TAHA Maori REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1998

Korihi nga manu, takiri mai te ata, ka ao, ka ao, ka awatea; tihei mauriora. Nga mate, nga aitua, o koutou ara o matou, ka mahara tonutia e tatou i tenei wa ko Jack Whitikia, Sam Grace, Liz Cook, Bruce Gordon, Bruce Scammell maa.

Ko wai atu, ko wai atu. Haere koutou, haere koutou, haere koutou. Te hunga ora e hui nei, tena koutou katoa.

SHARING WHAT HAS HAPPENED

THEOLOGY AND THEOLOGICAL SHIFTS

Theological reflection continues to be encouraged throughout Te Taha Maori. It takes place in one form or another on most occasions when our members meet. More specifically it occurs at rohe wananga, Minita-a-iwi training wananga, Hui Poari and enabling ministry team consultations. *Ka ora* theology shifts have been and will continue to be focus of learning and discussion throughout Te Taha Maori. Some of the topics that have been on our *ka ora* theology shifts agenda in the past year have been:

- Continuing relevance of the pot plant image;
- The call to ministry
- Jesus and theology shifts
- Every member a theologian
- Why did Jesus die?
- Making sense of resurrection
- The place of creeds especially the Nicene
- Midrash and the gospels
- Getting to know the Bible better
- Why karakia?

Following Conference 1997, an invitation was received from the editor of 'Crosslink' to contribute a centrespread for the Easter issue on our *ka ora* theology understandings. This resulted in contributions from five of our members being published. Content covered:

- Creation - Indigenous Peoples' perspective
- Mission towards independence
- Jesus - life over death
- Affirming Women
- Ka ora Gospel

These have been reproduced as a discussion resource for use in small groups. It was first used at the July 1998 Hui Poari and the Rohe have been encouraged to use it.

We see quality theological reflection as crucial to our ongoing life within Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa and will continue to make it a priority. Our Aotearoa context and the cultural dimension of being Maori will continue to be central to that theological development.

We seek to reflect an appropriate theology in our *whakaritenga/tikana* (liturgies), for liturgy cannot be seen apart from theology. All liturgy reflects a theology. We continue to seek *ka ora* shifts in this area too.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The process being followed for training candidates for Minita-a-iwi is alive and well.

The Rohe have gone about the task of presenting candidates for training, responsibly. The credibility of those who are to be the 'front person' is uppermost as we go about selecting and preparing for quality not quantity in Minita-a-iwi. As members of the Rohe we have had to face hard decisions and not seep the hard bits under the carpet. We face the reality that each member each member who participates in the learning, along with the candidate, is strengthened not only in faith but also in personal commitment.

We have had fun along the way. We all learn to have a go at putting together readings and "kauwhau" or sermons. Our Enablers are very encouraging to all members who wish to learn or be assessed. No one has been afraid to make mistake- we listen and we learn.

We have the sad loss of our first Minita-a-iwi, Jack Whitikia, who was the first to come through the new process last year. We did not sit back too long to mourn, we knew we had to make an effort to enthuse growth and learning. Our initial efforts in this new responsible way of training had paid off as we continue to wananga around the country to train not only our Minita-a-iwi but all who wish to be in support at those special sessions.

We are very grateful for the expertise given by John Roberts, Diana Tana, Brian Eagle and all other Enablers who are in the team. But for these specially equipped people we would still be on the mat receiving, without imparting much of ourselves.

NGA WAAHINE O TE TAHA Maori

Women are continuing to play a major role in the 'life and work' of Te Taha Maori. It has often been said the women are the *tuara* (backbone) and to a certain extent this is true. The demands and expectation of every life within Church and community are such that it is easy to bypass our own needs.

The theme for Hui Waahine 1998 was *HEALTH AND HEALING*. There were four sessions, each focussing on a specific area.

- a theological reflection on John 10:10;
- global perspective
- Maori health issues
- Alternative: Hopes and Visions

The hui enabled women to explore the issues of health - the political, social and economic implications. It was evident throughout the hui that women hold the key to our own survival and the destiny of future generations.

Nga Waahine recognise that they live in a changing world and strive to find *ka ora* ways of being and relating to one another. They are active in the life of the Rohe as Liaison Persons, Hui Poari and Te Runanga Haahi representatives and decision makers. As Kaikarakia and Minita-a-iwi, women are involved in all aspects of ministry - baptisms, tangihanga, hura kohatu, karakia, facilitating various hui and administration. They are Waahine Toa.

NGA RANGATAHI

Tamaki ki te Rerenga Wairua

27-29 April 1998

This was the first Rangatahi hui of the year. It was held at Waimamaku, Hokianga. At the beginning of the hui they went to one of the marae in the area to learn the local history.

Later when the camp was set up they began the hui with introductions from all present, - tamariki, mokopuna, parents, Kuia and Kaumatua.

The next day they reflected on what jobs they did at home and school. Later they went to gather kaimoana and then there was time for a swim. After their lunch of kaimoana they talked about their programme for the next day. In the evening they sat around the fire where they had their reflections into the evening. In the morning it was time to go home.

Even though it was tiring with a lot of work, it was worthwhile.

Tamaki ki te Rerenga Wairua - Waikato

28-30 August 1998

As the hui in Waimamaku was so good, it was decided to hold another hui in Tangihua, Whangarei. The reason for going to Tangihua was to learn about the forest, nature and to go for bush walks. There was also time to learn another verse of our Waiata "*Haere mai*", a hiimene and waiata tawhito.

I taia tatou i tetahi keme hei awhina i a ratou e hiahia ana ki te whakaako i te reo Maori?

Huihuinga whakaako

16-18 October 1998

This was called for by the young mothers who have attended the Rangatahi hui as support people and wanted to come together to educate themselves in order to be of further support to their rangatahi and the rangatahi activities. This is an event they would like to have annually.

Hui Toopu 1998

At the time of writing this report, there were three named Rangatahi attending Conference. The length of Conference and the dates make it difficult for more to attend.

Nga Putea Awhina

Kurahuna, Margaret and Bruce Gordon Fund and Moutoa Fund. We thank those committees for the assistance given to our members of the Rangatahi whanau during this year.

FINANCE AND PROPERTIES

Finance

At the beginning of the year, our Budget Working Group met in Kawakawa. They worked with the Accountant on the preparation of the next year's budget. This group also took the opportunity to visit several Tai Tokerau properties "owned by Te Taha Maori. Recommendations regarding repairs and future use of land and buildings were made to the Rohe.

Te Taha Maori made no asking from the Connexional Budget and were able to make a small contribution for the current Financial year.

A fund for Maori Weteriana women has been set up to help with tertiary education. Waikato Rohe has been given the responsibility of screening applications. It will be available for the first time for 1999.

Te Taha Maori thanks all those Committees and Trusts which have provided support during this past year; in particular Grey Trust and WCEET.

Properties

Tamaki ki te Rerenga Wairua: Vice President Susau, David Annett and several Te Taha Maori members travelled north on 4th April 1998, to return some Otaua land to the Rountree family. It is hoped that land at Waima and Otamatea will be gifted back in the near future. Hui Poari has approved the sale of James Buller Centre, Dargaville and Te Rongopai Centre and the old Church at Kaikohe. Maintenance work been done on properties as required.

Waikato / Te Rohe Potae: On 30th November 1997, Eric Laurenson (IFB) joined Te Taha Maori members at the hui to hand back the title of Gibson Road, land (Tuakau) to Nga Tai e Rua Marae Trustees. The Kaumatua Flats in Ngaruawahia were also gifted back to the Turangawaewae Marae Trustees.

The properties at Bryce Street Hamilton, (Te Rahui Waahine and the cottage) were sold to the Tainui Corporation Ltd on 27th February 1998.

Further properties approved for sale are 11 Union Street, Hamilton and Te Piringa Centre Otorohanga.

Taranaki/Poneke/Otautahi-Te Waipounamu: At the time of writing this report, Te Taha Maori was still waiting for Wesley Wellington Mission to finalise the agreement on the lease of Matairangi, 11 Brougham Street, Wellington.

Members of IFB have provided helpful advice and assistance throughout the year on property matters. This has been greatly appreciated.

SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONCERNS

The sessions that are part of every Hui Poari, continue to play an important role in the education of our members, on matters that affect their everyday lives. During the passed year, the topics have been :

- Health and well being
- A fiscal envelope update
- The 1999 elections
- "Iwi"

The *health and well being* topic arose from the fact that many of our members were being hospitalised or suffering from long term illnesses. Members identified areas of change required in their own lives and the importance of supporting those making the changes.

It had been some time since the *Fiscal Envelope* had been discussed and it was decided to do an update as well as ascertaining if the issues was dead or alive. Members considered it to be very much alive and hoped that the church would continue to support it *tino rangatiratanga* and constitutional change.

Because we have the right to vote for a new set of MPs next year, it seemed worthwhile having people begin thinking about if, how and why they might vote next year. It gave members time to reflect on the MMP experience, the performance of the Maori MPs and if voting is a useful option in bringing justice and change to Aotearoa.

The world *Iwi* has featured regularly in the media, particularly in terms of our whanaunga who have settled for life in urban areas. It was decided that we would do some of our own thinking on this concern.

These sessions are the primary responsibility of Enabling Team members who co opt others to assist as required. The process for each session is carefully thought out to provide ideas for Rohe members who might want to take a similar session at Rohe level.

THE BICULTURAL JOURNEY

Te Taha Maori remains committed to the bicultural journey and the issues that come before them under this heading at every Hui Poari and Komiti

Whaiti. We have been represented on 4+4 meetings for the positions of General Secretary, Methodist Mission Northern Superintendent, Wesley College Chaplain, Principal of Trinity College, Wesley College Chaplain, Taiuiwi Resource Person - Education, Taiuiwi Resource Person - Youth, Biblical Lecturer, Trinity College.

Ten members serve on the Council of Conference and three on the Council of Elders. In addition, six of our members joined a group of Taiuiwi for two days of training as Council of Conference members. This went well.

There have been a number of papers circulated around the Connexion asking for a response from TTM as well as Taiuiwi sections of the Church. These included: *Every Member a Minister* (Faith and Order); Restructuring Task Group on the Regional Church; the process for the Appointment of President and Vice President; Commission on Diversity Report; Future Directions of Trinity College; the two year process for Connexional Appointments.

By making a response to these papers, we are endeavouring to take our responsibility and commitment to the journey, seriously.

Likewise our representation on a number of Boards and Committees is a mark of our commitment. The presence of our members on a Board does not automatically make it bicultural. For that to happen, the Board needs to look at its style of working, how decisions are made and if the decisions reflect an over all commitment to the journey.

ECUMENISM - THAT THE WHOLE INHABITED EARTH MAY BELIEVE?

As a "gospel" imperative (that they may be one as we are one) Te Taha Maori has experienced little change in the "low level of commitment" reported two years ago.

Consequently, we look forward in anticipation to the 8th Assembly of the **World Council of Churches**, when its life and work since Canberra 1991 will be reviewed and a new ecumenical direction into the next millennium is set for its 332 member church - five from Aotearoa New Zealand.

Concurrently, of course, we celebrate and rejoice with others around the world this 50th anniversary of the WCC, and duly acknowledge the range of benefits we have received since its inauguration in 1948. With John Roberts, Keita Hotere and Lana Lazarus representing us at the 3-14 December Harare Assembly, we are assured that such benefits will continue into the future.

Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Haahi: Although erratic in their response to regular meetings a small representative group of Advisers exist to process the large volume of ecumenical information and documents received during the year.

Two meetings however, were held at Ohope, hosted by Te Aka Puaho - the Presbyterian Maori Synod. This more local and marae based meeting enabled wider commentary and sharing of viewpoints to be noted.

Maori Health: Our ecumenical contribution to this huge need among our people is channelled through our Amorangi Turoro Services. This small group works in collaboration with Tihi Ora and North Health. This year saw the addition of Wally Te Ua who was appointed by the ICHC to the Auckland Hospital.

Alternative Vision - Constitution Change: In the wake of decolonisation workshops and the current political, economic, social and even religious turmoil, we believe that the issues raised by the Public Questions committee in this connection two year ago remain ecumenically crucial, especially as Election Year 1999 draws closer.

LOOKING FORWARD

Last year in this section, reference was made to Question 69 (a) and (b) - *What is God saying to us now and what more can be done to promote the work of God?*

These questions are still relevant as we look ahead. The whakatauki that came to mind was "*E kore a muri e hokia*".

During 1998 our work on what "Ka ora" theology means for us has played a major role in all our hui and wananga. This will continue to be the basis for moving on in the way we make decisions for each section of our work - the use of our resources, training and education, and agenda for Hui Poari and Rohe wananga. We will continue to create and provide *wahi ora* (places of healing) for the total physical, spiritual, and emotional well being of our people. This happens in the way we work and build relationships, through the programmes of learning and training we provide and through the responsibilities we share in Te Taha Maori and the wider church.

Hui Rangatahi

November 20-22 1998

This camp will be held at Camp Epworth, Cambridge.

In previous years there have been little interest in the hui but from 1997, the interest has increased and it is therefore worthwhile for the coming year to continue this.

Ka hari kua koa mo tatou o Te Taha Maori mo tenei ahuatanga. Heoi kua waiho tenei hui hei korerotanga ma nga Rohe.

SUGGESTED DECISIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the 1999 membership for Hui Poari be:
3. Nga Kaiarahi: Paewhenua Nathan and Te Rua Winiata
Enabling Team: Markus Rogers, Diana Tana, Brian Eagle, John Roberts
Liaison Persons: Mere Cassidy, Kiri Haretuku, Pari Waaka, Barney Winikerei, Rita Bublit, Don Gordon, Huia Tahere,
Lay Representatives: Timaru Rogers, Ripia Rountree, Sunnah and Hine Thompson, Jim George, Kiri Stewart, Riripeti Polwart.
3 Rangatahi: To be named.
4. That the 1999 membership for Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Haahi be: Nga Kaiarahi, John Roberts, Diana Tana, Markus Rogers, Keita Hotere.

SYNOPSIS FOR REPORTING TO CONFERENCE

Te Taha Maori 1998

During 1998, work on what a “Ka ora” theology means for us, played a major role in our hui and wananga. This has opened up the theme of “Healing, Wholeness and Well being” at a Hui Poari, at Enabling Team Consultations and at the Hui Waahine. The *Ka ora* way of being, has also made us look carefully at the way we use our resources. The process for the return and release of some properties has come to the point of handing the titles back to whanau who originally set aside land for the Church. These include Nga Tai Erua Marae Trustees in Tuakau and the Rountree family in Otaua. Other negotiations are close to completion at the time of writing this report.

Since Conference 1997, two of our Minita-a-iwi have died - **Jack Whitikia (Taranaki)** and **Sam Grace (Waikato)**. Both were quiet men who faithfully served members of their Rohe for many years. People knew that they would be there for them. They are greatly missed.

**REPORT TO CONFERENCE
BICULTURAL COMMITTEE
1998**

SECTION A: LOOKING BACK.

The year began in January with a planning day at Whakatuora. It turned out to be the last meeting that **Liz Cook** attended as a member of the Committee. Liz was an enthusiastic and hard working member of the Bicultural Committee. She always offered to write the letters and regularly led with opening reflection. She strongly advocated that we meet at Whakatuora because for her, the place had offered an open door for her bicultural journey. We miss her letter writing and her reflections. We also miss her laughter, her honesty and her up front style. She was faithful to her commitment to the Church's bicultural journey.

THEOLOGY IN AOTEAROA

1996 Conference asked that the Bicultural Network provide Faith and Order Committee with some specific issues that needed to be considered as part of a Theology for Aotearoa for the Tauīwi Church. Some thought has been given to this and the text will be forwarded to Faith and Order Committee.

The group working on the paper, identified some resources from the past including: *Te Wero*, (Joint PQ committee) *Ten Years On*, (Bruce Gordon) *The Maori Response to the Gospel*, (Rua Rakena).

Changes were noted since the publication of these works. These include:

1. Alongside the Treaty-based stress on partnership, issues relating to diversity.
2. Appreciating and understanding dialogue alongside power sharing.
3. The acknowledgment of a diversity of sources of insight that require listening to each other and a move away from hierarchy to various versions of 'church in the round'.
4. An awareness of the significance of place in relation to land which is broadened to location.
5. The idea of a "located" God - that is the God of Aotearoa is not the God of England or of North America.

The Bicultural Committee thanks John Salmon, Rua Rakena and members of the Auckland Work Group for the time and thought put into this task.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Training Day For Council Of Conference Members

This workshop, held 13-14 February was financed jointly by Mission Resourcing Unit and Te Taha Maori and facilitated by Te Rua Winiata and Winifred Murray. On the first day the two groups met separately to consider concerns relevant to their own structures and history. On the 14th they met together at Whakatuora focussing on facilitation skills relevant to Council of Conference styles of working. Feedback from participants indicated that they found it worthwhile. Some thought it should be compulsory for all new members and substitutes.

Meeting with the President and Vice President Elect

This meeting usually takes place in the first quarter of the year. This year it was held on 25 March at Whakatuora. It provides an opportunity for the new team to ask questions, express concerns and share some initial ideas for the year of planning ahead. During the meeting, Margaret Hamilton and John Salmon were given a Presidential Kitset of resources to assist them in their work.

Workshop for the Council of Elders

This is an annual event and was facilitated by Jan Tasker in April at Whakatuora. It followed a meeting with the Bicultural Committee at which members were able to ask questions and discuss their role. A relevant question has been *How and where can the Council of Elders report back on matters of concern to the whole church that members have observed at Conference and Council of Conference?*

Members of the Bicultural Committee had prepared a kitset of resources for the Council of Elders to assist them in their work.

Bicultural Workshop for NZMWF

Lynne Frith and Margaret Hamilton facilitated this event in March. They created a time line of the bicultural journeys of the Church and NZMWF. They studied the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty and the church's Mission Statement. They discovered where MWF fits into the church's structures. The facilitators were affirming of the work done by members of the workshop.

THE NETWORK MEETING

Whakatuora was the venue for this annual event attended by a small representative group. It was an opportunity to share happenings and to identify strategies for furthering the bicultural journey.

MEETING WITH AFFIRM

This is the second meeting arranged with members of AFFIRM to have open discussions on matters affecting both groups, ask the "unaskable"

questions and share concerns in an informal setting. The meeting took place on 17th June at the Church Offices, Penrose. Members of the Bicultural Committee found this a worthwhile and helpful gathering.

TWO YEAR PROCESS OF CONNEXIONAL APPOINTEES

This paper has been distributed around Synods and Te Taha Maori and responses are being collated by the Council of Conference.

CONSENSUS DECISION MAKING PROCESS

This paper has been redrafted for clarification and to make the process more user friendly. However unless it is studied carefully by all those going to Conference, the process will continue to be a puzzle to those attending for the first time as well as those who have misinterpreted the various steps of the procedure.

MEETING TIMES AND VENUE

Although the meetings are still open to anyone interested enough to attend, there have been no extra people attending this year apart from those specifically invited. During the summer months we continued to meet at Whakatuora but have since met at the Church offices as only one regular member does not work there.

VIDEO: "LENGTH OF A MEMORY"

After some delays this year, it is hoped that the video will be ready for Waitangi Day 1999.

SECTION B LOOKING FORWARD

This is a difficult section to write about because much of our agenda and tasks comes from Conference and other Committees.

We wonder if the Council of Conference now does a lot of the work previously done by the Bicultural Committee. If so, has the purpose of this Committee now been fulfilled and is it time to disband it?

There are some tasks that are undertaken annually that could be done by a small group appointed by Council of Conference - e.g the Workshop for the Council of Elders; training and orientation workshops. The Bicultural Committee presently co-opts people to facilitate these events. It could be that Mission Resource Unit Education staff be asked to assist with such events.

SUGGESTED DECISIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Bicultural Committee be disbanded and Council of Conference be asked to appoint small task groups to initiate any ongoing annual events and remain in conversation with Mission Resourcing Unit and Te Taha Maori.
3. That Administration Division hold any residue funds to enable ongoing annual events to be held eg the Elders Workshop and resourcing for kitsets for both the Elders and the President and Vice President Elect etc.
4. That any matters once referred to the Bicultural Committee now go, in the first instance, to the Council of Conference.

SYNOPSIS REPORTING TO CONFERENCE 1998

Bicultural Committee

Although now a small working group, we have managed to continue with the training and education programmes requested of us. For the first time a **joint training day** was held for new Council of Conference members, by Te Taha Maori and Mission Resourcing Unit. The Committee have continued to **resource the Presidential teams** and have completed a **kitset for the Council of Elders**. A **workshop was also held for NZMWF Executive members**. Recognising that theologically the **Bicultural Committee and AFFIRM** may be at either end of the spectrum, it was good to **meet and identify the common bond of Methodism** and recognise the place of both groups within the Church. The **non appointment of new Taiuiwi members** has been the one disappointment this year.

The Bicultural Committee wishes to pay special tribute to **Liz Cook** who died in June 1998. Liz was a real worker on this committee and often talked of her own bicultural journey. She enjoyed leading the opening reflections which led to some great discussions. The walls of Whakatuora regularly echoed with her laughter. She is missed.

LAW REVISION

The Standing Committee has met only once during the year as there was little work referred to it by Conference 1997.

The Committee's task is to draft formal amendments to the Laws and Regulations of the Church, in terms of decisions of the preceding Conference, 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 presented this year are all relatively minor.

There are a number of matters pending in respect of which Conference still has to make its own decision before revised law can be drafted. These include the role of the President and method of appointment of both President and Vice-President, the employment status of the Ministry and provisions relating to complaints procedures and to disputes or disciplinary matters, where the Committee considered that it still did not have a clear mandate from which to draft new law. The Committee has not heard back from the Faith and Order Committee on the issue of the status of probationers, and has therefore not drafted any law relating to that matter.

Conference and its committees continue to operate in terms of the draft guidelines, previously adopted, for consensus decision-making and the Committee does still not consider it is in a position to yet draft firm law relating to that matter.

Members of the Standing Committee are thanked for their work during 1998. All members of the Committee are available for reappointment and no change in the membership is therefore suggested for 1999.

G H Peak – Convenor

S J West – 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 adopts the new and revised law received by it in terms of Decision 2.
5. Membership of the Standing Committee in 1999 is:

Norman Brookes, Edgar Hornblow, Alan Woodley, Jan Tasker, David Smith, Peter Williamson, Geoff Peak (Convenor) and the General Secretary (Secretary).

**COUNCIL FOR MISSION AND ECUMENICAL
CO-OPERATION
REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1998**

**Report:
Section A**

- 1.1 The new structure of the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation was finalised immediately after last Conference and came into being on the 1 February, 1998.
- 1.2 The new council is based in Christchurch (and will be in the center wherever the Secretary resides). It consists of Co-conveners and up to 10 members, with an Executive Secretary, as an associate. A part time Administrative Assistant is employed. In addition there are work groups and networks drawn from those with interests and expertise around New Zealand.
- 2.1 The Council has continued to monitor events in Bougainville.
- 2.2 The Rev Bill Griffiths, continues to be intimately involved with the Peace process.
- 3.1 Each year MWF and APW through their own efforts raise approximately \$30,000 for the work of the Council. This enables the Council to respond to requests from Partner Churches which otherwise would go unheeded or under-funded.
- 3.2 It is largely through the networks of APW and MWF that information regarding overseas staff and workers is disseminated through the parishes. Staff and workers have a high priority in their prayer calendars.
- 3.3 The Council would also acknowledge large gifts from St Andrew's, Matamata and the Gisborne Methodist Circuit.
- 4.1 The Council for Mission, like many other sections of the church is dependent on the good will of volunteers. In the New Year Honours Mr Dick Yates was awarded the QSM for services to the church and in particular the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation. Dick has had a long association with the mission structure, being on the committee which first raised funds for Navota Farm when the Rev Paddy Jansen called for help. He has served the Solomon Islands Church and has recently returned from the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu, in both places using his accountancy skills to facilitate the production of accurate financial records. He is the Financial Advisor to the Council for Mission and has taught successive Secretaries the management of finances. He advises parishes and is the Auditor of many parish financial records. May the church be humble before his achievements and volunteer service.

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

5.2 **Staff and Volunteers:**

New Appointments:

Mr Noel and Mrs Mary Sandford, of Hamilton are serving at Onesua High School and Ebuli Training Centre, Vanuatu. **Mr Tony and Mrs Lillian Martin**, of Hamilton are also be at Ebuli. **Mr Jack and Mrs Ruth Johnstone**, accepted the position of Manager of Navota Farm, Vanuatu.

5.3 ***Continuing Staff:***

The Rev Robert Paterson, Ujung Pandang, and the **Rev Winston and Mrs Bernice Baker**, Hong Kong.

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 Colin McLennan** continued to serve at Rehab Craft, Cambodia, training people to take over the management thus enabling him to retire.

Ms Pauline McKay, the World Council of Churches, has moved to organising of the Decade Festival and is extremely busy as the WCC Assembly nears.

Mr Michael Cooke, of Christchurch, is working with the Amity Foundation, teaching English in China. **Mr Kam Donald**, a ni-Vanuatu carpentry instructor at Navota Farm. **Dr John and Mrs Joyce Louw**, served at Helena Goldie Hospital for a second term. **Dr Stafford and Mrs Ella Bourke** served for six months at the hospital.

5.4 ***Volunteers:***

Mr Dick Yates (Vanuatu), **Mr Brian Brannigan**, (Kiribati and Tuvalu) and **Rae List** (Solomon Islands) have served under the Volunteer Programme.

5.4 ***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; **Soe Min**, Myanmar; and **Kalvin Kalambo**, Indonesia.

Contact with Partner Churches:

6.1 The Council appreciates the assistance given by church members who offer to do work for the Council when making private visits overseas. The Council encourages all people travelling overseas to make contact before leaving in the hope that the world-wide church will become a part of their itinerary.

6.2 Visits have been to Geneva, World Council of Churches, The Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu, the Chinese Christian Church, the Church of North India, and the Tuvalu Protestant Church, the Presbyterian Churches of Korea and Taiwan, and the Pacific Conference of Churches.

6.3 The United Church of the Solomon Islands has long held a special place in the hearts of New Zealand Methodists, and in particular Helena Goldie Hospital. The hospital is in severe financial difficulties. Coupled with this is the difficulty finding a doctor to serve long term in the Solomon Islands. It is difficult for New Zealand doctors to maintain their registration if they are out of the country for more than two and a half years. Solomon Island doctors do not want to serve at the hospital as they are not paid the equivalent of government employed doctors. Also, the isolation of Munda does not give them easy access to full medical facilities and colleagues. In addition, equipment needs to be replaced and buildings upgraded. While any decisions regarding the future of Helena Goldie Hospital is the prerogative of the United Church of the Solomon Islands the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation, in consultation with members of the wider church have made the following decisions:

- To continue to keep the United Church of the Solomon Islands and Helena Goldie Hospital informed of the various accounts held in New Zealand on their behalf.
- To continue to fund a doctor at the hospital.
- To encourage the employment of a Solomon Islander as the Medical Officer of Helena Goldie Hospital. (The Council to paid his/her salary).
- That all grants for the hospital be paid directly to the hospital.
- That a consultation be sought with the United Church of the Solomon Islands, other international bodies and partner churches of the UCSI which aid the Church and hospital..

Second Mile Giving:

- 7.1 From Second mile giving a tractor has been purchased for Navota Farm. Some generous donations have been received for the repair of the NZ Mission House, Indonesia, in which the Rev Robert Paterson lives. Many individuals and parishes have given generously to Helena Goldie Hospital. Land mine clearance in Cambodia continues to be supported.

Ecumenical Partnerships:

- 8.1 Throughout the Council has worked with, and exchanged information with both the Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand and Christian World Service.
- 8.2 The Council, along with CWS, Anglicans, Salvation Army, Caritas, and the Society of Friends have formulated an agreement whereby a joint response is made to emergency appeals, as in the case of the Papua New Guinea/Irian Jaya Drought Relief Appeal.
- 8.3 The Secretary works closely with the WCC Office of Church and Ecumenical Relations and is a part of the world wide network of Ecumenical Officers.

- 8.4 The Methodist Church of New Zealand was represented at CCANZ Forum by: Amanda Clarke, Terry Wall, Neville Price, Alison Cable, Sylvia 'Akau'ola-Tongotongo, and Barry Harkness.

International Affairs:

- 9.1 Asia Sunday material, prepared by CCA was distributed to the parishes.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 The Council has protested to the governments of India and Pakistan re the testing and development of nuclear weapons.
- 9.4 The Council has followed carefully evolving events in Bougainville
- 9.5 The Council has openly condemned Government's willingness to involving New Zealand troops in Iraq.
- 9.6 The financial crises in Asia has been monitored carefully as many of our Partners have been affected. Provision has been made in the budget to assist the Church of Christ in Thailand continue their work with HIV/AIDS people, the Rainbow Project of the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan, which rescues young tribal women from prostitution, and also for the adjustments to staff stipends.
- 9.7 The situation in Myanmar reported to the 1997 Conference has not changed. Through the second mile giving programme assistance has been given to the Burmese Border Consortium which provides basic assistance to Karen Refugees flooding into Northern Thailand. The Karen are indigenous mountain people who have been subjected to planned genocide on the part of the military government. Camps are built by the refugees from local materials, but must be shifted periodically as Myanmar troops cross the border at will.
- 9.8 The Council has protested against the transport of nuclear waste through the Pacific and has supported the Pacific Nations, especially those in French Polynesia, Tuvalu and Kiribati, in their bid to free the Pacific of nuclear testing and dumping.
- 9.9 With the assistance of individuals and some parishes the Council continues to support land mine clearance and rehabilitation of people onto the land. The Landmines Work Group, based in Auckland, has made submission to the Select Committee on behalf of the Churches.
- 9.10 Warm greetings were sent to the Churches in Ireland affirming their peace process.

Section B

- 10.1 Each year the ecumenical community recognises that congregations and faith communities do not live in isolation and designated certain times and events which can be celebrated by all denominations.
- 10.2 The special Sundays which can be recognised are:
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| Asia Sunday - | 23 May |
| Peace Sunday | 8 August |
| Bible Sunday | 18 July |
| Youth Sunday | 25 July |
| World Communion Sunday | 3 October |
- Other times of significance are:
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| The Week of Prayer for World Peace | 17 - 24 October |
| World Day of Prayer | First Friday in March |
| The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. | Last week in May. |
- 11.1 When the World Council of Churches meets in Assembly in Harare, December 1998 churches will be asked to re-affirm their commitment and understanding of membership.
- 11.2 As the understanding of the fellowship within the Council has broadened through the churches' life together, so too has the understanding of what is implied by membership of the World Council of Churches. The policy statement of the WCC states:
- To be a member means nurturing the ability to pray, live, act and grow together in community - sometimes through struggle and conflict - with churches from differing backgrounds and traditions. It implies the willingness and capacity to deal with disagreement through theological discussion, prayer and dialogue, treating contentious issues as matters for common theological discernment rather than political victory.
 - To be a member means helping one another to be faithful to the gospel, and questioning one another if any member is perceived to move away from the fundamentals of the faith or obedience to the gospel. The integrity of the fellowship is preserved through the exercise of responsibility for one another in the spirit of common faithfulness to the gospel, rather than by judgement and exclusion.
 - To be a member means participating in ministries that extend beyond the boundaries and possibilities of any single church and being ready to link one's own specific local context with the global reality and to allow that global reality to have an impact in one's local situation.
 - To be a member means being part of a fellowship that has a voice of its own.

While the churches are free to choose whether or not to identify themselves with the voice of the WCC when it speaks, they are committed to giving serious consideration to what the Council says or does on behalf of the fellowship as a whole.

- To be a member means making a commitment to seek to implement within the life and witness of one's own church the agreements reached through joint theological study and reflection by the total fellowship.
- To be a member means participating in a fellowship of sharing and solidarity, supporting other members in their needs and struggles, celebrating with them their joys and hopes.
- To be a member means understanding the mission of the church as a joint responsibility shared with others, rather than engaging in missionary or evangelistic activities in isolation from each other, much less in competition with or proselytism of other Christian believers.
- To be a member means entering into a fellowship of worship and prayer while respecting the limitations imposed by specific traditions.
- To be a member means taking a full part in the life and work of the WCC and its activities, including praying for the Council and all its member churches, being represented at Assemblies, making regular financial contributions to its work according to one's possibilities and sharing the WCC's concerns with local parishes, congregations and worshipping communities.

12.1 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.

13.5 The key strategies for the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation are:

- Focus on people: while grants may seem faceless they assist people to whom we will attempt to put a face.
- To develop new strategies in communication.
- To develop new fund raising initiatives.
- To provide for more people to travel and see first hand the work the Council does in partnership with local churches. They are our best ambassadors.
- Continue to work closely with Christian World Service on aid and development projects.

13.6 The 1998 - 99 budget has been set based on the following principles and policies:

- That the Council works in the setting of church to church partnerships.
- The Council responds to requests and does not impose on Partner Churches.
- That projects, long term, help encourage independent Partner Churches.
- That some projects reflect a historical commitment of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches.
- That international affairs and ecumenical relations are a part of the Council's mandate.
- That the ratio of spending in Asia and the Pacific is similar and that spending in New Zealand is approximately 20% of the total budget.
- The projects will reflect the mission statements of the two churches.

Ruth Bilverstone, Methodist Convener.

Murray Allan, Presbyterian Convener.

Judy Allison, Secretary.

Suggested Decisions

1. That Conference affirm the new structure of Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation and thank the retiring Unit Conveners and their committees for their work over many years.
2. That Conference encourage parishes and faith communities to recognise some of the Sundays designated for special consideration.
3. That Conference affirm its understanding of membership of the World Council of Churches as contained in the document *Towards A Common Understanding and Vision of The World Council of Churches*.
4. That Conference commend the Methodist Women's Fellowship and the Association of Presbyterian Women for their ongoing generous financial and prayer support of Council for Mission and Partner Churches.
5. That Conference congratulate and warmly affirm Mr Richard (Dick) Yates QSM and formally thank him for the work that he does and has done in many sections of the Church.
6. The Methodist members of the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation be: Ruth Bilverstone, Co-convener, Fred Baker, Leatrice McIntyre, Maureen Giles.

Christian World Service

Report to Methodist Conference 1998

Looking Back over a Record Year

1997-98 has been a time of building on and extending the growth experienced in the previous year. Income rose by over 30% due largely to a significant increase in funding through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Overseas Development Assistance. More than \$1.3 million was sent to support a total of 70 partner groups in 28 countries around the world.

Donations to the Christmas Appeal increased significantly during this past year as did general donations. There was also a tremendous response by churches, organisations and individuals to appeals launched in support of emergencies in North Korea, Papua New Guinea and Irian Jaya.

Annual Accounts in Summary

Income

1997 Christmas Appeal	515,877
Government's Overseas Development Assistance:	
- Subsidies under the Voluntary Agency Support Scheme	507,300
- Emergency grant to famine relief in Southern Sudan	181,959
- Other Government Grants	251,500
Methodist Church allocation	16,676
Regular contributors to CWS	9,662
Emergency Appeal North Korea	126,066
Emergency Appeal for Papua New Guinea and Irian Jaya	30,109
Other donations from individuals, groups and parishes	186,656
Interest	58,579
Total income	<u>\$1,884,384</u>

Expenditure

Funding Development Projects/Responding to	
Emergencies	1,360,892
Subsidy returned to MFAT	27,240
Education and Advocacy	79,866
Coordination and Administration	210,828
Publicity and Promotion	104,285
Total Expenditure	<u>\$1,783,111</u>
(Amount retained)	101,273

Partnership Works

Christian World Service during 1997/8 has funded projects in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, Brazil, the Pacific and Aotearoa. Asia continues to be the destination of the largest proportion of funding receiving 52% of the projects budget with Africa receiving 23%, Latin America 9% and the Pacific 7.5%.

Education and Advocacy

The campaign to relieve Third World debt continued to be the major educational priority of Christian World Service. The 1997 study series, *Breaking the Chains of Poverty*, was reprinted to meet demand. Debt will remain an issue of concern and focus as we now link up with the international ecumenical campaign for debt cancellation, Jubilee 2000. Christian World Service produced its 1998 study series, *Restore the Land*. This includes a video which looks at our understanding of land and its use.

CWS Update which shares information about our partners and their countries was produced each month.

Throughout the year staff and volunteers have written letters at the request of partners on many issues affecting them. Recently a letter was written to the New Zealand Government concerning the effects of sanctions on the people of Iraq. Other letters written have dealt with the issues of peace in Sri Lanka, religious freedom in Pakistan and the resettlement of tribal people in Bangladesh.

Publicity and Promotion

A new logo was approved early in 1998 and led to the redesign of much of Christian World Service's stationary and publicity material. Many favourable comments have been received in response to our new look. Preparations for the annual Christmas Appeal take up considerable time and energy for staff. Demands were increased this year after the resignation of our Fundraising Manager. The position was in readvertised in July 98 and has now been filled. A Fundraising Strategy document was developed during the last 12 months establishing clear guidelines for the next 3 years.

Ecumenical Relationships

As an ecumenical agency Christian World Service relates to regional and worldwide ecumenical bodies. We provide financial support for the programmes of the Pacific Conference of Churches, the Christian Conference of Asia, and the All Africa Conference of Churches. We also make a contribution to the excellent coordination and information services that we receive from Unit 4 of the World Council of Churches and the global ecumenical emergency network, ACT International.

Looking Forward

1998 has been a year when considerable time has been put into medium term planning. Strategies are being developed in the areas of staffing, direction and programmes taking into account the agreed fundraising proposal for financial growth.

There is a need to shift the CWS funding base away from the present increasing dependence on government funding through the VASS (Voluntary Agency Support Scheme) by extending the church giving base and developing new constituencies.

Christian World Service is dedicated to the mission of delivering with integrity a quality service on behalf of its member churches in the areas of development, justice and aid. Activity during this past 12 months has shown that it is well positioned to continue this ministry strongly into 1999 and beyond.

Christian World Service wishes to thank all who have given to this organisation in so many ways during this past year as together the churches have acted in love and partnership with so many in need. We also acknowledge the inspiration and example of our partners who achieve so much against such great odds.

With warmest regards

Craig Dixon
Acting National Coordinator

Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand



Report to the Methodist Conference 1998

Objects of the Conference

The Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand (CCANZ) exists:

- ♦ to provide a forum for ecumenical discussion between the Churches
- ♦ to be an organisation that will enable the churches to work together in ecumenical activities
- ♦ to provide the churches with a means of ecumenical communication
- ♦ to work within the Goals which are a source of inspiration and serve as a guide to the continuing activities of the Conference.

Sharing What Has Happened

CCANZ Review

The Member Churches' Review of the CCANZ was completed in 1997. The result is a revised constitution and a strong commitment to the Conference and its Goals by the member churches. With the work of the Review completed, there has been a release of energy which is reflected in the work of the Programmes.

The existing Goals which are a guide for the CCANZ's work have been re-expressed with a mind to brevity and simplicity. They are:

Unity:

to express, deepen and celebrate the degree of unity that already exists among its Member Churches and, through their praying, working and serving together, witness to Christ more effectively and be a sign of hope to a divided world.

Theological Action:

to facilitate and encourage in its Member Churches a common understanding of the Christian faith through dialogue, joint study, and reflection together on applying the Gospel to the issues of today.

Evangelism and Mission:

in the conviction that evangelism and mission are central to the Churches' responsibility as Christians in the world, to encourage and support Member Churches, separately and together, to live and proclaim the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Inclusiveness:

to actively seek to include the diversity of people within the Christian community and encourage their full participation.

Communication and Dialogue:

to establish relationships between Member Churches and Christian bodies, and between the Christian Churches and other Faiths.

Justice and Peace:

believing that working for justice and peace and care of creation is a biblical imperative, to stand with the powerless and the broken, strive for a just social order, and work in the cause of peace and disarmament.

Bi-cultural Partnerships:

acknowledging the special place of the Treaty of Waitangi as the covenant establishing our nation on the basis of partnership between Maori and Pakeha, to seek to work in ways which are in accord with that partnership.

Cultural Partnerships:

to encourage the participation of people of different cultures in the life of the Conference and help people in the Churches and in society to explore partnerships with those of other cultures.

Women:

to affirm the dignity and the equality of women with men in Christ, and to ensure the active and full participation of women in decision-making and Conference activities.

International Perspective:

to form and maintain links outside New Zealand in order to advance the work for Christian unity, and to collaborate in addressing issues of justice and peace, and development and relief aid.

Prophetic Courage:

to speak and act with prophetic courage on religious and social issues, and in furthering the goals.

All goals are of equal significance and not listed in terms of priority.

New Member Church

The Coptic Orthodox Church joined the CCANZ at the national forum in 1997. It was good to be able to welcome this ancient church into our membership.

New Programmes in Operation

Evangelism is centred in Wellington. The studies "Sharing the Good News in Aotearoa New Zealand" are being used widely across the member churches. The national Forum will be studying this theme in October with input and speakers organised by the Evangelism Programme. The Programme has also produced a data base of the relevant evangelism agencies in the member churches.

Women's Programme in Dunedin offered a series of workshops, seminars and presentations throughout the country called "Farewell to the Decade: Lighting Fires for the Future" at little or no cost to those who responded to the request.

1998 Justice Peace and Service

On the theme of Ecological Justice which links closely to the WCC theme on the Theology of Life, a 15 minute video has been produced and is for sale for \$15.00. In three parts, it shows ways in which different groups in New Zealand are getting involved in a practical way to listen, respond to, and value our natural environment. Written resources in the form of posters, worship and discussion materials are also available.

Public Issues located in Hamilton, organised a national Justice Networking Weekend in June, to give those working and concerned in the areas of social justice and social welfare an opportunity to share information and resources. It was most successful, particularly in setting up continuing networks.

CCANZ Youth is in re-formation at present, re-defining its purpose and setting out measurable goals for the future. Planning is far advanced and will be confirmed at the Forum. There is an enthusiasm for this task.

Christian Conference of Asia (CCA)

The close links that we maintain with this regional body have been strengthened in several ways as CCA continues to be a very important ecumenical contact in our region. The supply of information, resources and opportunities for ecumenical involvement on a personal level for

our church members through seminars and workshops, are all invaluable. CCANZ is usually asked to co-ordinate nominations for such workshops.

Pacific Conference of Churches(PCC)

In November 1997, Kathy Clifford attended a meeting of the Pacific Network for Uprooted Peoples, held in Tonga. That meeting has been followed up by a second meeting in September 1998 in Fiji attended on our behalf by Lucy D'Aeth. The initiative on this issue is combined one between the WCC and PCC. The International Affairs Programme has also worked with this issue.

World Council of Churches (WCC)

Recommitment Day. 20 September 1998. Member Churches of the WCC were invited to hold an Ecumenical Recommitment Service on Sunday, 20 September 1998. The WCC sent resource materials to the churches and ecumenical partners early in 1998. Churches were also encouraged to take a special Jubilee Fund offering for the work of the WCC to celebrate the ecumenical achievements of the past 50 years.

Visitors: *Ms Helene Moussa*, Executive Secretary for the WCC Refugee and Migrant Service visited the country in November 1997. Meetings were held in Hamilton, Wellington and Christchurch arranged by the International Affairs Programme.

Rev Bob Scott: Executive Secretary for Racial Justice, provided the key input for a meeting in June for delegates and visitors who are attending the WCC Assembly in Harare.

Looking Forward

Lead Programme for Each Year

Each year a CCANZ Programme takes a leading role in providing resources and opportunities for ecumenical gathering and sharing, either locally, regionally and/or nationally. Special budgeting is allocated to the lead Programme. Other Programmes continue with their work which will often link with the lead Programme but at times stand separately e.g. The promotion to cancel Third World Debt (Christian World Service) is a continuing campaign throughout the next two years. Advance information about CCANZ Programme plans is published in the newsletter, *Ecustics*.

Unity is centred on North Shore City. This Programme will have a high priority during 1999 when the CCANZ concentrates on ecumenical learning and experience as a priority. One of the sharpest challenges is answering the question "Can there be a movement from a grudging toleration and acceptance of diversity toward a spirit that sees diversity not only as desirable, but an essential ingredient within the Body of Christ?" The Theme for the year will be "Many Threads One Garment"

2000 Youth

With Youth in mind, "Celebration" is to be the theme.

2000 Celebrations

The member churches have asked the CCANZ to co-ordinate a national celebration. Details of planning will be sent to the Churches as soon as possible after a thorough discussion at the October Forum.

National Council of Churches Australia(NCCA):

The Rev Dorothy McRae-McMahon from Australia is the speaker at the Forum this year. The theme "Sharing the Good News in Aotearoa New Zealand". Dorothy was the former Director of Mission for the Uniting Church in Australia, is a member of the NCCA Commission on Mission and the Convener for the WCC Assembly Worship Committee.

Eighth Assembly of the WCC, Harare, 3-14 December, 1998.

At this point 19 New Zealanders (9 delegates, 1 delegated representative, 1 steward, 1 communications appointee, 1 Church Leader, 6 visitors) will be attending.

Website

During 1998, CCANZ has been working to set up a website. It can now be accessed at <http://www.ccanz.godzone.net.nz>

Ecustics

The newsletter will continue to be published each month.

Conclusion

CCANZ is extremely grateful to the many people who have donated their time to serving on Programmes, the Executive and in the last three years, the Review process. Without the help from our many Methodist friends throughout the country, it would be difficult for the ecumenical work to thrive. They are too many to name. Their continued goodwill and dedication to the ecumenical focus of the Church's mission deserves our heartfelt thanks.

Recommendations

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference affirms the work of the Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand.
3. That Conference encourages Synods, UDCs and parishes to make use of the resources provided by the CCANZ Programmes.
4. That the Conference encourages its members to participate in the year of ecumenical learning initiated by the Unity Programme during 1999.

Jan Cormack
General Secretary
2 September, 1998

NEW ZEALAND LAY
PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.
REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1998.



Section A. Sharing What Has Happened.

This is a significant year for the Lay Preachers' Association. Our new constitution has had its final revision and is ready to go to the Forum of Co-operative Ventures for approval. This is the final stage in the establishment of the association in its ecumenical form. We express our appreciation of the work over recent years of Peter Williamson from Manukau and Peter Whiteside from Christchurch in the reshaping of the constitution.

It was therefore an important occasion when the first meeting of the NZLPA was held in association with the Presbyterian Assembly in Christchurch in July this year. Members of the national executive and the North Canterbury Lay Preachers' Association met with Assembly commissioners at a special meeting. A panel of speakers outlined something of the eighty year history of the association in New Zealand and the variety of training opportunities available for lay preachers which are accepted as suitable for accreditation purposes. Complimentary copies of *The Preacher* were made available.

The executive took the opportunity to launch the Association's new publicity leaflet at Assembly. The leaflet features the newly developed Association logo, the work of Helen Buxton and a small committee. We congratulate Helen on her design and thank the committee for their work. 'The logo,' Helen writes, 'is designed to pose the question "What is God saying to us in Aotearoa New Zealand?" It features the cross, symbol of our faith, superimposed on the Bible, representing the breaking open of the Word of God. These are surrounded by interlocking ferns representing unity within diversity and our bicultural journey. The ferns form a circle which represents completion, wholeness and the world context in which our ministries are set. The circle is open, representing our openness to the Spirit and to all who come to the task.' In 2000 this logo will also replace that in present use on *The Preacher*, developed by the Manawatu District for the 1990s.

The Preacher continues its important function of providing members with resources for worship and preaching and articles that widen our horizons. Contributors this year have been drawn from the Negotiating Churches and from Australia and the U.K. John Bluck, Valerie and Paul Dyer (Anglican) Len Pierce, David Hughes and Lloyd Vidler (Presbyterian) Gillian Watkin, David Bromell, Margaret Hamilton, (Methodist) and Janet Scott (Churches of Christ) have written of preaching, the place of lay leaders, media culture, worship, taking funerals, children in worship and our Celtic heritage. Articles

have described experiences in both rural and urban parishes and individual lay preachers have shared their insights on topics as varied as The architect as Preacher (Eric Laurenson) and I Confess (Elizabeth Cant). An article on Training Kaikaia and Minita-a-Iwi described the place of Taha Maori in the life of the Methodist church. We thank Garth Cant for his imaginative work as editor.

We express our appreciation of the Epworth Bookshop who continue to offer lay preachers selected titles at special prices through *The Preacher*.

This year has again been active in terms of accreditations and Long Service Diplomas. These have been as listed.

(a) *Accreditations*: 18.

(b) *Long Service Diplomas*: 50 years: Alton Angel, Nancy Carter;
46 years: Jack Paine; 42 years: Karl Tuibukuafe;
40 years: Howard Farr, Rod Fleury, George Forster;
27 years: Malaeloa Vili; 25 years: Bruce Mansfield.

Section B Looking Forward.

The North Canterbury/North Otago based executive have not yet been successful in finding another region to take over from us. We are therefore prepared to continue for 1999 but we will continue to seek a successor.

We will continue to be in communication with the planners of the Australian Lay Preachers' Conference in January 2000.

We will encourage other regions to develop local associations and training programmes for lay preachers in their areas.

Executive recognises it as a priority for young people to be encouraged to train as lay preachers.

Suggested Decisions

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Executive continue communication with the planners of the Australian Lay Preachers' Conference in January 2000.
3. That the Executive for 1999 be:

President: Jayne Alexander
Secretary: Aubrey Stevenson
Treasurer: Elizabeth Cant

Vice President: Bryan Smith
Registrar: Ian McGowan
Editor: Garth Cant

Members: Alan Birtles, Helen Buxton, Sonia Gill, Jackie Langdale- Hunt,
Gladys Larkin, Robin Mitchell, Jennifer Newton, Tim Pettengell, Vivienne Wright.

4. That other regions be encouraged to take on the task of National Executive from 2000 onwards.

ROBERT GIBSON TRUST BOARD REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1998

At our AGM on 3rd August 1998 we recorded our appreciation of Rev Stan West's loyal service to this Board. He was first appointed when he became Chairman of the Taranaki/Wanganui District and then he continued through his term as Connexional Secretary. We were honoured that Stan attended our meeting last year while he was President of Conference. His genuine interest, sincerity and the depth of his Methodist knowledge enabled his contribution to be valued and very worthwhile. We thank Stan for his 15 years with us and wish him well as he goes on to a Parish appointment.

This year our 3 dairy farms had a good season, as unlike other areas of New Zealand, we did not suffer droughts or floods. Our production was 176,462 kg of milksolids, down 1.36% on last year. The Farm Supervisor, Mr Bruce Duthie, and his team continue their fine work. With a new sharemilker to be selected next year, we will have had five changes in six years.

Profit was \$166,214 from the farms, plus interest of \$6,979. Capital payments of \$31,243 included realigning a creek to create more useful land on the Maire Farm.

Our prior Government Valuation had soared to Land Value \$3,390,000 and buildings \$720,000. Now the current Government Valuation has made us poorer by \$931,185. As we are not selling, it is not an issue.

Last year we reported a cash position of \$29,832. Because of a change to accrual accounting, our true 1997 position was \$33,290, and the matching 1998 figure is \$22,680, a fall of \$10,610.

As signalled last year, we now have the right to apply to Conference to establish a more realistic Reserve Fund. The original amount was £20,000 in the 1930s. We request that this figure be doubled from \$40,000 to \$80,000. Then, in "good years", we can put money aside to get us safely through downturns, without affecting bursary levels or farm maintenance. Our proposal will increase the allowed figure, but at this time we have no surplus funds, so our actual reserves will remain at \$40,000.

The following schedule reports our grants and bursaries actually paid in 1997/98 and shows the Board's recommended allocations for the coming year. Capital works planned are less than last year, and the expected payout of \$3.60 per kg of milksolids is up from the \$3.47 received this year, so we are able to increase our budgeted payments.

	Paid	Recommended
	<u>1997/98</u>	<u>1998/99</u>
Wesley College	40,000	42,000
Other Schools	3,500	5,000
Polytechnic Students	21,850	24,000
University Students	48,700	65,000
Total Bursaries	114,050	136,000
 Manaia Hall (1 off Grant)	 -	 5,600
Manaia Hall	5,000	5,000
Masterton Childcare Centre	4,000	4,000
Mission Resourcing Unit		
Youth Ministry	20,000	20,000
Total Grants	<u>143,050</u>	<u>170,600</u>

Suggested Decisions:

- 1) That the Report be received.
- 2) That Conference notes and approves the recommended bursaries and grants as above, totalling \$170,600.
- 3) That Conference ratifies the Board's application regarding the Reserve Fund, and confirms the new limit of \$80,000.
- 4) That the Trust Board Members for 1998/99 be:

Chairman, Alan Hughson, Deputy Chairman, Geoff Marz,
 Secretary Administrator, Public Trustee, Graeme Ander,
 Chairperson, Taranaki/Wanganui Synodal District, Rev Doris Elphick,
 Minister, Manaia Cooperating Parish, Rev Peter Kirkpatrick,
 General Secretary, Rev Margaret Springett, Rev Len Willing,
 Mrs Reba Hunt, Mr Preston Bulfin, Mr John Chittenden, Mr Bruce
 Duthie, Mr Vic Morgan and Mr Bill Yeatman.

A T Hughson
 Chairman

WESLEY COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1998

Sharing What Has Happened

COLLEGE OPERATIONS

There has generally been a good spirit within the College. Leadership training for an extended group of prefects together with effective counselling teams and anti violence programmes which heightened awareness among all staff have resulted in a greatly reduced incidence of violence despite having a roll larger than ever before. The Student Discipline Committee has not needed to meet in the last twelve months.

Representatives of the Trust Board and Taha Maori met in March 1998 to allocate a sum of over \$300,000 to half of the College's domestic students to provide additional assistance to needy College pupils.

In late March students from the College participated in the Maori and Pacific Island Cultural Festival and entered teams in the Maori, Tongan (3rd in the Kailao and 1st in the Me'etu'upaki), Samoan and Melanesian sections although for 1998 a decision was made to revert and participate only in the Maori competition as a polynesian group. In early March the College's Tongan and Melanesian groups helped perform at a State Dinner for the President of Mongolia. The Governor -General and Lady Hardie-Boyes were delighted with the performances which were received very warmly by the Mongolian delegation.

ROLL NUMBERS

At 1st March 1998 the roll comprised 413 students with 20 different ethnic identities in the College. It is rewarding to see how these young men and women live and work together as one large family. The ethnic groupings are as follows:

Australian	3	Chinese	3
Cook Islander	4	Fijian	15
Indian	5	Kiribati	11
Korean	5	Maori	110
Niuean	5	PNG	28
Pakeha	112	Finland	1
Samoan	30	Solomon Islander	8
Tahitian	1	Tokelauan	1
Tongan	59	Tuvaluan	9
Vanuatu	2	Botswana	1

MELANESIAN ARTS FESTIVAL

A group of 10 Melanesian students and two staff have recently visited Honiara at the expense of the New Zealand High Commission to perform at the first ever Melanesian Arts Festival which was held in the Solomon Islands during the 20th anniversary of independence celebrations.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

In the New Zealand Qualifications Authority examinations for 1997, results of University Entrance, Bursaries and Scholarships were better than the previous year. Candidates gained six A awards and six B awards and 21 candidates qualified for entrance to university. The senior students who took papers at the Manukau Institute of Technology in the New Zealand Diploma of Business achieving pleasing results. The three candidates who entered the 1997 Young Enterprise Scheme Examinations at the Auckland Institute of Technology all gained

passes while there were some pleasing exam results in the Sixth Form Private External Examination.

Twenty former students graduated from New Zealand Universities. Jason Turuwhenua is undertaking a Doctorate in Physics and has been granted a valuable scholarship.

AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

The College has again hosted an American Field Service Scholar for one year. Sebastian Flores from Costa Rica was the successful student and he made a significant contribution to College life.

Shannon Tauroa, a College student, is going to Argentina on the AFS Programme. She chose this country as her preferred destination due to its total contrast in both language and culture.

POLICE BLUE LIGHT PROGRAMME

The police have commenced sponsorship for the College under the Police Blue Light Programme and have recommended that the College be used as a basis for a TV programme on bullying as an example of a school doing everything right.

TRUST BOARD RESIGNATION

The College Bursar, Mrs Barbara Thoresen tendered her resignation effective from the end of March 1998 following nearly ten years of valuable service in that role.

SERVICE OF BEGINNINGS

The College was delighted, in February 1998, to welcome the President of the Methodist Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, Norman Brookes, his wife Margaret and also the Vice President, Susau Strickland. The visit enabled the President to preach at the Service of Beginnings and meet students, staff and invited guests.

SPORT

The College continues to excel in all sports and has achieved the status of World Champions in the Tens Rugby Tournament recently held in Australia. In addition the First Fifteen won the national rugby title. One student, for the fifth consecutive year, was selected to represent New Zealand in the Under 18 Gymnastics Squad at the Australian National Levels and Trans Tasman Challenge Competition. Another student gained a national junior title for a record kingfish catch, with two other students representing the College at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic Championships and the Counties Secondary Schools Representative Hockey Team.

Salesi Moimoi played for the Counties Steelers Senior Rugby Team and was selected for the Nike New Zealand Youth Rugby Team.

Sione Kepu was selected as No 8 for the New Zealand Secondary Schools rugby team and he spent a term at Woodhouse Grove School in West Yorkshire where he was accepted on an educational exchange programme as a full boarding pupil in the sixth form until the end of December.

Ten members of the College's First XV were selected for the Counties Secondary Schools Representative side; five for the Under 16 side, two for the Under 14 side, five for the Bill McLaren (Primary School Open Weight) team and one for the Counties Manukau Roller Mills team.

The Gilbert National Secondary Schools National Sevens Championship was held at King's College, Otahuhu, in early August with Wesley College receiving the runners-up trophy and Silver Medals for their efforts.

The College 1st Soccer XI has a very successful season during which they retained the John Adshead Challenge Cup and won the Counties Manukau A Grade Competition for 1997 with a record of nine wins and one loss, 45 goals for and 6 against. This was Wesley's fifth win in the championship in the last six years - an outstanding result.

Early in the year the Wesley College senior boys' and senior girls' volleyball teams represented Auckland in the National Secondary Schools Championships in Kohimarama.

NEW BUILDING

The Board has put out for tender the new Day Student Centre and it is hoped construction will commence in the last quarter of the year. Board Members gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the Presbyterian and Methodist Women's Fellowship in helping to make this project possible.

A re-evaluation of the Whare Wananga project has commenced following the receipt of the College Review which was commissioned by the Trust Board to provide recommendations relating to the direction of the College during the start of the next millenium.

SHERWOOD TRUST

Following detailed consultations with Trinity College Council, the Howick South Parish and the Caughey Preston Trust Board, agreement has been reached on the distribution of the funding in the Sherwood Trust which was established by the late Leonard Hames.

This significant bequest will have a major input on the funding available for scholarships and College buildings and the Trust Board is very grateful for the substantial generosity of this talented yet modest former Board Member.

LOOKING FORWARD

CHAPLAINCY

Following a meeting of the 4+4 Committee, there was no recommendation for stationing relating to this Connexional Appointment.

In consultation with Taha Maori and the Mission Resourcing Unit Rev Stephen Tema has been appointed for a one year part time position.

The Board acknowledges the work of Rev George Bryant who has been Chaplain for the last four years.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Board records its sincere appreciation to John Hull, Graeme Mathieson, Vaotane Saleupolu and Jill van de Geer who have retired from the Board with a combined service record of over 50 years.

Eric Beavis, Brian Caughey, Jack Penman and Rua Rakena were created Fellows of Wesley. This recognises outstanding service to The Trust Board and the College.

The Board welcomes Mervyn Dine and Gillian Telford as new Board members.

FITZROY CROWN GRANTS

The Grafton Group have held meetings to progress and reflect on the original dream and intention of the Fitzroy Grants by training leadership in todays context in matters of religion and civilisation.

Wesley College acknowledges that it is the final recipient of the residue of the Fitzroy Grants and with the money remaining needs to focus on the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual wellbeing of young Maori both in the context of Wesley College and beyond. This is particularly relevant in the 1990's with cycles of violence in the home situation and the high rate of drug and alcohol abuse among Maori Youth.

It must be recognised that relevant education needs to be both holistic and lifelong. Redefinition of the role of Chaplain and the establishment of a mobile unit which provides support for young people and their whanau in various settings are being considered.

COLLEGE REVIEW

A supplementary report relating to the College Review and its recommendations has been prepared separately

SUGGESTED DECISIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the following Board Members be confirmed:

Audrey Bruce, Mervyn Dine, Heather Jack, Barbara Lawrence, Lana Lazarus, Jack McCoskrie, John Murray, Harvey O'Loughlin, Paewhenua Nathan, Jack Paine, Markus Rogers, Gillian Telford and Te Rua Winiata.

JOHN MURRAY
CHAIRPERSON

NORMAN JOHNSTON
GENERAL SECRETARY

WESLEY COLLEGE REVIEW CONFERENCE REPORT 1998

The Review was conducted by Jan Hill and Kay Hawk of the Educational Research & Development Centre of Massey University. Jan and Kay proved to be excellent reviewers, extremely professional and discerning of the particular issues surrounding Wesley College. The Review will enable the Church and School to understand their respective roles and the nature of their respective relationships far better. The Report is not available for general scrutiny because of a number of sensitive issues mentioned - the Board of Governors and the Wesley College Trust Board will need to address these. After interviewing, the principal, staff, Board of Governors, Trust Board members, selected parents and pupils, then reading through the extensive documentation covering the life of Wesley College (Fitzroy Crown Grants, 'Our Bicultural Journey', the Integration Act and Amendments, Integration Agreement, College Charter, ERO Reviews, etc), the reviewers prepared their extensive and thorough report. For Conference, the essential issues to emerge are:

The strengths:

- long proud history
- "Family" tradition (i.e. belonging to the Wesley family)
- its Christian tradition and link to the Methodist Church
- the multi-cultural life of the school
- a commitment to disadvantaged students
- the size of the school (i.e. relatively small)
- the grounds, set in the country - park-like, yet close to Pukekohe and Auckland.
- the high standard of accommodation offered to the girls in Te Paea
- the sporting tradition
- financially secure

Problems, concerns, improvements:

The Report notes that all schools have problems. It is worth noting that the school had a history of being "tired", "laid back" and run down. It is also acknowledged that there had been a culture of physical and emotional violence. The current principal, Graham Cowley, has instituted significant positive changes to address these areas.

In spite of this, the College is a "place divided against itself" (Employment Tribunal decision, April 1998). These divisions are

apparent throughout the school, and were highlighted through a recent personal grievance case. The Report suggests that considerable work needs to be done on strategic and operational planning policies and procedures, and the Charter. All work which belongs to the Board of Governors.

Of special interest to Conference is the section of the Report addressing the Integration Agreement. *"This deed was written in 1976 and was the first of its kind in New Zealand. It has since been amended to acknowledge changes in the organisation of the College and changes in educational legislation. In the researchers' experience it is a much quoted, much misunderstood and often abused document. It appears that at the time of integration, and since, many people in the Methodist Church did not understand the implications of the College being integrated into the state system. Many still view Wesley as a College that is primarily a Church College over which the Methodist Church has some control and rights which are not reflected in the Integration Contract. It is clear from comments by Trust Board members and from reported comments and questions at the annual Methodist Conference that many people do not understand the implications of integration and do not understand the responsibilities and rights of the Board of Governors. This was demonstrated in the way that the review was set up. Such a review would have been impossible without the permission of the Board of Governors but this was not sought by the Trust Board prior to the researchers being contacted.*

The nature of the special character is viewed very differently by some individuals and groups and is the source of much misunderstanding and disharmony. There are parts which all parties seem to agree on such as the 'family' nature of the College and the multi-racial composition. Others, however, such as the 'non sectarian', 'Methodist affiliation' and 'philosophies of the Christian faith' leave room for much confusion and are the source of very differing interpretations which, in turn, lead to conflicting views of what should be happening in practice".

The Trust Board

The Report highlights the importance of the four Trust Board representatives on the Board of Governors. Their role is critical in keeping both Boards fully informed and in preventing the breakdown of relationships and communications. Their role needs to be clearly clarified.

"The role of the Board. At the time of integration the governance of the College became the responsibility of the Board of Governors. It became evident to the researchers that some members are not at all clear about their role as a Trust

Board member or of the implications of the Integration Agreement.

In the same way that the Board of Governors is required to develop policies which govern the College, the Trust Board would benefit from having some policies and procedures to guide its members. Because, in the interests of the College, the two Boards should work harmoniously together, it is important that this policy development be an outcome of ongoing discussions with the Board of Governors.

One of the greatest complications in the Trustee role is the employment and supervision of staff. This has been made more complex than usual because some of the individuals employed by the Trust are full time teaching staff who are also employed by the Board of Governors."

Trust Board members will need to establish contact with the school. Many staff and pupils commented on and would appreciate contact with the Board members.

The reviewers particularly noted and made comment on the relationship between the two Boards.

"The relationship between the two Boards has been one of distance, separate operations, suspicion, mistrust and often dislike. This is in spite of there being five members who are part of both Boards. Very little attempt has been made for the members of the Boards to meet and get to know each other. The researchers observed many examples of members from one or other Board being critical of the other and using each other as a scapegoat for issues that are perceived to be problematic".

There are many areas of overlap between the roles and responsibilities of the two Boards and there are areas in which it would seem sensible for the two to co-operate and operate collectively. Some examples are:

- ◆ The selection and supervision of staff involved in non-teaching roles
- ◆ student discipline, especially at the serious end
- ◆ long term planning, especially for property and facilities
- ◆ providing for the special character of the College
- ◆ selection of students
- ◆ policy development

Student Needs

There was general agreement among senior students that the physical violence

in the college had lessened over the last 2 years. However, the junior students talked of the violence they are still exposed to. They described their fear of some of the older boys. There were still remnants within the school of "tradition" which supports the continued senior power in the college.

There was general agreement that co-education is beneficial to the school. What the girls described was a school where girls take part, but in a separate way. The girls did not really mix with the boys and tended to keep together in class and other school activities.

Comment was made about the inadequate study facilities and supervision.

There was a feeling at all levels throughout the college that rugby is given preferential treatment.

The lack of weekend activities for the boarders was noted. Students would like more facilities open to them - the recreation centre, the gym, the computers and the library.

The juniors expressed their dislike of having to wear a uniform all weekend.

The hostels

There was positive feedback from all parties about the two hostel managers. Concern was expressed about the run-down state of some buildings. However there are plans to address this area.

Key findings

- ◆ *It is important that the buildings are separate from the College and that the students do not access them during the day. Quite a number of problems experienced by schools were attributable to the students accessing the hostel during the day and these were eliminated when this practice stopped. These included theft, lateness, wagging (skiving) classes, smoking/drug taking and becoming isolated from the day students.*
- ◆ *The management is more effective when it is autonomous and professional and does not rely on part time support from the College. Appropriate staff/student ratios need to be established and the hostel empowered to employ and manage staff with the appropriate skills.*
- ◆ *In order to attract the best staff, it is important that staff accommodation allows people to live separate from the actual hostel*

building and that it provide for family members other than the individuals employed. Evening staff should not be sleeping in the hostel but rosters organised so that at least one member of staff is "on duty" at all times.

- ◆ *In as far as is possible, the students should be involved in decision making and share responsibility for making the hostel work. They can be part of defining the standards expected and the consequences for not meeting them.*
- ◆ *There needs to be frequent and positive communication between the hostel manager(s) and the Principal and school staff. Hostel staff need to feel part of the college and valued by it.*

Maori Needs

For some time, members of the Trust Board have had concerns that the needs of Maori students are not being well met and that the Methodist bicultural journey is not a lived experience in the school. The two pakeha researchers acknowledge that, ideally, this part of the review would have been carried out by Maori. In order to ensure the validity of the comments in this section they have relied on their extensive involvement over many years working with Maori in schools, their awareness of bicultural issues through running Treaty workshops and belonging to Network Waitangi. Of even more importance was the checking out of assumptions and knowledge with members of Taha Maori. We thank them and acknowledge their important contribution.

Some of the parents interviewed were Maori and some had selected Wesley College in the expectation that it would provide for their children's Maori needs better than one of the public schools (or in some cases better than Maori boarding schools). By Maori needs they talked about Te Reo in particular and, to a lesser extent, being immersed in tikanga as part of the schooling experience. Feedback from these parents was not very positive.

Biculturalism/multiculturalism

There seems to be a lack of knowledge and understanding by some staff about the difference between the needs of students with regard to bi and multi culturalism and of the unique place of Maori in Aotearoa. The researchers heard many examples of comments which demonstrated this lack of understanding and what it might mean in practice. This is not greatly surprising in that it is common in many schools. The significant numbers of Pacific Islands students at Wesley also means that, in meeting their needs, it is easy for the needs of Maori to be submerged. There was **no** indication that this was in

any way intentional, nor does it mean that there is a lack of caring. It was a lack of understanding of the practical implications that was evident. Some examples will help to demonstrate this lack of understanding.

- ◆ The Board of Governors have made little effort to ensure Maori representation or consultation.
- ◆ Although, in the past, Maori parents have shown support for the school this support has fallen away because they were not listened to and felt *pushed aside*.
- ◆ The time and process taken to negotiate scholarships with Tainui have been perceived by some as Maori not being supportive of initiatives for Maori students, rather than a healthy process of negotiation which has ensured all parties are clear about and support the guidelines and expectations.
- ◆ The proposals for a "Marae"/"Whare" have been fraught with misunderstandings because of a lack of knowledge of the difference between a Marae, a Whare Tipuna and a Whare Wananga or Whare Kura. Other schools have successfully negotiated their way through this process by listening, being patient, ensuring appropriate Maori support and advice, and educating themselves. If the College wants a Whare the staff and Board of Governors need to do all of the above as well as addressing the needs of Te Reo.
- ◆ When the Recreation Centre was opened the College decided to have a powhiri. The Kaumatua asked for the name of the building and to whom it belonged? The school had nobody to reply appropriately and members of the Trust Board were not there. It further broke protocol by separating out visitors from students for kai and by charging for cups of tea.
- ◆ Maori members at Trust Board of Trustees meetings were referred to as *'you people'* and felt very uncomfortable and not listened to.
- ◆ This year for the festival, the culture group in the College involved students from all the cultures participating in Maori and Pacific music and dance. It does not appear that Maori parents or community were consulted before this decision was taken. It does not acknowledge the unique place of Maori as required by the National Education Guidelines.

These examples may help to illustrate that using Maori hymns and prayers, and having powhiri and kapa haka can be seen as tokenistic if they are not backed with the necessary knowledge, understandings and Maori support. Again, we stress that we do not believe there are any bad intentions but there is a lot of work required to ensure that Wesley is a College in which the spirit of biculturalism is alive and well.

The special character

Wesley College is an integrated school. One of the defining features of an integrated school is the nature of, what is called in its Integration Agreement, its '*special character*'. The Integration Agreement between Wesley College and the Crown defines the special character of the school as:

- ◆ multi-racial with a special obligation to provide education for Maori, Pacific Islanders, orphans and the disadvantaged
- ◆ providing industrial training, including agricultural training, and emphasising instruction in English
- ◆ providing residential accommodation
- ◆ non-sectarian with a direct affiliation to the Methodist Church
- ◆ providing education based on the beliefs and philosophies of the Christian faith, including religious observances, with the strength and support of the Methodist affiliation.

The Chapel and the chaplain

The chapel has a special place in the life of the school. Services are held daily. There is a large Youth Fellowship, voluntary prayer groups, prayers before meetings and sports events. George Bryant, the present chaplain has been active in setting up a number of programs within the school. The morning chapel service doubles as an assembly for most students, it is a very positive start to the day. Life and Faith classes are held across all levels of the school. A number of students did express difficulty with some of the "fundamentalist teachings", and wanted more "sensitivity to gender issues, particularly in reference to girls". The issues of diversity in understanding of faith were highlighted by a survey completed by the chaplain in 1997, where close to 20% said they did not subscribe to any religion. When this is put alongside the range of beliefs – from fundamentalist, to traditional, to liberal – then teaching must respect such convictions. In keeping with the school's Integration Agreement, it is crucial

that the school remains inclusive of all religions represented in the student body. The school needs to be a place where both non-sectarian and Methodist values are reflected.

The role of the chaplain is confused at times within Wesley. At times the role is one of minister (presbyter) preaching and pastoral care, and at other times it is one of teacher within the classroom of Life and Faith. This creates a tension between being in a discipline role with students as a teacher, and the need to be seen as supportive and impartial in order to effectively carry out the pastoral care role. The review encourages the church and the school to take the opportunity of the present chaplain's departure to review and clarify the role of the chaplain, including the pastoral care role of the chaplain and others in the school whom have a similar role. At the same time the structure, organisation, content and delivery of the Life and Faith curriculum should be evaluated.

Commitment to the bi-cultural journey

Some described Wesley as being more 'like a Pacific Island school than a Maori one'. While it should not be a case of either or, the reviewers pointed out that the point illustrated maori do not feel valued or respected by the school. There is a need for increased understanding and a greater willingness to acknowledge and respect Maori process and input. More complex questions relating to the role of the school in taking students from, and returning them to, the Islands are issues that concern some but have not been widely discussed.

Conclusion: (Quoted from the report)

"There are many examples to demonstrate that the school is working hard to meet its special character obligations that relate to it being Christian, non-sectarian, and affiliated to the Methodist Church. There is a need for key staff, the two boards and the church to clarify what these three aspects mean, how they translate into practice, who is responsible for what, and to set in place monitoring systems to ensure that expectations are met. The expectations of staff (including the chaplain) in this area also need to be spelled out. At the moment it is easy for some to pay lip service to or disregard the commitment they need to show to this area of the school's special character."

Recommendations of the review

The review makes many recommendations, in summary they are as follows:

College documents:

The redrafting of the College Charter by the Board of Governors. In doing this wide consultation should be used. At the same time a long-term strategic plan should be developed. One of the key elements for discussion and clarification in the redrafting exercise is the special character of the school. The

two boards working together could best achieve this?

Trust Board Membership:

Twenty members are a large number. It may be wise for the church to consider a smaller number of committed people, say 5 or 7. Trustees of the Trust Board need to become more familiar with the role and responsibility of the Board of Governors and then begin to clarify for themselves, as a group, what their responsibilities are. Ideally this should be discussed with members of the Board of Governors as well as the church.

Relationship between the two boards:

They should meet together from time to time. Where areas of responsibility overlap the boards should consider discussing the business collectively.

Student needs:

A review should be undertaken. It should look at the short and long term physical surroundings as well as supervision needs. A continuation of the non-violence programme is recommended. The college should review its daily practices, which place senior boys in control of, or in a disciplinary role over, junior students. Respect for women needs to move from theory to practice. There are concerns about the way the College and the hostels deal with the serious student behaviours. It is made even more complex because some issues relate the hostels only and others to both hostel and the College. A joint disciplines committee needs to be set up and fully educated on the concept of natural justice and appropriate procedure.

Hostels:

The Trust Board needs to consider relocating the hostels away from the centre of the College. There needs to be a review of staffing and who provides supervision. An involvement of students in decisions relating to the hostels. That junior students be allowed to wear non-uniform clothes in the weekends.

Maori needs:

The College enlists the advice of Maori on matters relating to maori students, which will enable the college to improve the experience of many maori students.

Parental involvement:

Both boards need to do considerable work here.

Conference/Church:

Members of Conference need to familiarise themselves with the Integration

Agreement and the Integration Act. This would remove some of the confusion, which often occurs when Conference fails to recognise that when it approved the integration of Wesley College in 1976 it approved a dramatic change in relationship between the church and the school.

Recommendations:

1. The report is received.
2. The Wesley College Trust Board implements the recommendations of the review, and report on the progress annually to Conference.
3. The Wesley College Trust Board encourage the Board of Governors, staff and pupils to support the changes recommended by the review.
4. Conference thanks the Wesley College Trust Board, the Board of Governors, the staff, the pupils, and the parents for their support during the review.

CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Report to Conference '98

The main item on the Co-ordinating Committee's agenda in 1998 has been in working towards the formation of a new "Board of Ministry". The establishment of a common Board, in order to correlate the work of the Mission Resourcing Unit and Ministry Resourcing Unit was approved in principle by Conference in 1997 (Minutes of Conference 1997, p758). In considering a new structure, the Committee's main priority has been to achieve a stronger and more creative relationship between the two units. It suggests the partial separation of policy and management, and the creation of work groups around specific tasks.

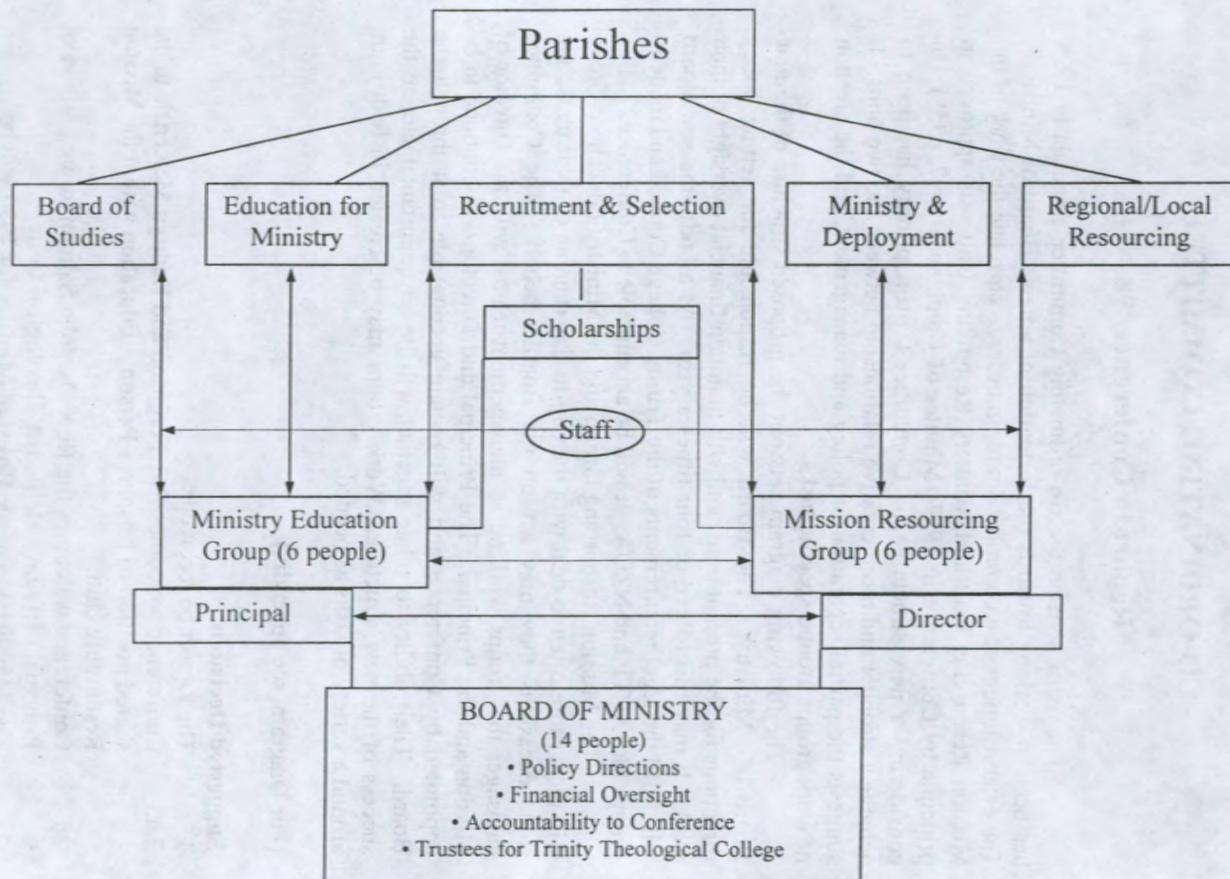
The following diagram sets out the proposed structure of the new Board of Ministry. The Board will be responsible for setting policy directions for the present units, and will maintain financial oversight of their work. It may meet three or four times a year. As a body, the new Board will fulfil the legal requirements of the Trinity College Council and relate to groups like ACTE and NZQA. It will be accountable to Conference.

The Mission Resourcing Group and the Ministry Education Group will meet more often to deal with the day-to-day running of their units. On some occasions they may act on the Board's behalf. The Committee envisages the groups working as management teams, with the Director of Mission and the Principal. The Principal and Director will continue to be appointed by Conference and will remain accountable to it through the Board. Their ability to relate together will be an important factor in the success of the new structure. Work groups may be created in both units around a variety of tasks as needed.

(For Diagram, see appendix)

Suggested Decisions:

1. The Report be received.
- 2.a. Conference welcomes Rob Ferguson and Kathryn McKenzie to the shared position of Resource Person – Education within the Mission Resourcing Unit.
- 2b. Conference welcomes the Rev. Dr. John Salmon to the position of Principal of Trinity Methodist Theological College.
2. The Membership of the Board of Ministry for 1999 will be.....
(names to be brought to Conference).



MINISTRY RESOURCING UNIT:
TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
Report to Conference 1998

Section One - Sharing what has happened

PART I - COUNCIL REPORT

At a meeting held in mid-February 1998 the Executive of Trinity College Council was confronted with the harsh reality of being part of a Church in crisis: financial difficulties expected to impact upon the Connexion, and consequently upon the College, were seen to be of such severe magnitude that a decisive and radical response was immediately required. The task initially identified was simply this: to reduce the level of financial dependency of the College upon the Connexional Budget whilst maintaining the integrity of the College's educational programmes. Deliberations were undertaken mindful of the established educational strategy priorities of the College, viz:

- 1 Residential training in partnership with the Anglican Church;
- 2 Home setting programme within the Connexion;
- 3 Continuing education;
- 4 Lay training.

The College Council accordingly made recommendations that sought to act responsibly to the Connexion in respect of

- a the management of financial resources;
- b maintenance of core educational responsibilities commensurate with the established priorities; and
- c paving the way for creative responsiveness to the perceived call from within the Connexion that the College should effect changes to meet changing educational needs in the life of the Church.

When the College Council made its initial determinations the consultative process for enacting them was clear. First, alert directly-affected staff and invite responses from them. This was done. Second, obtain responses from the Budget Task Group and the Coordinating Committee. This was done and, as a result, some modification to the initial resolutions was made at the April meeting of the College Council, most significantly a delay of one year in enacting the disestablishment of the position of Field Director, Ordained Ministry. Council also instructed that the budget be redrafted in light of the allocation made by the Budget Task Group. Furthermore, some specific consultative steps were identified to be undertaken, especially in

respect of the sale of Wellspring, but also in respect of wider issues in terms of the future direction of the College.

A wide process of consultation has now been engaged in. The outcomes of this consultation concerning the future of the College will be presented to Conference as a Supplementary Report, and, in the light of that, Conference must make some clear determinations. However it needs to be stressed that issues and proposals concerning the College must be viewed and responded to in a context of critical urgency. Council must obtain formal Connexional approvals to effect governance actions in time to produce the necessary resources to continue its educational activities, or to make appropriate other changes. If any of the approvals are delayed, or not given, then, unless the Connexion is able to make some other guaranteed financial provision, the financial impact will be severe.

Council will conclude its task in respect of the Principalship by bringing before Conference the name of the Reverend Dr John Salmon. Council believes John is singularly suited to the task of the moment, namely leading the College into a future that is charged with challenge and open to new opportunity. Council has taken steps to secure teaching within the biblical field with the supply appointment of the Reverend Dr Lynne Wall for the 1999 year. The continuation or otherwise of this appointment awaits the outcome of the wider consultative process.

In May of 1998 a fruitful consultation was held at Whakatuora between the Enabling Team of Te Taha Maori and members of Trinity College Faculty and Council. This consultation affirmed that Trinity College should be seen quite clearly to be a Connexional Resource, available to the whole Church. During the course of the year Council also concluded the drafting of its Complaints and Grievance Procedures for Students.

Council draws to the attention of the Conference that recognition was given this year to the fact that it is now 25 years since full integration of Methodist and Anglican theological education on the St John's site. A special Eucharist was held at the College, attended by guests from both College communities who had been involved over the quarter century, including students from the first Methodist intake on the site.

Council notes with regret the death of the Reverend Bruce Gordon, member of the Council from 1972 to 1983, Chairperson from 1978 to 1981. Bruce had been made a Fellow of Trinity College in 1996. Council records with gratitude the contribution of Graeme Cowley for his time on the Council. Graeme resigned his position earlier this year. Further changes of Council personnel are pending subject to other personal movements and structural developments.

The management of the Council's finances proved particularly difficult during the year. The financial statements show a "surplus" of \$162,000, but that figure includes a capital grant received from the PAC Distribution

Committee of \$200,000 which could only be used for the part repayment of the amount borrowed from the Fire Insurance Fund several years ago when the student houses were purchased. A more appropriate interpretation of the result is a deficit from normal operations of \$38,000, which is almost exactly the amount by which the Connexional Budget was short paid. It was a challenging task for the Administrator and Faculty to modify programmes and activities as the year progressed in order to remain within a diminishing financial resource.

This is not a result which the Council can afford to sustain, hence the significant proposals that have been developed for a different style of programme in the future

The Council is immensely grateful to the PAC Distribution Committee for its assistance. That appreciation also extends to the Tidd Foundation of Hamilton, which regularly provides financial grants for housing and book allowances for students. Without that committed and generous support, the Council's task would be much more difficult.

This year, the Council is also indebted to the Trustees of the Sherwood Trust, and to the late T L Hames who set up the Trust, for significant support which will be received in the near future. Mr Hames was a member of the College Council for 34 years from 1930 to 1963. Two permanent endowment funds will be created with the money when it is received. The first, the T L Hames Scholarship Fund, will provide financial support for students while the second, the T L Hames Endowment for Student Accommodation, will help to fund accommodation for residential students. The capital of the two endowments will total \$1.6m which will provide major and permanent financial support for students at College.

On 31 January 1999 Rev Frank Hanson completes a ten year term as Principal of the College which coincides with his retirement from active ministry. Frank has given outstanding service to the church in the field of Christian education, both as Superintendent of the Education Division and latterly as Principal. During his period as Principal he has served on the Senate and Management Committee of the Auckland Consortium for Theological Education, which included a term as President. He has been involved in major changes in the way academic theological education, both residential and distance, has developed, as well as completing a Master of Theology and currently working on a Doctorate of Theology, writing on the Sunday School movement in New Zealand. Frank has been an excellent teacher and pastor. He has been ably supported in his pastoral work with students by his wife Nola. Trinity College Council, staff and students wish them both well as they move into retirement.

Rev Dr Douglas Pratt
Chairperson

PART II - FACULTY REPORT

This year there are nine people within the residential programme training for presbyteral ministry, six people in the home setting programme and eight in the probationers programme. In addition, the Rev Susan Thompson is studying for a PhD in Church History; there is an exchange student from Piula Theological College, Sanele Lavata'i; a faculty member from Piula College in Samoa undertaking post-graduate work for a Masters degree, Fereti Seve; and a faculty member of the Sia'atoutai Theological College in Tonga studying part-time in Auckland for a PhD, Siotame Havea.

In my estimation, Trinity College is currently training approximately half the people who are needed for continuing our commitments to parish ministry, and it is quite capable of training twice as many. It is to be hoped that some of the initiatives coming out of the May consultation on "The critical shortage of presbyters" will lead to increased numbers in this important area of our church's overall strategy.

Hausia Taufui and Mark Gibson graduated in May with BTheol degrees through Auckland University, and Bruce Anderson is due to graduate in September with an MTheol. Our congratulations on the sustained work that these qualifications represent.

This year Kathryn Walters and Elizabeth Hopner have been the Senior Students, providing leadership and support within the Methodist student community at St John's/Trinity.

1998 represents the 25th anniversary of the Anglican/Methodist partnership on the Meadowbank site, and this was acknowledged and celebrated at the weekly Eucharist on Wednesday 4 March when the President, the Rev Norman Brookes, preached and a past Principal, Rev Dr J J Lewis, read the First Testament scripture. Responsibility for the service was in the hands of Trinity College, with appropriate Anglican involvement. This was a healthy reminder at the beginning of the year both of the importance of this history and also of the ecumenical partnership on this site.

Within the joint partnership with the Anglicans there have been some staff changes during the past year, notably the resignation of the Rev Theresa Angert-Quilter, a Methodist by background who has returned to Australia. In her place, the Rev Dr Lynne Wall has been taking a course in the first semester and three courses (including a Masters course) in the second semester. The College of St John the Evangelist has appointed Mr Victor Mokaraka as Lecturer in Maori Language. Coming from a rich background in Maori language teaching, both in secondary schools and at the Auckland University level, he brings both experience and expertise in this field.

The General Synod of the Anglican Church meeting in May established a third Anglican college on the Meadowbank site, the College of the Diocese of Polynesia, and named the Venerable Winston Halapua as the new Principal. Trinity College has been glad to be associated with this new development.

During the past year several members of the Joint Faculty have been involved in the publication of new books, including Drs Philip Culbertson, Allan Davidson, Stephen May and Derek Tovey, and Frank Hanson in the publication of the booklet on *The Sunday School in New Zealand Methodism*.

A new feature of the weekly programme this year is the integrated seminars held on a Wednesday morning from 11.00am-12.30pm in which Anglican and Methodist students are split into year groups, each concentrating on a different discipline. The objective is to integrate the teaching with ministry practice. In the first semester the three areas covered were Biblical Studies, Pastoral Care and New Zealand Society and in the second semester, Worship and issues of theology and race. In addition, a week was spent in February in an intensive session on race relations issues, led by the Anglican Social Justice educators.

Changes have also been taking place within the Auckland Consortium for Theological Education (ACTE) where some of the discussion has been around the possibility of offering a BTheol degree by distance learning, in collaboration with the University of Otago, and also in offering Certificates and Diplomas in theology which could be available through the University of Auckland. Discussion along these lines is continuing. It has also been announced that the contract for the present Dean of ACTE concludes at the end of this year and that the position is currently being advertised.

Members of ACTE held an important revisioning day on 31 July when the history of ACTE over the past 15 years, together with hopes for the future, were canvassed. Considerable progress was made in understanding the changes that have taken place, both in theological education and within the denominations that contribute the affiliated colleges. There is a determination to continue to work well within the ACTE setting by all the colleges.

Within the Home Setting programme a successful summer school was completed in January but regrettably the Rev Gillian Watkin fell and broke a bone in her leg in February and was confined to her home for a number of weeks. However, she continued to work from this base. Gillian is due to be completing a Master of Ministry degree this year.

Gillian has led a first year probation retreat, as well as the probationary training session for those seeking ordination this year. She has also been working on the Manual for Lay Supply Ministers and the LAOS course review. Like other members of the Trinity College faculty, she has also been involved in leading ministry and lay training sessions in various locations around the country. In addition, she represents the ecumenical distance

educators on the Ecumenical Board for Theological Studies and continues as the Director of the ACM (Associate in Christian Ministry) programme.

Jill van de Geer completed the BTheol through Melbourne and graduated in April and Robyn Brown attained her Diploma in Adult Education and graduated in May. Robyn's continuing education has focussed on further Masters papers in adult education. She also attended a seminar/workshop in Adelaide, "Working together for profound change". Continuing education for all members of faculty remains an important ingredient.

This year Wesley Day was celebrated on Sunday 24 May with a Methodist Eucharist in the Wesley Hall in the morning, at which Theresa Angert-Quilter drew interesting parallels between some of the writings of the Acts of the Apostles and the Methodist movement. In the evening of that day the Wesley Dinner was held in the college dining room with the guest speaker, the Rev Jack Penman, reminiscing entertainingly and forcefully on issues involved in theological education over the past 50 years.

A total of five TELM (Training and Education for Lay Ministry) have been held this year. One new group of people from both North and South Islands met in Christchurch in early May, the other groups included three second residentials and one final residential. Those people who received certificates of completion in September were: Jeanette Body (Palmerston North), Bob Couch (Greenmeadows), Beverley Deverell (Paihia), Russell Fleet (Wanganui), Marie Goudge (Mt Albert, Auckland), Christine Hardwick (Taupo), Frances Sharples (Mornington, Dunedin), Marion Whaley (Aotea Chapel, Auckland) and Trish Williams (Arohanui, Havelock North).

Robyn Brown as Director of Lay Ministry Education and Training has been fully involved during the year with Summer School, TELM groups and follow-on work in a number of congregations and parishes, namely Te Puke, Paihia, Hutt Valley, Christchurch, Taranaki, Ashburton and Hawkes Bay. The proposed trial course in Greenmeadows began in June and will be available to other congregations during 1999. This course is designed to engage people in a ten month process of discernment in identifying the particular gifts and skills each brings to ministry and what that particular contribution to ministry might be. It has been named "Finding a focus - an inward outward journey", recognising that it contains something of the essence of TELM while allowing people to undertake the work wholly within the congregational/parish setting. Robyn continues as a member of the Diploma in Youth Ministry Board and concludes a time on the Methodist/Catholic Dialogue at the end of the year.

As a staff we wish John Salmon well as he undertakes the responsibilities of Vice-President of our church in this coming year.

On behalf of the Council I wish to acknowledge the service of the Rev Dr Douglas Pratt who has served the Council as member and latterly Chairperson, leading the College through a period of difficult decisions and change. In addition, Doug served with distinction on the ACTE Senate and

has taught courses in World Religions. His service and leadership have been much appreciated.

I want to thank the church for the opportunity of serving the past ten years as Principal of Trinity College. I have followed in a proud heritage. It has at times been a heavy and onerous responsibility, especially being pulled in diverse directions by so many different pressures. It has also been a time when the visibility of the Principal within the Connexional meetings has undergone change because of the restructuring which has taken place. However, the task of teaching in the areas of Christian Education, Homiletics, Worship and Methodism has been a broadening and deepening experience, and the possibility of encouraging and guiding persons into new avenues of ministry has been full of personal satisfaction. I leave the position grateful for the opportunities it has provided for me and also for the service that I have been able to give. A special thanks to those who have provided the secretarial and administrative help and guidance, particularly Denise Wellm and Jill van de Geer, other staff and faculty members, members of the Council (and in particular the Treasurer throughout those ten years, Frank Claridge, and the various Chairpersons) and Nola who in her own way has contributed significantly, especially to students and their families.

FRANK HANSON
Principal

Section Two: Looking Forward

The Council has consulted with Synods, Parishes and Te Taha Maori as to the future directions of theological education. The resulting visioning paper will be available to Conference as a supplementary report.

DOUGLAS PRATT
Chairperson

FRANK HANSON
Principal

Suggested decisions

- 1 That the report be received.

MISSION RESOURCING UNIT

Report to Conference '98

Sharing what has happened.

Grants:

Computers:

The generous gift from the PAC Distribution Group for the purchase of parish computers has been received with enthusiasm by parishes throughout the connexion. At the time of writing this report 40 computer or Internet connection grants had been made.

Development:

Ministry:

Grants were made to

Waimate Parish	\$6,000
Glenfield Community Church	\$3,500
Wanganui Parish	\$1,500
Avondale U.P.	\$3,000
Ngaruawahia U.P.	\$1,400

Property:

During the year the maximum amount for any one grant was lifted to \$12,500 for new projects and \$7,500 for maintenance.

Grants were made to

Botany Ecumenical	\$5,000
Invercargill Parish	\$5,000
Lincoln U.P (Rolleston)	\$3,000
Auckland Central (Epsom)	\$3,000
Redhill Methodist Camp	\$4,000
Waimate Parish	\$3,254
Franklin Co-op Parish	\$3,000
Greymouth U.P	\$5,500
Glen Innes Co-op Parish	\$5,000
Gisborne Parish	\$7,500
Te Atatu U.P	\$4,000
St Austells U.P	\$ 500

Grant in Aid:

Recommendations will be brought to Conference after the Ecumenical Workgroup has met.

Resource Person – Education:

The Board welcomes the appointment of **The Rev Rob Ferguson** and **Ms Kathryn McKenzie** as its educational resource staff. Rob and Kathryn bring to the position complimentary skills, and we have every confidence that they will benefit the whole church. The Board appreciated the thorough and professional work of the 4 + 4 in checking the Job Description, short listing the applicants and conducting the interviews.

Winifred Murray and Margaret Hamilton, the previous resource person, have contributed enormously to the life of the church. Whether it be in providing resources for use with children, the bi-cultural journey, representing the Methodist church within ecumenical and international meetings on education, preparing policy on sexual abuse/harassment, assisting with parish consultations or facilitating meetings to name but a few of the things they have contributed, they have done so tirelessly.

Stationing:

Conference 1997 asked the superintendent to develop and trial an alternative process with three parishes. Nelson, Hutt City Uniting Parish and Te Awamutu agreed to take part. They represented the various diverse aspects of parishes within our church today. The board thanks them for their willingness to participate in this exercise.

There was much significant learning.

- ❖ All were enthusiastic given the opportunity to prepare a job description, advertise, and actively canvas for a suitable presbyter.
- ❖ The idea of promoting a position with enthusiasm and honesty is daunting for parishes used to simply providing data as part of a profile. However once people recognised that the process was similar to that used within the secular community for seeking people skilled in a particular field, lay-people particularly entered the task with energy and focus.
- ❖ There is a major learning exercise for parishes involved in this process; clear strategies for the future, succinct job descriptions, and good professional presentation, being key elements.

- ❖ Parishes will need guidelines to assist them in the task of short listing applicants, conducting interviews, and preserving confidentiality whilst keeping the wider parish membership informed.
- ❖ Districts will need to be clear about their strategy too; the specific skills which the district needs within its professional ministry team, the need for theological, age, gender and cultural balance will all have to be included in some way within a parish job description.
- ❖ For presbyters, or any one apply for a position, there will need to be guidelines in order to help them 'promote' themselves – unashamedly owning their gifts and skills and particular strengths in relation to the advertised position.
- ❖ The critical role of the stationing committee remains:
 - Ensuring a matching
 - Looking at the wider needs of the connexion.
 - Assessing the distribution of presbyteral skills through districts after evaluating the district strategy

General observations of the trial indicate that the parishes involved found the task hard, but rewarding and empowering. They appreciated the freedom and respected the ongoing role of the stationing committee. The process created flexibility and enabled some who may not have been available through the existing stationing process to participate.

Suggestions for the future are made in the next section of the report.

The Consultation to Address the Critical Shortage of Presbyters:

This was a quite outstanding gathering. A very diverse group, whom focused on the task and approached it enthusiastically and positively. Their report has been circulated and short be considered by all in the church for it makes far reaching suggestions.

Long Service Leave and Long Term Illness Provisions:

Of concern to the Mission Resourcing Unit board has been the suggestion that we had funds to help parishes and presbyters with the added expense of providing additional ministry during the illness or long service leave of a presbyter. The maximum amount we could provide was so insignificant that it was not worth offering to parishes. As a board we were aware that the lack of funds was adding to the strain being placed on both parish and presbyter during what was often a difficult pastoral time. We believed that additional financial provision had to be found to support those involved so

that no extra stress was created during a prolonged illness or the original intention of long service leave could be fully realised. To this end we shared the story with the PAC Distribution group. Their response enables us to look positively to the future. An endowment is to be established with a capital grant of \$309,593. Over the next few months we will be formulating a policy and an application process to enable parishes and presbyters access to the funds.

Review of Local Ministry:

A number of parishes and of recent times the Pastoral Committee have raised the question of an adequate review of local ministries. The church requires that those engaged in a local ministry have a ministry covenant. This is perfectly adequate for the day to day relationship between the individual and congregation, but provides no mechanism for reviewing whether the relationship is progressing satisfactorily or if there is still a task to do. The Mission Resourcing Unit has developed a review kit which all those holding a local presbyter or deacon covenant should use at least every two years, and under the guidance of the district superintendent a review must take place in the ninth year. The model used follows the format of a performance appraisal.

Ministry to the New Zealand born Pacific Island community.

Two meetings have been held this year. The first, with members of the Sinoti and advisory groups to ascertain their expectations. Within this group there was clear consensus that the task rested with the Mission Resourcing Unit and they would await the outcome with interest. The second, was with Jemima Tiatia, who at that stage had just completed her Masters dissertation, Caught Between Two Cultures.

The next stage is to draw together a group of NZ born Pacific Island people, provide them with the guidelines set out by the PAC and let them do further work and research with Jemima.

Youth:

The EYY, in consultation with the Mission Resourcing Unit has been developing guidelines for those working with children and young people. This work is progressing well. Shane Matheson has been commissioned to write up the guidelines once material has been gathered together and the needs and expectations of parishes have been ascertained.

National Resource Person - Youth.

The overwhelming response of districts was to continue the position of national resource person. In addressing this need, and the request to provide somebody for other cultural groups, the job description contained in these conference reports is for a Tauwi Resource person. We cannot afford to employ several people on a fulltime basis nationally, so our hope is that the new position goes some way to addressing the needs of the various cultural groups in the Tauwi section of the church. In doing so we hope we have not created an impossible job for someone.

Board membership:

The members of the Mission Resourcing Unit board draw to conferences notices that the Rev Barry Neal ends his term as convenor of the board this year. Barry has provided able and wise leadership to the board for a number of years. He has seen the transition from the Development Division to the Mission Resourcing Unit take place and has ensured that that transition has happened smoothly and efficiently. He has also been a key person in the change over of Superintendents.

Looking Ahead

Stationing:

The board recommends that the trial process continue for the next year on an expanded basis. Each district will be invited to nominate up to two parishes from within the district to participate in the process. The Mission Resourcing Unit will facilitate the procedures and prepare guidelines for the parishes involved.

Consultation to address the critical shortage of presbyters:

The Board has circulated the report to all parishes, and encourages dialogue within districts and parishes about the future shape of ministry.

Mission Resourcing Unit board members will focus on the areas of recruitment, new models for parishes and congregations, and work closely

with the Ministry Resourcing Unit to develop flexible but high quality training programmes for ministry formation.

Ministry to N.Z born Pacific Islanders:

Over the next twelve months a group of N.Z born Pacific Islanders will be brought together to discuss and formulate policy and ministry options for the future. Jemima will assist us in this process.

Board Membership:

Depending on the decision of conference concerning the appointing of a Division of Ministry Board, the Mission Resourcing Unit recommends the following as either the ongoing board, or a group from whom conference may draw membership for the new board and management group.

Roy Alexander, Gary Clover, Ken Olsen, Bill Peddie, Susan Thompson, , Clare Wall (Youth), Shirley-Joy Barrow (Diaconate), Fiji Advisory, Tongan Advisory, Sinoti Samoa,

Suggested Decisions:

1. The report be received.
2. The Grant in Aid be approved.
3. The job description for Taiuiwi National Resource Person – Youth, be approved.
4. Conference welcomes Rob Ferguson and Kathryn McKenzie as Taiuiwi National Resource Person – Education

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1998

PART A - THE YEAR THAT HAS BEEN/LOOKING BACK

Educational Ministry staff, Winifred Murray and Margaret Hamilton have found working as part of Mission Resourcing team an enjoyable and rewarding experience again this year. The mutual accountability, support and encouragement has been energising and satisfying.

The task of the Co-ordinator of Education Ministry has changed and evolved since Margaret and Winifred began in 1992 within Education Division. When Education Division was disestablished, Educational Ministry then worked under the umbrella of Development Division, with accountability through a Taranaki-based Task Group which was an exciting and educational experience in itself. The way the group theologised and planned the work of Educational Ministry ensured that the tasks undertaken by the co-ordinators was grounded in the life of the Church.

In 1997, Educational Ministry became part of the Mission Resourcing Unit. Winifred and Margaret have shared in the visioning and planning that has happened and are excited by the challenges opening up for resourcing both Parishes/Circuits and the Church as a whole.

Work this past year has included:

Relationships:

- Liaison with Uniting Education of the Uniting Church of Australia.
- Participation in the New Zealand Christian Educators Network.
- Production of the Handbook - "Facilitation: Theology and Practice".
- Production of the first in a series of educational materials about good relationships.

Education:

- Bicultural education has included facilitation of workshops on decolonisation for the Council of Conference.
- Production of educational leaflets about decolonisation for use by Parishes, Boards, Synods, Committees etc.
- Ongoing education about sexual harassment/abuse both within the Methodist Church and interdenominationally.

Training:

- Winifred attended the 'breaking boundaries' Conference in Melbourne on professional misconduct.

Accountability: ??

- Regular Mission Resource staff meetings.
- Regular professional supervision for both.
- Winifred - continuing education through the Theological College.
- Margaret - monthly meetings with a theology group, particularly preparing for her task next year.

PART B

As we approach the end of this appointment, we see valuable and exciting opportunity of Christian education and Parish resourcing becoming available through M.R.U. and encourage the Church to take full advantage of these opportunities. We extend our good wishes and prayers to those who will lead the Church into the future.

Suggest Decision:

The Report be received.

THE EVANGELISM GROUP REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1998

The Group met once during the year with members keeping in regular contact by phone, fax, etc. On two occasions reports were presented to Waikato-Wairariki Synod.

Information on a range of Evangelism Programmes and activities continues to be circulated at regular intervals. It is recognised there is "no one way" to Evangelise and "no one way" to be Christian, and it is felt many people are saying that Conference needs to begin an additional and intentional era of Evangelism.

Recommendations:

1. The report be received.
2. Conference encourage members to use-take part in:
 - Alpha programmes for new contacts
 - Emmaus for Development of Christian Leaders Programme.There is also support for the concepts of Willow Creek Evangelism and Outreach activities.
3. That participation in one of the several levels in Vision New Zealand activities be encouraged:
 - Research facilities - demographic and other data
 - Involvement in locally arranged activities notified in VNZ newsletters.
 - Participation at Congress at Waikanae in January 1999.
 - Mailing list and Internet communication.
4. Mr. Alan Withy is thanked as he now leaves the Group.
5. Members are Desmond Cooper, Elsie Jones, Neil Keesing, John Murray, Tavake Tupou (corresponding), Peter West, Viv Whimster, and Ralph Vickers (Convenor).

DEACONATE TASK GROUP REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1998

Conference 1997 paused for a moment of celebration and acknowledgment of 21 years of diaconal ministry within the life of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. This was a time of excitement and fulfilment, as we believe that during this time a strong base has been established from which diaconal ministry can stand firm. It is our hope that the positive aspects and possibilities of this ministry will be used as a foundation for a continued diaconate.

We are aware, however, for an effective and relevant diaconate which will continue into the new millennium, there needs to be a review of its structures and purpose, to identify its shape and form which will produce a common vision which the whole church understands and owns.

Questions such as -

- * Is ministry of the deacon a vocation?
- * Does it matter?
- * Is it effective now/in the future?
- * How do we maintain its integrity?
- * Recruitment?

need serious consideration, dialogue and reflection in order for an effective, continued diaconate. Deacons will be addressing these issues during the coming year and would value your thoughts.

During the year we have had helpful dialogue with the Faith & Order Committee, relating to "Communion beyond the gathered congregation" and we appreciated the production of an appropriate liturgy.

We have developed a new brochure, produced business cards and stationery appropriate to our needs and have begun to look at material which may be suitable for a promotional video on understanding Diaconal Ministry.

The production of our pendant depicting the towel, cross and basin, gifted to every ordained deacon to mark 21 years of diaconal ministry, was particularly meaningful. It is planned to give these to all deacons at point of ordination.

Ministry in today's world, in whatever form or arena it is exercised, is a great challenge. We believe there will always be a place for diaconal ministry

within the community.

"Seat of the deacon" - not in the altar, but at the entrance of the church. From there we go forth and return. We are amongst the gate keepers. We link those who are outside to those inside. We are not in the midst of the congregation, but the midst of the world." - *Archdeacon Peter Sykes*

VALMA HALLAM

Convenor.

Suggested Decisions:

The Report be received.

FORUM OF CO-OPERATIVE VENTURES

Report to Methodist Conference, 1998

SECTION A

Administration Changes

The biggest accomplishment for the Forum of Cooperative Ventures this year was putting in place a new Cooperative Ventures Joint Mission Fund (CVJMF) system.

The changes arose after many expressions of frustration from Cooperative Ventures (CV) about the old system. It required considerable consultation and willingness to work together on the part of the Partners as they listened to and responded to the concerns raised by CV parishes. Thus the new CVJMF Committee believes the new system illustrates the outcome of co-operation.

In the new system each CV negotiates one target payment for the year through their Joint Regional Committee and pays their contribution to the national budgets of their Negotiating Partners into one central pool. This total pool is distributed between the Negotiating Partners (Methodist, Churches of Christ, Congregational Union and Presbyterian Partners only, because of the Anglican Diocesan structure). The ratio for sharing the Fund is negotiated by the CVJMF Committee after the Partners each share their. A particular CV's ratio may not match this national ratio, but their neighbour's may correct it. This is the nature of partnership.

The new system has been designed so that regional bodies as well as national bodies of the Negotiating Partners can join this system.

A pamphlet is available with further information about the CVJMF from the Forum of Cooperative Ventures' office, PO 9049, Wellington, phone/fax 04 384 3587.

Staff Changes

The current Executive Officer of the Forum of Cooperative Ventures, Kathryn McKenzie has resigned from her position as from early October 1998. The Forum's Standing Committee is in the process of appointing a new Executive Officer at the time of writing this report.

Changes to the Cooperative Ventures

Over the last year 2 Cooperative Ventures have entered into dissolution processes of their Common Provisions agreements. These are:

- Kaikorai Union, a Methodist/Presbyterian CV in Dunedin (dissolution now complete), which has become a Presbyterian parish

- Auckland Chinese Christian Church, an Anglican/Presbyterian CV, is to become a Presbyterian parish

The Combined Auckland Joint Regional Committee agreed that the dissolution of the Auckland Chinese Christian Church was a positive step towards addressing their out-standing problems.

Two other Cooperative Ventures with special agreements have also decided to dissolve:

- Welcome Bay Community Church in the Bay of Plenty (previously attached to neighbouring Methodist, Anglican and Presbyterian parishes) is to be Presbyterian only and a parish in its own right.
- Taranaki East Community Church is to become an independent parish. Previously they had been an Anglican/Presbyterian CV until a number of years ago when they Anglican Partner withdraw from the agreement and the parish decided to continue as a CV relating only to the Presbyterian Church.

Two Local Ecumenical Projects are also due to come to an end due to lack of funding. These are the Botany Ecumenical Project in Auckland's Eastern Suburbs and the Auckland Deaf Christian Fellowship.

No new Cooperative Ventures formed over the past year. The Methodist and Presbyterian Parishes in Dargaville continue to work together under a covenant with the view to becoming a Cooperative Venture in the future.

Different types of conversations about co-operation also take place these days, particularly about the provision of ministry in areas where resources are diminishing. One such area is south of Timaru, where 5 parishes, 2 Cooperative Ventures and 3 single denomination parishes, are in dialogue about sharing ministry.

Section B

Biennial Meeting

The Forum of Cooperative Ventures has begun planning for its 1999 Biennial Meeting which will take place in Christchurch at the Linwood Avenue Union Church from 9 to 11 July (the weekend before the special Presbyterian Assembly).

This Biennial Meeting intends to deal with issues of mission and ministry. Standing Committee will articulate a theme that it expresses this intention.

Training for Ministry in a CV

Work begun on designing a course on ministry in a CV has been focused towards preparing a week's course for the students at Knox School of Ministry during September this year. Elements of this will also be used when the Forum of Cooperative Ventures has an opportunity to make a contribution to the Trinity/St Johns College week of extra-curricula studies in early February 1999

Kathryn McKenzie
Execute Officer

Suggested Decisions:

The Report be received.

CHURCHES EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT TO METHODIST CONFERENCE 1998:

SHARING WHAT HAS HAPPENED:

The Churches Education Commission (CEC) continues to support, train, co-ordinate and accredit the 5,000 voluntary teachers of Religious Education in State Schools. The school doors are still open, in most places, for Christian volunteers to be involved in this programme of seed sowing. CEC seeks to help teachers provide a programme that has integrity, relates to children's lives and fits in with the state school curriculum.

Chaplaincy continues to be welcomed in state schools, with 70 chaplains active in July 1998 and at least 20 more negotiations underway with schools. Schools are open to chaplains assisting them with pastoral care.

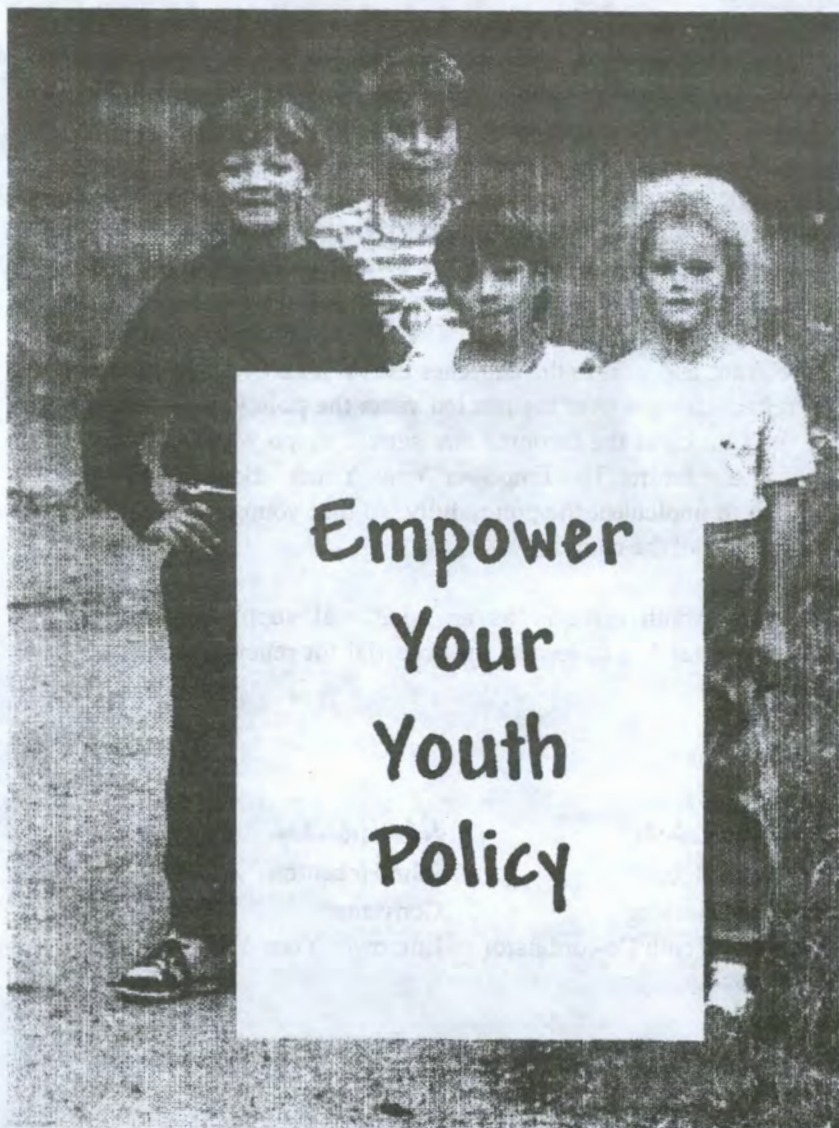
LOOKING FORWARD:

CEC intends continuing to maintain the professional nature of the services it offers to schools: Religious Education and Chaplaincy. While these services are provided by volunteers the approach needs to be professional. The national office of CEC must be maintained by its member churches, including Methodist, if the national co-ordination task is to be done effectively. To this end funding from the Mission Resource Unit is important.

CEC's goals include strategies to continue responding to requests from schools for assistance with the spiritual dimension of education and with pastoral care.

These ministries, co-ordinated by CEC, but carried out co-operatively by members of almost all denominations in New Zealand, reach at least six times more non-church children (and their families) as do all other church outreaches.

Empower Your Youth Board Report to Conference 1998



Introduction

The Methodist Church of New Zealand has been involved in youth and children's ministry for well over a hundred years. In 1989 the Empower Your Youth Policy was adopted by Conference as the guide for youth ministry in the English Speaking part of the church. The aim of the policy was and is to lay a solid foundation for youth ministry. The Empower Your Youth Board in 1996 decided that the impact of the policy needed to be reviewed. As a review of youth ministry in 1951 stated "because youth work must always progress into wider fields, it is necessary to stock take at intervals to discover what general lines of action need to be followed in the future".

The Empower Your Youth (EYY) Board has produced this report after reviewing the impact of the EYY policy through questionnaires, workshops, parish sampling and its own deliberation. It looks back at what has been achieved in the last ten years and looks forward to what can be achieved in the next ten. The review concludes that the policy is relevant and vital to the churches life. With only slight modification to reflect changes over the last ten years the policy is presented again to the Church as the resource that should shape youth ministry today and in the future. The Empower Your Youth Board challenges the church to implement the policy fully, so that young people may be an active part of the church.

To view youth ministry as an additional supplement to the real ministry church is to restrict the potential for renewal that youth offer the church.

Matthew Roberts

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English Speaking

National Youth Co-ordinator

John Hebenton

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Convenor

Empower Your Youth Board

The Impact of the Empower Your Youth Policy

Responses to material sent to all Synods and Parishes along with the insights of the Empower Your Youth Board form the basis for the impacts identified here. In many cases it is unclear what the direct impact of the policy has been because it sets out general guidelines rather than absolutes against which outcomes can be measured. Generally feedback shows that the policy has contributed to a positive climate for youth ministry in many parts of the country.

Parishes

The Church can celebrate the good things it is doing in youth ministry. Responses showed a good understanding of what youth ministry is and the forms it can take. The recently published collection "Gossiping the Good News: a collection of 12 innovative youth ministries" shares some of the innovative youth ministries that are happening in parishes. Exciting things happen when visions and understanding become reality. The fact that such good understanding of youth ministry shows that the policy has achieved to some degree, directly or indirectly, the underlying goal of youth ministry being taken more seriously by parishes and planned for on a more long term basis. A good understanding of youth ministry is a key step toward seeing it as a long-term activity.

Almost every parish in the country was visited by the Empower Your Youth Policy implementation worker. This provided the opportunity to personally equate parishes with the contents of the policy. Parishes are the part of the church where it is the most difficult to measure the impact of the policy. Material collected during the review showed parishes have good understandings of what youth ministry is, why it matters and what forms it can take. Some parishes feel they have no youth ministry while others are very involved. Youth groups are now recognised as only form of youth ministry among many, but the practice is lagging some way behind.

Many youth leaders expressed that they felt a lack of support in their ministry. Young people themselves expressed good things and frustrations about the parishes they are part of. This rich material is expanded later.

Regional co-ordination and networking

The most measurable aspect of the policy is the vision for regional youth ministry teams. To this end Auckland, Waikato/- Bay of Plenty, Wellington and Canterbury Synods have developed and strengthened regional youth ministry co-ordination revealing that the regional team approach advocated in the policy is working to a degree. Some Synods and regions because of their size and other reasons have not developed any regional network. The support offered by parishes co-operating together is a key ingredient, especially in provincial and rural areas, for people in youth ministry to feel supported and stay involved. Few Synods have any committees with oversight of Christian Education in general let alone just co-ordinating work with young people. Synods that have no co-ordination and networking in these fields are challenged to implement this part of the policy. When there is a regional network it is much easier for them to be support for implementation of the wider policy.

National Co-ordination

Since the adoption of the policy by conference the Empower Your Youth Board has been formed. The members of the board are an important link between local youth ministry networks, Synods and the English Speaking National Youth Co-ordinator. In the last three years regional gatherings which bring together the youth ministry staff employed by Synods have been held introducing more support and co-ordination to work with and within Synods.

The Challenge ahead

The challenge for all parts of the church is to work effectively with young people. It is only when young people are part of the church today that they will be apart of it in the future. The EYY policy lead the way in showing the church that youth ministry needs to reflect the needs of young people and be carried out in sound ways with regional and national co-ordination. The policy still shows the church what youth ministry can be. The challenge for the next ten years is to fully implement the policy. This requires every one engaging in the opportunities for youth ministry that are part of their

The State of Youth Ministry

1. The voice of young people

The church young people want

Young people want a church where they are valued and included. This means the church relates to them, includes them and makes changes that recognise the needs and wants they have. Young people want opportunities to engage with and explore the Bible and issues of faith. Young people want their involvement in the church to be fun and enjoyable.

The church is appreciated most by young people when it offers them pastoral care and values them and their contributions. For young people the role of the church as serving others is valued and seen as important.

The one thing young people want changed the most is church music. Worship content and style needs to reflect young people's life contexts.

This statement was developed from responses by young people to a questionnaire and group work in 1997/8.

The church needs to hear the message young people are sending and act to shape a church that includes them. The strong call to change

2. Youth ministry in Parishes and Districts

The material present here has been collated from parish and synod feedback.

Reasons for doing youth ministry:

- To sow seeds for the future

- To empower youth
- So that young people can live life to the fullest
- Unconditional love
- Offer meaning
- Desire to reach out
- increase commitment to God and the Church
- Share our beliefs
- Young people working in union with Church, not separate
- Because young people are a valuable part of the church

Here are clear reasons for the Church needing to be involved in youth ministry. The reasons given show that people believe the church has something unique to offer young people. All the reasons given are positive. They are by no means all the reason for youth ministry but reflect a good understanding of why youth ministry is important.

Youth ministry is

- caring and interested adults who take youth seriously
- providing an environment where young people can explore relationships and discover their identity
- provided by well trained competent leaders
- relational through belonging, peer groups, whole church, fun, fellowship, studies, small groups
- work within the contexts where young people live
- people not programs
- done by someone else not my responsibility
- young people initiating radical ways of living out and sharing the gospel
- giving freedom and encouragement to young people
- youth ministry is to, by with and for young people
- young people creating visions for the future
- relationships with youth
- an ethical checkpoint
- leadership by young people
- caring for friends
- integrated path from creche to committed membership at church

These statements of what youth ministry is are very comprehensive. They are

almost all very encouraging. If all youth ministry is shaped by these understandings it should very be healthy. The response that youth ministry is performed by somebody else reflects a limited understanding of youth ministry. Every relationship an adult has with young people can be youth ministry, as one response says "youth ministry is people not programmes".

Forms of youth ministry:

- camps
- school ministry, including Bible in schools and school chaplains
- Brigades
- Youth Alpha
- young adults groups
- regional youth events
- youth groups
- after school activities
- worship: youth focus, contemporary, family, all age/ intergenerational, alternative, contemplative
- drama, music, art
- sport
- clowning, puppets
- all together
- in age clusters
- one to one mentors, intentional buddy adults
- beach missions /Operation Jerusalem
- mission trips overseas
- Youth concerts
- attracting young people from other churches
- having goals for the future
- praying for young people

It is great to know that all these things are happen around the country now. Youth ministry as this feedback show is a very diverse thing. Age specific groups are only one of the extremely varied forms that youth ministry can take. An understanding of the range of forms that youth ministry can take allow people in the church to minister with young people in a way that suits them.

A church that affirms and is involved in a range of youth ministries will be a vital and healthy church. How many of these forms of youth ministry are present in your parish or district? What other forms of youth ministry could you become involved in?

Changes people want or see happening to youth ministry

- More support networks
- More sub-groups of youth e.g. Sunday Youth groups, house groups, Bible study groups
- inclusive interaction between generations
- encourage more youth ministry - their for more resources, effort support
- More regional stuff – activities
- Bi-annual conference for young people
- More accessible i.e. e-mail, faxes etc. – Youth to be more accessible not only geographically but also through way of technology...e-mail, fax, phone, letters.
- Youth ministry becoming more charismatic – youth services which are fun, entertaining and educational. As well as spiritually uplifting.
- Lots of training events to choose from – for leaders to build confidence and know-how. To start networking.
- More qualified and specialised youth leaders.
- More awareness of where young people fit into things.
- Should be more “yummy” e.g. enjoyable

The changes that people want to see happen to youth ministry are clustered around several issues: regional and national training, support and networking, diversity and technology. People involved in youth ministry want to receive more support for what they are doing from members of their parish. This includes the provision of training opportunities Training is also an issue in terms of up skills the people most involved in youth ministry.

There is a call for youth ministry to be more diverse. This is represented by the point about more sub-groups and different worship styles. Youth ministry needs to reflect the contexts in which it occurs. As the material titled “Forms of youth ministry” shows there is great

potential for youth ministry to be very diverse.

The last call is for youth ministry to make greater use of technology so that it can be more accessible. The establishment of the Crumbs youth ministry magazine web site, www.crumbs.org.nz, reveals the potential for technology to contribute to youth ministry

The Empower Your Youth Policy

The need for a youth policy

The intentional language of adults in the Methodist church strongly affirms the presence of young people within the church. The truth for a growing number of young people is that the church is irrelevant, and they are deciding not to stand within its community. We have a dilemma.

The first step is to resolve this dilemma is for the church to believe that it has something to offer and receive from young people. A major motivation behind this document is the strongly held belief that the Methodist Church contains a wealth of wisdom and people resources that young people thirst for, in their search for God, that is presently not being used creatively by the church. While committing itself to sharing its gifts with young people, the church must be open to change and conversion. The evangelising ministry to young people will be liberating ministry for the church and evangelising demands that the church first be converted to young people.

The second step is for the church to translate its intentional language about commitment to young people into practical action targeted for young people. New programmes need to be developed, staff need to be trained and employed and resources need to be committed to implement these developments. Importantly these actions must take place within a general direction set by the church that reflects a Methodist approach to bearing the Good News in Aotearoa/New Zealand today.

Understanding young people

The needs of young people: Youth ministry needs to be reflect the needs of young people, it must be informed by an understanding of young people.

Physical Needs

Great physical changes are taking place in the body of the young person who moves from a child through puberty, to develop the adult body of a man or woman. Physical maturity is happening at an earlier age, and is now well ahead of intellectual and emotional maturity. Issues of body image and sexuality become critical.

Social Needs

The major developmental task of young people is to establish their own sense of identity, to answer the question "Who am I"? It is a time of great vulnerability and great potential, moving from child self to a mature development of self. It involves experimenting with identities, commitment and ideologies and often identification with heroes or heroines. It is time of intense relationships, culminating in the "falling in love" dynamic. The young person embarks on a journey of interdependence and autonomy from parents, often-questioning parental control and authority.

Young people are also discovering their cultural and social identity. Cultural identity is developed within the reality of racism and cultural differences in Aotearoa/New Zealand. Sexual identity is formed amidst changing sex roles, and within a sexist society.

Intellectual Needs

Young people are capable of processing complex intellectual thoughts. The rationalising and questioning process helps develop an intellectual framework that young people take into adulthood. Intellectual simulation is sought and many lengthy arguments are entered into, as the young person seeks to expand their awareness of the increasingly complex nature of society.

Spiritual Needs

A key task is to acquire a mature faith that seeks an understanding of truth. With the increasing societal emphasis on the individual, and the erosion of the faith community, many young people are spiritually vulnerable. Their very vulnerability is also strength, because it prods young people to question and search. The church can offer the home of a faith community and encourage young people in the journey towards a mature Christian faith.

Young People in a Changing World

Young people are growing up in a time of the most rapid change in the history of human civilisation. This has profound consequences for young people both positive and negative. Young people today are vulnerable to and face increasing pressure from:

1. The power of the mass media to manipulate young people's desires and values.
2. The economic crisis and reality of unemployment.
3. The changing emphasis from the collective and family to the individual unit and the resulting weakening of community ties and support.
4. The possibility of nuclear annihilation, and global ecological changes that threaten the whole security of human existence.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Young people today have more knowledge and information than previous generations.2. There is more openness and communication about many of the life issues today.3. There is increased opportunity for exploring the range of life options. |
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While the pressure on young people may be obvious, there are also positive consequences in growing up today.

Young People's needs

As part of the development and review of the youth policy, young people responded to a questionnaire. They were asked: "*What is your*

greatest need as a young person”?

All the needs mentioned could be relevant to people of all ages, but it is during adolescence that these needs and issues are to the fore.

Younger youth described their greatest needs as:

- Close friends, being able to talk, share freely and relate to others.
- Being loved, accepted, understood, wanted, supported, feeling of self-worth.
- Experiencing good family relationships, those that love, accept and allow growth.

Older youth added these needs:

- Having sufficient freedom to find themselves as an individual.
- Coming to terms with life's meaning and developing a personal value system.
- Developing a faith and personal spirituality.
- Facing up to the social pressures of unemployment, cultural violence, male/female inequalities, nuclear threat, and economic inequalities.
- Being challenged to think independently and to act.
- Guidance with decision making.

Understanding Youth Ministry

Youth ministry is a ministry of the whole church. Guiding people through their developmental tasks is a key aspect of youth ministry. Young people are forming their own identity and developing independence. Major changes occur to the body through puberty and bring issues of sexuality into focus. What the future while holds is a major question. Youth ministry is a distinct form of ministry because of the specific needs and life transitions of young people.

The church is here to proclaim the love of God and the great promise of Yahweh, fulfilled in the person of Jesus. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called to be changed and to be agents of change, in the context of our lives and this land Aotearoa/New Zealand. For youth ministry to be the evangel (the Good News) in New Zealand it needs to be:

Foundations of Youth Ministry

- Grounded in the biblical tradition that weaves together people's personal experience, the wider social context and the biblical teachings.
- Listening to and discern the needs of young people.
- Reflecting the mission priorities, and the bicultural commitment of the Methodist Church and union parish partners.

Youth is the time between childhood and adulthood. It is the birthplace of adult vision, where a constellation of forces is available to enable the formulation of life-transforming vision. It is a time of vast changes in the young person that will never happen in the same way again. Values are formed and a direction is set that has great influence over the remainder of the person's life.

Youth ministry that takes into account the life context of young people takes many forms and occurs in many places. Key dimensions of youth ministry are:

Dimensions of Youth Ministry

Advocacy	Christian education
Community life	Evangelism
Justice and service	Leadership development/ enablement

Age specific programmes such as youth group are only one of the many setting for youth ministry which include to home/family, parish life and the local community.

Guiding principles

There are some guiding principles in the working with young people in the Methodist church. These principals are designed to help churches minister with young people in empowering, nurturing and appropriate ways. The principles reflect the foundations of Youth Ministry and the needs of young people.

Goals of youth ministry

- Enabling young people to hear the shocking message given in the person of Jesus and make a lived commitment to his way.
- Empower young people to develop a strong sense of self-identity, taking seriously their cultural and sexual identity, in developing a positive self-image.
- Facilitate young people to respond to the world as it might become, and "to enable youthful idealism to be the birthplace of adult vision"⁶ To encourage the critical vision and prophetic power of young people for renewal of church and society.

Guiding Princapls

a) Starting Where Young People Are

It is critical that youth ministry meets young people where they are on their journey. The only way to minister to the young is to move among them, listen deeply to what they are saying, establish bonds of caring with them, walk along with them. Only then can one begin to speak the truth credibly among them and only then can one begin leading them deep into the mystery of Jesus.

This involves understanding youth culture, language and symbols. It requires the capacity to stand in the shoes of young people to understand how they see the world. It requires discernment in stepping out of the shoes to link the biblical tradition with the experience with the context of the young person.

b) Being open to the spirit

At any time and place in youth ministry, there is the possibility of meeting the astonishing presence of God, through other people and the movement of the Holy Spirit. An openness to experiencing the Spirit, to prayer, and to changing and moving in a previously unthinkable direction is critical in youth ministry.

c) Promote a Bicultural Vision Based on the Treaty of Waitangi

Young people require ministry that promotes a just and positive understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi. This must be based on the prophetic vision embodied in the Treaty rather than fear of Maori demands for Justice. This involves education on the Treaty and its history, and training in the skills of partnership and negotiation. This emphasis gives a practical face to the churches healing ministry. Multicultural relationships need to reflect the Treaty partnership.

d) Model an empowering Leadership Style

Youth ministry requires a leadership style that enables and empowers young people while offering a sense of security. At some point direction encouragement is required, at other teaching. Sometimes a leader needs to step back and allow natural process to operate. A empowering leader has the ability to use directive and non-directive leadership to facilitate the life journey of young people. The midwife is a model of empowering leadership.

e) Empower young women and men to realise their potential

Young women need to be specifically empowered in youth ministry. Resources, leadership training programmes and role models need to affirm women's experience and use inclusive language and imagery. Young men need to be offered positive ways of being male. Young men and women need to be empowered to respect and understand each other as equals.

f) Nurturing, affirming and challenging faith

Young people need to be nurtured and affirmed in ministry, being enabled to grow. Appropriate challenges need to be offered to young people inviting them to make responses, choices and commitments on their faith journey.

g) Teach skills for Decision Making

Where practical, decision making within youth ministry should be participatory. This provides practical experience for young people to learn skills in communication and negotiation. Promoting a consensus model values and acknowledges all members' contribution. Decision-making involves pausing and seeking the wisdom of the spirit and the presence of God.

Resourcing and supporting youth ministry

The structure about to be recommended for developing youth ministry grew out of a three day national workshop after discussion on the needs of the young people, the history of the Methodist Youth Movement and present realities of the youth ministries throughout the country. The key elements in the structure are:

Proposed structure to support youth ministry

- Regional development as part of a Connexional team approach.
- Emphasis on team/shared ministry with room for flexibility according to regional needs.
- Maintaining national co-ordinators to provide linking and networking functions.
- Movement orientated, building on the energy rather than maintaining a formal structure.
- A Youth Ministry Unit maintaining connexional accountability.
- Recognition of the need to employ skilled persons for youth ministry.

Rationale for the Proposed Structure

The structure is grounded in the realities that exist at the local church level. This ranges from some churches that have relatively large and organised youth groups, to churches where there is no youth participation in the local church. The structure is designed to reach each of these situations and provide practical support. It is acknowledged that there is no "right" model for youth ministry, at the local level. Some groups may be parish based, others may be gatherings of young people from a given district. The emphasis is on providing resources for enabling the appropriate models to grow in each situation that reflects Methodist Youth Ministry goals and guiding principles.

The present structure of one national co-ordinator is inadequate to effectively maintain this local support function while co-ordinating national events and actioning tasks for the church. On the other hand the establishment of parish based youth-workers is unrealistic to

achieve throughout the connexion. Being a Connexional church provides the ideal framework and opportunity to share resources nationally to reach the local situation through a regional approach.

The proposed structure

The proposed structure begins with the targeting young persons who have an association with the church be it present or past, and fringe or active involvement. A wider perspective will result from firstly meeting the needs of this group and from specific community facing programmes that evolve. The recommended structure groups New Zealand into nine regions. Each region contains a Regional Youth Ministry Team (Pakeha) that is responsible for resourcing and developing youth ministry within that region. Each team will determine how they will organise themselves given the realities of their region.

It is recommended that persons be employed to action the work of the regional teams. A full-time National English Speaking Youth Co-ordinator will support and co-ordinate the work of the regional teams. All staff working at regional and national levels would form a Connexional Youth Ministry team, and would be employed by a Taiwi Youth Ministry Unit. This unit would provide oversight and policy direction for youth ministry through out the connexion.

Models for regional youth ministry

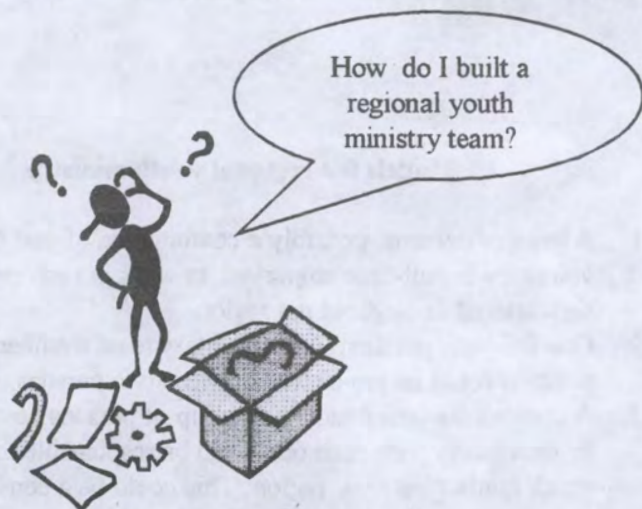
1. A team of persons, possibly a combination of part-time paid, voluntary or full-time employed, to work in each region. Could be scattered throughout the region.
2. One full-time position with voluntary team members. This position could be job-shared between two persons.
3. A community-based model, a group of persons covenant to live in community with each other and be responsible for resourcing youth ministry in their region. This could be a combination of part-time or full-time employed and voluntary.

Regional Youth Ministry Teams (English Speaking)

Regional youth ministry teams are responsible for development, resourcing and oversight of the English Speaking youth ministry within their region. The form that the team takes can vary between regions. Each region contains a Regional Youth Ministry Team (English Speaking) that is responsible for resourcing and developing youth ministry within that region. Each team will determine how they will organise themselves given the realities of their region. It is recommended that persons be employed to action the work of the regional teams.

Connexion Approach

A Connexional commitment is very important in the proposed structure. Connexional in the context of this policy means a collective approach. While each region develops programmes and models suited best to their needs, it is understood that each region is part of the whole and ideas and energy are shared. Regional staff are part of a connexional team and so are resource persons for the whole church. The task of selecting staff is a joint responsibility between the region and the connexion. This shared approach will help ensure that the Connexional team has a balance of men and women and the range of skills necessary for Youth Ministry.



Suggested Decisions

1. That Conference endorse the policy and affirms that all youth ministry should reflect the contents of it, particularly that:

Youth Ministry :

is caring and interested adults taking seriously the spiritual and social needs of younger people.

is the ministry of the whole church involving all members listening to young people, loving them and sharing the gospel.

needs to start where people are and reflect their needs

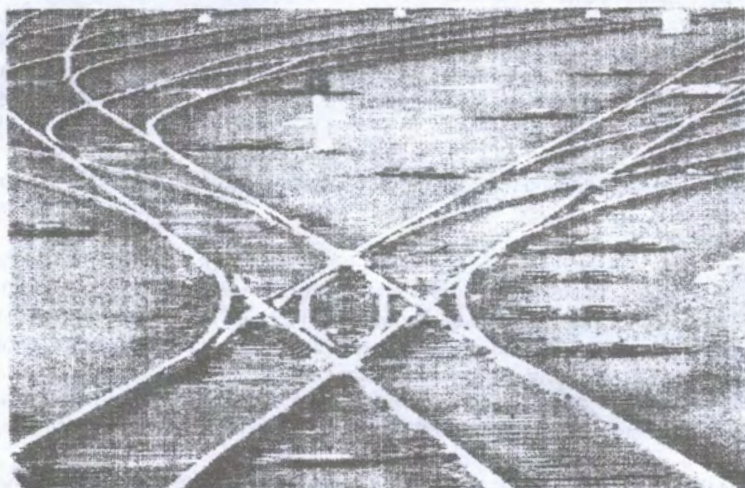
flourishes when the whole church nurtures, fosters and encourages spiritual and social development of young people.

2. That Synods and UDC's take time to discuss the ways in which youth and children's ministry can be supported and co-ordinated in their district and take the next steps to prepare and implement a plan to achieve support and co-ordination. (note: E.Y.Y is here to provide assistance in this task and will be preparing resources to aid Synods and UDC's in this task.)
3. That Boards, Committees, Districts, UDC's and Parishes ensure that young people are offered opportunities to use and develop their leadership skills so they can truly feel part of the church. That progress on this goal be reported to E.Y.Y during 1999.
4. That the Restructuring and Welfare of the Church Committees

examine structures and procedures at every level of decision-making to check that these enable young people's representation and participation, and that this representation occurs in a supportive environment.

5. That parishes utilise worship that is more inclusive of young people. (Note: E.Y.Y would like to hear stories where this is already happening.)
6. That parishes make use of the resources that will be provided during 1999 to help shape youth ministry that empowers young people and adults for youth ministry.
7. That theological colleges provide youth work modules as work with young people is a key mission area of the church.
8. That relationships be developed to support children and young people on a life long faith journey. To this end the Mission Resource unit prepare or co-ordinated the preparation of a guide of resources available for faith development among children, young people and adults.
9. That Parishes review and adjust their expenditure in light of the fact that 33% of the population is under 25 years old. (Note: Resources financial and people are vital if the church is to relate well to children and young people)
10. That Stan Stewart's resource "How to keep the young people you have and get more" be recommended as a resource people in parishes and Districts should read.
11. That John Hebenton be thanked for his convenorship if the Empower Your Youth Board.
12. Recommends that David Baird be appointed the new Convenor of E.Y.Y and
13. That the Board membership for 1999 be:
 - Sean Pratt (Otago/Southland)
 - Awaiting clarification (South Canterbury)
 - Ian Barnes (North Canterbury),
 - Marie Trewavas (Nelson/Marlborough/Westcoast)
 - awaiting clarification (Wellington)

- Jeanette Boddy (Hawkes Bay/Manawatu)
- awaiting clarification (Taranaki)
- Gavin Clemens (Waikato/Wairiki)
- Clare Wall (Auckland)
- Not interested (Northland UDC say they do not wish to have a representative)



At the cross roads

**Will the church deepen
relationships with young people?**

You decide

TONGAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1998

'Oku tau kei mo'ui, mo femamata'aki, fakafeta'i hotau malu'i, he Tamai fakalangi. Greetings to all in Christ. We are thankful to the Lord for all the blessings, leadership and growth of the Tongan ministry within the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

A. WHAT HAS HAPPENED

TAC Special Meeting.

The Tongan Advisory Committee met twice for the first time within a year ever since it began. The TAC had a Special Meeting on 8th December 97 because of the Conference decision in relation to receiving a practising homosexual into full connexion and blessing of same sex marriage. It was necessary then to convene a special meeting of the TAC to find out the depth of suffering, hurt and pain among members and to find ways and means of supporting and helping them and also to ensure that fellowships and leaders receive first hand and accurate information. The TAC members were explained how the decision was made and to assess a whole range of responses to the decision. The Conference Decision was not acceptable to all Tongan fellowships.

The TAC is extremely grateful that the President Rev Norman Brookes was available to preside for most of the meeting and also his contribution in discussions. The contributions by Rev Lopeti Taufu (President of the Methodist Church in Tonga), Rev Dr S. 'Amanaki Havea (Pacific and Methodist Theologian, Bible Translator and former President of Methodist Church in Tonga), delegates from District Synods in which there are Tongan Fellowships, Rev Aso Saleupolu (Superintendent of Sinoti Samoa), Lupeti Fihaki (Fiji Advisory Committee), Rev Richard Waugh (WMM) were very much appreciated.

The then President of the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga, Rev Lopeti Taufu was invited to the meeting because he was here in NZ for the opening of one of the churches. He stated that the NZ church conference decision was and is unacceptable to the Methodist Church in Tonga. Rev Dr S. 'Amanaki Havea was here in NZ for personal reason was also invited to the meeting. He stressed that Tongan migrants were encouraged to join the Methodist Church of New Zealand and find shelter and protection by the ever big enough umbrella of the NZ church. Secondly, so that migrants and hosting church can share and offer assistance to each other. Thirdly, to play a prophetic role both within and out of the church. Both church elders were concerned with the pathway and trend that the NZ Church is taking, that is departing from the authority of the Scriptures and increasing disregard of our common Wesleyan roots and traditions.

The church to the TAC is to some extent no longer a community of one faith but almost like a secular organisation of many cultures held together by their common past history

and other factors, and segregated by its present idealism and individualism; and weekend and divided by conflicting interpretations of Methodism, Christ and the Bible and yet claim to be a denomination. The TAC believes in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic church.

One of its concerns is, it being misunderstood by many church leaders and members. The TAC do not question the love and inclusiveness of God. It consistently emphasises biblical values and moral standards that people in leadership positions should adhere to. The TAC believes that it is totally irresponsible for it not to make clear, consistent and uncompromising pronouncement of its stand on theological and moral issues. Tongan fellowships find it most helpful to them especially their young people and children when TAC is able to state with confidence what are its beliefs and values without stereotyping or giving "yes but" responses to issues most important to them.

The TAC upholds equally the significance of both the "social ethics and personal ethics." The majority in the Church in NZ seem to be lesser concern with "personal ethics" : profanity, promiscuity, sexuality and the like and put more emphasis on "social ethics" : fair wages, unemployment, welfare, urban slums, etc. A big percentage of people who are in the low income and poverty category in the Methodist Church are Pacific Islanders. There are many Tongans who also have a low regard for "personal ethics" and are not necessarily gays or lesbians but are not given leadership positions, and are not kept out or away from the church.

The TAC believes that to appoint only specific ministry positions such as being a Methodist minister to people that are not homosexual under specific ground is not breaking the Human Rights Act. This has been confirmed with the Government Human Rights Commission. The TAC believes that it would be helpful to many if Conference consider reversing its decision.

The TAC is proud to be part of a church family which is not Un-Tongan, Un-Pacific, Un-Methodist and especially Anti-Christ. The TAC feels that it is being theologically raped and fellowships and most members are being spiritually plundered and left to be ridiculed at and often labelled and alleged by many to be narrow minded and literal interpreters of the Bible. The TAC affirms that Tongans are not better sinners than others., and are fully aware that we cannot be any lesser vulnerable than Christ himself.

The TAC understands that the homosexuality issue is not a problem of the modern church only but have been a serious issue to both its supporters and opponents for over two thousands years. However, Tongan fellowships were encouraged to remain firm to their beliefs and remain within the Methodist Church of New Zealand despite the latters' inability at this stage to sort out the theological and legal issues to the satisfaction of all.

TAC Annual Meeting.

The TAC had its 17th annual meeting from Friday February 27 to Sunday 1st March 1998 in Wesley Wellington Church. It had a very big agenda and most items were covered. The Committee prioritised issues and felt that matters related to developing Sunday School and Young People programmes were most important. The TAC members dedicated and spent more time with those two than any other issue. The Conference Decision in relation to receiving a practising homosexual into full connexion and blessing of same sex marriage was also included in the agenda.

The TAC lodged submissions with the Commission on Church Diversity and permission to speak about them was granted and was much appreciated. Responses to the Commission's Interim Report were also submitted.

Ministry.

This year there are three candidates to the General Ministry, namely Mr Sosefa Tu'inukuafe, Mr Siosifa Pole Tu'uhoko and Mrs Setaita Tonga Veikune. Candidates for the Local Ministry are Tamata'ane Tupou, Hola Paea, 'Unaloto Finau, and Sione Tonga Vaomotou. Kilifi Heimuli is currently in training for Local Ministry. Hausia-'i-Moana Taufu'i and Polosikeini Tonga are completing their training this year at Trinity College. Sylvia Tongotongo and Tavake Manu are on their final year of probation and if successful they would be ordained at this conference. The above are the few who have made it through the candidating and training process. There are others whom their command of the English language have failed them, redirected or asked to pursue other further training.

New Fellowships.

Two Tongan fellowships started both in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty District. The TAC's sincere appreciation is extended to the District Superintendent Rev Des Cooper, also Rev Stuart Bowring and the St John's Parish Council, Hamilton East for welcoming and supporting the establishment of the St John's Tongan Fellowship. Another Tongan Fellowship was started at Katikati with the assistance of Rev Tavake Tupou. These two fellowships push the total number of Tongan Fellowships through out the Methodist Church of New Zealand to thirty-two.

Children and Young People.

Reports from fellowships indicate the robust activities run by them all through the year. Churches are also community centres for most fellowships. It is proved that young people who are attached to churches are not as vulnerable to problems as most of those who are not attached to any particular church. One particular fellowship has its hall and facilities opened 24 hours to young people. Young people know there is a place for them to congregate and mix much more meaningfully at a very relaxed situation and also very economical and violent-free and drug-free environment.

There are always the few who either lost or gain new interests in the church for different reasons. We are thankful that there are also many young people who have made personal decisions of accepting Christ into their lives. The TAC looks forward to a national youth forum beyond TAC level which will play a more efficient role than the disbanded Taiuiwi Youth Board, and not catered for by the present EYY. Nevertheless a team has been established to draft more upto-date curriculum for Tongan Sunday Schools, and regional meetings are encouraged in which ministry needs to young people are identified and to be worked on and used for strategic planning, policy reviews, activities and events.

However the TAC is proud to announce that despite the poverty situations and circumstances of families are in, the young people are generally achieving academically and otherwise, and are safe from problems of drugs, gangs, youth suicide, and so on if they are attached to a church community. Tongan Ministry includes operating preschools where language, cultural values and other learning and educational skills are encouraged, developed and maintained.

The most recent preschool was set up by the Mangere Tongan Methodist Church (Lotofale'ia). This is another area in which Mrs 'Evaline Ha'angana has been most helpful and instrumental in addition to her leading role on women's ministry. A lot of Tongan parents and infants are also involved in the PAFT Project (Parents As first Teachers) and also the Anauako Pasifika (Early Childhood Education Project). The Tongan language is believed to be the second to English at being the everyday most spoken, written and sung language within the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

At least sixty Tongan Methodist young people and adults in the last academic year have been achieving in the academic fields and have graduated from universities, polytechnics and colleges of education. Her Rt Honourable Salote Lupepau'u Salamasina Purea Vahine Ari'i-o-e-Hau Tuita and many others graduated with Bachelor degrees, including Rev Langi'ila Uasi, Polosikeini Tonga, Hausia-'i-Moana Taufu'i with a B.Th respectively from Trinity College. Some obtained Masters degrees while others have either obtained or are completing their Ph Ds such as 'Etuata Saafi.

There are also Tongan Methodists who have become lecturers, tutors and are in managerial positions in tertiary institutes, and some in the fields of Medicine and Law. Many are also achieving in the Business and Technological areas, various Computing fields, engineering, farming, food technology and so on let alone sports and rugby. Despite the high school fees, many are prepared to make the sacrifice to send a child or children to Wesley College and other boarding schools because of all week exposure to spiritual values.

The high degree of programmes success could not have been achieved without the tireless sacrifices of youth leaders, Sunday School superintendents, teachers and the support of parents and the church.

Outreach and Rehabilitation Programmes. Many people who are not attached to any particular church are visited by adult and youth leaders. The Auckland/Manukau Tongan Parish and some of the fellowships throughout NZ have started operating their own respective weekly radio programmes on Community Radio Stations. The monthly Tongan Tohi Fanongonongo [Crosslink equivalent] of the Methodist Church in Tonga is widely circulated among the fellowships. Those are most valuable source of information for the Tongan Methodist fellowships and the wider Tongan community.

Some of the fellowships have expanded their programmes to visiting prisons and running programmes for inmates. The Auckland / Manukau Tongan Parish has operated its programmes for more than ten years. The long continuation of this programme is proof of the commitment by leaders and fellowships, and also the benefits to both former and current inmates.

Presbyters and Supernumeraries. A list of names of all Tongan presbyters within the Methodist Church of New Zealand and supernumeraries mostly from Tonga was compiled. Their support and involvement in activities are assets to fellowships and also the wider community.

Women Activities Bigger fellowships reported that women's groups run their own activities and operate their own special fellowships, choirs etc. Some groups do weaving, knitting or any other activity. Women lead most of the January Prayer Week, and programmes such as Bible Studies, Meditation and Intercessionary Angelic Prayer Groups. Mother's Day is always celebrated. The September Response Celebration for women is a most valued spiritual festivity.

The Auckland / Manukau Tongan Women's Fellowship offered three tertiary scholarships this year. This is to continue and may increase subject to resources. They also host a national triennial women's camp.

Easter and other Seasonal Camps. Camps are opportunities for all generations in deepening a person's faith and are also avenues for learning of other skills and educational programmes in areas such as health, finance, employment, culture, education, consumer's rights, contract, security, emergency management, temperance and so on.

Wesley Class. Weekly or Fortnightly Wesley Classes or Cell Groups are the very firm and concrete foundation for groups of families and the fellowships. Families

help each other by sharing information, bible studies and worshipping. Most classes meet on Thursdays as the early Methodists did.

Guests and Visitors. The Tongan Royal Family. There have been frequent royal visits to Auckland by His Majesty King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV and Queen Halaevalu Mata'aho. They mostly worship at Lotofale'ia, Mangere Tongan Methodist Church. His majesty's younger brother His Royal Highness Prince Fatafehi Tu'iipelehake sometimes is in New Zealand for longer periods of time. Her Royal Highness Princess Siu'ilikutapu Fotofili is a resident of Auckland and she has been extremely helpful with the spiritual and cultural leadership roles she plays for both church and the wider community.

Teams or Groups. The Tongan fellowships throughout New Zealand especially Auckland / Manukau Tongan Parish hosted most of visiting groups and tours from Tonga and wherelse. Sports groups toured New Zealand, and because they lack financial resources and had very low profile and not promoted by the media, the fellowships had to assist sometimes in any appropriate way, such as providing temporary accomodation, or food etc.

Rowing teams both male and female have always participated at the Annual Rowing Tournament held at Lake Karapiro (Waikato). Tonga High School Brass Band toured the North Island and was hosted by fellowships. Tupou High School fundraising by exstudents and students throughout New Zealand was also hosted by fellowships. Recently its rugby team toured Auckland.

The 'Ikale Tahi or Tongan National Rugby Team Tour in June was also hosted in some evenings in Auckland at church premises. There have also friendly tours by groups from overseas. The Rev Palakana Havea with a Methodist group of Solomon Islanders were hosted in Auckland last year. This year a Tongan Methodist Group from Waimanalo, Hawaii also visited Auckland. The Tongan Secondary School Scripture Union have been visiting every year since 1995. In January this year they toured Auckland, Napier and Wellington.

Some Individuals. The president of the Methodist Church in Tonga Rev Dr 'Alifaleti Mone visited in June and had a meeting with representatives from all Tongan Wesleyan groups in matters related to communication with the church in Tonga. Rev Dr S. 'Amanki Havea and Rev Lopeti Taufa also visited as referred to above. Dr Kalapoli Paongo and 'Alifeleti 'Atiola visited and arranged joint venture projects with tertiary institutes on programmes accredited by NZ Qualifications Authority.

The TAC acknowledges the following people and their families and the different ways they contributed to the different functions of the Tongan Advisory Committee in their special roles :

Rev Norman Brookes and Susau Strickland for presiding the TAC annual and special meetings with sensitivity, patience and understanding; Rev Barry Neal for years of support and participation as Auckland District Representative and Mission Resourcing Unit delegate to TAC; Siniva Molii youth representative to Mission Resourcing Unit, Mr David Annet auditing TAC accounts; Mr Uaisele Latu and Mrs Kalolina Hafu, Rev Sione Ha'angana and Rev Kepu Moa, Commission on Church Diversity and other committees as well; Rev 'Epeli Taungapeau, Taiwi Forum and Council of Conference; Rev Sione & Meliame Saafi who have returned to continue working in Tonga; and many others such as Mr Neville Price etc. who have had years of involvement with the TAC.

B. LOOKING FORWARD

Future Structure. The TAC is currently consulting fellowships about the viability of structural changes both horizontally and vertically within the Tongan Ministry, its place both in the Taiwi and Bicultural Journey. Currently, leaving or departing from the Methodist Church of New Zealand is not one of the options. Some of the many options opened for consideration are; continue at the present TAC format, or develop as a national ethnic synod like the Samoan Synod, or a combination of both or something else etc.

Training. It is known among Pacific Islanders that when the church talks about poverty, unemployment, inadequate housing, overcrowding, poor health etc it is also talking about a big percentage of them within the Methodist Church. The TAC have for sometime now wanted to run and operate employment training programmes in addition to existing employment initiatives as operated in Mangere, Palmerston North and Gisborne. There is a real need for employment training programmes to be run in Auckland, Wellington and other urban areas which will enhance the unemployed person's chance of obtaining a job or prepare for further education.

Education. It is also our vision that feasibility of starting and operating schools may be considered so that Tongans and others can be given a choice whether to be educated in a mainstream school or a specialised school with alternative learning styles, different emphasis on discipline, spiritual, moral and cultural values.

Ministry Training. The TAC wishes to explore opportunities of providing appropriate training for Tongan local presbyters especially those with English language

difficulties. The Diaconate Ministry is also a ministry in which it need to explore and utilised. There are also many with gifts of preaching, evangelism, music, dance, drama that are needed to be tapped into by TAC.

Volunteers.

There may be opportunities for graduates and expatriates to work as volunteers for TAC or Tonga or any other country. The TAC would like to explore the likely availability of volunteers or workers for negotiable wages in all fields.

Multiethnic Church.

The TAC has been advised that the Bicultural Journey was a first step towards being a Multicultural Church. Currently it seems that there is no way forward towards that, and the TAC is chained to problems caused by the application of the church's Bicultural Journey. These issues were not created by the Treaty of Waitangi. It is the TAC's fervent prayer that Tongans' Blood, Sweat, and Tears are not expendable just as others both in the church and the country. We have more than our blood, sweats and tears to offer when given the opportunity. The Pacific Islanders in the Methodist Church of New Zealand are and will to a large extent continue to experience the life of the colonised and suppressed "Maori" from last century and continue on to the next century until the multiethnicity nature of the church is more equitably reflected in the process of decision making as can be done by some parishes.

The TAC is not claiming what is rightfully belongs to the Tangatawhenua or Pakeha or Crown, but it is merely trying to prevent members from being secondary class, and also to avoid our future children being born and baptised into manufactured bondage within the Methodist Church of New Zealand through its Bicultural Journey. The TAC believes that its position within the Bicultural Journey in relation to the decision making process ought to be reconsidered seriously to avoid the colonisation process still going on nowadays.

Nevertheless the Church Bicultural Journey is to a large extent something for many Methodists to be proud of. It has helped and is helping sort out a lot of issues mostly for both Maori and Pakeha within the church and not as successful with the grievances of Tongans. It has not provided a *turangawaewae* for all. The TAC once again acknowledges its full support of the intention, principles and spirit of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Children and Young People. Since the disbanding of the Tauwi Youth Board and the running out of resources for the TAC's national youth coordinator's resources, youth groups have been asked to try and develop and maintain their own ministry activities on local and regional level wherever possible. They have been successful to varying degrees. It is the TAC's hope that this youth appointment will soon be picked up again at a national level. The TAC is very much grateful for the PAC grant targeting

"New Zealand born" children. It is working together with the Sinoti Samoa, Fiji Advisory Committee in consultation with the Mission Resourcing Unit.

The 1999 TAC Meeting. It will be in Christchurch from Friday evening 26th February to 5.00 pm Sunday 28 February 1999.

Conclusion. The past year has been a very exciting and an enriching one for the TAC. It had received its blessings with thankfulness and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ. It had faced strong challenges both within and out of the church with courage and grace. Surely the TAC had to climb mountains, descend valleys, ford streams, and travel through fire, yet it is thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ for leading and travelling with the TAC and fellowships in their entire faith journey. It has found it to be a year of discovering that the TAC, fellowships and individuals are following the Lord more closer, loving Him more dearer and understanding Him more deeper.

Suggested Decisions

1. That the Report is received.
2. That Conference acknowledges the most valuable services and leadership of Rev Sione & Evaline Ha'angana and family during their ministry within the Methodist Church of New Zealand since 1993 with particular responsibilities to the Auckland / Manukau Tongan Methodist Parish, their support of TAC and the wider church and community. We praise God.
3. That Conference acknowledges the long and most efficient service and leadership of the Rev Stan West and family and being in relationship with TAC during his entire time as general secretary and president of the church.
4. That Conference acknowledges with deep appreciation and gratefulness for the leadership of Tevita M Finau as Convenor of the TAC and the support from Valeti as a source of strength and motivation for the last three years; Mr. T. Kilifi Heimuli, treasurer and support by ever untiring wife Lolofi, and Mr 'Uha'one Metuisela and Rev Salesi Takau for secretarial services. We praise God in thankfulness.
5. That Conference does not appoint to leadership positions and ordained ministry people who live in adulterous relationship whether heterosexual or homosexual.

6. That conference notes that the TAC and Tongan fellowships :
 - (a) cannot live with the 1997 Conference decisions in relation to admitting into full connexion of a practising homosexual and also the blessing of same sex marriage.
 - (b) do not recognise or accept practising homosexuals doing ordained ministry or any other church appointment.
 - (c) cannot collectively receive the sacraments or religious instructions from people who are not practising homosexuals and yet justify or promote them as acceptable into ordained ministry or any other church appointment.
 - (d) may sometimes have an avoidance or withdrawal relationship with people who do not actively identify with or stand in solidarity with the TAC and Tongan fellowships on some major theological and moral issues.
 - (e) and members may sometimes be subject to pressures at different levels causing difficulties, division and exposing strengths and weaknesses of leaders and members, and being challenged to make a choice between conviction or popularity or something else as a result of the controversial Conference 97 decision.
7. That Conference explores and put a stop to the suppressive arms of the Bicultural Journey and help TAC to a journey which would help it deliver its ministry with more love, freedom and dignity.
8. That members of the TAC are entered in the Law Book as :

President; Vice President; Convenor; Secretary; Treasurer; all Tongan stationed and ordained presbyters; presbyters on secondment to the New Zealand Methodist Conference from the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga; two lay representatives from each Tongan fellowship / congregation of which one will be female and one male except Auckland / Manukau Tongan Parish from which there will be one lay representative regardless of gender from each fellowship; two youth representatives; one Synod representative from each district in which there is a Tongan fellowship; and any other seconded

presbyter from the Methodist Church in Tonga to any of the Tongan Wesleyan fellowships which have a fraternal relationship with both TAC and the Methodist Church in Tonga.

9. That Conference affirms the TAC officebearers as :
 Convenor: Rev Taniela Moala; Secretary: Tevita Finau; Treasurer: Rev Kepu Moa

10. That the members of the Executive Committee are :
 Rev Sione Ha'angana, Rev Taniela Moala, Rev Kepu Moa, Rev Samiuela Taufu, Mafua Lolohea, Moi Kaufononga, Tevita Finau, Siniva Molii.

11. That the following are TAC representatives to Church committees and boards.
 - a) Mission Resourcing Unit - Akld/Manukau Tongan Parish Superintendent,
 (Rev Sione Ha'angana)
 - Tongan Youth Representative : Siniva Molii

 - b) Faith and Order Committee -Akld/Manukau Tongan Parish Superintendent,
 (Rev Sione Ha'angana)

 - c) Tauivi Nomination Committee - TAC Convenor, Rev Taniela Moala

 - d) Tauivi Forum - TAC Convenor, Rev Taniela Moala

 - e) Council of Conference - TAC Convenor, Rev Taniela Moala

12. That the following people are authorised to administer the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion during the year 1999.

Auckland/Manukau	:Tevita Kilifi Heimuli, 'Uha'one Metuisela, Sione F. Tonga, Viliami Finau
Tawa	: Lea Tupou
Wellington	: Sione Palu
Oamaru	: Melesitina Kaufana

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 1998

Membership:

We have 260 members and thank them for their continuing support. We regret to report the deaths of Bruce Gordon and Harold Skuse who were members of the Society.

Publications:

The major task of our Society is to publish histories of the work of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. This year we have produced two works. The first was *Journal 1997* the major articles relating a history of Methodist Affirm and its predecessors The Aldersgate Fellowship and The Methodist Revival Fellowship. Our second publication was *The Sunday School in New Zealand Methodism* by Frank Hanson. Frank deals with the Sunday School during the period between 1850 and 1950.

We plan to publish *Journal 1998* later this year. There will be two major articles, the first the address given by Dr. David Bell at the 1997 Annual Meeting. The title is *Changing maps Universe*, with particular reference to changes in Methodist thought. The second will be an article by Jack Penman called *From where I'm standing*, observations on the culture the Methodist Church. This is an account of selected aspects of Trinity College history together with penetrating observations about customs, attitudes and the culture of the Methodist Church in New Zealand.

Memorials:

Complaints at the state of disrepair of memorials of pioneer Missionaries are coming to the Society in increasing numbers. We do not have the resources to undertake repairs, and we have not been able to find people prepared to do this work. During 1999 the Executive will explore ways in which memorials needing repair can be identified and seek ways for them to be maintained.

World Methodist Historical Society: Oceania Conference

The Tongan Conference has agreed to host a Conference in Tonga during the year 2000. An Organising Committee will be established in Auckland this year. This Committee will work in co-operation with the Tongan Conference. Information on the venue, costs and the programme will be available during 1999.

Graham Brazendale

Secretary.

Crosslink Report to Conference 1998

Crosslink is committed to Christian action and transformation in community through the voices and stories of this it serves.

For ten year, *Crosslink* has connected a diverse Christian community from Kaitia to bluff. Consistent with the overall objectives of Conference and Assembly, *Crosslink* aims to present positive models of partnership, mission, and leadership and a gospel perspective on issues in the wider community.

In addition to this, *Crosslink* is a way for the Church to engage society. Every Member of Parliament, most mayors, prisons, secular newspapers, TV and radio producers receive it. We encourage congregations to distribute *Crosslink* widely in their own communities.

Out of 81 monthly magazines published in New Zealand, the latest Audit Bureau of Circulation statistics show *Crosslink* to be in the top ten – at 45,000 our circulation is similar to NZ House and Garden. Circulation is growing for the first time in *Crosslink* history. This year the Society of Friends has asked us to send *Crosslink* to each of their meeting places.

Managing Editor

Following her acceptance by the Presbyterian Church for ministry training, Diane Gilliam-Weeks has tendered her resignation effective 22 January 1999. In accordance with the memorandum of understanding agreed in September 1996 between the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, the Board is now engaged in an open and transparent policy for appointing a new Managing Editor.

Diane is completing her third year as Interim Managing Editor. She acknowledges her ongoing learning in relating to Te Taha Maori, and is grateful for their writing of the centrespread in the April *Crosslink*.

Readership Surveys

Crosslink has continued with regular readership surveys and these generally show reader satisfaction remains high.

Resources

Production efficiencies allow us to produce *Crosslink* for 30% less than in 1995/96 with no reduction in quality. This has enabled us to respond positively to the Presbyterian Church's requirement that their direct funding be reduced significantly between 1996/97 and 1997/98.

The popularity of *Crosslink* means the paper has no difficulty attracting advertisers within the terms of the Board's policy and thereby maintaining revenue targets.

Board Membership

The *Crosslink* Board comprises 4 Methodist and 4 Presbyterian appointees. We regret the Co-convenor Bryan Atkinson and Tom Tennent have had to take leave of absence for personal reasons and Secretary Dave Squire and Kathryn McKenzie (a founding Methodist Board appointee) have resigned due to leaving Wellington. Barbara Stephens, Barry Jones and Danny Winstanley joined the Board in mid-1998.

The Board wish to thank the *Crosslink* staff for their hard work in the past year.

Recommendations

1. That the report be received
2. That the Methodist membership of the *Crosslink* Board for 1999 be Alan Dine, Barbara Stephens, Barry Jones and Craig Forbes (subject to stationing)
3. That the Conference thank Diane Gilliam-Weeks for the 3 years that she has served as Interim Managing Editor of *Crosslink*

Alan Dine (Co-convenor)

Report from the Committee of the Churches Broadcasting Commission:

At the 1998 Annual General Meeting of the Churches Broadcasting Commission we agreed to look at the Commission's Constitution and revisit our aims and goals at our next meeting. With the recent changes in broadcasting activities, it was felt we should adopt the new broadcasting climate attitude of being proactive and not reactive. This has been our stance on several occasions in the past.

Sharon Crosbie, Chief Executive of Radio New Zealand spoke to us on the current broadcasting situation and how it affects budgets, programming, and also the many changes and constraints she and her organisation work within.

With the introduction of more privatisation in broadcasting and television, there is now a lean toward religious "infomercials" and access to cheaper overseas programmes which depletes the on-air-time of New Zealand-made religious programmes. A situation we are to discuss and address, forwarding our ideas to such people as the Minister of Broadcasting, our local Members of Parliament, and management of TVNZ & Radio NZ.

We are fortunate to have TVNZ and Radio New Zealand representatives on the Commission, giving us a deeper insight into broadcasting activities, regular research polls and future programme proposals. This gives the Commission the opportunity to support any planned proposal, ask questions about past and present religious programmes and compare research polls with other broadcasting programmes and their "timings". e.g *Praise Be* at 9am Sunday morning or *A Question of Religion* at 7am and *Hymns for Sunday morning* at 7.30am. It is a well known fact that during these times, listener and viewer ratings peak rapidly.

The Hikoi taking place at the time of this report, gives the Commission a real boost for a fuller up-front profile on religion, Churches activities and peoples needs in today's communities.

The people on the Broadcasting Commission are representing the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Open Brethren, Roman Catholic, Associated Churches of Christ, Lutheran, and Seventh Day Adventist churches, plus the Bible Society, CCANZ, Radio NZ and TVNZ.

Recommendations

1. That the report be received
2. That Trish Moseley continues as the Methodist Church's representative on the Commission.

1998 allocations from the Committee for the Methodist Communications Fund

We received applications for the 1998 allocation totalling over \$192,000.00 and agreed to the following grants being distributed.

PACT committee – Invercargill	\$1,000
Waitakere Parish	\$ 300
Epworth Bookshop	\$4,000
Mt Albert Parish	\$ 963
Music in the Air – John Thornley	\$2,000
Bi-Cultural Network	\$9,000
Dunedin Methodist Mission	\$3,000
Community of Women & Men in church & Society	\$1,500
Methodist Church Administration Division	\$2,500
Methodist Writers' Guild	\$1,000
Faith & Order Committee	\$3,200
Methodist Presbyterian Public Questions Committee	\$5,000
Glenfield Anglican/Methodist Church	\$2,320
Habitat for Humanity – Hastings	\$ 500
Flagstaff Union Parish	\$ 400
Whangarei Uniting Church – Trinity	\$2,826
Rangiora Methodist Parish	\$3,500
Napier Parish – Hospital Chaplaincy	\$1,200
National Youth	\$2,000
Women Living Theologies	\$1,300
Central Complaints Committee	\$1,000
“Wellspring”	\$ 500
Waikato District	\$2,000
Lynne Frith	\$ 500
Robyn Allen Gouge	\$ 500
Margaret & Alan Birtles	\$ 500

Total \$ 52,509

Recommendations:

1. The report be received.
2. The 1999 committee be – Trish Moseley convenor, John Roberts, Naomi Morton, Riripete Polwart
3. Applications from individuals to come through with the support of either Parish or District.

PAC DISTRIBUTION GROUP

Report to Conference 1998:

Methodist Connexionalism offers a unique approach. What does Connexionalism mean to you? We found answering this question a helpful exercise as we came to our theme. Some of our thoughts are:

Being Connexional – What does it mean?

Unique approach to:

- Bicultural journey – international interest in our story
- Ecumenism – take risks
- We have ‘treasures’(taonga) available to whole world-wide Church
- We put people and money where our heart is
- Outward looking rather than inward – looking “normally”
- Methodist words: normally, Connexional, journey
- Peculiar to Methodist Church – a way of being
- PAC Fund unique to MCNZ
- Conference is an annual gathering, a ‘family’ reunion
- “Family” – relationships
- Friendships – smallness of Church
- ‘Methodist’ global links – familiar worship style (feel ‘at home’)
- Not congregational
- Diversity of people, belief, experience, etc.
- We know how to sing and celebrate
- Mutuality = ‘haves’ helping the ‘have-nots’
- Mutuality of Ministry / Itinerary / In “Full Connexion”
- Social concern – Social Justice
- Significant contribution in shaping lives
- We do our caring without fanfare – “riding the gallows cart”
- Pragmatic (impulsive) – both positive and negative
- Can lead the way not afraid to try something new
- ‘Movement’ – moving from a known and loved place
- A particular Methodist ‘flavour’/Methodical
- Hospitality (e.g. Holy Communion, re-marriage – with inclusive goal)
- Administratively one entity (linked/connected structurally)
- Responsibility and privilege one to another

1. Main Fund:

Being Connexional within our Church.

Connexional relationships:

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| - Creative Connexionalism within Te Haahi, a gift to each Synod, and Advisory Committee, UDC, Taha Maori | 105,000 |
| - Sustaining Connexional life in a time of uncertainty, including Connexional Budget deficit and President's Commission | 175,000 |
| - Endowment to subsidise the continued provision of Ministry in parishes during times of long-term illness or long leave, to be administered by Mission Resourcing Unit | 309,593 |
| - Lifting the burden of Connexional legal costs from being an expense to parishes | 200,000 |

Sustaining some of our faith communities:

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| - Auckland Deaf Christian Fellowship | 5,000 |
| - St Johns Community Church, Great Barrier Island | 5,000 |
| - Auckland Methodist Rotuman Fellowship | 7,500 |
| - 'Apitanga Kakai Fefine Siasi Metotisi Niu Sila (National Women's Gathering) | 5,000 |

Being Connexional as we reach out to people to their place of need by:

Providing counselling support for those who would otherwise not receive it:

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| - Centre Care (Waimate) | 2,000 |
| - Johnsonville Union Parish (Wellington) | 2,000 |
| - Lifeline (Auckland) | 20,000 |
| - Methodist Social Service Centre (Palstn North) | 5,000 |
| - Petersgate Trust (Christchurch) | 15,000 |
| - Rata Counselling Centre (Christchurch) | 15,000 |
| - Take a Break Women's Centre (Auckland) | 20,000 |
| - Transitional Methodist Mission Aotearoa | 30,000 |

Providing community support for those we live amongst:

- Te Mara Marie Garden Project (Feilding Parish)	2,000
- Community Outreach (Invercargill Parish)	5,000
TOTAL:	<u>928,093</u>

2. Education Resource Person Endowments Fund:

The following distributions were made from the Education Resource Person Endowments Fund:

Mission Resourcing Unit for resourcing District Schools of Theology	3385
Reefton	800
Te Aroha/Paeroa	400
Johnsonville (youthworker)	1000
Tokomairiro (youthworker)	1000
Youthtrek	2250
TOTAL:	<u>8,835</u>

3. Archive Endowment Fund:

The distribution from the Archive Endowment was made to:

The Methodist Church Archives	<u>14,750</u>
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The Committee for '98 was:

Pam Davis, Peter Grundy, Graham Harris, Siniva Moli, Ashley Sedon, Jenny Winter, Ruth Bilverstone, Stan West, Alison Greening

Retiring this year will be:

Alison, Graham, Peter, Ruth, and Stan.

Suggested Decision:

1. The report be received.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1998

Section one - The Present

Moturoa Land - A decision had to be made regarding the land purchased back from the NZ Railways. Consideration was given to selling to Westgate, as part of 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 Ture Whenua Trust or as an Incorporated Society, the decision on the entity in which the land should be held has been reserved. We advise that we have not received any official advice from the Maori Land Court to date.

Rangiatea - Omata Road Sports ground - The Ministry of Education declined to purchase, but is interested in buying the land known as the "Horse paddock" as well as the area to the left of the access road leading to the Rangiatea complex. The Ministry of Education was keen to see this area being acquired for building of a new Kura Kaupapa Maori .

Rangiatea College -

Kitchen upgrade - An upgrade of the Kitchen and shower block at Rangiatea has been completed. A tour was organised to view the alterations and through the Maori Radio Station.

Mission House and Church - The Trust has upgraded the buildings at Mission complex, this includes the Church, Mission House and the Mission flat.

History launch - The selling of the books of the History of the Ngamotu Mission and The Grey Institute Trust has been slow.

Rental Properties - a general upgrade is being carried out on all rental properties owned by the Trust.

The Future

Moturoa Land - This year should bring about the decision of the Maori Land Courts.

Mission House, Church and Flat - To be utilised more by the Taha Maori and other interested parties.

History Book - A more defined marketing strategy to sell the rest of those published.

History of Grey Institute Trust - to be circularised to bankers, solicitors and real estate agents so that they get a better understanding of the Trust and the land it leases.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Annual Report for year ended 31st August, 1998

Section A.

As we conclude our term of office we, the National Executive of the Methodist Women's Fellowship, have pleasure in presenting this report.

Our theme "Journeying" has become a reality and it has been a privilege to represent the N.Z. Methodist Women's Fellowship over the past two years.

We have shared in the loss of valued members and friends, and in the pleasure for those who have received honours, during the past year. We give thanks to God for their lives and witness.

As a nationally organised society affiliated to the National Council of Women, N.Z. Methodist Women's Fellowship has been a valued part of a widely consulting network of women's organisations. Since all issues are women's issues, N.Z. MWF has sent constructive comment on many issues for inclusion in NCW N.Z. submissions as well as forwarding in-depth comment on our own behalf to various Government agencies. These have included: the next five years of General Practice, the Jury system, the Liquor Law Amendment Bill, Public Health Legislation Review, the CEDAW Report, and Draft Health and Physical Education in the N.Z. Curriculum. The National Executive has effectively networked NCW information and their policy making remits to our membership and have been encouraged by the level of response received.

As part of our commitment to the Beijing Platform for Action we hosted, along with Stoke/Nelson Catholic Women's League, a Seminar on Violence in the Church led by Amelia Stinson-Wesley from U.S.A. This was open to clergy, lay pastoral workers, community group representatives and social workers. Approximately 100 people took advantage of the Seminar.

Missions has always held a high profile in the Methodist Women's Fellowship and we have continued to offer support in many ways - both in N.Z. and overseas. In N.Z. MWF Districts are in contact with all students in training, both residential and home setting. Overseas we continue our involvement in traditional areas but with reliable information from the Council for Mission and Christian World Service we are also able to help with new projects.

Once again we are thrilled with the amount raised from the sale of stamps and we are pleased to be able to report that this year \$11,390.89 has been received.

Other amounts received and grants made were:

\$36,416.97 from the 1997/1998 Special Project

\$3,313.98 for the Medical & Educational Fund

\$1,800.00 made in grants from the Friendship Scholarship Fund

\$5,250.00 made in grants from the Kurahuna Grants & Scholarship Fund

\$18,998.00 made in grants and Kohas from the Smethurst Trust Fund

\$950.00 for Helena Goldie Hospital.

The National Executive acknowledges all the work these amounts involve.

The Thames Valley Programme committee have ended their term of office and we have all benefited from some very fine programmes. It is good to know these are well used in MWF meetings, church services and also by other groups. As a result of co-operation with the National Presbyterian Resource person a list of Methodist programmes has been included in a Catalogue she has issued.

Our District Diaconate links continue and many ideas for these have come from the Deacons themselves. They continue to be grateful for the support received.

Our National Executive participated in a Bi-cultural day which was a highlight for many.

Our journeying strengthens as our knowledge grows. We value our various links with Te Taha Maori, Tongan, Samoan, Fijian and Rotuman groups and as we work with other denominations in Union and Co-operating Ventures where new friends are made.

The Liaison Link and Bright Ideas Newsletter are ways of strengthening these new friendships. District "books" have also been made and shared.

Our National Executive shared the heartache felt by members over the possible split in our church. As an autonomous body we decided this did not have to affect the fellowship we share but we unanimously agreed that we should do everything possible to avoid any division. We sent a letter to over 4,000 members sharing our concerns and asking them to be as well informed as possible. We believe we are a vital part of the life of the church and have much to offer, not only to our members but, to the Methodist church as a whole.

As we visited members of all the MWF Districts this belief was strengthened. The work being done is invaluable for both church and community. However there was a growing feeling that as a whole the church does not really acknowledge the work done by MWF, so backed by the support of the Community of Women and Men, submissions have been sent to the Restructuring Task Group on this issue.

We pray they will result in changes that will help us all.

Section B.

The 1998/1999 Special Project is to be called NEW BEGINNINGS.

Resettlement for Refugees in N.Z. - a Lifeskills Programme
Resettlement in old age - in an Abbeyfield House
Resettlement in Bougainville.

N.Z. will benefit from the larger part of this Special Project but all three sections will receive an equal share of the money raised. This is again a joint venture with the Association of Presbyterian Women and has many exciting possibilities.

The National Executive congratulates Thames Valley and Waikato Districts on the way in which their amalgamation has been negotiated. It has enabled the membership of Thames Valley to remain part of N.Z. MWF and has added strength to the life of the Waikato District. While it is sad to see a District dissolve it is encouraging that a favourable solution can be found. We ask God's blessing on the future of the Waikato - Thames/Valley District.

The N.Z. Methodist Women's Fellowship values their membership as part of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women and were pleased to invite Susana Setae, the South Pacific Area President, as Smethurst speaker to Convention in October. Susana comes from Papua New Guinea and will lead sessions on our theme.

Following on from last year the Task Force 2000 group of Lynley Whitton, Margaret Gordon, Elaine Diprose, Ella Traithen, Esther Trim and Audrey Leadley, set up by National Executive, has continued to work hard individually and to receive information from the Workshops held with all Districts. Over the weekend 18/19 July they met in Nelson to consider their findings. As a result of this they will present "A discussion paper for Fellowships, Districts and interested individuals" at Convention in October and their work will continue as they receive responses to this paper.

Their vision includes:

Creating exciting new initiatives which will be shared by each other
To see fellowship when you encourage each other and share experiences. In this way you will build each other up in the Christian faith
To claim your strengths, expand your strengths and add new strengths
To know of a certainty that whatever the future brings, we are held tightly by the one who gave His very best, our Lord Jesus Christ.
.....The Best is yet to come

The National Executive believe we have all caught a vision for the future and can feel excited as we look forward to the next century. God has led us on our journeying - as individuals and as a group. We give thanks for this, for the love we share, and the Methodist Women's Fellowship we serve.

We all extend our very best wishes and our prayerful support to the Incoming National President Margaret Birtles and her Executive.

In your hands The responsibility
In your hearts The will to succeed
In your minds The vision for the future
God go with you in your journey To guide, direct, and sustain you
In hand, heart and mind. Amen.

(Marilyn Dunn, A.A.W. Circle).

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

Suggested Decision:

That this report be received.

METHODIST MISSION NORTHERN

Report to Conference 1998

"WHAT HAS HAPPENED"

WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services continue to meet increasing demands for services in all areas. The pressures on families and communities resulting from current government economic and social policies continue to disadvantage and marginalise increasing numbers of people. We were able to maintain service levels in the face of static levels of funding and increased compliance demands from the Community Funding Agency (CFA), our major funder. All services have met the new CFA approval standards and internal auditing systems are being developed to ensure ongoing eligibility for funding. The ongoing social responsibility debate challenges us to balance our community services ministries with the development of appropriate community consultation and advocacy strategies. We continue to explore partnerships and contracting opportunities which allow us to provide services consistent with our Theology for Mission.

Partnership Projects: *Sharing financial and human resources with groups working in their own communities:*

Huakina Development Trust, Pukekohe

- The Trust has been approved as an Iwi Social Service.
- A ceremony was held at Huakina recognising the support of the Mission over a 10 year period in the development of their Whanau and Kaumatua Support services.
- The Trust acknowledged the importance of the partnership relationship with the Mission over the years.

West Auckland Women's Centre, Glendene

- We continue to support the Centre's work with women and families in West Auckland through the secondment of a community worker.

155 Community House, Whangarei

- We have contributed through a salary for one of the part time co-ordinators and provided the Community house as the work base.
- We have encouraged St John's Parish and the community house to develop a charitable trust to facilitate the ongoing work with the unemployed and marginalised in the local community.

Te Whanau Rangimarie, Mangere

- A social worker was seconded to assist with emergency housing in Mangere.
- Research into the housing needs of low income families in South Auckland will assist in determining appropriate responses to community needs.

Pacific Centre

Working with the Pacific community in the Central Auckland area

- Agnes Tuisamoa, senior community worker, retired after 22 years service with the Mission's community services.
- The older peoples' service has continued to develop and now forms the main focus of the centre's activities along with counselling and advocacy work with families.
- Over 40 cultural groups with a total of over 1800 members now form the Pacific Older Peoples' Network.
- A cultural festival was attended by over 600 group members. Special guests included the Minister for Senior Citizens.

- A Home Care Service has been developed with a dedicated team of caregivers providing culturally appropriate assistance to a growing number of clients.
- Creative responses to the particular needs of the older client group are being explored.

Copeland House

Providing specialised counselling services for children, youth and their families on the North Shore

- Over 2300 hours of counselling and groupwork were provided to 430 client families.
- Outreach services were provided in Beachhaven and Takapuna. A new outreach is developing on the Hibiscus Coast in response to needs identified by the local community.
- A therapeutic massage service enhanced the resources available to women clients.
- Students on placement from the AIT Psychotherapy programme added significantly to the counselling resource.
- The complexity and severity of problems being referred reflect the increased stresses impacting on children and families and the shortage of services provided by statutory agencies.

West Auckland Family Services

Providing out-of-family care for children, family therapy, social work support for families and residential parenting programmes

- 5749 nights of care were provided for over 90 children under the age of 14 years by a committed pool of caregivers.
- Eight 5-week residential parenting programmes were attended by 24 families.
- Demand for family therapy services continues to expand.
- Increasing numbers of referrals from both the Children and Young Person's Service and from the community for out of family and respite care highlight the need for an increased pool of trained caregivers.
- An adolescent alternative care programme is to be developed as an outreach to the North Shore.

470 House

Supported accommodation for marginalised, single gay men

- 23 men were assisted with accommodation and social work support.
- Many of these moved on to permanent independent accommodation.

Social Policy Unit

Social policy research and analysis; contributing to the Social Responsibility debate

- Contributed to the organisation of the Social Responsibility conference.
- Visit to Wisconsin, USA to assess the impact of Workfare policies on the unemployed.
- Submissions to select committees.
- Networking with not-for-profit and Non Governmental Organisations groups.
- Information and data gathering for services.
- Co-ordinating responses to the "work for the dole" scheme.

Nga Pekanga Whaanui

A service for children and families in Papakura closes its doors

- After a service review, staff chose to wind up their activities which included out of school programmes, counselling and whanau support. A number of similar programmes had developed in the community over time.
- 443 hours of counselling and 535 hours of youth programmes were provided to the end of February.
- Staff moved on to pursue new work and study opportunities, and acknowledged the support and encouragement and opportunities provided by the Mission over the years.

INNER CITY MINISTRY AND AIREDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Continuing an almost 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

Methodist Mission Northern

*Helping the people of Auckland 365 days per
year*

To the year ended 30 June 1998:

Meals Provided	23,205
Food parcels distributed	1,090
Night Shelter beds supplied	4,585
Budget dollars handled	\$3.3million

*These totals, updated monthly and displayed on a blackboard
facing Queen Street, tell the story*

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.
- Advocacy services - the Airedale team liaises closely with other support services and agencies to assist its clients. The Aotea Missioner continues to be 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. The work 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

1997-1998 has been a time of huge growth and expansion of our work. And as the work of the Mission has grown, so has our staff. Our team now comprises a team of 28 including three Polytechnic students who over the last 12 months have done their placement hours for the Diploma in Social Work course.

We moved into larger premises during 1997 as we expanded out of the office we had! We are very grateful to St Paul's for this increase in space and also for the renovations giving Jake a larger Computer School and providing a suitable room for counselling. We are very appreciative of the continued support and generosity of the people of the Methodist parishes and especially St Paul's in housing us and supporting us in many other ways.

Providing food support is one of the ways we assist people and we are also thankful for the generosity of local bakeries and vege growers which enables us to feed families in crisis.

The last 12 months has seen us develop four new key programmes and we are pleased to be able to move services out into the community, as we believe it is important to strengthen our links with the Methodist and Co-operating Parishes.

- Cooking classes are now being offered in three different churches and teach basic cooking skills and tips on how to make meals cheaper.

- Operation Ruth is our feeding the homeless project. Two teams go out on Friday nights and feed the homeless, those in sub-standard housing and people who are experiencing short-term crisis. This work has become a major focus of our work and has led us to looking at developing a Night Shelter in Hamilton as well as working on housing several of our homeless clients. We are currently looking for funding and a building to make this a reality.
- The School Holiday Programme that was developed and funded by one of our placement students has continued to run throughout the year. The programme is proving to be very successful and is the cheapest of its kind in Hamilton. We offer 2-4 sponsored places on each programme for children who would otherwise not be able to afford to attend.
- Our Community Education programme is our most recent development and these programmes include parenting and anger management as well as one-off workshops specific to clients needs.

We are very pleased with the development of the Computer School. We have replaced all five of our computers with new ones over the last 12 months and hope to purchase another five new computers this year. We are also hoping to have the Computer School NZQA accredited within the next 12 months.

The media have been very supportive of us over the last year. We have a lot of media coverage these days and barely a week goes by that we do not rate a mention regarding one aspect of our work or another. This is very useful as it raises our profile in the community and highlights the work we are involved in. People have accessed our services after hearing us spoken of on the radio or seeing an article in the newspaper.

Finances are always a problem for us. With more money we could offer more services and assist more people to effect change in their lives. We have put some energy into fundraising for ourselves over the last 12 months and this has generated some funds as well as being a good learning curve for us, in terms of what works and what doesn't.

Board members have put in a year of hard work. They are a great group of people committed to our future and support our work greatly. We are sad to see our Chairperson Stuart Bowring leave us and we all wish Stuart well for the future.

We also thank Methodist Mission Northern for their continued support and guidance as we move through the teething problems, which come with expansion.

PARISH RESOURCE

During the year parishes throughout the region have taken advantage of the services offered through the Parish Resource Unit. At the beginning of 1998 two new options were added to the existing programme, namely "Choices in Age" and "Spiritual Care for People with Alzheimer's Disease" seminars, and a pilot storytelling series for families was run in mid year. Relating the wide range of services given by Mission staff and projects to the local congregation is done during Sunday worship, at fellowship groups and in seminar situations. Opportunities to preach on social justice issues have been taken and some congregations have begun new outreach ventures. An example of this would be the Tauafiafi group for older Samoan people in the Waitakere parish, promoting exercise, healthy eating and craft in a very enjoyable, culturally appropriate setting.

Many groups have found the "Choices" programme very helpful in affirming the positive aspects of age, and several are joining with rest home staff and community to consider the spiritual needs of older and mentally frail people.

Individuals and groups from the churches are kept informed about the Mission's role and there is a growing appreciation of the possibilities of partnership between Mission staff and services and the people in congregations.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND FUNDRAISING

The question a Fundraiser is most often asked is, "Is it more difficult to raise money today?"

The answer is, 'No, provided that you only ask those people who have some reason to give to your cause'.

Methodist Mission Northern has not for some years aggressively pursued donations, yet as a service we rely on donations from people who often have strong and historic links to Mission services and philosophy. However, the need for funding is growing stronger as is the demand on Mission services. In response to this we are promoting a way in which people can support the work of the Mission without it impeding on their current standard of living. A gift of money or assets made in a person's Will can have a dramatic effect on the Mission's ongoing ability to provide services to those in need.

Promotional literature supporting how to make a gift in a Will is available from the Mission's Auckland office.

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION FUND

The Fund has continued to make available small loans to suitable ventures and during the year assisted a further eleven, the total ventures now assisted since the creation of the Fund being eighty-four. The amount lent during the year was \$117,000, an increase of 19% over the previous year.

Initial capital from Church sources and The Tindall Foundation totalled \$420,000. This has been recycled to loans totalling \$739,000, representing a 76% achievement in recycling the original funds. Over the life of the Fund the average loan has been \$8,800, but for the past year an increase has taken place, the average being \$10,600.

During the year the new ventures supported have provided 35 full-time job equivalents.

Additionally the Fund made 16 small grants totalling \$10,000 for special mentoring and other assistance. Funding for mentoring and administration was received from the Community Employment Group (\$35,000), The Tindall Foundation (\$21,500), and the Methodist Mission Northern (\$21,000). This funding has been greatly appreciated, in particular the contribution from CEG which last year had indicated that further support might not be forthcoming.

Table of the Status of the Fund's Activities to 30 June 1998

	Number	\$
Capital Fund input		440,000
Loans and Guarantees made	84	730,052
Loans repaid in full	26	207,815
Loans commenced repayment	21	199,760
Loans yet to commence repayment	23	225,475
Ventures lost	14	97,002
Mentoring Grants given	26	50,884
People employed	220 full-time equivalents	

The Management Committee is continually seeking suitable new ventures to support but as always, the service or product must be clearly viable and the participants in the venture show the necessary skills and commitment to its success. The essential component of providing mentoring assistance cannot be underestimated, but it is also recognised that in the final analysis the stress of the operation of the venture remains with the owners. There have been several cases where a venture has been set up but subsequently ceased, the Fund repaid and the owner pursued other employment. The Committee does not consider these as failures in that experience has been gained and helped the individual to other employment.

It is pleasing to report that after several years of negotiation the Northern Regional Council Committee Trust based in Whangarei has made available grant money to us for the provision of loans in the Northland area. The initial grant was \$25,000 which included an element of cost for mentoring and administration. What is particularly pleasing is the clear indication from the Community Trust that further grants will be made available for suitable ventures.

WESLEYCARE

The vision for WesleyCare in its ministry to older people is to ensure that the best service is provided for the vulnerable older person, whether living in their own home in the community or in a residential home of the Mission. Our services continue to be targeted to the most frail. The average age of those we assist is over 85 years. This sector of the population is increasing. People over 80 are likely to be alone: have an average income of less than \$12,000 and have as their caregiver a relative likely to be over 60 years old. The Mission assists more than 775 older persons in the community each week with this service.

At a time of political unrest, leadership change and challenge and the centralisation of health funding, WesleyCare celebrates its commitment to its ministry to older people by working strategically within industry working groups including the ecumenical network to advocate service provision for the vulnerable older person.

Our services are represented by

- WesleyCare Social and Community Service
- Providing the interface between people and the "system."
- Social work intervention by working with at-risk clients in the community (managed by and accessed through a 24-hour Care Desk that receives an average of 90 calls each week)

Community Development continues as an integral part of services to older people.

The Indian Project, now established as an independent trust, is working in harmony with and supported by WesleyCare to provide the "best" service for older people with an Indian heritage.

The Mission's residential units provided 124,830 nights of care as our expression of ministry to our elders in Auckland of which 22,995 nights of care were for sufferers of dementia.

Wesleycare has maintained Healthcare Standards Accreditation certification at all sites and continues to receive accolades for excellence of service delivery. None of these awards have been achieved without an active and very

positive education and training programme and in this area the Mission is particularly well served.

MISSION FINANCES

High occupancy levels in all our Aged Care facilities continued to provide the backbone for a positive improvement in the cash position. Costs continue to be managed within budgeted levels. Social Services expenditure and services have been able to be maintained with continued assistance from social service and funding agencies.

The Mission's ongoing commitment to existing services and the development of new services require continual monitoring and review of the use of its assets and resources to ensure the required funds are available.

The published Annual Report provides a consolidated summary of financial results and a consolidated balance sheet that includes the income, expenses, assets and liabilities for all facilities owned and operated by Methodist Mission Northern.

The statement of financial position and financial results have been extracted from the audited financial report of the Mission.

The Auditor's note – BDO Hogg Young Cathie Auckland - states they have audited the full financial report that also includes a cashflow statement, accounting policies and notes to the accounts. They issued the following unqualified opinion on the full financial report:

"In the Auditor's opinion:

- *proper accounting records have been kept by the Mission as far as appears from their examination of those records; and the financial report -*
 - *complies with generally accepted accounting practice;*
 - *gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Mission as at 30 June 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date."*

The audit was completed on 20 August 1998 and the auditor's unqualified opinion was expressed as at that date.

A full statement of audited accounts is available on request to: Methodist Mission Northern, PO Box 5104, Auckland 1.

"LOOKING FORWARD ... "

WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES

Wesley Social Services continues an in-depth series of self-examination of existing services, will become more active in advocacy and more conscious of the ecumenical role played in the delivery of social services.

HAMILTON METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES

The whole team is committed, enthusiastic, diligent and willing to give whatever it takes to provide the services we have committed to provide. We move into the new year with hope, prayer and anticipation of another exciting year, realising the responsibility that comes with doing God's calling.

INNER CITY MINISTRY AND AIREDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Indicators for the year ahead suggest that poverty will continue to increase and the staff of the Airedale Community Centre will feel the obligation of continually responding to the flow-on effects.

With the advent of closure of an inner-city service operated by an ecumenical partner further pressure will be placed on the Mission's Komiti Maori to ensure that culturally appropriate services are available for the many clients in the city.

PARISH RESOURCE

The year ahead holds several possibilities for building on the existing work in parish resourcing. These include:

- more church/local community outreach programmes in response to local need, suited to the level of energy and

commitment of the parish, and with appropriate resource back up;

- preparation of "how to" kitsets on Positive Aging, Pastoral Care programmes, Finding out about YOUR Community;
- Setting up a central Resource Centre in partnership with WesleyCare to provide books, leaflets, tapes and video material for those interested in spiritual care and other needs of people with Alzheimer's Disease;
- ongoing relationships with senior staff and parishes so that people are resourced to carry out their role of ministry in the community and in the Mission.

A timely reminder if the Regions are to get the benefit of the Parish Resource in the future, a plan must be put in place to enable this to happen in all four regional areas. This will mean a release of funds into the Regions in 1999 and an increased budget for salaries in the following year.

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION FUND

The Committee hopes to continue its loan activities at the rate of about one per month but this will be largely dependent on the flow of repayments from existing loans and the acquisition of new loan capital. We will be approaching a number of organisations for further contributions to our operating expenses and are confident of success.

We intend developing further our relationship with the Northern Regional Council Community Trust which will include a working arrangement with the Business Development Board in Whangarei. The recent success with NRCCT will hopefully show the way to enable similar funds to be established in other centres in the country. To be successful seed capital needs to be made available from within the local area but the expertise already gained through seven years operation in Auckland can be a model in the establishment of a fund with proven administration processes.

WESLEYCARE

Future goals for WesleyCare include

- Continuous quality improvement
- Further development of parish based community partnerships, particularly strengthening links between the Parish, the Professional and the Carer.
- Evaluating all programmes at all sites, including the role of our Chaplains.
- Promoting and resourcing the work of Rev. Eileen Shamy, "Living with Dementia".
- Further refining of 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 into the new millennium.

MISSION FINANCES

The completion of the budget for the New Year has reinforced 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

Over the last year we:

1. Learned to cope without electrical power and how to continue to provide a meal service to those least able to cope with the energy outage that continued for more than five weeks. This in itself prompted a closer look at risk management, strategic alliances and survival strategies.
2. Reinforced the need for and strength of working ecumenically as our partners in the city refocus and transfer their resources elsewhere.

3. Gave wide expression to the implications of the proposed Workfare programme while ensuring the people seeking our assistance continue to be cared for.
4. Continued to reap the benefits of Church and Mission working as one in the community as an expression of Christian action rather than Christianity in-action.
5. Continued learning to not speak for people but to seek ways to enable those that need to be heard a means of being acknowledged and understood.
6. Reflected on the need to celebrate more vigorously the good works of the Mission as volunteers and staff continue to give much more than they are ever asked to provide.
7. Transferred, after 25 years of successful service, the assets of Kamo Home and Village at Kamo, Whangarei, from the Mission to the newly established "Kamo Home and Village Charitable Trust Board".
8. Celebrated with pride the life contribution of Rev. Bruce Gordon at his funeral service held at the Mission's Aotea Chapel.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the report be received.
2. That membership of Methodist Mission Northern Trust Board for 1999 be: David Smith (Chairman), Hugh Garlick, Una Chandler, Heather Seal, Zoe Hampton, Rev. Gillian Watkin, Frank Claridge, Tim Dyer, Brian Gauld, Ken Long, Rev. Ashley Sedon, Rev. Uesifili Unasa and the Mission Superintendent.

Further names to be brought to the floor of conference.

WESLEY WELLINGTON MISSION

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1998

INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIR

The continuing focus of the Board this year has been on policy issues, so as to provide a framework within which the management can operate. We continue to be sensitive to both the many needs of the communities in which the Mission works and demonstrating in that work the ethos of the Methodist Church.

We have approved a whole new direction in aged care, which will result in a set of services providing care in the home through to hospitalisation. These new directions will not be totally in place for a number of years, but when they are fully operating, they will show a new model of care based on the wishes, needs and desires of the recipient—not driven as before by the provider. This change is significant and could be a model for other providers too, in the future.

Like all organisations of our type, we face a continuing challenge over funding. It is clear that public funding is becoming harder to obtain and will continue to be so. We can see little evidence of the situation improving over the next few years, so that means we have to find other sources and better and different ways of operating. Perhaps the biggest challenge facing us for the next year is the need 'to do things differently' whilst balancing income against the cost of development. As part of that total process, we are looking for new ways of fund raising and of raising our profile to help us to do so. The coming year will see a number of public events, and other initiatives designed to increase our support base. We will also continue to closely examine our present services to

be sure they measure up to our criteria of helping those most in need.

It is heartening to note that at the national level, the Church is making progress in developing national guidelines. We look forward to that being completed so that we can be more certain that the strategic direction we have set for ourselves is consistent with the national vision. Whatever emerges, we are confident that a focus on the marginalised and disadvantaged will still have primacy.

This will be my last report as Chair and my last year after nine years on the Board. The work has been interesting and challenging—and sometimes frustrating. However, it is a type of contribution I can only commend to others. I take this opportunity to warmly acknowledge the contribution of the Board Members I have served with over those years, and in particular those who also retire this year. I also commend to Conference the management and staff whose hard work makes the Mission successful.

CATHERINE GIBSON
Chair of the Board
Wesley Wellington Mission

FROM THE EXECUTIVE MANAGER

The end of another year, so it is time to pause and reflect on what we have achieved, as well as what we want to achieve for the future. 1999 will see us celebrate fifty years of existence as a Mission, a fitting time to examine our place within the wider Wellington Community.

The past year has continued to be one of reshaping and building for the future. Whilst we have successfully maintained our existing services, we have also continued to work on defining our response to the environment as it is now and is projected for the future. Our emphasis is on the need to empower people to gain the most from their lives rather than simply to provide charity.

It is not easy to work in a climate where those in need are often denigrated, marginalised and made to feel worthless, just because they are out of work, or temporarily in need of help, or cannot manage on their own. We seem to have become a society where to be one of the marginalised is somehow one's own fault, and if only such people would 'pull their socks up' all would be well. The reality is quite different. People do not deliberately set out to stay out of work, feed their children inadequately, or live in sub-standard housing. Those things happen because there are not enough jobs, those which can be obtained are often too lowly paid and help from the rest of us in the form of social welfare support is barely adequate.

While it is easy to state the problems, it is not so easy to find workable answers. These will only come from an informed and searching debate, involving us all and not simply the government. What is clear is that it is time for a new approach and it is heartening to note the voices being raised which reject the strictly 'market led' philosophy in favour of a more inclusive model. Of particular concern to us is the housing situation facing many of

the people we work with. This is addressed elsewhere in the report.

As one of the social service agencies of the Methodist Church, we believe we can give a lead by demonstrating all this in our own work. That is why we are changing our services for older people quite radically over the next few years and why we will continue to push for changes throughout the social services sector of the community.

None of this is possible, however, without sound practices of our own. Management structures that had been put in place last year are now working well. The two operational divisions are supported by two others - Finance and Administration, and Fundraising and Public Relations. Thus all emphasis is placed on the success of programmes delivered to people.

The hard work of the managers and staff throughout the Mission has been auspicious and crucial. They give the Mission its special character and ethos—without them we would achieve very little. My thanks to them all.

My thanks also to the Board Members for their thoughtful and helpful guidance. My special thanks to the Chair, Catherine Gibson, who leaves after contributing greatly to the work of the Mission by giving freely of her experience and wisdom. My thanks also to those other Board Members who retire this year; Arthur Davis, who laboured hard as part of our Finance Advisory Committee, Ian Lander, Merlin Sansom and especially Arnold Solomons, whose wise head and connections with the Jewish Care of the Aged Board will be missed greatly. We welcome Lynne Frith, Deborah Moran and Kerry Prendergast, who joined us during the year.

Graham Weir

SECTION A: WHAT HAS HAPPENED

Community Services

General

This past year has been a busy one - highlighted by the development of a strategic plan that will act as a blue print for all new services for the next five years.

A two day workshop attended by the Community Services team resulted in a clear direction for new and existing services and a mission statement that focused all services on: "Providing integrated quality services for marginalised families and youth at risk that are professional and innovative."

A decision was reached that all existing services should be examined before any further development on new work was undertaken. A major review resulted.

The findings of this review were very satisfying. In general all services were shown to be meeting their identified aims and objectives. Some fine tuning has given confidence that there is a sound base to build on. This is in no small part due to the professionalism and dedication of an excellent team, which continues to be client focussed and determined to provide outstanding services to our expanding client base.

Wesley Wellington Mission continues to be represented on the trust of the **Wellington Men's Night Shelter**. This facility, which has been in operation for many years provides accommodation to homeless men in Wellington. Run by a trust that represents most church based social services in Wellington, the programme is able to provide a much needed service for a client group that is often ignored and forgotten by the public.

A similar service for women, **The Women's Emergency Shelter**, closed during this year. Again Wesley Wellington Mission was instrumental in developing this programme, with representation on the management committee along with other major church-based social services. Despite providing this service for over a year, and with intensive marketing, the numbers of women using this service did not reflect the original expectations, and perceived need, and the management committee could not justify the level of expenditure for the limited use.

Of real concern to us is the difficulty of securing funding for programme development. At a time of real hardship in the community, when society is not providing adequately for people in need, it is particularly frustrating that there is also insufficient tax payer funding available for programmes to alleviate that need. It is disappointing that in a society where family values and social responsibility are constantly espoused, that there is no provision for services that clearly enable families to provide the best possible environment for their children. Other sources of finance in the community are increasingly stretched by growing demand and cannot fill the gap.

Many families endure public criticism for failing to care adequately for their children. We believe that constructive programmes that work alongside these families in a way that is most appropriate for them are more likely to be successful than criticism or punitive measures. All families want the best for their children, but often inadequate housing, poverty and lack of access to childcare make providing other than the very basic necessities extremely difficult. Many social problems could be mitigated if parents were able to focus on raising their children, and addressing educational and parenting issues of their own, rather than worrying about where the next dollar is to be found.

The hope for the next year is that the Mission will secure funding to enable us to increase our work with marginalised families through proactive and preventative programmes.

Wesley Porirua

The past year has seen expansion of the services offered at Wesley Porirua and a more integrated approach to the work done with families in the area. Clients are now able to access a range of services from Wesley Porirua, including home based family support, youth work, community work, support groups, educational courses and programmes, advocacy and foodbank support.

The **Advocate** works closely with the foodbank co-ordinator and community social worker to ensure clients are receiving their full entitlements from Income Support, and have their needs met by Housing New Zealand and the health system. The advocacy position has filled a gap in Porirua where previously there was no specialised advocacy service available to provide advice, support and information.

For many families, the alleviation of some of the immediate issues of income and housing has enabled them to concentrate on other pressing issues including parenting and relationship problems.

Since the appointment of the advocacy worker in April 1998, all of the reviews taken to Income Support have been successful.

The **Youth** programme continues to target at risk youth. Programmes have been run in the Porirua Colleges addressing issues of self esteem, anger management and identity. A very successful youth leadership programme for young women continues to operate. Intensive programmes have been provided for young people attending Porirua Alternative School and

individual support work continues following referrals from Youth Justice and Youth Aid divisions of CYPFS, and from families.

The **Home Based Family Support** programme has provided in depth social work support for over many families addressing issues such as: parenting, financial problems, family violence, self development, and drug and alcohol problems.

The community social worker and the senior community worker facilitate a **Parent Education** programme. This intensive and practical programme enables parents to look at their parenting techniques, how effective they are and alternative methods of parenting. Devised by Presbyterian Support, this programme has proven to be a very successful method of reinforcing the positive aspects of parenting and altering any negative aspects.

All programmes at Porirua are supported through the Senior Community Worker. This role includes support and supervision of staff, representation on the Porirua Fanau Centre, and organisation and/or facilitation of our educational groups.

In the past year the following **Educational** programmes have been offered by Wesley Porirua:

Young Mothers Support Group, Road Code, Young Parents Support Group and Cooking on a Budget. Approximately 130 people have attended these courses.

The **Foodbank** has supported 289 families by providing food to 471 adults and 600 children.

Te Whare Whakapakari

Te Whare Whakapakari (Tawa adolescent residence) has enjoyed another successful year. Staff work with a high level of

behavioural disorders exhibited by residents for many of whom this may be the last chance to address these behaviours. Additional funding for the next year will enable us to appoint a behavioural psychologist to assist the team in developing and monitoring specific individual programmes for young people exhibiting severe conduct disorders. The programme continues to present very positive results.

In the past year, Te Whare Whakapakari staff have worked with 17 young people: 10 male and 7 female. A further breakdown identifies: 6 Maori, 6 Pakeha, 3 Pacific Islands and 2 other. At entry each young person identifies goals that they would like to achieve whilst in the programme. These are summarised as follows: Of those who identified completing an educational programme, 71% were successful; 76% achieved the goal of maintaining a stable placement; and 62% succeeded in minimising at risk behaviour according to the standard set. 100% achieved the goal of participating in counselling arranged to discuss past issues.

The average stay for a resident is four months, with some staying for over 12 months.

Counselling Service

The Counselling Service, established in 1992 is continuing to provide one to one counselling to beneficiaries and low income earners from the wider Wellington area who are unable to spend large amounts of limited finance on their psychological health. Three staff are currently available with a fourth counsellor due to be appointed shortly to meet increasing demand.

Able to run on a donation only basis thanks to a very professional and highly qualified voluntary staff, the service provided both short and long term counselling to 60 clients last year. Over half

of these were beneficiaries. 73% were female and 43% were aged between 20-29. The most common presenting issues were: depression, stress, past relationships, self esteem, grief and parenting concerns.

Home and Health Services

During the year, Services for Older People was renamed "Home and Health Services". This began a realignment so that the services it offers support the desire and need for people to remain living in their own homes, with substantial care, as they get older, or try to live with some disability. In the future, home support will be the core service, whether for people living in their own homes or in accommodation provided by us. The aim is to provide a range of support, from assistance with household tasks to hospital services.

Another factor driving change has been financial necessity. An ongoing operational deficit has existed because of fluctuations in occupancy levels in the rest homes and hospitals. The lower than expected occupancy levels have occurred for two reasons: firstly, because many of the facilities are out dated and need substantial renovation and redecoration if they are to be attractive to potential clients; and secondly, because of a change in policy by the Health Funding Authority over the last two years, there is now an emphasis on financing home support services, with subsidised admissions to residential care being a last resort.

A few operational highlights from the year:

Wesley Newtown

The Community Team based at Newtown experienced a tripling of workload for its home support workers during the past year. Home support workers provided a mix of personal care and

household support to elderly clients and others with physical disabilities, while the community workers provided social support and advocacy.

Wesley Ewart

An activity centre to provide day care for non-residential patients commenced during the year and has frequently been close to its capacity of 12 clients.

The Ewart complex received an external spruce-up during the year. The buildings were painted and the entrance-way refurbished. This has significantly improved the appearance of the building and gives it a much more welcoming feel.

Wesleyhaven

A home support base commenced operations at Wesleyhaven in August. The base provides similar services to those available from Wesley Newtown.

Training facilities for staff have been significantly upgraded with the provision of new training spaces and the acquisition of new equipment.

A new plan for the gardens resulted in a steady improvement with an increase in tree planting and garden size - spring is eagerly awaited by residents and staff alike.

As the year ended the pace of change quickened, resulting in the birth of WesleyCare (see Section B).

WESLEY WELLINGTON MISSION INCORPORATED
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1998

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Fees and Services Income	6,208,665	5,977,285
Less Cost of Services provided for:		
Older People - WesleyCare	5,880,344	5,746,461
Community and other Services(incl Central services)	1,348,454	1,165,754
	<u>7,228,798</u>	<u>6,912,215</u>
Operating Deficit for Service Provision	<u>(1,020,133)</u>	<u>(934,930)</u>
Non-operating Income - Bequests, Grants		
Donations & Investment Income(see note below)	540,885	542,144
Other Non-operating net gain/(deficit)	1,270	81,958
Net gain on Revaluation of Investments	213,672	413,615
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(264,306)</u>	<u>102,787</u>
Transfer to Asset Replacement Reserve	-	(304,212)
Net Deficit to Other Reserves	<u><u>(264,306)</u></u>	<u><u>(201,425)</u></u>

Note: Bequests, Grants, Donations and Investment Income for:

	\$	\$
- WesleyCare Services for Older People	18,746	36,575
- Community Services	77,166	74,724
- Central Services (including Fundraising)	444,973	430,845
	<u>540,885</u>	<u>542,144</u>

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 1998

	1998 \$000	1997 \$000
Current Assets	1,242	1,524
Investments and Advances	4,738	4,771
Fixed Assets	4,892	4,853
Total Assets	10,872	11,148
Current Liabilities	991	1,050
Other Liabilities	651	743
	1,642	1,793
Capital Fund	4,767	4,685
Other Funds and Reserves	4,463	4,670
Total Liabilities, Funds and Reserves	10,872	11,148

Note: A copy of the audited annual financial statements is available on request from Wesley Wellington Mission Incorporated, P O Box 9932 Marion Square, Te Aro, Wellington

Net deficit for the 1997/98 year is \$264,306 compared with a net surplus of \$102,787 in 1996/97.

The annual income from service provision at \$6.21 Mill. is 4% higher than last year's total of \$5.98 Mill. Most of this increase is due to expansion of the WesleyCare Home Support service under a new contract with the Health Funding Authority. Income from residential care services is slightly lower than last year and reflects the level of occupancy. The level of funding support for the Community Services social work programmes and Youth Residential care facilities, has been maintained during the year.

Total annual expenditure increased from \$6.91 Mill. to \$7.23 Mill. and principally represents the increased cost of providing additional Home Support and other Community services.

Income received during the year from bequests, grants, donations and other non-operating income, has not been sufficient to fully cover the increased operating deficit, arising from the provision of Community services and WesleyCare services to Older People.

CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROCESS

1.0 Background

In 1996, the Mission made a submission to Conference that a number of changes be agreed to its structure. Those changes were developed as a result of decisions made by Conference 1995 to have separate administrative arrangements for the Parish and Mission. Although there was general agreement about the nature of the restructuring, the question as to what kind of appointment should be made to the (previous) position of Superintendent was sent back to the Mission for further consideration during 1997.

The main point at issue was whether having a lay person as Mission Executive Manager, rather than a Presbyterian would compromise the holding together of Word and Deed, thus weakening the Methodist ethos for Mission. The issue was addressed by the Mission Board during 1997, but could be taken only so far because of the strategic review being done of MMA which meant that there was still no national framework within which to operate.

Conference 1997 therefore was asked to delay further on that basis, and agreed:

.... that further consideration by Conference of Wesley Wellington Mission should await the outcome of Conference decisions about MMA.

2.0 The Current Situation

For 1998, MMA became the Transitional MMA (with a full time Convenor) and has concentrated on re-thinking the theology of Social Services Mission with a view to

presenting to Conference 1998 a new model for social services ministry. It is understood that a proposal will go to Conference seeking endorsement of the theological work, with further work to be done in 1999.

3.0 Proposed Next Steps

The Board has reviewed where we have come from, looked at the likely progress by TMMA, and is also mindful of the fact that Conference 1998 could well be largely focused on the Commission on Diversity and other matters.

The Board therefore advises Conference that the issue is still under consideration and believe there are several points that should be made.

- ✿ We still hold that the basic structure set out in our 1996 Submission to Conference is valid and a good model for the Mission with the Church.
- ✿ The question about the role of the Executive Manager (in relation to the Word/Deed issue) is still being reflected upon and some modelling carried out. In that respect, the Board would want to stress that it is firmly of the view that lay and ordained people are of equal value in considering suitable appointees to the position of Executive Manager.
- ✿ Until the theological work has been completed by the whole church and a clearer framework has evolved, Wesley Wellington Mission does not feel it can move further.
- ✿ Meantime, our situation remains as it was last year, although it is still important that we do not

allow delays at the national level to impede the strategic and specific developments the Board must address.

The Board has sent this report to Te Taha Maori, Synods and Advisory Committees for information at their October meetings.

SECTION B:

LOOKING FORWARD

Building on a strong base of established strategies, we approach the coming year determined to see a number of initiatives successfully introduced.

Community Services

A specific development planned for the coming year is an early intervention home visiting programme that will work with families in their homes to ensure the best possible start for the children, and to keep them safe from abuse and neglect. Initially, the programme will start in the Petone and Porirua districts of the Hutt Valley. The programme will work in partnership with health professionals, in particular the Union Health Service. Fundraising attempts are underway, with a range of church, private and corporate sources being explored.

Home and Health Services

From July 1, 1998, Home and Health Services has been renamed WesleyCare, to give a clear focus and branding.

The new name is significant. The name WesleyCare indicates that services will be provided for a wider community than just the elderly, eg. For people with disabilities. The name will also be reinforced with the message that we care about people rather than simply for them. This is in keeping with the Mission's empowerment model.

WesleyCare will comprise:

1. A residential centre, in both the Hutt Valley and Wellington. This centre will offer long term and short term accommodation.

2. A home support service which provides services to people either in their own homes or in supported units provided by the Mission.

3. A community team whose task is to advocate widely on behalf of people in the community. It will also have the task of working with the other WesleyCare services to ensure that clients needs are met. The team will also be involved in community development projects. One such project envisaged is the establishment of social centres providing workshops, coffee bars and fitness facilities.

The new service will be promoted widely. The aim is to have a sufficiently large service to achieve economies of scale that allow for the service to breakeven.

Housing

Wesley Wellington Mission has been concerned with issues of housing since the development of Community Services' Wesley Porirua Office in 1988, and the more recent development of Home and Health Division's Wesley Newtown in 1991. Both services work closely with a client base that relies heavily on housing directly provided by the state or the city council. We believe housing is likely to become a major focus for social service providers in the coming year.

The 1991 benefit cuts, and more recent moves towards market rentals have led to real hardship for many people. The year ahead will see many more stories of deprivation, overcrowding, ill health, crime and tragedy, resulting from overly expensive and substandard housing

State and council rents were once set at 25% of a tenant's income. A 1996 NZCCSS report - *Housing the Hungry* - states that 58.8%

of state tenants were spending more than half of their income on rent each week. We have seen no evidence to suggest that the situation has changed.

The Accommodation Supplement - a payment made directly to beneficiaries and low income earners to assist with rental costs does not cover the full cost of rental increases, and has left some of our clients to find up to \$40 per week. These and many other families are having to approach agencies for assistance.

The NZCCSS report states that 45.5% of foodbank clients surveyed said they had needed to seek help from a foodbank because of the cost of rent. The Wesley foodbank in Porirua works with the most needy in that area. We have seen a clear correlation between an increase in clients using the foodbank and an increase in rentals for state tenants, over the past four years. In the past year 72% of clients receiving food parcels from Wesley Porirua were noted as living in a state house.

The staff at Wesley Newtown, working primarily with older people receiving superannuation as their only source of income, have seen a similar plight - but with a different landlord. Wellington City Council's recent decision to increase rents to 90% of the market level from the current 80%, will result in further hardship for our clients. Staff at Wesley Newtown believe that any rent increase will result in tenants spending less on food, cutting back on heating and a reduced use of transport, essential as a means of getting out. Older people, in particular, feel disinclined to approach agencies for assistance, do not or can not use hire purchase as a means of buying needed commodities, and are unwilling to get into any kind of debt to cope with a decrease in disposable income. Their attempts to save money could very well result in poor nutrition, isolation, and an increase in health problems.

A further concern results from the council's policy of evicting tenants who are unable to keep their flats clean and in accordance with their health and safety requirements. Whilst we agree that there has to be a standard, it is clear that some tenants have trouble complying because of an insufficiency of motivational or life skills. These people need assistance rather than a life of misery. The obvious answer is for Wesley Wellington Mission to provide home support or residential care. Unfortunately, the Health Funding Authority only funds home support or provides a residential subsidy at a certain level of need. A gap is emerging between the availability of funding and tenants' actual needs.

Wesley Wellington Mission will continue to advocate on behalf of our clients. In essence we will focus on:

- The full provision of housing to those in need by central and local government, and attendant concerns about the use and level of the accommodation supplement.
- The market leadership position of the state in some areas where it is the primary landlord, which results in the state setting the market level.
- Central and local government policy issues which effect tenants requiring home support or subsidised residential care.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference notes that the restructuring of the Mission is still under consideration by the Board.
3. That Conference also notes that the Board does not feel confident to proceed further in the light of the developments taking place at the national level (TMMA)

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST MISSION

Report to Conference 1998

SHARING WHAT HAS HAPPENED

Governance

Timothy Langley concluded a 10-year term as Superintendent in January 1998. The Board has actively involved itself in the transition to a new superintendency, and in monitoring the functional relationship between the superintendent, and Sue Williams, General Manager.

In December, we farewelled Geoff Hill from a 10-year term as a Board member.

The Board's Strategic Plan for the period 1996-2001 has been reviewed. It is with considerable satisfaction that we note the achievement of many of the strategic objectives outlined in this document. The Board continues to adjust and refine its carefully targeted responses to our present social context, as we seek to fulfil our mission: "to enable innovative responses that lead to wholeness and justice through partnerships with children, their families and the frail elderly."

Durham Street Church

Durham Street is an integral part of the Mission's life and work. 20 hours per week of the Superintendent's work-load relates to Durham St, in partnership with Rev. Patricia Allan and the lay leaders of the parish. The Parish Council has developed its own strategic and management plans and Mission Statement: "As a worshipping congregation of the Christchurch Methodist Mission, we exist to embody by our words, our actions, and our life together, the all-inclusive love of God known to us above all through Jesus Christ."

New developments have included a strong Public Questions programme, a lay leaders' training group, a 6-week "Lent in the City" programme in partnership with three other inner-city churches, a greatly increased media profile, and development of a web site at www.methodist-mission-chch.org. A research project is being undertaken on beliefs, attitudes and values of Durham Street members. This will provide useful data in terms of planning for mission and church growth.

Emergency Relief and Advocacy

In addition to responding to the ever-increasing demand for food and other immediate assistance, we have employed two part-time advocates to work with families to achieve an improvement in their situation.

In the year to 30 June 1998, we distributed 2,776 food parcels (cf. 2,433 1996/97) to 3,017 families (cf. 2,077 in 1996/97), to a value of \$83,061 (1996/97 \$55,285).

Wesley Care—Services for Older People

Wesley Harewood Hospital has more than fulfilled our hopes and expectations for the quality of environment and care offered to the frail elderly. Occupancy rates for Wesley Harewood and Fairhaven Home & Hospital have also exceeded expectations.

With the completion of Block D (6 units) in June 1998, Marina Cove now comprises 25 independent living units. All units in blocks A-C have been sold, with the exception of two units which are held for rental on a long-term basis.

The old Wesley (Park Tce) site remains on the market, with a strategy in place to advance its sale.

Child & Family Services

We have worked with over 300 families, providing nearly 8,000 contact hours, predominantly through home-based social work. A research project was undertaken to assess the effectiveness of our residential family programme (Eastling). A "Child Rights Model" of social work has been adopted, with preeminence given to the needs and rights of the child.

Fairhaven Pre-School & Nursery

A social worker has been employed to work with the families of children in this early childhood education programme. A management plan and manual for the centre have been completed. The strategic direction of the Centre has been re-affirmed as a therapeutic pre-school and nursery, targeting children with behavioural difficulties and their families.

Green Gables, Nelson

In June 1998, a negotiated settlement was achieved between ourselves and Presbyterian Support, with the following joint statement issued:

From 1973 to 1996, Presbyterian Support Services and the Christchurch Methodist Mission developed and operated a rest home and hospital in Nelson ("Green Gables"), established by Presbyterian Support in 1957.

In response to the health reforms of the early 1990s and a desire to develop additional social services in the Nelson region, the two participating organisations considered the establishment of a new trust ("the Nelson Social Services Trust") and appointed a regional manager.

Following a report from the regional manager, and with the endorsement of the Nelson Social Services Trust, Presbyterian Support in June 1996 resolved to dissolve the Green Gables Trust Board, effective from 5 December 1996.

Green Gables Home and Hospital continues to be operated by Presbyterian Support.

A satisfactory agreement as to the discontinuance of the Christchurch Methodist Mission's involvement in Green Gables has been reached.

The Christchurch Methodist Mission and Presbyterian Support remain committed to working cooperatively wherever possible, in the delivery of social services in the upper half of the South Island.

The sum of \$521,000 has been released, the interest income on which is to be disbursed on church social services, community development, and social justice initiatives in the Nelson area.

Lifeline

Lifeline has been operating in Christchurch for 34 years. A team of 90 volunteer counsellors is supported by 3.5 FTE staff. In the 1997 calendar year, some 12,000 calls were received, averaging 230 per week.

The service is now registered as a charitable trust, with its own trust board. Strategic and management plans have been prepared to further the transition to autonomy from the Mission by 2001.

An accreditation visit from the NZ Lifeline Association in July 1998 reported most favourably on the service offered, and recommended full accreditation.

Management

A business action plan has been developed and implemented to bring the Mission into the new millennium. This has included a re-focusing of Goodwill stores and the purchase of AA Appliance Hire as the commercial arm of the Mission's activity. Income from Goodwill has increased to \$172,937 (cf. 1996/97 \$86,573; 1995/96 \$17,007).

In order to secure continuity of services, a degree of independence in relation to the State, and the capacity to develop community development and social justice initiatives, some "commercial" activity is necessary, together with maximising income from investments and property.

The computer network has been upgraded at Aldersgate—for the first time, staff are using compatible software!

Three managers have attended live-in executive staff courses, with another attending an eight-week leadership management course. An investment in highly-motivated, skilled managers is reflected in improved staff morale and an improved financial position.

We concluded the 1997/98 financial year with an operating surplus of \$3,949. This represents a considerable improvement in our financial position compared to the previous two years, when we have had a substantial operating deficit.

Parish development

We are committed to working in partnership with parishes throughout the upper half of the South Island. The superintendent provided facilitation to the Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast School of Theology, and has since participated in various programmes at St John's, Nelson. Conversation has begun with a number of other parishes in North Canterbury and the West Coast.

The Nelson churches have requested that a sub-committee of the Mission Board be located in their region.

The Dunedin Methodist Mission Board has initiated discussion with us, to explore possibilities for partnership or a merging of the two missions in the South Island.

Rehua Marae / Te Roopu Manaaki

Our partnership continues with the now autonomous services of Te Roopu Manaaki under the governance of the Rehua Marae Trust Board, to which the Christchurch Methodist Mission presently nominates five members, including the Superintendent. The Mission Board agreed in 1997 to make a gift of \$540,000 available over a three-year period, to secure the independence of these services to and for Māori.

Conversation is ongoing between the Mission, Te Taha Māori and the Rehua Marae Trust on the nature and extent of our future partnership with Rehua.

Research Unit

As previously reported to Conference, Dr Peter Nelson was appointed as a Senior Research Consultant in October 1997, to assist the Board with assessing the effectiveness of present services, evaluating opportunities for future service development, and social policy advocacy.

Dr Nelson conducted an evaluation of the Eastling residential child and family programme, and developed a questionnaire on beliefs, attitudes and values for the Durham Street congregation. In working with Dr Nelson, it became evident that further evaluation of service effectiveness is best conducted by contracting this work externally. In July 1998, Dr Nelson concluded full-time employment with us, but has been retained as a consultant.

As requested by Conference 1997, Methodist Mission Northern and the Christchurch Methodist Mission will work together on social policy analysis.

Transitional Methodist Mission Aotearoa

The Christchurch Mission has allocated resources (\$8,000) and a portion of the Superintendent's time to the work of the TMMA during 1998.

LOOKING FORWARD

Overall Direction

- continue to focus on children and their families, and the frail elderly
- continue a compassionate response to immediate need, but increasingly focus our resources on creating long-term "change and growth for good"
- thus, over time, move energy and resources from social services, to community development, raising awareness of structural injustice, and social justice initiatives and projects
- audit and report to Conference 1999 on the proportion of resources allocated respectively to social services, community development, raising awareness, and social justice, on a common model with Methodist Mission Northern.

Durham Street Church

- make the parish research findings and questionnaire available to the Mission Resourcing Unit
- continue to provide a strong Christian witness in a growing community of faith in the inner-city.

Partnerships

- maintain and establish new formal and informal partnerships between the Christchurch Mission, and parishes in the North Canterbury and Nelson-Marlborough-West Coast District Synods
- assist the Nelson parishes to identify and implement appropriate social service, community development and social justice projects with the income from the Green Gables settlement
- continue conversation to create an effective mechanism for partnership with Methodist Mission Northern and Wesley Wellington Mission, to enable coherence of overall strategy, and sharing of expertise and resources as appropriate.

Emergency Relief & Advocacy

- continue to respond appropriately to immediate need
- continue to advocate with and for families for long-term change
- create community, rather than “clients”—opportunities for food bank clients to meet and talk with each other, to identify self-help options and facilitate political participation and change
- report regularly to the media, MPs, local government and parishes, to raise awareness of the issue of poverty in NZ society.

Wesley Care—Services for Older People

- complete the planning process to replace Fairhaven Home & Hospital with a new aged care complex in the greater Christchurch area, that will represent an advance on the philosophy of care for the frail elderly already implemented at Wesley Harewood
- reduce our reliance on aged care income to fund other Mission services
- reduce our existing number of rest home beds
- build Block E (9 units) at Marina Cove, when all units in Block D have been sold.

Child & Family Services

- implement a “Child Rights” model of home-based social work
- continue the Eastling residential family programme
- maintain the Barrington St home for care and protection of children
- explore possibilities for partnership with other agencies in developing a residential programme for children with severe behavioural difficulties
- develop a life-skills programme for children aged 6-10 years

- continue and expand therapeutic play for children aged 3-11
- develop a primary preventative educational package targeting abuse and neglect of children.

Fairhaven Pre-School & Nursery

- evolve the centre into a therapeutic programme through the implementation of the *Te Wh riki* Early Childhood Curriculum
- target children most at risk (75% of participants in the programme)
- contract with families for their participation and involvement in a therapeutic programme
- integration with Child & Family services will be encouraged where appropriate.

Lifeline

- continue to support the Lifeline Trust Board in the transition to full autonomy of this service by 31 December 2001.

Management

- consolidate our improved financial position
- continue to develop an income stream independent of the State through prudent management of investments and property, and commercial activity consistent with the objects of the Mission
- actively manage asset portfolio ensuring a balance between our traditional reliance on property and our cash assets.

Rehua Marae

- work towards agreement between Te Taha M ori, the Christchurch Mission Board, and the Rehua Marae Trust as to the nature and extent of our partnership into the future
- resolve the outstanding question of gifting or transfer of land titles at Rehua to the Rehua Marae Trust.

Research

- continue to assess the effectiveness of present services by appropriate methods
- develop new services only where research demonstrates the need for and potential effectiveness of those services
- contribute to social policy analysis and advocacy for social justice.

Methodist Mission Te Wai Pounamu?

Following a series of discussions between the Dunedin and Christchurch Missions since 1996, we report an intention to request Conference 1999 to approve an amalgamation of the two Missions into a South Island Mission, with:

- a change of name to reflect the reality of Methodist social services throughout the South Island

- a single board of governance
- local management committees
- provision of leadership for Methodist ministry in community in the southern region.

David Bromell
Superintendent
and on behalf of the Board

SUGGESTED DECISIONS:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Christchurch and Dunedin Missions be encouraged to consult with Te Taha Maori, and with parishes, synods, boards and committees, on the proposed amalgamation of the two Missions, and to report to Conference 1999.
3. That the Board for 1999 be:

DUNEDIN METHODIST MISSION

Report to Conference 1998

SHARING WHAT HAS HAPPENED

New Directions:

This year the Dunedin Mission Board has continued to reflect on where they are and what the Mission should be doing. The aim of the new directions is to integrate the Dunedin Methodist Mission back into the life of the parishes rather than keeping it as a stand alone unit. The Mission seeks to achieve its aim by:

- working with parishes rather than establish more separate activity units
- better communication between parishes/synods and the Mission
- closer links between board members and parishes/synod.

Past Leadership:

The Board of the Dunedin Methodist Mission acknowledged the work of Rev Bruce Gordon who served the Mission for 12 years as Superintendent. Bruce kept the work of the Mission before the community at a time when we were recognised for provision of quality service. His name was synonymous with the Mission and he was held in high regard. At the same time he made links with other Church and community social service agencies, both in Dunedin and nationally, so that often he was involved with Government and the Department of Health negotiating funding for services and buildings.

Parish relationships:

During 1998 the Dunedin Mission Board has established a relationship with the Invercargill Methodist Parish PACT Outreach Committee. This group has been in existence since 1989 and has had a dynamic influence in the life of the Invercargill Church and community, bringing to the notice of the congregation the needs of the community in an outreach programme that is dedicated and innovative. The committee has responsibility for :

- Two playgroups which cater for up to forty children and their mothers.
- Brown Bags scheme (food bank).
- Second Hand shops
- Sewing group
- Storyroom, for children in need of some immersion in books or extra help with reading or motivation for reading.
- Community work which offers help with all kinds of household and garden jobs for those who are no longer able to manage alone.

➤Support for two mental health centers, Rata House and Our place, with the Southland CHE.

The Dunedin Methodist Mission has been able to help this group during the year with a grant of \$5,000 towards the costs of these services.

Parish/Synod relationships:

The Board has made it a priority that at least one member will attend each Synod meeting. At the March meeting of the Synod the Mission introduced the direction that they are taking and outlined the reason for the review of the mission. The response was positive with the board being challenged about:

- communication
- appropriateness of the "Dunedin" Mission name
- social services for who?
- who decides what is appropriate?

The response from the Board has been commitment to better communication with the district, parishes and connexion.

During the year communication has been established with Taha Maori and conversations continue with the Christchurch Methodist Mission.

Administration:

At the end of 1997 Mr Bruce Abbott finished his position as Director of the Dunedin Methodist Mission. 1998 has seen Nicola Grundy take up the position of office manager. This position deals with matters of correspondence, accounts, information sharing, board secretarial and parish office services. Each of the "Citizens Services" are run by a manager.

Ministry:

After thirty years associated with the Mission and Trinity Congregation Rev Shirley Ungemuth left the Mission at the end of 1997. This year Rev Jean Bruce is the presbyter associated with the Trinity Hall congregation which is the congregation traditionally associated with the Mission.

Aged Care Services:

The Missions 'Southcare' operation is based in South Dunedin and its aim is to help elderly people stay in their own homes as long as possible. Those who attend come from all walks of life and are living independently in their own homes. A van is available to collect those who wish to attend,

and different groups meet each afternoon of the week. Some of the activities provided are:

- Crosswords
- Board games
- Outings/Van trips
- Guest speakers
- Reminiscing/Storytelling

The Helping Hands programme has been developed as a result of our community worker visiting people in their homes. It became apparent that people with limited resources were reluctant to call out a firm to repair a minor household task because of the cost they may incur. As a result Helping Hands was formed. This programme concentrates on providing basic practical assistance to people who:

- receive benefits and low incomes
- do not have the support of nearby family and friends
- have disabilities.

Approach:

The Mission has been involved with Approach for a number of years. Approach is an employment and training programme mostly for adults looking for new skills, new beginnings and more advanced training. During the year we have been coming to terms with some of the implications of the Government's new direction in employment and training initiatives.

In this new operating environment we have obtained funding and commissioned a report examining possibilities for establishing a new enterprise as an employment initiative: a job creation idea. Large numbers of the people we work with have good work histories and reasonable work skills but are not competitive in the labour market because of poor literacy, family circumstances, age, limited learning ability etc.

Other services:

The Mission continues to run an excellent childcare programme based in South Dunedin. The staff have worked with 84 families and the community worker keeps in close contact with the centre. This year a excellent ERO report was received and the Mission are planning for an upgrade of the buildings.

The Friendship Centre continues to cater for people from all walks of life and offers a range of services from just sitting with someone for a chat to catering for business lunches.

Anglican Methodist Family care has been a busy agency over the last year with over five and half thousand referrals (one referral is one person or family). These statistics show we have contact with many thousands of people from a "one-off" involvement to many months work with some families. Services offered by AMFCC are:

- Homebased family support
- Child and Family Support service (foster care)
- Budgeting programme
- Family Therapy and Counselling
- Food bank
- Supporting Stenhope Crescent community house

All the services offered by AMFCC are full to capacity and overflowing. The Centre has also developed new initiatives this year such as a gardening group, after school and holiday programme and parenting courses.

THE FUTURE

Vision:

- Dunedin Methodist Mission is at a critical place concerning its future. The past five years we have made changes in services, which now bring us to a point where we can affirm the work we are doing and see new directions.
- The mission has changed its focus for aged care services from a 'charity' model of services to more of a 'community' model and thus our development of Home-care Support services. We believe that home-care services provide for unmet needs, and enable people to continue independent living as long as possible.
- We affirm our continuing services:
 - * Childcare up to the age of 5 years.
 - * Family care services.
 - * Partnership with Anglican Methodist Family Care Centre.
 - * "Approach" - employment/personal training.
 - * The Friendship Centre at the heart of Dunedin city.

- The co-operative relationship with Parishes who wish to offer Community ministry is our dream for future developments. If the Mission is to integrate its life through synods and parishes this partnership needs to be creative and open ended so that new initiatives occur in a way that enables parishes to have a sense of ownership.
- The discussions with Christchurch Mission since 1996 have brought us to the point of commitment this year, which we hope will gain the approval of the wider church and help us develop the vision we now see more clearly.

Methodist Mission Te Wai Pounamu?:

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1. A change of name to reflect the reality of Methodist social services throughout the South Island.
2. A single board of governance.
3. Local management committees.
4. Provision of leadership for Methodist ministry in community in the southern region.

Dunedin Mission is the smallest of all four regional Missions. In recent years the Dunedin Board has taken time to reflect carefully about services and structures, the result has been a deliberate change of focus, giving the Mission freedom to plan future developments. This is a critical time as we move towards a "community" model in partnership with parishes.

Suggested Decisions:

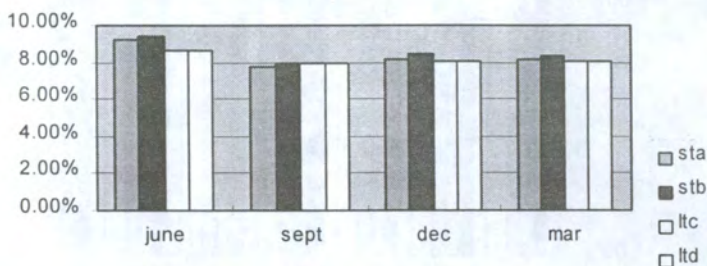
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2. The Christchurch and Dunedin Missions consult with Te Taha Maori, and with parishes, synods, boards and committees, on the proposed amalgamation of the two Missions, and to report to Conference 1999.
3. The Board for 1999 be:

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

Part I.

The Association has had another sound year as the investment vehicle for the Methodist Church of New Zealand investment funds. Income for the year increased to just over \$6.1m while expenses including property expenses reduced to \$1.3m. Net income rose by \$287,000 to \$4,773,345. This amount was distributed to Income and Growth and Income Fund depositors during the year. Distributions for the year for the four funds were quite satisfactory as shown in the graph following.

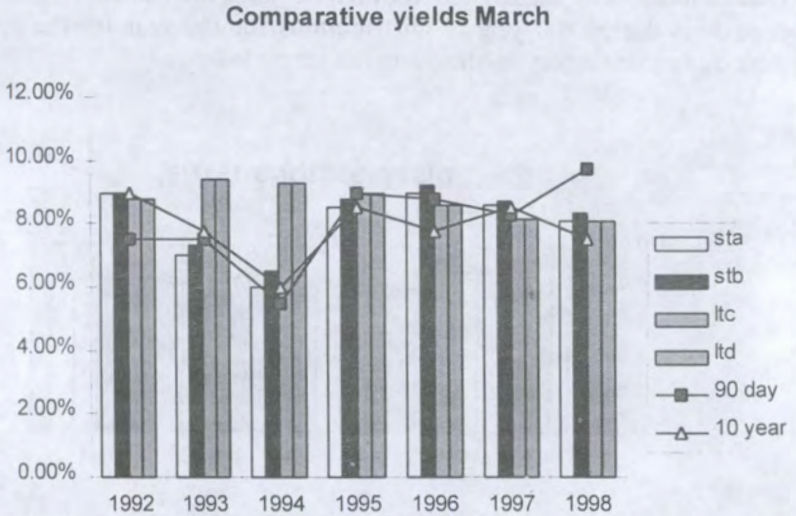
DISTRIBUTIONS 1997/8



For Growth and Income Fund depositors the additional of capital accretion lifted the return for the year to nearly 11.9% Returns compounded over the last 4 years exceed 11% and over the last 5 years exceed 10%. Such returns compare quite satisfactorily with those available in the market for balanced or property based investment funds.

The returns for Income Fund depositors closely followed the return on the money markets during the year.

The Association's income distributions over the last several years closely follow the movement in the markets as shown in the following graph of MTA distributions, the 90 day bill rate and 10 year Government stock rates as at March.



Property.

Property continues to be the predominant investment for the Growth and Income Fund and as at the end of March 1998 the Association's properties were approximately 98% occupied.

On 1 July 1998 a major tenant vacated two floors at Mayoral Drive when their lease concluded and the ongoing vacancy of those floors will impact on the returns to the Growth and Income Fund depositors until a new tenant is found. This space is being actively marketed. All other properties are

fully tenanted except for a minor amount of office space in Rotorua and a small shop in the Lychgate Arcade, Wellington.

Investments.

The Association's funds are held in a mix of investments spread over a wide range of different asset types and individual investments. This reflects (albeit with a particular property emphasis) modern allocation practices.

During the year the Association, in common with a large number of other New Zealand financial and charitable institutions, had the misfortune to experience the collapse of a major commercial operation with the failure of Maine Investments Limited which was the holding company for the former Skellerup group. This failure led to the effective cancellation of the total bond issue of \$77m and the Association suffered a loss of almost its total investment of \$500,000 in the group. The Board moved to ameliorate the position as best it could so that the affect on depositors was minimised. The loss attributable to the Growth and Income Fund was absorbed as part of the capital accretion for the year to March 1998. In the Income Fund a number of parcels of Government stock at premium returns were sold and the book value amounts reinvested at lower rates of return with the resulting capital profit being used to cover the Skellerup loss.

The reasons for the Skellerup failure will probably never be fully canvassed as in exchange for shares in the new entity rising from the remnants of the Skellerup Group valued at approximately 8% of the debenture investments, the majority of the debenture holders voted to indemnify all parties from any claims in respect of the failure. The Trust Association voted against such a settlement each time it was put to bondholders but unfortunately the Association is bound by the majority agreement provisions in the Trust Deed and now holds 35,789 ordinary shares at \$1.05 in Viking Pacific Limited.

The whole of the Income Fund investments are held in a mixture of Bank deposits, Government body and SOEs and company debentures. Growth and Income Fund investments are held:

Commercial Property	73%
Share Investments	19%
Fixed Interest Investments and Cash	8%

For Income Fund investments no change to the 100% Fixed Interest investment policy is envisaged whilst with the Growth and Income Fund investments the opportunity will be taken to reduce property investment as opportunities arise with a corresponding increase in share and fixed interest investments.

Equity Markets.

World equity markets have been on a roller coaster ride since the Trust Association's balance date of 31 March 1998.

Since that time international share prices rose steeply and have diminished at least as steeply. Current values for international investments are approximately the same as at the 31 March 1998. Capital values will not be re-adjusted within the Growth and Income Fund until March of next year.

Board Secretary.

The Secretary of the Trust Association is, according to its Constitution, the General Secretary. With Rev Stan West's time as General Secretary concluding at the end of January next year, Stan's time as Secretary of the Board will also conclude. The Board wishes to record its sincere appreciation for care and attention Stan has brought to the work of the Association during his time as Secretary of the Board and wishes he and Lyn well in their return to a parish appointment.

The Board records its appreciation for the life and service of Rev Bruce Gordon and expresses its sympathy to Margaret and family.

Section II.

Outlook to March 1999.

1 April 1998 saw a change in the way the Association's investments are managed. The Income Fund will continue as two separate funds – Short Term A and Short Term B, but the Growth and Income Fund was amalgamated into one investment fund. The Board of Administration (who provide management services to the Association) has moved to install new computer systems both for general ledger accounting and for funds

management the Trust Association, Church Building and Loan Fund and other funds administered by the Board on behalf of the Church. At the time of completing this report in September 1998 implementation of the new systems was underway with the teething and settling in problems that seem to be endemic with new computer systems. When fully operational the new systems are expected to materially improve the range and timelines of the already large number of accounts, reports and statistics available from the Connexional office and will amply repay the short term problems associated with their implementation.

From a market perspective the ongoing fragility of the New Zealand economy and the degree of confidence felt will continue to constrain investment returns in New Zealand. The Association's principle exposure will be in its commercial property and particularly in the vacancies in the Mayoral Drive building.

The Association will continue to provide a diverse and widespread range of investments both for depositors seeking fixed interest returns as well as those seeking a more diversified equity based investment. Investment with the Association has been authorised and recommended by Conference which encourages all Methodist Church organisations holding funds available for either short or long term investment to contact the Association to discuss the investment options available. Further investment is always welcomed by the Association.

Connexional Involvement.

The returns provided by the Association over many years have compared favourably with those available in the general market on a dollar for dollar basis.

The benefits of the Association within the life of the Church do not stop with provision of income distribution or capital accretion to depositors. The formation of the Association has enabled the Church to undertake a significant number of "in-house" investments that would not otherwise be possible. The Association has also enabled the Church to access commercial skills that may not otherwise have been available which have been used for the benefit of the Church in a variety of other ways quite separate from the Trust Association.

As in all things the Church is strongest when it acts in a connexional fashion not the least in the pooling of its investments to provide a breadth and range of investments not ordinarily possible and mutual assistance between depositors with the larger assisting the smaller.

The Association exists solely to receive deposits of funds owned by the Church and investment with the Association has been commended and encouraged by Conference.

Board Membership.

The constitution of the Association provides for 16 members of whom at least 3 shall be Presbyters. With the possibility that the General Secretary from 1999 may not be a Presbyterian the Association seeks Conference's approval from the 1999 year to appoint 17 board members which is one over its constitutional entitlement.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the annual accounts be received.
3. That the Board for 1999 be:
John Chittenden, Vincent Duffy, John Fraser, Hugh Garlick, Michael Greer, Chris Gregory, Graham Keightley, Barbara Lawrence, Lorraine Parker, Geoff Peak, Donald Philipps, Piripi Rakena, Lloyd Riesterer, Ranjit Sinnaduray, Stan West, the Executive Officer, and the General Secretary.

INVESTMENT BOARD

Section I.

The work of the Investment Board during the year has largely evolved around its ongoing appointment as Property Manager for the Pitt Street and Papakura Parish commercial properties.

Considerable work is undertaken by the Board through its property staff in maintaining high occupancy levels and market rents for the various properties.

The Board was also consulted on an informal basis on a number of possible property arrangements being considered by groups within the Church. As such discussions progress and more formal planning undertaken it is likely the Investment Board's consent on behalf of Conference will be sought for significant property transactions.

Section II.

The Investment Board is charged with exercising delegated authority from Conference on matters relating to commercial property sales, purchases and significant leasings. In addition the Investment Board considers matters relating to investment practice and policies within the Church as are referred to it. The Board also oversees the "agency-style" property management services offered within the Church.

Recommendation:

1. That the report be received.
2. The Board for 1999 be:
John Chittenden, Vincent Duffy, John Fraser, Hugh Garlick, Michael Greer, Chris Gregory, Graham Keightley, Barbara Lawrence, Lorraine Parker, Geoff Peak, Donald Phillipps, Piripi Rakena, Lloyd Riesterer, Ranjit Sinnaduray, Stan West, the Executive Officer and the General Secretary.

PACT 2086 TRUST

Part I.

The Trust exists to manage the lessor's residual interest in the 100 year Queen Street lease expiring in December 2086 together with the investment of the seed capital retained in the Prince Albert College Trust when the lease was entered into and the reinvestment of the income earned each year.

The Trust had a sound year with excess income over expenditure exceeding \$408,000. A surplus including unrealised capital gain on investments of just over \$700,000 was transferred to accumulated funds which totalled \$7,243,000 as at 31 March 1998.

The funds are held against the return of the Queen Street property to the Church at the expiry of the lease so that the Church will be in a position to realise the benefit of its significant landholding.

The Trust's investments, other than the lessor's interest in the Queen Street land are held in a variety of commercial properties, the Hawkes Bay forest development, government, local body and SOE stock, company debentures and company shares. All investments performed satisfactorily during the year and the continued excellent growth rates achieved in the forest were a particular highlight.

The Board of the Trust is made up of the same persons appointed to the Board of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association and the Board supports the comments in the Trust Association report on the late Rev Bruce Gordon and the service of Rev Stan West as Secretary and General Secretary of the Church.

Part II.

The Trust will continue with its stewardship of the property and funds entrusted to it in terms of the Trust's constitution.

The only extraordinary activity envisaged within the next 12 months will be the commencement of the first pruning cycle on the Kaweka Hawkes Bay forestry block. The growth rates of the trees has been

such that pruning will be started almost 18 months earlier than was originally envisaged. The Trust has resolved to develop the block under a policy of intensive silviculture to eventually provide quality saw logs rather than a low maintenance, low value forest for the wood chip market.

Suggested decisions:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the annual accounts be received.

RESTRUCTURING TASK GROUP

Report To Conference - 1998

The Restructuring Task Group has met once this year in order to develop further the concepts of the Regional Church. Conference requested that a report be circulated as early as possible to all sections of the Church for consideration. A major thrust in the report suggested that the focus of the Regional Church (synods, etc) should be in giving support to and the enabling of Parishes and Congregations, rather than being focused towards the processing of Conference decisions.

At the time of circulating their report the Committee became aware that the Commission on the Diversity of the Church was in the process of preparing a paper which would propose major structural changes within Te Haahi Weteriana. In light of this it is not surprising that many of the Synod responses to the restructuring report indicated the need to see the outcome of the Commissions work before taking the concept of the regional Church further. However, at the same time there were a number of responses to the restructuring report, that should not be overlooked.

The other major issue that has been raised with the committee relates to the membership of the Tauwi Forum. There is a strong view that the Tauwi Forum's membership should move towards a more equal partnership. This issue is also seen as a matter that is affected by the outcome of the Commission's work, for example will there be a Tauwi Forum?

The Restructuring Committee did not see any point in developing either of these matters at this point in time, because it could be both confusing and unhelpful to the wider conversations that are taking place. Consequently, we are now recommending that both of these matters, including the responses made by Synods to the

report on the regional Church, become the tasks for the committee in 1999.

Suggestion Decisions:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the committee continue to develop the concept of the regional Church and report to Conference 1999.
3. That the Committee review the membership of the Tauwi Forum, with a view to achieving a more equal partnership.
4. That the Restructuring Committee for 1999 be:
General Secretary (Convenor), Lynne Frith, Nga Kaiarahi,
John Murray, Norman West, Aso Saleupolu, with further
names to be approved by the President.

Welfare of the Church Committee

Report to Conference 1998

LOOKING BACK

During 1998 Welfare of the Church Committee commenced work on a number of issues facing the church. We recognized the pain that much of Te Haahi is currently experiencing as a consequence of decisions made at the 1997 Conference, and felt that, as a committee which is directly charged with concern for the Church's welfare, we would have been remiss if we did not seek to engage this issue at all. We were aware of the Commission On Diversity in the Church, and chose not to cover the same ground it was charged with exploring. Instead we have restricted our consideration for this year to narrowly addressing the processes of Conference which contributed to the struggle in which the Church is currently engaged. This is dealt with in our response to the notice of motion from the 1997 Conference concerning Conference Facilitation, and in our suggested decision seeking to clarify the consensus decision making process.

LOOKING FORWARD

Welfare of the Church Committee believes that if the work it has undertaken this past year is taken seriously by Conference and its suggested decisions ratified and enacted, Te Haahi will be making important moves toward greater future health.

1. **Notice of Motion** from 1997 Conference

'That Conference appoint a facilitator of business for all sessions rather than business being chaired by President or Vice-President, such a position being held for 5 years.'

Much of the following work was presented to August meetings of Rohe, Synods, Boards and Committees for discussion and response:

Conference sessions have always been chaired by the President and/or the Vice-President. As these offices are elected annually there are difficulties and risks:

- (1). No continuity.
- (2). Variable experience in chairing meetings.
- (3). Variable skills in the different aspects of chairpersonship.
- (4). No or limited knowledge of group dynamics or cultural subtleties.
- (5). In some cases, little understanding of church procedures, protocols, or cultures useful at a public level.
- (6). Personal preferences and prejudices getting enmeshed with a public task inherited as part of the role.
- (7). 'Giving leadership' as President or Vice-President is mixed up in what needs to be clearly unbiased work as a person chairing a meeting process for a consensus decision.

This will create results that are uneven in terms of efficiency, debate, process, and good outcomes.

The Secretary of Conference, the Legal Adviser, the Ex-President and Vice-President, Elders and convenors are able to be consulted

and a 'team decision' can provide a way through, consensus decision making and the use of 'time out' for caucus discussion has introduced new dilemmas and new opportunities for democratic outcomes.

Advantages of a chairperson who would serve for 3 to 5 years:

- (1). Chairperson will be seen as independent and therefore gain respect from all parties over the appointed time.
- (2). President and Vice-President could take part in debates as members of conference and offer leadership, hold the ethos, philosophy, theology, and bring forward visionary considerations.
- (3). Services, opening and closing sessions, would be the responsibility of the President and Vice-President though they may elect to invite others to participate.
- (4). President and Vice-President would see to the pastoral needs of clergy and Conference members.
- (5). 'Team decisions' by the Secretary of Conference, Legal Adviser, the President and Vice-President, the Ex-President and Vice-President, Elders and Convenors would also be chaired for consensus, as would any 'top table' discussion.
- (6). No one currently holding high office in any part of the church would have an advantage, as everything has to be processed through consensus so personal agendas would be minimized.
- (7). Minority frustration would be lessened when meetings were chaired by an independent person and not by someone with a known opposing point of view.

Requirements of a facilitator:

There needs to be a job description drawn up and a description of the qualities needed by the person undertaking this complex task. In the first instant the qualities would be personal, as to character, as to life and particularly church experience. The facilitator will need to know how to work lovingly. This is both a skill and a spiritual choice in facilitation. When this intent is present the outcomes are different. This is a means of encouraging people to be conscious of the presence of the sacred and assists recognition of any issues of power and survival. Both of these energies effect outcomes profoundly. Openness in naming these is then possible as a useful part of the flow of interaction. The facilitator must not be involved emotionally with the issue at any level. This does not mean having no personal opinion, rather the ability to bracket or set aside such opinion and focus totally on the process of the work in progress, keeping the intent in place. The boundaries of the process will allow the feelings of the individuals and the groups within the meeting to have safe expression. Professionally related work experience, knowledge of group facilitating, of chairing in a mixed cultural and religious setting is also essential. Allied to this, a knowledge of the particularity of this Conference's processes and protocols with a sense of history and future would bring depth to the task. Acceptability to all parties would need a consensus decision about the appointee by the various parts of the church systems.

Matters for further consideration:

(1). The question of whether the appointee is from within the Methodist Church or with other religious affiliations, or without church connection but holding a spiritual perspective on life, or an experienced facilitator/chairperson who does not fall into any of these categories.

(2). The legal status within the church of such an appointee and whether the final statement of the agreement and the Conference's response needs to be spoken by the President or Vice-President.

(3). Length of term. This will need to be at least 3 years, as anything less is both disruptive and will cause difficulties within the whole system. Perhaps the wiser way would be to have a minimum and maximum term with the right of an annual renewal after the three year period that is subject to open review by the incumbent and a small representative group appointed each year on behalf of the church.

(4). The possibility of Co-chairpersons, a man and a woman, one from each cultural partnership group within the Church. They could consult together and give support and monitor each other's work. They could chair separately or together and this would be an appropriate sharing of power. (Caution: The level of expertise sought in this suggestion is much less likely to be found if narrowed to the field of the church only.)

The overwhelming response from Synods was to reject the concept of independent facilitation of Conference business. Most felt that this should continue to be the task of the Presidential team, with the availability of independent facilitators to help deal with difficult issues. In spite of this response, Welfare of the Church committee believes that it is time for the Conference to seek a new way of doing its business. We recognize that there is a difference between providing facilitation and providing leadership, that the mix of skills and personal qualities required for each of these tasks is quite different.. We recognize that many will struggle to see that there is a difference, and will be likely to resist such a change. The only way that many will be able to 'see' the difference is to experience it first hand. We recognize also that to move to a professionally

facilitated Conference will significantly effect the role of the Presidential team. Notwithstanding this, Welfare of the Church Committee believes that the benefits of a professionally facilitated Conference will heavily outweigh the disadvantages both in terms of the processes and outcomes of Conference, and the reinforcement of the role of the Presidential team as the Church's pastoral leaders.

2. NOTICE OF MOTION from 1997 Conference

'That a Parish be able to appoint a student in training as their Parish Representative to Conference when they have no other person 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 in 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 suggested decision reflects the responses of most synods

3. Consensus Decision Making

Welfare of the Church Committee was most concerned at the way in which the 1997 Conference chose to apply the consensus decision making model to its business. As part of a process aimed at seeing how the Conference could make its decisions better we engaged in an exercise of considering principles for resolution of conflict, and forms and facilitation of process. This was included as a discussion paper in the report for August Synods. As part of that consideration we offered a clarifying definition of what might constitute consensus in

Te Haahi. The relevant clause has been included as suggested decision 4.

Suggested Decisions

1. That this report be received
2. Conference affirms the concept of Facilitation of Conference business sessions by an independent, appropriately skilled facilitator. Conference asks that the Board of Administration draw up a draft job description and person profile for dissemination to May 1999 meetings of Rohe, Synods, Boards and Committees seeking responses by 30 June 1999, and proceeds to appointment through a 4+4 process for the 1999 Conference.
3. Conference affirms that Students in training are eligible for appointment as lay representatives to Conference for the Parish in which they are currently involved as worshipping/participating members. In normal circumstances such students should not participate in Committees of detail dealing with matters relating to ministry and theological training.
4. Conference affirms that Consensus within Te Haahi is defined as that process which acknowledges that decisions will not be made without the substantive agreement of all concerned perspective groupings. All need to feel that they have been heard. Only when it is accepted that all perspective groupings are either in agreement or are prepared to live with a suggested decision, will that decision be made.

EPWORTHBOOKS

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1998

The Year in Brief

The year has again been one of progress and change. A number of initiatives have been put in place, but at the time of writing, it is early days to assess the results. The Board continues to search for new and innovative ways to promote the shop and there has been a good deal of success with such things as *Shop Evenings*, *Book Launches* and promotions of particular material targeted at customers with those interests. The Shop Evenings (confined to the Wellington area) have been warmly received and their success is due almost entirely to the expert presentation by Joy Wright who uses her considerable knowledge of the material for making an informative, stimulating and profitable evening.

Financially, the shop did not do as well as predicted and this continues to be of concern to the Board. It was necessary to replace the computer system as the previous machines had gone far beyond their useful life. The new system is already proving to be much more versatile; one example being that its database is more flexible and enables us to be more targeted in our mailouts and invitations to events.

Significant staff changes were first made in the middle of the (financial) year with the going of both Marie Carter and Brenda Baker. Making them redundant was not an easy decision, but in the judgement of the Board, they did not have the skills necessary to take the shop into the next stage of its development. The planned changes require a whole different range of expertise.

The Board has been much heartened by the support offered by various people in the Church and beyond. There is clearly a place for the kind of material promoted by EpworthBooks and we know there is a market whose needs we can meet well. The popularity of *Religion in Life* is one of our best examples. We are the only business of its kind in the country and can still be considered to be a vital part of the mission of the Methodist Church in the community. We are all too conscious that asking for continuing financial support from the Connexion brings its own strains, but we are convinced that it is one way the Church can be visible in the general market place.

Overall Financial Performance

The financial performance continues to be a major focus for the Board as in past years. The grant from Connexional funds was \$29,475 but the shop had to

face two major costs, one of which was unexpected, which affected the year's results. The outcome was a net deficit of \$71,159 after the grant. The two major costs were the redundancy and holiday pay paid to the two former staff members (approximately \$20,000 in total) and the reduction in margin allowed by the suppliers of *Religion in Life*. This latter amounted to a reduction of \$18,500.

The distribution contract for *Religion in Life* will be re-negotiated by the end of September and can only be renewed if there is a higher margin obtained.

Had these two costs not occurred, the net loss for the year would have been close to that for last year.

The following table updates the one presented last year and shows the level of support from the Connexional budget since 1994 along with the net result.

Year	Trading Losses	Connexional Support	Other Support	Net Result
1994	\$17,817	\$23,738	\$12,000	\$17,921
1995	\$31,250	\$13,500	\$13,174	\$(5,750)
1996	\$65,179	\$13,174	\$14,000	\$(38,005)
1997	\$46,642	\$14,525	\$0	\$(32,117)
1998	\$100,625 *	\$29,475	\$0	\$(71,150)
* Includes extraordinary (one off) costs of \$38,500				

Sales

Total sales reduced by 2.8% to \$489,076. Within this total, *Religion in Life* increased by 3.1% but General Sales decreased by 8.9%. Sales of materials for use in Sunday Schools have dropped slightly this year. These sales are only a fraction of what they were ten years ago; because attendance at Sunday Schools has seriously diminished over the same period.

Expenses

The greatest single overhead is salaries and wages. These fell about \$3,000 over the year, because of less use of casual staff, although this has put a consequently higher work load on the Manager. In general, expenses have been kept under good control, even allowing for the costs of developing the shop into an organisation which makes book buying a pleasant and worthwhile

experience. We have had feedback from customers telling us that they do recognise the difference.

The Future

The Board continues to be confident that the shop has a future, even given the niche market we occupy and the continuing effort required to keep up and increase sales. The mission of the Methodist Church is still well served by the shop and support continues to come from a wide range of people in the church communities. The business may never be a money spinner, but the aim of the Board is to fulfil our mandate of making it commercially viable so as to avoid any unnecessary strain on the Connexional Budget. The Board is of the view that we will achieve our aim, but there is some way yet to go. The Church's continued relatively modest support will still be needed for a year or two. To that end, we are asking again for a subsidy to the level of the cost of one presbyter. The Board considers that this level is a good investment for the Church to make in this area of its ministry.

If we are to succeed, however, we need to have more regular and solid support from the whole church. Those who are our regular customers are high in their praise of the range of material available, the expertise of Joy Wright, Manager and the fact that Epworth is the only source of some material. It is only by retaining and expanding such support that the shop will survive and grow. The Board is always ready to listen to advice and suggestions from our many friends. Your help is much appreciated—please keep it up.

The Board continues to explore marketing initiatives and new ideas, but more are always welcome. The shop evenings and book launches have been especially successful and we will do more of them. Bookstalls also continue to be popular. They can be provided anywhere in the country (with reasonable notice) for events, conferences and the like or as ongoing features of a parish.

Staffing

The Board would like to record for Conference its special thanks to the Manager, Joy Wright, for her efforts. It has been particularly stressful for her and we value her expertise and dedication in getting us through the year. Our thanks also to Marie Carter and Brenda Baker who had served the shop faithfully for 10 and 11 years respectively. As part of the severance arrangements, they were both offered re-training and counselling assistance paid for by the shop. It was with great sadness we learned subsequently that Marie Carter had been diagnosed with untreatable bone cancer. Our prayers are with her.

We welcomed Heather Kavan and Terry Cave to the staff and also thank Chris Bishop for the short time he was with us.

Board Membership

We were sorry to lose the services of Roger Olssen when he resigned on being transferred away from Wellington. We thank him sincerely for his contribution. We were pleased to welcome Ian Harris to the Board. Ian has long experience in journalism and publications (he was Editor of *Crosslink* for a time) and has also been involved with the St Andrew's Trust.

The Board is not recommending any other new members at this stage, although we may ask the President to appoint another member or two during the year.

Suggested Decisions

1. That the report be received.
2. That the continuing efforts of the Board to improve and develop the business be encouraged.
3. That the level of subsidy provided from the Connexional Budget for the next year be the equivalent of the cost of one presbyter.
4. That the Board Membership for 1999 be :

Graham Weir (Chair)

Fletcher Thomas

Kathy Stirrat

Ian Harris

(The General Secretary is a member by right of the Trust Deed)

Board of Administration Report to Conference 1998

A – LOOKING BACK

INTRODUCTION

The Board of Administration continues the oversight and management of the many responsibilities and activities that come within its scope or are referred to it by Conference. During the year the Board has considered many matters that affect the Church and ministry in relation to Superannuation, Insurance, Housing, Copyright, and many others. This report gives a brief overview of these tasks, many of which will form the ongoing work of the Board.

The 1998 year has seen two significant changes within the Administration Division. Firstly, as reported to, and acknowledged at, last Conference Vin Percy retired after serving almost 21 years within the Administration Division office. We were pleased to welcome Denise Biddick as Personal Assistant for the General Secretary. Although, Denise had no previous understanding of the Methodist Connexion, requiring a steep learning experience of how the Methodist Church functions, she took the challenge in her stride, fitting into the office well and offering excellent support to Church, to Stan as well as other office staff. There have been no other staff changes this year.

The second significant change was the installation of new computer systems within the office. The new accounting systems operated within the Administration Division is now centred on to two separate computer software packages. The TACT (Trust Accounting) package is designed to record deposits and investments together with loans and mortgages. It was written by an Australian Company and is used by the Uniting Church in Australia. It will link to the Dynamic accounting package, which was written by an American Company, and contains the accounting financial modules (Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable and General ledger).

The old computer system, which had been tailored for our own needs, was technologically dated, and therefore required a mainly manual process to transfer to the new system. Some difficulties were encountered and there were delays in sending out June information to parishes. The staff have worked very hard to introduce the new system with many additional hours being worked. We believe that the new system will enable more timely information to be available. As with all computer software packages there are limits to the flexibility but we are endeavouring to tailor reports to meet the Church's needs and take account of suggestions we have received. The process of completely changing all of our systems over to the new computer systems will take some time to complete but we are confident that it will be finalised during 1999.

STAN WEST

At the end of this Connexional year Stan West leaves the position of General Secretary which he has held for 12 years and returns to Parish Ministry. During this period there have been many significant changes within the Church. We are sure Stan's memories of his time will be a mixture of the good and the not so good.

One of the major contributions Stan has brought during his time as General Secretary is a more open relationship between the Church as a whole and the Administration Division. He has always encouraged prompt and detailed responses to the enquiries that come to the office. He has played a very significant part in the many committees of the Church in which he participates, encouraging the sort of change that will help the Church to function more efficiently in the future.

A less happy feature of this time has been the growth of litigation in which the Church has been one of the parties. Some of these legal proceedings have involved Stan personally and will not have been resolved at the time his appointment concludes. The Board asks for the support of the Church as resolution to these matters is sought. The Board is well aware that staff members of the Administration Division have enjoyed working alongside Stan and expresses its thanks to him for the support and encouragement he has always given them in their work. There are many staff who have appreciated the

pastoral concern that Stan has shown them. Though his own training did not involve a deep acquaintance with accounting matters he has always ensured that he was well informed and involved in the many changes that have taken place within the office.

To Stan, and to Lyn whose unfailing support has enabled Stan to carry out his task so thoroughly and so well, the Board offers its warm appreciation. (refer to Suggested Decision No. 3)

OFFICE BANK ACCOUNTS

One of the changes that has been made possible by the new computer systems is the reduction of the number of bank accounts operated within the office. In the past each of the Funds (entities) administered by the Division had operated its own separated bank account. Under the new system, we are able to operate with two bank accounts, one for the TACT system, and one for the Dynamic system. This significantly streamlines the financial operations of the Division.

However, for the Supernumerary Fund this raises an accounting issue that needs to be addressed by Conference. Once Supernumerary Fund contributions have been collected from members and Parishes they are no longer the property of the Methodist Church but of the Trustee of the Supernumerary Fund, which is an autonomous body independent of the control of Conference. When these contributions pass through the combined bank account there is, in theory, the possibility of these funds being lost before being paid on to the Fund's Investment Manager. It should be noted that contributions are invested immediately that they are received and would be held within the bank account for no longer than one day. However, remote as it might be, it is possible that the contributions could be held by a creditor, as security for a Methodist Church debit. The Trustee therefore seeks the Conference to indemnify them should this unlikely event occur. (refer to Suggested Decision No. 2)

STIPEND

In considering its report and recommendation on the level of stipend for the current year, the Stipend Review Committee was aware of the decision made at the 1997 Conference:

"9. Conference authorises the Board of Administration to adjust the Methodist Stipend package, taking account of allowances, superannuation and leave entitlements, so to bring it into line with the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches: These adjustments are to be fully effective from 1st July 1999."

The Committee reviewed the comparative remuneration information of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican Churches, as included in the Board of Administration report to Conference 1997 p229. The mid-point between the lowest (Methodist) and highest (Presbyterian) remuneration packages was added to the indicative figure obtained by application of the formula adopted by the 1994 Conference.

Consequently, through the Board of Administration, it was recommended to the President that the stipend for the year commencing 1 July 1998 be \$34,164, an increase of 2.44%. The President approved the increase in stipend in line with the Board's recommendation.

The Stipend Committee noted that during this coming year the five yearly review of the Stipend is to be undertaken. Therefore, the Committee will update the information on the comparative remuneration packages of the five member Churches of the Forum of Co-operative Ventures in readiness to bring the Methodist package in line with the other Churches.

PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND LAYWORKERS LOAN FUND

Deposits:

At present there are 74 depositors in the fund, with interest at 3% being credited. There are frequent requests for the withdrawal from deposits, of a few hundred dollars, which seems to suggest that for many depositors, the deposit is seen as reserve to meet general running costs, rather than 'a nest egg' for future car replacement.

'Deposit Supported' Car Loans:

At 30 June there were 40 Presbyters with car loans who were contributing to a deposit account. These loans bear interest at 5% flat or 9.155% true rate. There have been an increasing number of requests for topping up loans to the \$6,000 maximum, which does not appear to be applied to the purchase of new vehicles, as they are not associated with requests for the return of Car Ownership papers.

Interest Free Loans:

At 30th June 1998 the number of 'interest free loans,' which are available to those leaving Theological College, was 14.

Special Loans:

At 30th June, 1998 there were 6 Housing Loans for those approaching retirement. Loans are available to those 55 years of age and over who have already purchased a retirement home, and are limited to \$10,000 each with principal and interest payable monthly. Since balance dates these loans have been moved from the Presbyters, Deacons and Layworkers Loan Fund to the Retiring Ministers' Housing Fund.

LAY WORKERS' RETIRING FUND

The 24 members of the Fund transferred to The Retire Fund managed by the Board. Approvals to confirm the tax free status of the Lay Workers' Retiring Fund and distribution of the taxation provision is currently being negotiated. When the tax position is resolved the remaining assets of the Lay Workers' Retiring Fund will be distributed in accordance with the Trust Deed.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

Loans and Finance:

The year ended 30 June 1998 saw 12 loans advanced to a total value of \$522,000 compared with 3 loans and a total value of \$152,000 for the year to 30 June 1997. 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 WestpacTrust Floating Home Mortgage rates. The rate at the end of the financial year was 10.125%, however further changes in rate have applied since then reflecting the ongoing downward movement in interest rates. The policy of reduced interest during the first 2 years of a loan continues, and is appreciated by most parishes, as a Connexional contribution to the parishes new acquisition.

Property Realisation Deposits from Parishes totalled \$2,921,430 compared with \$3,791,673 at the 30 June 1997, representing a decrease of 22.95%. The Property Realisation Deposits are the major source of funds for Loans advanced. At 30 June 1998 loans to Parishes totalled \$1,284,675 compared with \$1,180,552 at 30 June, 1997 an increase of 8.82%. Interest paid on the deposits, is at 75% of the rate charged on the loans.

Apart from monies on loan, the balance of the funds from Property Realisation are mainly deposited in the Methodist Trust Association and is therefore readily available if required for loans or repayment of deposits.

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. Funds for grants are dependent on the income producing capacity of the fund. The original intention was to provide a relatively small, but hopefully significant grant to assist with new developments. There has been an increase in the number and value of grants paid to struggling parishes to assist in significant maintenance. Applications for grants should initially be made to the Mission Resourcing Unit.

Use of Property Realisation Funds for Parish Survival:

For many parishes the disposal of property is the result of rationalisation of the resources within the parish, to enable the maintenance of an effective ministry. Having disposed of the property an approach is often 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 Church for hopefully better days ahead, and on the other hand to act pastorally and sensitively towards the parish concerned. The normal practise 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. The rationale for the retention of the 20% of the income is that this should help to maintain the purchasing power of the capital.

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee has also been given delegated authority by Conference to permit the release of funds for significant maintenance of Church buildings and examples of such projects would be re-roofing of a building, painting and decorating.

Use of Architect:

Parishes are reminded of the need to use a registered Architect for all property development other than the building of residential housing, when drawings by a Registered Master Builder will generally be acceptable.

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 Fund - 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 consider ways in which funds can be utilised.

Co-operative Ventures are not expected to make any contributions to the Development Funds – Ministries. However, there is merit for Cooperative Ventures to consider the possibility of making a proposal to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for the designation of a portion of up to 25% of the proceeds to be applied to new and innovative Ministries within their Parish or the District.

District Property Advisory Committees:

We again acknowledge the work being undertaken by the District Property Advisory Committees. It is important they be seen as having a two-pronged role:

- as a resource to assist Parishes in considering their property needs by being able to provide objective analysis of the local situation,
- at the same time providing 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.

Donations and Bequests

The Church Building and Loan Fund acknowledges the following distributions received during the year:

	\$
Barnett Estate	6,877
Buttle Estate	455
F.W.Walter Estate	8,351
Cardno Estate	2,619
Woodward Estate	2,316
M.B. Gilmour	<u>690</u>
	<u>21,308</u>

INSURANCE FUND

The Insurance Fund again experienced a relatively light year, principally because there were no claims involving the Reinsurers, and partially because of the effect of the alarm systems installed in churches and church halls to date.

We are convinced that the alarms have reduced both the number and the cost of claims over the last two years, and the Board therefore desires to continue the alarm installation programme to many of the church/church hall buildings which have not yet been fitted with an alarm system voluntarily. While we do not expect alarms to eliminate claims entirely, we are satisfied that they do deter intruders by either minimising thefts, or confining damage to the exterior of the building.

As a consequence of the low volume of claims, combined with the present "soft" insurance market (i.e. several Insurers competing for the same volume of business), the annual Renewal for the year to May 1999 has been achieved at a lower Premium rate than last year. All previous benefits (such as Earthquake & Natural Disaster Cover to full replacement value) are retained within the reduced premiums.

However, within the life of the Fund there are definite cycles of periods of lighter claims and periods of much heavier claims. We have been experiencing a lighter period over the last two years and must maintain a cautious approach towards the probable change in the cycle at any time. When combined with the cyclic nature of the Insurance Industry regarding "soft" or "hard" premium periods, the overall effects can vary considerably from year to year. It is therefore prudent to continue the alarm installation programme for safeguard of our buildings and minimising future costs. It is also reasonable to continue the present policy of a 20% increased premium charge to those churches/church halls which do not have alarms installed, as this conscious decision on their part does have a wider ramification for the whole Connexion when the insurance market is "hard".

Since August 1997 the Church has had in place a suite of Professional Indemnity Insurance Covers. This is being maintained on the basis of interim policy wordings and sums insured while a legal review of the exposures of all aspects of the Church's work takes place. The Fund will be promoting these Covers by way of handout material, and also Roadshows to all Districts and Missions, etc. in due course. We apologise that this is taking longer to finalise than was initially envisaged, but it is very important that we obtain the best possible

Cover for the variety of Connexional involvements undertaken, and with particular care for the needs of Co-operating Parishes with other partner denominations also carrying responsibility.

A summary of the Fund's financial year to 30 April 1998 shows a Premium income of \$883,437 (previous year \$1,079,529).

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 1998 the Fund comprised of 151 deposits, all of which have specific designated purposes and have a total capital value of \$25million. The majority of the deposits are invested with the Capital and Growth Fund of the Methodist Trust Association. The investments earned around \$2million 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 \$27,588 for Parishes.

Thorndon Trust:

The one-third Connexional share of the Thorndon Trust which amounted to \$4,969 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 \$6,310 will again be used within the Connexional Budget.

REMOVAL FUND

The fund has had 21 moves, costing \$43,253, while last year there were 27 moves costing \$41,897. The average cost of moves was \$2060 compared with \$1,552 last year. The significant difference has been due to the higher average charge in the South Island moves, and the Student to College cost being higher than the previous year both situations resultant of the distances of these moves compared with 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 \$52,917 compared with \$54,587 in the year to 30 June 1997. In the current year there was a surplus of \$1,620 compared with a surplus of \$3,805 in the last year.

It is anticipated that there will be a similar number of moves in the coming year, but a decision has been made to maintain the levy at the same rate as over recent years of \$4 per annum per member.

ARCHIVES

The workers at Christchurch and Auckland archival centres have worked extremely hard over the past year.

Many researchers visit us: we received inquiries from all over the world, and the extent and diversity of their queries amazes us.

Local parishes are becoming more aware of the importance of records and their preservation and we have been overwhelmed by the number of cartons of archival material we have received. Some of the documents have been very valuable, dating back to the 1870s.

We have also spoken to a large number of groups about the importance of keeping archives.

CONNEXIONAL SELF HELP

A number of activities undertaken by the Board or where staff employed by the Board are used, are in the nature of mutual support and assistance packages around the Connexional. One of the most obvious processes is the administration and operation of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association which was formed by Conference to receive and invest funds owned by the Church and available for term investment.

Other procedures include the banking arrangement with the Bank of New Zealand where all of the church's current accounts are based on the BNZ Christchurch and the church benefits through the use of the offset account both to fund church development on a tide-over basis and also through the surplus in income earned on investing the funds. For the year to March 1998 a further \$48,000 was made available to the Connexional budget. Again this is a significant and meaningful contribution to the wider work of the church achieved at little cost to the Connexion.

Less obviously but of importance, are the bulk buying arrangements operated through the Connexional office, such as the travel arrangements whereby as well as accessing the cheapest seats available on Ansett and Air New Zealand on a per flight basis, the Church also receives discount on the face value of the ticket and other travel advantages. The more of the Church's airline and travel bookings that can be booked through the Connexional office the greater the value of the Church's relationship with both airlines and the more likely it is that the Church can access greater savings and benefits in its national travel budget.

With the decrease in toll charges, the growth in email and the wide acceptance of electronic ticketing, booking enquiries and flight confirmations can be economically and speedily made. The booking system through the Connexional office is equivalent to a travel agents booking scheme and it can ensure the cheapest flights available on either Air New Zealand or Ansett at the time the bookings are made.

The other bulk purchasing arrangement of note is the Methodist Church of New Zealand fuel card through Mobil Oil New Zealand

Limited. Even with the reduction in fuel prices the use of the fuel card provides significant savings particularly for those ministers and employees of the Church who travel regularly. Application forms for the fuel card are available through the Connexional office.

GOODS & SERVICES TAX

All Methodist Parishes, Boards, Trust, Division and Methodist organisations are included in a group registration for G.S.T. purposes.

There are approximately 135 returns that are consolidated into a single monthly return from the Connexional Office. With the recently enacted G.S.T. penalties regime it is important that all G.S.T. returns are accurate in every detail and where G.S.T. is payable the tax is paid on time.

Because of the complex nature of G.S.T. particularly with regard to charities and religious organisations, technical queries often arise.

The Connexional Office encourages such enquiries and is available to assist.

SECTION B:

SUPERANNUATION

The Board, as Trustee, at its recent meeting received the tri-annual review of the Supernumerary Fund. The Supernumerary Fund Actuary reported a very favourable position for the Fund, making a number of suggestions about the way the surplus could be treated. The following is the special report prepared by the Actuary for inclusion in this report to Conference:

The Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand

Summary of Actuarial Review at 31 January 1998

Introduction

This is a summary of the actuarial review carried out at 31 January 1998. While it gives an overview of the review it should not be considered a substitute for the full report which is available from the Secretary of the Fund.

Purposes of the Review

The main purposes of the actuarial review are:

- to determine whether the contributions payable by the Church are adequate;
- to make a recommendation on any change in the rate of pension; and
- to examine the security of members' benefits.

The previous actuarial review was carried out by Mr Louis Boulanger of William M Mercer Ltd as at 31 January 1995. It is anticipated that the next review will be carried out in three years time, at 31 January 2001.

It is a requirement of the Superannuation Schemes Act that an actuarial review is carried out every three years.

Brief Details of the Fund

The retirement benefit from the Fund is a fixed dollar amount for each year of service (called the Retirement Benefit Rate). The Retirement Benefit Rate can be changed, and if it is, pensions currently being paid are changed in the same proportion.

The contribution rate by both members and church is a fixed 10% of stipend. In the case of the church the 10% is reduced by the cost of superannuation contribution withholding tax.

Since the date of the last review there have been several changes to the trust deed, the main purpose of which was to make changes as required under the Human Rights Act 1993. A number of other changes are being contemplated most of which are minor in nature.

Membership

Over the past three years the number of active members of the Fund has decreased slightly, from 176 to 161. The number of pensioners has however increased from 187 to 200.

The number of non contributory members has increased somewhat whilst the number of full contributors, 50% contributors and nominal contributors have all reduced.

The average age of members has increased slightly from 51.5 to 52.

Investment Performance

The investment returns of the Fund over the three years since the previous actuarial review are as follows:

Year ending 31 January 1996	11.6%
Year ending 31 January 1997	10.4%
Year ending 31 January 1998	15.8%
Three year period (per annum)	12.6%

These returns are net of investment expenses.

The three year investment return is significantly higher than the return assumed in the previous actuarial review (7.5% pa). This has had a beneficial impact on the actuarial position of the Fund.

Valuation Approach

The financial position of the Fund is assessed by projecting forward the benefits payable and the contributions expected to be received after making assumptions about a number of factors including:

- the rate at which the Retirement Benefit Rate increases each year;
- the rate at which members leave the scheme through death, resignation or retirement; and
- the rate at which pensioners die.

The stream of payments resulting from this projection is then expressed in present day terms by discounting at an assumed rate of earnings on the assets. This "present value" of the liabilities is then compared with the assets of the Fund.

If the liabilities calculated are less than the assets, the Fund is said to be in 'surplus' while if the liabilities so calculated are greater than the assets the Fund is said to be in 'deficit'.

In making the assumptions as to the future it was assumed that the earnings on the Fund would be tax free and that the Retirement Benefit Rate would remain at a fixed 1% of stipend.

Results of the Valuation


The review reveals that the Fund was in a very healthy financial position at 31 January 1998. The main causes of this were investment returns over the last three years being higher than assumed in the previous review and some changes in methodologies and assumptions between the reviews. This was offset to some extent by the Retirement Benefit Rate being increased at a greater rate than was assumed in the previous review.

The healthy position of the Fund means that if the future experience continues as assumed, the existing assets and future contributions will be more than sufficient to provide for the benefits.

Conclusions and Recommendations

As a result of the sound financial position of the Fund I have been able to recommend the following:

- that the Member Contribution Rate is reduced to 7.5% of stipend (from 10% of stipend);
- the Retirement Benefit Rate is increased to 1.125% of stipend (ie \$341.08);
- that, subject to the Fund continuing in a satisfactory financial position, the Retirement Benefit Rate is maintained at at least 1.125% of stipend and, as surplus becomes available, moved towards a rate of 1.25% of stipend. I have also recommended that each year in which a full valuation is not being carried out, the Trustee request the actuary to make a recommendation regarding the Retirement Benefit Rate.



Charles Cahn
Fellow of the New Zealand Society of Actuaries

September 1998

In response to this report the Trustee has requested further information from the Actuary in order to be able to bring detailed recommendations to Conference. It is the intention of the Trustee to bring a supplementary report to Conference setting out appropriate suggested decisions for the future directions of the Fund.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF MINISTERS

Last year in its report to Conference the Board indicated that the matter of the employment status of Ministers had been heard in the Court of Employment. By the time of Conference the Employment Court had determined that Ministers of the Methodist Church were not deemed to be employees. Following Conference, that decision was the subject of an appeal, which was heard earlier this year. In July the decision of the Court of Appeal upheld the view that ministers are not employees. Because of these decisions our Church's understanding of the employment status of ministers has been clearly confirmed.

In the court action the major thrust of the argument was that a minister is called by God to the service of ministry. Those who experience a call to ministry, undertake a process of selection, are trained and through the processes of stationing enabled to carry out their ministry. This relationship, between a Minister and the Methodist Church, cannot be seen as the same as a relationship between an employer and employee. The Court in making its decision upheld previous decisions of Conference as recorded in the Law Book. In light of this decision there are now some on going issues that our Church needs to consider. Some of these are set out below:

- The Church must continue to care and adequately provide for those who serve the Church in ministry. This decision must not be used to justify acting improperly towards those who serve the Church.
- That the provisions for ministry contained within the Law Book need to be reviewed to ensure that they provide full and adequate care for all in ministry.

- Government legislating relating to holidays, retirement etc, irrespective of employment status apply to all.

The Board is aware that the report on matters relating to discipline and dismissal of Ministers, which has gone through full discussion within the Connexion, is now being written into law with the aid of a law drafts-person. At the time of writing it is hoped that this material will also be before Conference. Once this work has been completed then some of these other matters may need to follow a similar course. (refer to Suggested Decision No. 4)

HOUSING ALLOWANCE

The Housing Review Discussion Paper, distributed throughout the Connexion at the beginning of this year, elicited a very broad range of responses. Whilst the principle of itinerancy was affirmed by members of the Church, there were different understandings of what itinerancy is. Some of the respondents were happy with the status quo in some aspects and greatest support was for the Church retaining primary responsibility for Presbyteral housing. However, less structured rules and greater local authority for decisions regarding housing was requested. Some of the suggestions for a housing policy already exist within the laws and/or practice of the Church; it may be that more specific sharing of information is needed for parishes.

The Board has decided to appoint a voluntary group to bring a suggested housing policy to Conference 1999. All responses to the Discussion Paper will be made available to this group.

RETIREMENT AGE OF MINISTERS

During the year the Board commenced a conversation about the stated retirement age of Ministers. As from 1 February 1999 the Human Rights Act, section 21 makes it unlawful to require a person to retire on the grounds of age.

The Board in giving preliminary consideration to this matter has sought information from other Churches overseas, as well as enquiring as to any proposed changes to the Act. We are also aware

of the confusion that exists for some people between the age of retirement from ministry, and the date in which a person ceases to contribute to the Supernumerary Fund. The latter is set out in the Trust Deed and does not determine the actual date in which a person must retire. It is the retirement age that the Human Rights Act will not allow to be used after next year.

The Board has not yet reached the point of being able to bring clear decisions to Conference about this matter and accordingly it will become part of their work for next year. It would be the Boards intention to prepare a report to Synods next year, with final report to Conference.

SUGGESTED DECISIONS:

1. The report be received
2. That the Conference indemnifies the Trustee of the Supernumerary from any losses arising from the operation of Administration division bank account.
3. Conference records its congratulations and its deep appreciation to Stan West on the completion of his term as General Secretary.
4. (a) That the Board of Administration seek appropriate professional advice about the engagement and carrying out of Ministry that is contained in the Law Book and the decisions of Conference, and report to Conference 1999.
(b) The costs for this work to be seen as an expense against the fund set aside for legal costs.
5. Members of the Board for 1999 be:

COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON THE CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

SECTION A

1997-98 Connexional Budget

Contributions from Parishes toward the wider work of the Church through the Connexional Budget totalled \$737,133 for the year to 30 June 1998. This amount represented 79.17% of the targets set by the Connexional Budget Task Group at the beginning of the year, which totalled \$931,043; this figure reflects the challenge to those Districts, Sinoti Samoa 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. For various reasons, this challenge was not taken up by all those concerned and, accordingly, the allocation figures in (ii) (b) *Percentage of Budget Allocation reached from Parishes* reflects only the Parish allocations agreed within the Districts, resulting in the higher percentage attained.

In the previous year parish contributions totalled \$839,270 which represented 97.1% of the targets. Contributions from parishes continued to decline with a decrease of around 12.2% over contributions made in the previous year.

After taking account of the other income received into the Connexional Budget which amounted to \$61,841, 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 80.5% of their original allocations.

Budget Requests 1997-98

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Allocated</u>
Divisions/Committees	3,874,850	3,800,654
Recipients of guaranteed funding	70,310	67,010
Totals	\$3,945,160	\$3,867,664

To be funded from:	<u>Amount Allocated</u>	<u>Actually Received</u>
Connexional Budget from Parishes:		
Recipients of guaranteed funding	67,010	67,683
Divisions/Committees	913,953	697,450
	980,963	765,133
Special grants	46,500	48,000
Other funds etc.	2,779,270	2,779,270
Total requirements for the wider work of the Church	\$3,806,733	\$3,592,403

(i) Receipts from both Methodist and Union Parishes

	<u>Allocations</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$	\$	%
1997-98	931,043	737,133	79.2
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

(ii) Results from parishes

(a)	<u>Fully Paid</u>		<u>Not Fully Paid</u>	
	Methodist	Union	Methodist	Union
1997-98	63	55	14	52
1996-97	64	71	13	47
1995-96	68	62	9	51
1994-95	66	69	15	47
1993-94	60	66	20	46

(b) Percentage of Budget Allocation reached from Parishes

	<u>Methodist</u>			<u>Union</u>		
	<u>Allo-</u> <u>cation</u>	<u>Contri-</u> <u>bution</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Allo-</u> <u>cation</u>	<u>Contri-</u> <u>bution</u>	<u>%</u>
1997-98	582,213	556,062	95.5	217,206	181,071	83.4
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

(iii) Payments to Divisions and Committees

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Payment</u>
<u>Guaranteed</u>	\$	\$
World Council of Churches	4,500	4,500
WCC 1998 Assembly	2,500	2,500
WCC Central Committee – Travel	525	525
WCC Programme to Combat Racism	1,075	1,075
Christian Conference of Asia	1,100	1,100
Conference of Churches in Aotearoa NZ	20,000	20,000
CCANZ Programme on Racism	5,000	5,000
Travel and Study Grants Fund	15,000	15,000
Tertiary Chaplaincies	12,500	12,500
Churches Education Commission	500	500
World Methodist Council	1,090	1,263
Churches Broadcasting Commission	1,000	1,000
Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Haahi	2,720	2,720
Guaranteed Total	\$67,510	\$67,683

<u>Non-Guaranteed</u>	<u>Allocation</u> \$	<u>Payment</u> \$
Board of Administration	0	0
Ministry Resourcing Unit	193,500	156,152
Mission Resourcing Unit	281,677	226,827
Connexional Expenses	240,832	181,329
Te Taha Maori	0	0
Sinoti Samoa	10,000	8,050
Fiji Advisory Committee	5,320	4,297
Tongan Advisory Committee	12,400	9,987
Forum of Cooperative Ventures	22,000	18,107
Epworth Bookshop	36,536	29,476
Crosslink	41,000	33,391
Council for Mission Ecumenical Affairs	70,000	56,518
Overseas Aid - 2% of parish contributions	16,855	13,617
Non-Guaranteed Total	\$930,120	\$737,751
Guaranteed Total	\$67,510	\$67,683
Grand Total	\$997,630	805,434

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

	<u>Guaranteed</u> \$	<u>Non-Guaranteed</u> \$	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Paid to Non-Guaranteed</u> %
1997-98	67,683	737,751	80.5
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

SECTION B

1998-99 Year

Members of the Connexional Budget Task Group for the current year are: David Annett, Norman Brookes, Paewhenua Nathan, Ashley Sedon, Susau Strickland, Stan West, Te Rua Winiata and Jan Leman Christiansen (unable to attend), 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 \$31,271. 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 continues to challenge those Districts, Sinoti Samoa and the Auckland Manakau Tongan Parish to increase their giving to the level of the national average over the next two years.

The Budget, which was adopted by the Council of Conference for the year for the year to 30 June 1999, was:

Contributions from Parishes

Northland	4,000	
Auckland	160,000	
Manukau	75,132	
Waikato – Bay of Plenty	68,064	
Taranaki – Wanganui	18,620	
Hawkes Bay – Manawatu	39,000	
Wellington	22,980	
Nelson	13,660	
North Canterbury	79,247	
South Canterbury	23,000	
Otago – Southland	14,600	
Sinoti Samoa/Parishes - Panmure & Ponsonby	16,000	
Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish	18,000	
Forum of Co-operative Ventures	220,000	
Te Taha Maori	10,000	782,303
Special Account Grant		55,000
Connexional Legacies and Other		10,000
Total Income		\$847,303

Allocations to Divisions & Committees

<u>Guaranteed</u>	<u>Amount requested</u> \$	<u>Amount allocated</u> \$
World Council of Churches	4,500	4,500
WCC Central Committee – Travel	1,400	1,400
WCC Programme to Combat Racism	1,075	1,075
Christian Conference of Asia	1,100	1,100
Conference of Churches in Aotearoa NZ	20,000	20,000
CCANZ Programme on Racism	5,000	5,000
Travel and Study Grants Fund	5,000	5,000
World Methodist Council	1,000	1,000
Churches Broadcasting Commission	1,000	1,000
Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Haahi	2,720	2,720
Guaranteed Total	\$42,795	\$42,795

Non-Guaranteed

Board of Administration	0	0
Ministry Resourcing Unit	135,000	193,500
Mission Resourcing Unit	265,504	264,254
Connexional Expenses	202,000	219,050
Te Taha Maori	0	0
Sinoti Samoa	16,400	9,200
Fiji Advisory Committee	10,090	7,409
Tongan Advisory Committee	8,000	8,000
Forum of Cooperative Ventures	22,000	22,000
Epworth Bookshop	37,245	33,700
Crosslink	41,000	30,000
Council for Mission & Ecumenical Affairs	50,000	40,000
Overseas Aid - 2% of parish contributions	16,000	15,500
Non-guaranteed Total		\$842,613
Guaranteed Total		\$42,795
Grand Total		\$885,408

The Council of Conference notes with appreciation the commitment of Taha Maori to contribute toward the work of the Connexional Budget. It is subsequently noted that the PAC Distribution Group has made a gift towards meeting the budgetted deficit.

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 Haahi Weteriana, being part of the Connexion is

important, and it is this Connexional Church, which includes Co-operative 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 1999 will consist of: President, Vice-President, General Secretary, three persons 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

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

Annual Report to the 1998 Conference

The Board approved the following grants during the financial year ended 30 June - all grants are targeted for the benefit of children or youth.

	\$
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 (10)	5000
School Principals (21)	15250
Special Needs Units (15)	<u>15000</u>
	37,500
Masterton Christian Childcare Programme	20,000
Camp Elsdon Children's Camp (nett)	564
Wesley Wellington Mission -	
Adolescent Residential Unit	31,000
Johnsonville Terrace Centre Counselling Service	1,350
	<u>\$150,414</u>

Grants made decreased by 2% with respect to 1997, but were still greater than 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 practice of giving grants to schools in areas with particular difficulties or socio-economic problems was continued. Again, all these unsolicited grants drew a warm response from principals and heads of Units.

Grants were made for the first time to Special Needs Units attached to schools. The response of one principal is quoted: "I can only say that these pupils represent the most disadvantaged sector of the education world. Government funding is grossly inadequate (and probably will always be) and donations such as yours make the difference for us in giving these kids a little more than the bare-bones basics."

The Board's farm advisor reports that the farm at Moutoa, near Foxton, continues to be well cared for.

The Board's membership has been strengthened with two new members now contributing to its life and decision-making.

Owen Prior, Chairman
Neville Price, Secretary

Suggested Decision:

1. That the Report be received.
2. The membership of the Board for 1999 is: Owen Prior (Chairman), Kiriini Gordon, Christine Kershaw, Bunny Winnie, Grant Bolitho, Murray Deadman, John Roberts, Lani Tupu, Barrie Woods, and Neville Price (Secretary).



Breaking the cycle

REPORT
TO
CONFERENCE
1998

ON

THE FUTURE

OF

SOCIAL SERVICES

INTRODUCTION

For a number of years, concern has been expressed about several aspects of Methodist Mission Aotearoa (MMA). These concerns were about accountability, direction and management. Accordingly, a major review was begun in 1997, involving MMA, the Council of Conference and the wider Church. (See the section on *Future Directions*.) Conference 1997 endorsed a process to be undertaken in 1998, which would:

- Re –think the theology of social services ministry.
- Evaluate the role, function and effectiveness of MMA.
- Consult widely with the whole Church on both the above.
- Offer the Church a way ahead for social service ministries, with more emphasis on community.
- Report back on progress to Conference 1998.

In order to focus the task, MMA was renamed the **Transitional MMA (TMMA)** and the membership (endorsed by Conference 1997) specifically chosen with the skills and experience required to achieve the requested outcome. The name Transitional MMA acknowledges the need to work within the existing MMA structure whilst also reviewing it; with members serving only for the period required to complete the work.

The members therefore appointed (for 1998 only) are:

Deacon Chris Wood, *Convenor, TMMA*.

Rev Dr Mary Caygill, *Lecturer in Pastoral Theology, Director of Field Education, St John's/Trinity Theological Colleges.*

Rev Derek McNicol, *Parish Presbyter Nelson*.

Rev Keith Taylor, *Parish Presbyter, Johnsonville*

Rev Graham Whaley, *Superintendent Methodist Mission Northern*.

Graham Weir, *Executive Manager, Wesley Wellington Mission*

Rev Dr David Bromell, *Superintendent Christchurch Mission*

Rev Norman West, *Parish Presbyter and Dunedin Mission Board Member*.

Acknowledgement

TMMA wish to express their appreciation for the willingness of Te Taha Maori to engage in dialogue and consultation throughout the making of this document.

And so we began.....

*W*E LOOKED BACK AT OUR HISTORY

1887 Superintendents were appointed at Manchester and West London Mission, this marked the formal beginnings of Wesleyan social work, with the latter providing a model for New Zealand developments.

1890

William Ready, Bible Christian minister, establishes the Dunedin Central Mission. Central missions were subsequently established in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland.

1952

New Zealand Methodist Social Services Association inaugurated — membership to include 'City Missions, Social Services Trusts, Community Centres approved by Conference, Orphanages, Eventide homes, Hostels, Maori Social Welfare work and similar organisations recognised by Conference.'

1975

NZMSSA presents a report to Church Council on the involvement of local Churches in social service.

1983

The Takapuna Conference commits the Church to a bicultural journey.

1987

An outcome of the Church's bicultural journey was a re-examination of NZMSSA structures particularly that of the executive. In order to make it more transparent and more representative, other members besides the Mission Superintendents were added. The perceived nature of the executive was to dog NZMSSA/MMA for the next ten years.

1989

Hui at Whakatuora on bicultural delivery of social services. NZMSSA for the first time reports to Conference on the variety and extent of parish-based social services.

1990

Increasingly, Government tenders contracts for social services—Missions are forced to reconsider their status and produce corporate plans as evidence of reliability and efficiency. Partly in response to the new funding environment, NZMSSA decides to reconstitute itself as MMA and seeks incorporation so that as appropriate, national contracts could be negotiated.

WE THOUGHT CAREFULLY ABOUT METHODIST MISSION AOTEAROA, WHERE IT HAD COME FROM AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

In 1997, a working group was set up to examine MMA in the light of its perceived ineffectiveness in co-ordinating Methodist social services ministries, and particularly in response to widespread concern about the management, direction and accountability of the four Missions in relation to the wider church. A discussion paper was presented to the AGM of MMA in August 1997 and noted the following.

The explicit and implicit objects of the deed establishing MMA are:

- To enhance the integration of the work of the four Missions with the social service ministries of the parishes.
- To stimulate interest and support for social service ministries.
- To develop policy at a national level, within the church's commitment to the bicultural journey.
- To support, encourage and promote the accountability of parish-based social service ministries.
- To provide a vehicle for investment in social service ministries through low or no interest loans, bequests and endowments

Some features of our context at that time were:

- A change in Mission management structures resulting in boards reducing in size and becoming boards of governance rather than management. (*Conference decision 1984.*)
- Reliance upon state and community funding for both parish and Mission social services indicating a need for some co-ordination rather than competition for these resources; and for a vehicle to endorse funding proposals and establish quality measures for service delivery.
- Declining Methodist church membership with parishes becoming relatively resource poor, resulting in a difficult relationship developing between parishes and Missions (which have generally sustained a capital and investment base).

*F*UTURE DIRECTIONS, continued

The achievements of MMA have been:

- ♦ Effective partnership between some parishes and Missions.
- ♦ A body of considered reflection on national policy in relation to social service ministries, (as documented in the annual reports of MMA to Conference since 1991).
- ♦ Numerous service and programme initiatives occurring throughout the Connexion.

Ongoing concerns were noted:

- MMA has not enjoyed the confidence of the Church.
- The formation of MMA was done largely in a 'top down' manner without adequate consultation with parishes and synods.
- The MMA trust deed lacked preamble and theological rationale that had been tested through dialogue with synods and boards.
- Parish-based social services had often not been recognised by the (wider) Connexion, nor were accountable to it.
- Insufficient time was available at either Conference 1990 or 1991 for the proposal to be presented thoroughly with adequate debate.
- MMA has been perceived as a mechanism for the Missions to maintain power and control over Methodist social services.
- The needs and initiatives of rural communities have not been well addressed or supported by MMA.

The August 1997 Forum acknowledged needs that must continue to be addressed:

- A forum for dialogue, partnership, resource sharing and networking in relation to social service ministries.
- A forum from which a well informed, prophetic voice on national policy issues may be heard from a distinctly Methodist position.
- A mechanism to ensure partnership with accountability between various Methodist social service ministries (including parish-based services and the missions).

WE LOOKED TOWARDS THE FUTURE AND BEGAN A RE-WORKING OF OUR THEOLOGY



Carving Out The Exodus Path On Our Journey From Death To life

Through our conversations with Te Taha Maori, concerning ka ora theology, and critical reflection on our own past and present theology and practice, we have been inspired to move from a theology of social services to a theology of life in community.

The way of death **Moving from death** **The way of life**
in the midst of life **to life** **in the midst of death**

We are people of God, creator of life, of Jesus the Christ, who re-presented life in all its fullness; of the Spirit who breathes into us the life of the God of Jesus. As God's people, we choose life, and are called to seek paths that lead to life, with freedom and fulfilment for all. We have a special responsibility to those who are poor, marginalised and oppressed.

Our means are as important as our ends. If we truly seek life we will do so in ways that are life-giving for all, that do not preserve unjust structures and imbalance of power, or create dependence. We will seek to create community, rather than clients.

We recognise that church-based social services may become ka mate when they:

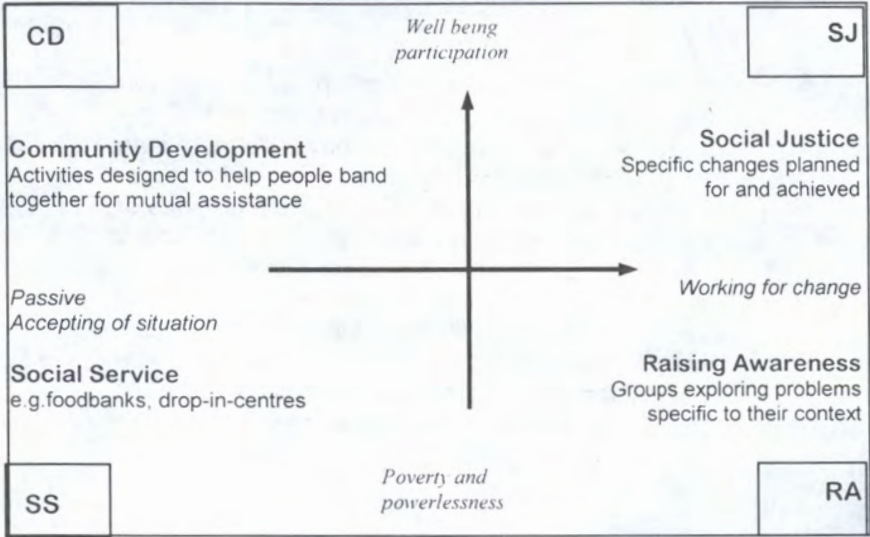
- ✕ become a band-aid for structural injustice within our society
- ✕ create dependency
- ✕ become self-perpetuating services and institutions

So we ask of all our church social services, whether at parish level or within the regional Missions

- ✕ What do they do **for** people?
- ✕ What do they do **to** people?
- ✕ How do people **participate** in them?

Moving From Social Services To Social Justice

The following chart was adapted by Richard Randerson from one produced by the National Council of Churches in the Philippines. [1]



Social Services are necessary to meet immediate needs, but by themselves they do not create long-term viable solutions. Nor do they generate any desire on the part of “clients” to seek changes to the system which has made it necessary for them to come for help.

Community Development occurs when people get together to solve problems collectively for themselves, rather than being dependent on handouts. There is an essential element of empowerment that enables people to find their own ways from dependency to self-determination.

Raising awareness introduces analysis of the system that has created need in the first place, and exploration of alternative models for structuring our life in society for the common good.

Social justice programmes and activities work for long term change.

...OUR THEOLOGY CONTINUED.....

**Richard Randerson wrote in *Hearts & Minds*
[2]**

*"The key point to note is that unless church and community groups begin to advance out of the social services corner they will never do more than be a never-ending stop-gap for immediate needs. This is a process that plays right into the hands of Government which can avoid dealing with issues of justice if enough people are out there binding up the wounds. This does not mean giving up on social services; but it does mean that if groups want to deal with the causes of the problems, and not just the effects, they need to move into the **RA** and **SJ** quadrants." [See box on previous page]*

From Individuals to Communities

We believe that the intrinsic value (dignity) of human beings can be realised and protected only in community, and therefore that social policy needs to address the needs of persons-in-communities as well as those of individuals-in-markets.

John B Cobb Jnr has written in *Sustaining the Common Good: A Christian Perspective on the Global Economy* [3]

Most of us believe today (I am inclined to say "know") that human beings do not exist in isolation. We are largely constituted by our social relations. The health of the community in which we participate is crucial to our own well-being. We are persons-in-community rather than isolated individuals unaffected by our relations to others.

Consequently we cannot support social policies, or social services, that respond to people merely as individual "clients" or "units" in abstraction from our social context in communities. So we offer to the church a theology of mission as one of **building community**, which would be a contribution towards a just, participatory and ecologically sustainable society.

A Theology of Life in Community

We believe we are called to build open and hospitable communities in Aotearoa, within a just, participatory and ecologically sustainable society, in partnership with all people of goodwill.

A particular contribution we make as Christian people is to create opportunities for people to share and reflect together on our lived experience (our contemporary stories) and on stories from our collective past, including the wisdom of our faith traditions.

We believe this task can be achieved only in an environment that is open, non-coercive, encouraging of inter-faith dialogue, inclusive, life giving and holistic.

In looking to the future, TMMA has identified a number of values that flow from a theology of life in community.

Our ministry in community

- Works in partnership with people who are most disadvantaged, as together we seek opportunities for all to live life fully, with independence, self-determination and self-sufficiency
- Moves away from responses that create dependency
- Builds better communities
- Focuses on those areas not currently being addressed by other agencies
- Has an innovative approach

Our ministry in community

- Is called to be an agent of change to ensure that all people are valued and treated with respect
- Is committed to being a prophetic voice, to challenge injustice, highlight prejudice and work for positive social change
- Critiques public policy
- Moves away from 'charity' to the transformation of society through partnership with all people of good will

Suggested Decisions

1. That the report be affirmed and forwarded as a discussion document to the Church during 1999, for response to Conference 1999.
2. That Conference acknowledges the willingness of Te Taha Maori to engage in a dialogue with TMMA throughout the year as this document was formed.
 - 2.1. That Conference affirms the need for this dialogue to Continue in order for Methodist Social Services to reflect the bi-cultural partnership and not just Tauīwi as is at present.

Note:

At the Annual General Meeting of Methodist Mission Aotearoa, October 16, 1998, time will be spent working on other suggested decisions. These will be presented to Conference as a supplementary report.

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Report of Methodist AFFIRM 1998

While Methodist AFFIRM treasures its place in New Zealand Methodism, it has to be admitted that this year has been a trying year for a number of reasons. Yet through all, encouragement has come too.

Convention 1997.

The 1997 Pre-Conference Convention is notable for a number of reasons. The President, the Rev. Norman Brookes delivered a key address on the opening evening. The theme of the Convention was "Being Evangelical Within the Whole Church. Two further key addresses were given by on theme, subtitled: "The Once and Future Church". At the Annual Meeting Bryan White stated he would be unavailable for President of AFFIRM, but after some negotiation he agreed to continue on the basis of a year's leave of absence to reduce workload. This lasted less than a week with the busiest year of Church work that can be remembered. This year (1998) the Convention will be at Opawa Methodist Church. We are pleased to announce that the key speaker will be Rev. Rob Yule of Presbyterian AFFIRM, and Moderator-Elect of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa- New Zealand.

Conference 1997.

The main talking point for this year has been "those decisions" of the last Conference. AFFIRM members joined other groups in the Church in being shocked and bewildered at how they could be marginalised and ignored by people with such scant regard for either established or new procedures, and sincere convictions held. The deep hurt will not be brushed aside nor forgotten.

When AFFIRM was asked to have two representatives on the Presidential Commission it was quickly decided to have both the President Bryan White, and the Vice-President Andrea Williamson there. A considerable amount of time has been spent trying to find a way forward in meetings and prayer.

Whether the 1998 Conference will find a way forward that is acceptable to most people within Methodism is unclear. We hope to be surprised by the Spirit. Whilst the AFFIRM organisation is committed to working within Connexional Methodism, many members (even at Executive Level) can no longer guarantee that commitment. Some have already left the Methodist Church, others are waiting anxiously to see if serious consideration will be given to the Wesleyan Methodist

Movement proposals.

Birth of the Wesleyan Methodist Movement.

Following the Conference of 1997 and its decisions and apparent direction, groups of concerned people committed to Evangelicalism and representing many areas of New Zealand Methodism gathered and decided to work together under an umbrella organisation: The Wesleyan Methodist Movement. Although the WMM (as it has come to be known) has no official standing within The Methodist Church of New Zealand, five of the six founding groups do. AFFIRM is one of those groups, and appreciates the hard work and practical help that has been enabled by the WMM. While there is naturally considerable overlap of support and membership, the WMM and its contributory groups are separate and distinct.

Kosovo.

Our financial support for this work came to an end at the beginning of 1998, at the end of the agreed three year term. At times it has been hard to find the funds, but it has been good to look beyond our own shores to another country and culture. Sadly with all the political unrest and armed hostilities in the area, the present situation looks bleak, and the last report heard was that the three congregations had currently been disbanded as the people headed for the hills to hide. While our financial support may have stopped, prayer support and interest continues. Special mention is deserved of our sincere thanks to Ivan Whyte for his unstinting and tireless work for this project.

Queen's Birthday Renewal Weekend.

The speaker this year was Ian Stehbens, Principal of the Alan Walker College of Evangelism in Australia. His theme was "Good News for the 21st Century". He has a particular interest in reaching the unchurched. He spoke convincingly about presenting the Gospel in ways that are appropriate to the context in which we live. Among interesting examples he spoke of a service held in a Pub during trading hours, and patrons could bring their drinks into the bar where the service was being held, joining in and coming and going as they chose.

The weather was beautiful and as usual the setting at the Lake Taupo Christian Camp, with a commanding view over the Lake was an inspiration. The music was great, and the food and hospitality up to its usual high standard. The fellowship and friendship was enjoyed by old hands and first timers alike. The traditional concert, and the worship times contributed to an inspirational and enjoyable weekend.

Looking ahead.

This year has been a difficult year for Methodist AFFIRM members, as we recognise it has been for the whole church. We

are aware of our people who have left their local Methodist Church, and worship elsewhere, AFFIRM their only continuing link with their Methodist past. For others there is the struggle to remain and are waiting and watching; while for some there is a sense of call to remain within the Methodist Church for the time being.

In this time of such uncertainty we are sure of God's constancy and unchanging love.

Because of this Methodist AFFIRM stands by its vision: "To see Methodism born again to Scriptural Christianity". We have identified seven foci which sprang out of the Conference decisions and direction of 1997, the rise of the Wesley Methodist Movement, and the anecdotal reports of people leaving the church, all leading to the question of what was AFFIRM's purpose and foci in the future.

1. To be the "glue" that holds conservatives, evangelicals, charismatics, within the Church, together.

2. As a bridging organisation. AFFIRM will be a part of the Methodist Church into the future. And also part of any developing aspects of the Wesley Methodist Movement.

3. A place where people can show the love of Jesus, and communicate the Good news, and bring people to Jesus. The Annual Queen's Birthday Weekend Renewal, and the Pre-Conference Convention are cases in point.

4. To have a prophetic voice to the church and community from the perspective AFFIRM represents.

5. Oecumenical. To link people with evangelical sympathies within the Methodist Church, and without it.

6. A pastoral ministry, caring for those who hold like-minded views in the Methodist Church, and among dispersed methodists. All who own the evangelical Wesley Message.

7. A priestly function. Praying and making intercession for the Church.

Methodist AFFIRM values its relationship with the Methodist Church. We believe whatever happens in the future, AFFIRM will be a part of Connexional Methodism, a place for all evangelicals who have a heart for the Wesley Message, (whether within the Connexion or not), to gather and call home.

Suggested Decisions:

1. That the report be received.
2. That Ivan Whyte be thanked for the work he has done with

World Methodism's Connecting Congregation in Kosovo.
3 That the Executive for 1999 be:
(as advised).

AFFIRM PUBLICATIONS.

Methodist AFFIRM joins with Anglican and Presbyterian AFFIRM in publishing the following booklets:

1. **Homosexuality and the Church.**
by Rev, Stuart Lange,
Lecturer, Bible College of New Zealand.
2. **The Return of Jesus.**
by Rev. Rob Yule,
Parish Minister, St.Albans Palmerston North.
Moderator-Elect Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa-New
Zealand.
3. **Is Jesus Christ the only way to God?**
by Rev. Dr Bruce Nicholls.

Also available:

What is the Bible? Rev. Francis Foulkes.

Euthanasia. Rev. George Bryant.

Christian Marriage. Francis and Marjorie Foulkes.

Four more are due out soon:

Same Sex Marriages: Dr Don Mathieson.

The resurrection: Rev. Dr Murray Harris.

What works in Evangelism: Anne Bowie.

Gambling: Peter Phipps.

Another twenty five topics are in mind.

Order from good Christian Bookshops and:

AFFIRM Publications,

Rev. Geo Bryant,

P.O. Box 58, Pukekohe, New Zealand.

SINOTI SAMOA EKALESIA METOTISI NIU SILA.

SAMOAN SYNOD NEW ZEALAND METHODIST CHURCH.

Report to conference 1998.

Introduction:

Since our last conference, Sinoti Samoa had devoted its time in working through the main issue of how to live with the decision made by Conference last year of accepting ordained homosexual Presbyters into full Connexion. Sinoti Samoa had had four main meetings in which it discussed the implications of the Conference decision. There had been much pain, anger, and frustrations expressed by the Samoan people within our Church about the manner in which the issue had been handled, particularly of the fact that despite the many opposing views expressed by a number of people/groups during conference, it went ahead and made the decision which has caused many members of our Methodist Church family find it hard to live with.

The implications of this issue has far reaching affect amongst the Samoan people because it touches the very essence of our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ and His teaching. Furthermore, the issue undermines our strive for better understanding of Sinoti Samoa's life, ministry and mission within the Church and Society. It also affects the guiding principles of the teachings of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism.

Our current situation is that we are still considering /debating the issue, trying to find ways by which we might be able to arrive at a decision where our Samoan people can live within the present structure of our New Zealand Methodist Church. It is to be pointed out at this stage, that the Samoan people would like to continue their commitment and allegiance to our New Zealand Methodist Church.

Sinoti Samoa had already made submissions to the Church Commission in response to their preliminary report on the issue. We are waiting for a favourable response from them to our request. However, despite whatever the outcome might be, Sinoti Samoa will still continue to debate the implications of the issue and dialogue with the Church on theological grounds.

Programmes during 1998:

Youth:

During 1998 the Youth Co-ordinator, Rev Tavita Filemoni and his team had been working very closely with the youth groups in various Samoa Congregations in Auckland, Manukau, Hawkes Bay and Wellington Districts, conducting and running workshops, seminars and clinics on issues such as

leadership training, drug awareness, violence and abuse, crime and the law, the affect of gambling, bi-cultural and cross -culture, sex education, Samoan culture as well as building self esteem and family relationship.

These programmes were also incorporated as part of the programmes and other wider issues in the intensive three days national youth camp, which was held in Hamilton from 27 to 29 December 1997.

The year's work has been hailed by the Samoan youth as well as by the Samoan congregations in the Connexion as the most successful and meaningful programmes they have embarked since Sinoti Samoa has established its own identity as a Synod in 1996.

However, Sinoti Samoa expresses with some sadness that Rev Tavita Filemoni's hard work with the Samoan youth since the last three years will come to an end in January 1999 as his appointment was only for a term of three years. This was because finance constraint would not support the continuing half time employment of the Youth Co-ordinator beyond that period.

Sinoti Samoa believes and indeed the Samoan people that there is a real need for a Samoan Youth Co-ordinator to work and co-ordinate the work amongst the Samoan youth. However, funding for such a position is still a major problem and Sinoti Samoa is seriously exploring several possibilities to see if funding can be found to continue its work amongst youth.

YOUTH REVIEW:

The review of the Samoan Youth work is currently being carried out by a special sub-committee, which has been tasked to carry out this function. The review include a close look at finance for the long term work with regard to specific programmes designed for young people both within the Church and within the wider community. The Youth Co-ordinator's position is also being reviewed and the review committee will report on any future appointment and how such position can be funded.

In the interim period, a special committee has been appointed to co-ordinate Youth programmes which Rev Tavita Filemoni and his team had already started. The Samoan Ministers have also been asked to prepare Youth and Sunday school study materials to be used by all the Samoan congregations in the meantime. The committee will work very closely with the Samoan Ministers in the local congregations as well as the leaders of those Samoan congregations, which have no Ministers to ensure that all groups receive all the study materials they required.

The Committee will report to Sinoti Samoa Executive in the early part of the year and then to the annual Synod in August. Sinoti Samoa will report to Conference with its findings/suggested recommendations in 1999.

SINOTI SAMOA.

ITS WORK DURING THE YEAR.

Reports from all the Samoan congregations show a marked increase of workload carried out by the Samoan Ministers and leaders of the their own respective congregation. The increase of workload is in the area of youth needs, pastoral and the real need of families in the congregation and people in their own area. For example, the need for housing, financial, the unemployed, immigration matters etc.

While recognising these difficulties, there are signs of growth in terms of new families joining the Samoan congregations in various places. This is a great sign as people make their own self-commitment to Christ and to His Church.

REVIEW OF THE SAMOAN MINISTRY:

When the Samoan Synod was set up in January 1996, it was always its intention to carry out a review of its total Ministry in three years. For this reason Sinoti Samoa has undertaken to carry out this review in 1999.

A special committee has been appointed to carry out this function and its task will begin in the early 1999.

The review will include:

- Funding for Sinoti Samoa's work
- Stationing
- Candidacy for Ministry
- Training our Samoan Ministers
- Our relationship with the Palagi and other mixed congregations
- Long term strategy for the future of Sinoti Samoa
- Samoan Language and culture and customs

It is expected that the committee will make a progressive report to Sinoti Samoa executive towards the end of next year.

With regard to Sinoti Samoa's present position regarding funding for its work, Conference is reminded that Conference 1997 resolution states "*That Conference should continue to fund the Sinoti Samoa through its connexional budget for the next two financial years and asked that Sinoti Samoa to clarify its financial position within that time- Conf. YB 1997 page 780.*"

Restructuring Task group Report to Conference. (Minutes of Conference 1997 p. 319-320) Refers.

The effect of this decision is that Sinoti Samoa will cease its source of funding from the Connexional budget by the end of the Church's financial year 1999/2000. In the light of this understanding Sinoti Samoa resolved to ask all Synods that levies paid by the Samoan Parishes and congregations to their respective District Synods budget be directed to Sinoti Samoa at the commencement of the Church's financial year 1999/2000.

This part of the report is an advance alert to the District Synods that the Samoan Parishes and Congregations under their control will raise this question with them early in 1999.

TRIBUTE TO REV TAVITA FILEMONI:

During the last three years Rev Filemoni had worked very hard amongst the Samoan youth, and his work has been very much appreciated amongst the Samoan people, not only within the Church but also within the wider community. He had a very devoted team of young people working with him and their efforts were well supported by the Samoan Ministers and their local congregation leaders within the Connexion.

Sinoti Samoa is indebted to Rev Filemoni and we wish him and his family well in his new appointment. "Fa'amalo atu lava le galue Tavita. Ia manuia lava lou nu'u fou".

NOMINATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

Sinoti Samoa Superintendent for the next three years:

- Sinoti Samoa nominated **Rev Aso T. Saleupolu** to be the Sinoti Samoa Superintendent.
- **Secretary:** Sinoti Samoa nominated **Mr Lani Tupu** for this position.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING CHURCH COMMITTEES:

PAC Distribution committee:

Mr Lani Tupu

61 Duncan Tce; Kilbirnie, Wellington

Council of Conference:

Rev Uesifili Unasa – Presbyter and

Miss Tu'u'au Auva'a- lay person

7 Gawler Grove

Wainuiomata, Wellington.

Council of Elders:

Rev Tanielu Sa'o- Presbyter

Tauivi Forum:

Rev Iakopo Fa'afuata- Presbyter and

Rev Tavita Filemoni. -Presbyter.

Suggested recommendations:

1. That the report be received
2. That Conference continues to fund Sinoti Samoa in accordance to Conference 1997 resolution.
3. That we ask Conference to place on record our tribute to the work that Rev Tavita Filemoni had done amongst Samoan youth.
4. That Conference affirms the nomination of Rev Aso Saleupolu to be the Sinoti Samoa Superintendent for the next three years.
5. That Conference affirms the nomination of Lani Tupu to be Sinoti Samoa's Secretary for the next three years.
6. That Conference affirms the nominations of the abovenamed persons in the body of the report to the various Church committees as suggested.

COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1998

A. LOOKING BACK

REVIEW OF COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE

At the August meeting, Council of Conference spent some time reviewing its life by way of a history timeline. Some key words describing how it was in the beginning were: struggle, fraught with tension, strained relationship, lots of caucusing, wariness within Tauīwi and across partnership.

Key words to describe how it is today were: partnership, listening, positive, hard work, significant moves and trust.

A concern for us is the perception that the wider Connexion has about the Council and we are committed to finding ways of changing this.

In our reviewing we looked at the Administration Division leaflet 163 and wish to highlight the following changes:

Purpose:

- To model the partnership between Te Taha Maori and Tauīwi.
- The Council of Conference has a visioning, decision making and processing role.
- It shall engage in setting of broad policy and direction for Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa.

Tasks:

1. Processing Connexional Appointments, receiving the reports of 4+4's and forwarding the Board's recommendations to Conference.
2. The Council of Conference shall:
 - (a) Recommend membership of a Budget Task Group who shall be approved annually by Conference.
 - (b) Receive a report from the Budget Task Group, attend to the sharing of Connexional resources and finalise the budget.
3. Attend to such other things as may from time to time be requested by Conference.

Accountability:

- Council of Conference is a Bicultural Committee of Conference and shall therefore report directly to Conference.
- Members of Council of Conference, both Tauīwi and Taha Maori, are ex officio members of Synod and Conference.

CONNEXIONAL APPOINTMENTS

During the year we have clarified the task of the Council of Conference in the 4+4 process. The Council of Conference role is to receive the nomination, check that the process has been followed, and if all is in order, forward the Board's nomination onto Conference.

This year we have processed the following Connexional appointments:

- Principal of Trinity Theological College
- General Secretary
- Educational Resource Person
- Wesley College Chaplain (1 year supply appointment)
- Methodist Mission Northern Superintendent

A 4+4 meeting took place during the year for the first year of the two-year process for the Ranston Lecturer at Trinity Theological College. A similar meeting was held for the Youth Resource Person.

FITZROY CROWN GRANTS

Following a request from Council of Conference, the FitzRoy group reconvened to respond to a question raised by the Council which was: *"Have we continued with the original dream and intention of the FitzRoy Crown grant by training leadership, in today's context, in matters of religion and civilisation"?*

During the discussion it has become clear that Wesley College is the sole recipient of any financial residue. Therefore, the response is focused on Wesley College.

In consultation with the Wesley College Trust Board, it was acknowledged that the residues of monies from the FitzRoy grants are identifiable within Wesley College Trust Board accounts. The income from that resource is at present, distributed among Maori students as scholarship money.

The group in thinking about ways ahead for use of money, considered that in light of the original grants and relevance for today the monies needed to focus on the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual well-being of young Maori both in the context of Wesley College and beyond.

It was considered that Wesley College in fulfilling the requirements of the FitzRoy Crown grants, carry out its task in a wider network of whanau and communities and not solely in the geographical location of Paerata. It needs to be recognised that relevant education needs to be both holistic and life long.

The Wesley College Trust Board will pick up the ongoing work and a review process will be put into action prior to Conference 2000.

Council of Conference wishes to thank the task group for their work to date.

COUNCIL FOR MISSION AND ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION

For the last five years, Council of Conference has grappled with issues concerning Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation. Some of these issues have been:

- The relevance of COMEC
- New ways of mission engagement
- Relationships between COMEC and the Methodist Church of New Zealand

Council of Conference acknowledges that over the past three years the Methodist Church has been endeavouring to review the life and work of COMEC. This has been a difficult process for both the Council and COMEC Staff. Unfortunately, this has not come to a satisfactory conclusion.

Within Council of Conference, Tauwiwi continues to believe that COMEC is a relevant part of the Church's mission. Te Taha Maori continues to stand by the suggested decision made in the Council of Conference report to 1995 Conference, which was:

- (a) That COMEC enter into immediate discussion with Council of Conference and the Council of Assembly of the Presbyterian Church with a view to its dissolution and the process whereby the activities that need to be continued can be carried on in alternative ways.
- (b) That the paper on 'Future Directions' presented to the COMEC March Co-ordinating Committee become a model for disengagement from present commitments.

Therefore, Council of Conference agreed that all further matters concerning COMEC would be referred to Tauwiwi Forum.

CROSSLINK

Council of Conference has been concerned that there be a transparent appointment process for the appointment of the Crosslink editor. In 1996 representatives of the Council of Conference and Council of Assembly of the Presbyterian Church agreed that the interim editor continue in the position, this to be reviewed in 1998. Representation of the two churches' Councils met again in June. They agreed there be a revision of the job description and a performance review of the interim editor. Processes were put in place for this to happen.

In September we learned of the resignation of the Editor. This made it possible to proceed with an open appointment process. The Crosslink Board prepared a job description, terms of appointment, and advertised the position. Council of Conference has supported this process. The interviewing panel will be three Presbyterians and three Methodists (including one from Te Taha Maori). A recommendation on the appointment will be made to the Crosslink Board by the 25th November.

We gratefully acknowledge Diane Gilliam-Weeks contribution to Crosslink, as editor, and wish her well as she enters training for Ministry, in the Presbyterian Church.

There have been resignations from the Crosslink Board and our thanks to Kathryn McKenzie and Doug Rogers who have served as Board members. Council of Conference asked the Wellington Synod to suggest replacement names. Alan Dine will continue as the Methodist Co-convenor, along with Barbara Stephens, Barry Jones (for an interim period) and one other.

COMMISSION ON DIVERSITY

Council of Conference used the following process to assist with a response to the Commission on Diversity report.

- Each caucus responded to the theological affirmations on page 5 and reported back to plenary.
- Members then divided into groups to find out what their initial thoughts and responses were.
- 4 groups looked at sections of the report as well as the suggested decisions that went with each particular section. Each group reported back their findings i.e. questions raised and alternatives_suggested. Time for clarification about any of the group's responses took place.
- From the group work, members were asked to affirm the suggestions as a Council of Conference response.

The process we followed helped us reach a common mind that acknowledged differences.

WORKSHOPS

In February, facilitation training workshops sponsored by the Mission Resourcing Unit and Te Taha Maori were held. The purpose of these was to help new members and substitutes understand the workings of Council of Conference.

Workshop sessions that have taken place during the year have enabled members to focus on particular issues. Members have found these to be beneficial and helpful.

At the May meeting a workshop entitled "*What is it to be a decolonised Church*" was facilitated by Winifred Murray and Geoff Tucker. The material used was the Constitutional Change studies, which all Parishes received, in the Connexional mailing.

At the August meeting, the Council was led by John Murray on "*Mission of the Church*". A process of group sharing took our journey from focusing on the liberating person and teachings of Jesus, through the more controlling pressures of church organisation and dogma. We recognise that the conflicts and issues we face in today's church are a continuation and legacy of the past. Members of Council of Conference wish to thank the facilitators for their helpful guidance. The Council members also wish to express their thanks to Winifred Murray and Margaret Hamilton for preparing and distributing information on behalf of Council of Conference to the Connexion.

During 1999, the Council will continue to hold workshops at each meeting.

WALL PLANNER

Council of Conference has prepared wall planners for distribution at this Conference as a means of reminding members about the Council and its work. Our thanks to Norman and Nicola for the energy spent in producing the wall planner.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STAN WEST

Members wish to acknowledge the major contribution that Stan has provided since 1994 when the first Council of Conference took place. When called on he provided information on issues relating to the Connexion that assisted us in moving forward with our tasks. We thank him for his faithful and meticulous keeping of the Minutes, which provide a permanent record of the Council's work. We wish him well in his future endeavours.

B. LOOKING FORWARD

FUTURE WORK

In 1999 the Council of Conference intends to undertake the following:

District Superintendency:

Circulate a discussion paper on models of District Superintendency.

Nature of Presidency:

Continue to work on the nature of the Presidency and circulate a paper for wide discussion within the Church. An initial paper will be prepared in February and following that a fuller report will be provided for August Synod.

Bicultural Committee:

We note in the Bicultural Committee report to Conference that this committee is suggesting that they be disbanded. Council of Conference is indicating to Conference a willingness in conjunction with the Mission Resourcing Unit to attend to the tasks that were previously the responsibility of the Bicultural Committee.

SUGGESTED DECISIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the membership for 1999 be: Te Taha Maori – Riripeti Polwart (Co-convenor), Rex Nathan, Ripia Rountree, Markus Rogers, Lana Lazarus, Diana Tana, Brian Eagle, Aroha Houston, John Roberts, Elaine Dell; Taiwi – Kenneth Smith (Co-convenor), Lupeti Fihaki, Veronica Lowe, 'Epeli Taungapeau, John Thornley, Andrea Williamson, Jan Tasker, Norman West, plus two new members to be determined by Taiwi processes at Conference.
3. Members of Council of Conference wish to thank Suiva'aia Te' o and Nicola Grundy who have retired from the Council of Conference.
4. That the nominees for the PAC Distribution Group be Maureen Giles, David Silvester, and Gloria Zanders
5. That the Budget Task Group for 1999 be Frank Claridge, Jan Leman-Christiansen, Ashley Sedon, Nga Kaiarahi, David Annett, President, Vice President and General Secretary.
6. That the Law Book Section 5:13.2 is replaced with the Council of Conference Purpose, Tasks and Accountability.
7. That the Council of Conference in conjunction with the Mission Resourcing Unit take over the tasks that were previously the responsibility of the Bicultural Committee.

COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

APPOINTMENTS SUBJECT TO A 4 + 4 PROCESS

Introduction:

During the year Council of Conference sent to Te Taha Maori, Synods, UDC, Advisory Committee's and Boards a discussion paper on 'Connexional Appointments - Two Year Process'. Ten responses were received by the Council all agreeing that the current process is too long.

Responses identified 'Connexional Appointments' differently. As a consequence Council of Conference have identified 'Appointments Subject to a 4 + 4 Process'.

This report takes into account suggestions and issues raised, shortens the process and preserves accountability. It should be read with Law Book Section 9.6.

♦ A NEW 4 + 4 PROCESS:

Appointments this would apply to are:

General Secretary
Nga Kaiarahi
Mission Resource Unit Superintendent
Ministry Resource Unit Superintendent
Lecturers Trinity College
Mission Superintendents
Education Resource Appoints
Tuiwi National Resource Person – Youth
Wesley College Chaplain

♦ WITH THE PRESENT 2 YEAR PROCESS:

- Job descriptions became dated in a two year process.
- The process was too long for a lay person applicant.
- The timing was difficult for Parishes of Presbyter applicants.

◆ A SHORTENED ONE YEAR PROCESS

The following changes have gained support. Concerns identified in responses from the wider church have been included in this proposal. The process is shortened to one year, with a three month selection process at the end.

The shortened process allows:

- Connexional input into job description, covenants etc.
- The wider Church to give clear information if it is to make careful and informed responses to job descriptions etc.
- The role of the new Appointee to be clearly defined to cover accountability to Board and Conference. These details to be written into job descriptions and covenants.
- Parishes who are affected by their Presbyter gaining a nomination to enter more promptly into the Stationing process and not be disadvantaged.
- A Methodist involvement in the consultative process for partner Church appointments. i.e. Crosslink, Council for Mission and Public Question Researcher.
- Flexibility about number of people on the interview panel, recognising the final report is from the 4 + 4.

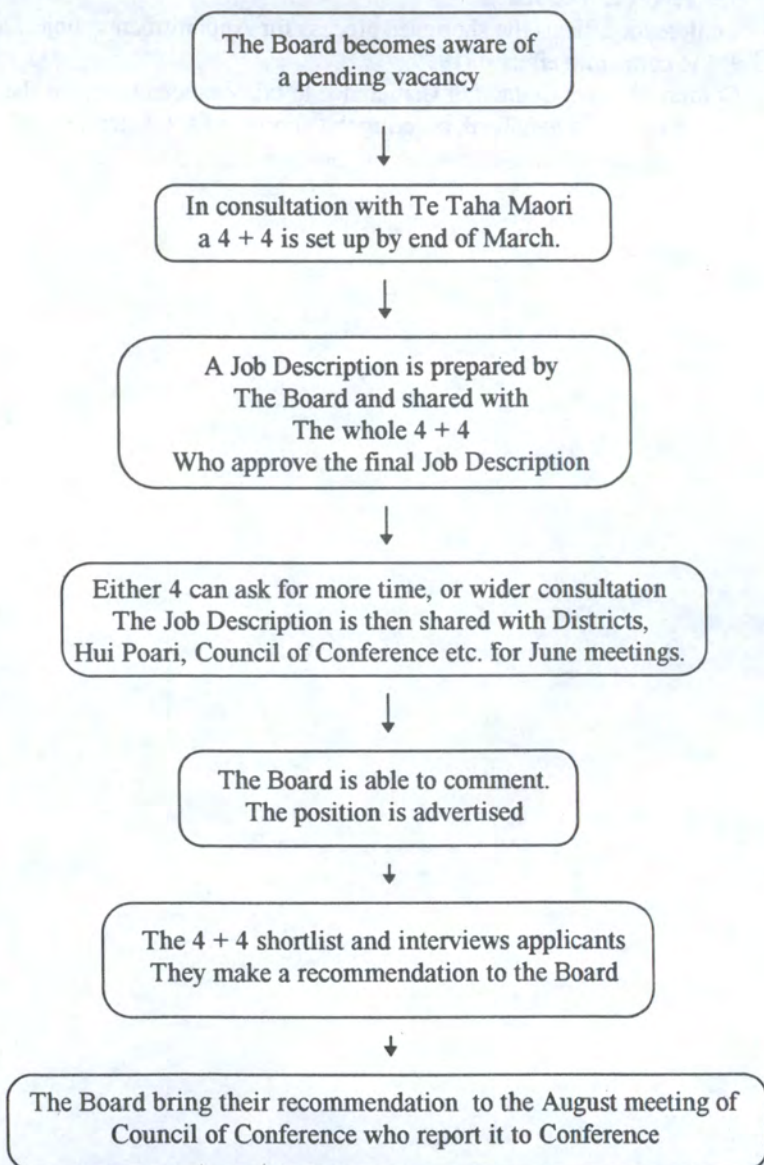
The Connexional perspective will be the responsibility of the appointing Board when appointing their four members.

Council of Conference will take responsibility for the preparation of a Hand Book covering the 4 + 4 process. This will include:

Preparation for working in a 4 + 4
Interview training
Time line of process
Short-listing.
Reporting

The whole process to have a pastoral touch.

THE PROCESS



SUGGESTED DECISIONS

1. The report is received
2. Conference affirms the shortened process for Appointments subject to a 4 + 4 to come into effect in 1999.
3. Conference asks Council of Conference to take responsibility for the preparation of a handbook covering the shortened 4 + 4 process.

Supplementary Report to Conference

Selection process for President and Vice President

Preamble:

Conference 1997 agreed to use the Appointment process for President and Vice President presented to it for that year only. In 1997 there was "no consensus within Taiuiwi to make a change to the process". However, Taiuiwi decided to ask a group to work on a process which would go to Synods and Advisory Committees in 1998.

The group - Ruth Boswell, Gary Clover, John Murray, Winifred Murray, David Smith and Peter Williamson - met and agreed on some additions to help the process feel fair and equitable.

This report was presented to Taiuiwi Forum for discussion and amendment. Taiuiwi Forum then presented this process to Synods and Advisory Committees as one which would enable the Church to select its leadership in an intentional and considered manner.

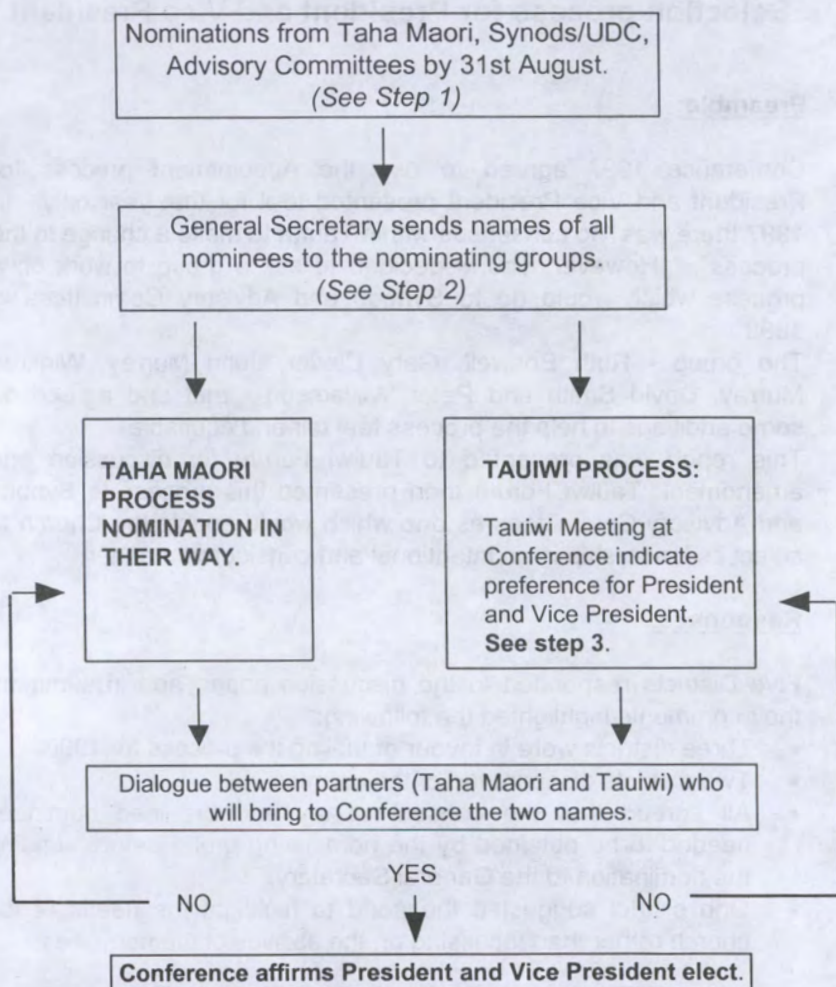
Responses:

Five Districts responded to the discussion paper, and in summary their comments highlighted the following:

- Three districts were in favour of trialing the process for 1999
- Two districts disapproved of the process
- All agreed that the consent of lay and ordained nominees needed to be obtained by the nominating group before sending the nomination to the General Secretary.
- One district suggested the need to highlight the needs of the church rather than focussing on the abilities of the nominees.

Having read the responses carefully the following selection process is brought to Conference for discussion and approval.

The Process:



Tauwi Forum identified five steps in the process:

- the calling for nominations;
- the sharing of information on nominees;
- the dual Taha Maori/Tauwi processes;
- the shared 'partnership dialogue' on the nominees leading to the choice of a name for President and Vice President;
- the affirmation by Conference.

TAUIWI PROCESS

Step 1:

The General Secretary invites nominations for President and Vice President from Taha Maori, all Synods, Northland UDC, Advisory Committees. Nominations sent to the General Secretary by the 31st August.

Note: The nominating group must seek the consent of the proposed nominees before forwarding his/her name to the General Secretary.

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:

The following process is used by Taiuiwi members of Conference at their meeting:

- The Taiuiwi Meeting will have the opportunity to discuss "What leadership skills does the church itself need at this time?" and "What issues of gender, theological, lay and ordained balance do we need to consider?"
- Before voting Taiuiwi members will have take time to reflect on, pray about, or quietly contemplate: "Which nominees to this year's Conference have the leadership skills needed by our church for the next year?"
- Taiuiwi Meeting members will then vote for position of President and vote for position of Vice President to determine their ranking of nominees.

(Taiuiwi Meeting may choose to ask nominees to leave or to stay in the meeting while the following process is followed)

- The scrutineers will report to the Taiuiwi Meeting the results of the vote.

eg - These 3/4/5 people have the confidence of the Taiuiwi Meeting.

At the end of this step Tauwi would be able to say that these people have the general approval of the Tauwi Meeting and Tauwi would be able to support any of them as President or Vice President. If general approval is not reached then another vote would be appropriate and the process beginning at Step 3 would be repeated.

- Tauwi Meeting will affirm the chosen nominees.
- Tauwi Meeting may brief the Tauwi panel (see below) about their wishes for President and Vice President.

Step 4:

- Tauwi and Taha Maori panels meet to make a decision on the President and Vice President.

Step 5:

- Spokesperson(s) for the Tauwi and Taha Maori panels explain to Conference the reasons for the choice of President and Vice President.
- President and Vice President elect are announced.
- Conference affirms its support for them by standing.

PARTNERSHIP DIALOGUE

Tauwi Panel:

Will comprise of up to five Tauwi members of Council of Conference.

Tauwi members of Council of Conference will choose their members for the panel at their October meeting and announce their names.

Taha Maori Panel:

Will comprise of up to five Taha Maori members of Council of Conference.

Step 1:

The partnership dialogue between Taha Maori and Tauwi will determine its own way of working. It will bring to Conference the two names for Conference to affirm as President and Vice President.

If the panel cannot agree on two names to bring to Conference the panel will report this to the Tauwi and Te Taha Maori meetings.

These meetings will then determine what process shall be followed to select a President and Vice President.

Step 2:

Conference will affirm the appointment of President and Vice President elect by standing.

Suggested Decisions:

The report be received.

The process be trialled for three years, then reviewed by Conference.

Fiji Advisory Report to Conference 1998

Ni sa bula vinaka na Turaga na Qase Levu kei kemuni na lewe ni bos ni Konifered, Lotu Wesele e Aotearoa, 1998. Kom kidavaki saka tiko yani e na yaca ni noda Turaga Ko Jisu Karisito, okoya na I luuliu levu ni noda lotu.

After the 1997 Conference and its decision which rocked the church, our people were left with hurt, anger and confusion. We then agreed:

1. To disassociate ourselves from the decision of the 1997 New Zealand Methodist Conference which accepted a declared and practicing homosexual into full Connexion.
2. To align ourselves with the Wesleyan Methodist Movement because of the biblical principles on which it stands. We endorsed its submission to the President's Commission believing that it will find a way forward for us all.
3. To restate to the church that we acknowledge Maori are the Tangata Whenua and that the Treaty of Waitangi is important for the future of all in Aotearoa New Zealand. At the same time we all live in a multi-racial society and we need to work out how these two factors can live and work together harmoniously from a Christian point of view.

Annual Meeting

The Fiji Advisory Council met in Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington on the 14th March, 1998. The President, Rev Norman Brookes chaired the meeting, assisted by Mrs Susau Strickland, Vice President. Forty representatives from the eight Fiji Congregations throughout New Zealand were present, namely Christchurch, Nelson, Wellington (Taranaki & Lower Hutt), Palmerston North, Wanganui, Rotuman, Khyber Pass and Mount Eden.

Reports were received from each Congregation and the highlights summarised below:

- a) Rev Jione Langi's ministry finishes at the end of January, 1999. The Convenor is to perform Traditional Fijian Protocol in handing Rev Jione Langi back to the Fiji Conference in August 1998. (Fiji Conference).
- b) Lower Hutt and Taranaki Congregations have formed together again at Wesley Church, Taranaki Street.
- c) Choirs from Khyber Pass, Mount Eden and the Rotumans to participate in the Fiji Methodist Church Choir Sing Competition in the August Conference.
- d) Supply Ministry – Rev Solomon Tuibua currently studying in New Zealand.
- e) Youth Fund - \$22,000 to be distributed to all groups.
- f) New Zealand-born Fijians and Rotumans: There is a great need for a Training Programme for our young people (both New Zealand-born and Fiji-born now living in New Zealand).
- g) Youths: Tremendous growth in numbers. Their amount of Activities and Outreach indicates healthy sign of spiritual growth too.

Candidates for Ministry

- a) Ravai Rennel – continuing home-setting studies.

- b) Soro Ramacake – on his 4th year training at Trinity College for General ministry.
- c) Marica Reeves – still on Home Setting study as Deaconate.

September Fiji Advisory Executive Meeting

Held at Pitt Street 19th September. 25 members present from the eight congregations.

Rev John Murray, Superintendent of the Mission Resourcing Unit enlightened us with an overview of the present situation and spoke to us with regards to

- a) Supply Ministry of Rev Solomone Tuibua and also
- b) Seconded Ministry.
- c) Structure and its link with the Fiji Conference.

Tributes

We wish to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the tremendous support and consideration given by the Conference of New Zealand through the Mission Resourcing Unit for Rev Langi's ministry here in Aotearoa New Zealand for 11 years.

Thanks also to the Auckland Central Parish and Mission for their contribution of \$5,000 to the Mount Eden Fijian Fellowship. This gift of money assisted the Choir's recent trip to Fiji.

Looking Ahead

- 1. Fiji Advisory Meeting – 13th March, 1999 – Auckland.
- 2. Fijian Ministry still need seconded ministers from Fiji.

Suggested Decision

- 1. That this report be received.
- 2. Fiji Advisory Meeting – 13th March, 1999.
- 3. That PAC Funds for New Zealand born Samoan, Tongan and Fiji people be distributed to each of the 3 groups to organise and conduct their own programmes.
- 4. The following be representatives of the Fijian Advisory Committee to the various committee:

Tauivi Forum	Titilia Fihaki/Akisi Renner
Mission Resourcing Unit	Lupeti Fihaki
Council of Conference	Lupeti Fihaki/Maikeli Danilau
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:

Presbyters:	Mikaele Yasa
Lay Representatives:	Manasa Rayasi, Cama Tuwai, Jioji Tikodei, Malakai Waqa, Rupeni Balawa, Maikeli Danilau, Laisa Fonmoa, Voi Muaror, Ilitomasi Nacagilevu.

Convener:
Secretary
Treasurer

Lupeti Fihaki
Vasiti Strong
Kelera Waqa

Ai tokani ena cakacaka ni Turaga,

Lupeti Fihaki (Convener)

***Recognising
the Reality***

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Responding in Faith



**Report of the President's Commission
to the
Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa**

Conference 1998

THE COMMISSION'S REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1998

"Recognising the Reality - Responding in Faith"

This report is in two parts. Part One is drawn from the initial pages of the Interim Report of the Commission which was shared with the Church in June. That section is repeated here for two reasons. First, because it contains important background information with respect to the mandate, composition, and task of the Commission. Secondly, because it outlines the content of the submissions made, and indicates some of the issues that the Commission believes the Church needs to address. This first part of the Interim Report was widely supported by those who responded to the report.

The second part of this report flows from the further work of the Commission. It is based on hearing the responses to the Interim Report. It is also based on the mandate given by Conference 1997, namely to "help individuals, groups, congregations, and parishes who have difficulty in accepting the decision of Conference and to explore the consequences of the decision." The Commission believes that it has faithfully carried out its task in terms of the mandate given by Conference.

Part One

Introduction:

When Conference 1997 made its decision in relation to appointing a gay presbyter within the Methodist Church, it was immediately clear that, while this was encouraging to some, it was a source of deep hurt, confusion, and division to others. The issue had to do with homosexuality, but within that there was a primary focus on celibacy or non celibacy in relation to leadership positions in the life of the Church. In recognizing the deep division caused by this decision, Conference then made the following decision:

"That Conference request 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 and to explore the consequences of the decision."

The President and Vice-President, who were deeply concerned for the Church, acted quickly following Conference, touched base with a number of the key hurting groups within the life of the Church, and proceeded to draw together a

group of people "representative of the diversity of life within Te Haahi Weteriana".

Those who know the Church at District and Connexional level will recognize that the following people who have served on the Commission represent both the theological and the ethnic diversity of the Church, along with the Treaty Partnership which is part of our life.

The Commission members are:

Niua Aumua, Ruth Boswell, Ruth Bilverstone, Mary Caygill, Gary Clover, Lupeti Fihaki, Jock Hosking, Sione Ha'angana, Jione Langi, Kepu Moa, Paewhenua Nathan, Aso Samoa Saleupolu, David Smith, Allan Oliver, Ken Olsen, Russell Rigby, John Roberts, Fletcher Thomas, Terry Wall, Bryan White, Andrea Williamson, Te Rua Winiata, along with the Vice-President and President. John Murray attended as the resource person from the Connexion.

Given this membership, the Commission can assure Parishes, and the wider Church that their hurts, and hopes, have been recognised within the life of the Commission.

1. Submissions

At its first meeting, the Commission decided, however, that it was not good enough simply to draw together a group representative of much of the diversity of the Church. The Commission also needed to listen to the wider Church. Consequently the Commission invited submissions. At the time of its meeting on April 25th over one hundred submissions had been received from a range of sources; individuals, parishes, groups. Two groups, the Wesleyan Methodist Movement, and the Tongan Advisory Committee, both requested and were granted an opportunity to appear before the Commission and speak to their submissions.

The submissions made it clear that the hurt in the Church was not confined to those who were present at Conference 1997 but was widespread. They also made it clear that the hurt was not simply due to one decision of Conference but to a range of decisions made over recent years. At the same time the submissions indicated that some felt hurt less by the decision; or decisions of Conference, than by the actions taken by others since Conference which seemed to them to be of a divisive nature. The following is a brief summary of the kinds of issues which have been raised, often many times, with the Commission:

- 1) *A large number of the submissions focussed on the 1997 decision of Conference with regard to the appointment of a gay person to presbyteral ministry within the Methodist Church. Most of these*

strongly rejected the Conference decision. Some asked for it to be reversed. Some asked for a referendum to be held of Methodist members on this issue. Some stated they would leave unless something was done to protect their integrity within the life of the Church.

- 2) *Another group of submissions, while critical of this decision, stated that the 1997 Conference decision was for them the presenting issue, symptomatic of a range of decisions that the Conference had made in recent years with which they disagreed. These decisions included the commitment to pursue a bicultural journey; to use the term "tauiwi"; to place an embargo on the transfer of ministers from overseas Methodist Churches; to question our relationship with the World Methodist Council; to move to a consensus mode of decision-making, and a number of other decisions.*
- 3) *A third group of submissions pointed to a loss of connection with our historic Methodist roots, or to an apparent move away from the Scriptures, or a move away from theological orthodoxy as a guiding principle. Some saw this as the source of a spiritual crisis within the Church and as the reason why some decisions have been made which to some do not seem to be in accord with the faith once delivered to the saints.*
- 4) *A fourth group of submissions focussed on catholicity (Wesley's catholic spirit) or diversity, and the need for inclusiveness within the Church. Some pleaded for Methodism to maintain its inclusive character and the dynamic of diversity, and were concerned that the Church might be forced into a narrow discriminatory mode. A number focussed on the need to encourage dialogue within the Church and avoid schism.*
- 5) *A fifth group asked for a reshaping of the Church to give space for people who hold differing theological perspectives to live with integrity under a wider Methodist umbrella.*
- 6) *Finally, there was a range of submissions which covered a variety of issues including the following: the use of power within the Church; the need for the consensus process to be clarified; some pressed for urgency while others wanted time to be taken in discerning a clear way forward; some were concerned about the effect of any division on Co-operative Ventures; some expressed concern with WMM initiatives while others supported those initiatives; some reminded the*

Commission that its task is to help those who cannot live with the Conference 1997 decision; some pointed to the existence of middle ground Methodists who do not want to be forced into decisions about taking sides when neither side satisfactorily represents their position; some said that how we handle this issue in the Church at this time will impact on our witness of the Gospel to the nation; some asked help for parishes divided by the issues; almost all looked to the Commission to find a way forward.

The Commission has given many hours to its analysis of these submissions. It recognizes that it has not picked up all the issues or concerns, some of which rightly belong to other committees of the Church and will be referred there. However, the Commission has attempted to pick up critical issues that fall within its mandate, stated task, and goals.

2. Theology:

Just as the New Testament affirms differing theological perspectives, the Church's life is enriched by a variety of theologies. This was true for the Commission, as it is true for the Methodist Church. No one theology can hold the whole truth, or the whole Gospel.

The Commission acknowledges that within its life there were at least two different ways of approaching theology. These were, broadly speaking: an orthodox or traditional mode of discerning and receiving revealed "truth", centred on an atonement theology, focussed on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and a contextual dynamic mode of theology discerning the ongoing revelation of "truth" focussed on God's creation, justice, and vision for life. While both approaches value and draw on the Scriptures, the result can be described as a clash of world views. We believe that the Commission is a mirror of the Church at this point.

If we are to honour each other's integrity, it is important that we acknowledge these underlying aspects of our theologies. The theological base lines each of us hold have consequences which affect how we think about the Scriptures, the Church, the nature of salvation, and a range of other issues. For example: is the Bible a rule for life, or a resource for life? Is the Church called out of the world, or to be deeply involved in the world? Is our salvation primarily personal, or primarily social? Is the inclusivity of the Church unbounded, or are there boundaries to inclusivity? These are questions that we will answer differently depending on our theological baselines. Having said that, it is recognised that some on the Commission, and many in the wider church, straddle these baselines and hold a theology that combines both traditional and contextual dimensions.

The Commission as a whole affirmed the following:

1. The grace of God is immense, free, and unconfined. All stand in need of God's grace and restoring love. The grace of God is made incarnate in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ points us to a way of life that is incarnational, to life in all its fullness. In response to God's grace, we are called to be gracious in our dealings with one another, and to treat each other with love and respect.
2. Justice and reconciliation are Gospel responses to the grace of God incarnate in Jesus Christ. Justice calls us to do as Jesus did standing alongside the marginalised (the poor, the lepers) helping disadvantaged groups of all kinds stand with dignity. Reconciliation calls us to work at peacemaking, even when we do not agree.
3. Catholicity or diversity were present in the apostolic Church and are to be valued and expressed within our Church structures. Methodists seek to live out of a catholicity of spirit, remembering John Wesley's Sermon on the subject, and therefore recognising and appreciating different approaches to faith.
4. The Gospel calls us to a personal holiness of life in attitudes and ethics and to a social holiness that longs for liberation for all who are in any way enslaved or who lack the fullness of life.
5. As Methodist, we want to encourage people to think theologically, to have a reason for the hope that is in them. We want people to work at their personal theology in relation both to the Scriptures and to the context of everyday life, including the contentious issues of our time. Open and healthy debate within the life of the whole Church can assist this.

All members of the Commission had a desire to affirm both the unity of the Church and the need to allow for the theological integrity of its component parts. It is in the light of these affirmations, the mandate given by Conference, and the submissions received, that the Commission has prepared this report and makes its recommendations to Conference.

3. The Church

The Commission believes that the life and health of Methodist people is important. The Church needs to work harder at being the Connexion, and as a number of responses suggest the Connexion needs to work harder at being the Church nurturing those at the grassroots in our parishes and fellowships, so they in turn can serve the wider community. The Commission recognises that Methodist Church structures should exist to serve the Church locally and regionally and not the other way round. The Commission believes that the Church has often lost sight of this. A new commitment from us all is required

to foster a healthy local and regional Church. The Commission is aware that the Restructuring Task Group is working on this. Hopefully the Task Group will assist the Connexion to provide more adequate resourcing of the local and regional Church.

The Commission wants to see the Methodist Church become a safe open and accepting environment. A place where from the Parishes, Fellowships, and Rohe, to the Conference, an honest and robust contesting of theological understandings and beliefs, and of Treaty partnership issues, can take place without people feeling put upon, manipulated, or the subject of personality attacks. Sadly the Commission recognises that this has not always been the case in Methodism. The Commission wants a vigorous lively Church. Commitment and effort will be required on the part of many to ensure that people who have differing perspectives can feel free to air their deeply held theological convictions without being subject to ridicule or being put down.

The Commission believes that its paper *Is Your Local Church a Safe Place* begins to address some of the issues. A second paper is to be prepared to assist Synods and Conference become places where ideas, beliefs, theologies, can be given robust presentation and a fair hearing. This paper will be made available to the Church in due course.

No one on the Commission wants another Conference business session like that of 1997. Commission members who were involved in Conference express deep sorrow for the pain caused to many at that time. The Commission is committed to finding a new way forward for the Church and in particular the "evangelical" section of the Church.

Part Two

Part two of this report is in two main sections. First, it seeks to address the critical area of relationships in the Church. Secondly, it sets forth a proposal for a new distinctive "Evangelical" Synod in the life of the Church.

The Commission attended to this work in the light of 103 responses to the Interim Report. Nearly all the responses affirmed the first part of the Interim Report. In addition, the responses affirmed the suggestion that a facilitator or facilitators be available on request to the President and Vice-President to assist in leading the Conference when Conference is dealing with matters of a highly contentious nature. It was also widely affirmed that further work needs to take place in respect to the consensus decision-making process. The Commission

has attached a suggested decision to this report which will enable this to take place. Finally, it was widely affirmed that "something needs to happen".

With respect to the Sector proposal, however, it was clear that the Church was divided. Some felt the report went in the right direction and that the proposal should at least be given a trial run. Some felt that the proposal did not go far enough to meet their needs. Most felt that the proposal was too divisive and encouraged the Commission to think again. Issues raised included: a concern that Conference decisions would be inhibited, that division would be imposed, and that representatives would become delegates. The Commission has noted these concerns and has radically reshaped its proposals. The proposals herewith represent the Commission's response to all that the Commission has heard. Moreover in these proposals the Commission had sought to take into account the ethos of Methodism and to suggest ways forward that are in line with our general polity while attempting to meet the needs of those who had difficulty in accepting the Conference decision of 1997.

1. Relationships:

- a) The Commission recognises that before we can move on to anything new, there is a primary need to acknowledge the significant breakdown in relationships within the whole Church that has occurred over a long time. This has resulted in damage to the mission and ministry of Te Hahi. The Commission has identified feelings of mistrust and suspicion, judgement, anger, hatred, fear, and jealousy. These feelings have resulted in disempowerment, loss of energy, violence, disenchantment, bewilderment, frustration, and confusion. The Commission believes that the time has come to attend to this significant breakdown in relationships.
- b) Relationships cannot be restored within the space of one Conference, the whole of next year will be required, and beyond. Rebuilding relationships is hard work requiring significant commitment, especially when it involves spiritual as well as other aspects. To assist this process the Commission wants to encourage the whole Church to engage in a relationship building programme in 1999. To this end Synods, Advisory Groups, and Te Taha Maori are asked, in the Suggested Decision attached to this report, to identify potential facilitators. These people should reflect the theological and other diversities of the Church. The Education Ministry Resource people will assist those chosen to develop appropriate facilitation skills and processes to enable the relationship building process to begin.

- c) Synods, UDC's, Advisory Committees, Parishes, Co-operative Ventures, Rohe and other church groups are encouraged to take specific steps to hold relationship building forums where differing viewpoints can be expressed, heard and acknowledged, in the hope that relationship building can begin to happen.
- d) We are aware that the P.A.C. Distribution Group has made gifts to Synods, UDC's, Advisory Groups and Te Taha Maori for the purpose of rebuilding relationships, encouraging dialogue and facilitating healing within the Connexion. As the gifts are to support "Creative Connexionalism within Te Hahi Weteriana", we encourage this resource to be used for the forums suggested above.
- e) The outcome of this process to be reviewed for Conference 1999 by the Mission Resourcing Unit.

As a first step towards the healing of relationships, the Commission invites Conference to declare its willingness to enter into the following covenant:

An "Evangelical" Covenant:

Conference warmly affirms the place of evangelicals within the life of the Methodist Church. It respects and values the contribution made by many evangelical people during our history.

In order for this to continue, Conference commits the Methodist Church to seek more effective ways by which evangelicals within Methodism can contribute to the ongoing life and work of the Church.

2. A New "Evangelical" Structure:

The model proposed by the Commission for a new "evangelical" structure in the life of Methodism is based on the Sinoti Samoa model. This involves the setting up of an "Evangelical" Synod that would be national in its scope rather than regional. The Synod would operate under the provisions of the Law Book, in particular:

- a) It would elect its own Superintendent who would have pastoral oversight of the Synod, presbyters, and congregations. The Superintendent would represent the Synod in accordance with the Law Book.

- b) Representation on the Synod would include all eligible presbyters along with parish and other representation as set out in the Law Book
- c) Presbyters and parishes would have full membership in one Synod only. Nevertheless Evangelical Synod members will be able to attend and contribute to discussion in District Synods and vice versa. Participating in voting or final decision-making is the responsibility of those who are full members of a Synod.
- d) Congregations or parishes would not be compelled into making a choice of relating to the Evangelical Synod, but would be free to choose on the basis of a referendum of confirmed members returning at least a two thirds majority. Details with respect to this to be worked out by the group set up to deal with the establishment of the "Evangelical" Synod. (See Suggested Decision 4b)
- e) The presbyter of a Parish would have a seat on the Synod to which the Parish has chosen to belong. A presbyter who belongs to the Evangelical Synod can attend the District Synod in her/his area.

The powers of the Evangelical Synod:

Evangelicals have sought greater control of their life in relation to the following in particular: the selection, training, and stationing of presbyters. The new Synod would deal with these matters in the following way:

Selection: The Evangelical Synod would have its own Candidates' Committee. Guidelines for selection would be the general guidelines accepted by the whole Church. Candidates selected would participate in whatever agreed processes operate at a national level in terms of assessment. Appropriate leaders chosen in consultation with the Evangelical Synod would be part of any national assessment team.

Training: The Church is opening up new possibilities in the areas of theological training - these include designated alternative places such as the Bible College of New Zealand.

The theological student will have a choice in terms of theological education. The Evangelical Synod will be able to participate in the shaping of such choices.

As students training for Methodist ministry, evangelical students will be entitled to equitable funding support from the Connexion. All students would be required to engage in a period of

orientation and ministry formation according to procedures of the Methodist Church.

Stationing: The Evangelical Synod will do its own prior work on matchings. The Superintendent and the Lay Representative will report these suggested matchings to the Stationing Committee for consideration and the final approval of Conference. It is clearly recognised that some presbyters could work in either the Evangelical Synod or in the wider Church, and some parishes would be happy to have a presbyter from either, therefore it will be possible for presbyters to move as appropriate between the Synod and the wider Church.

Ordination: The Commission believes that Ordination should remain the responsibility of the whole Church.

Boards and Committees:

The Commission recognises that the evangelical perspective has not always been adequately represented on the Boards and Committees of the Church, and proposes that further work take place in this area. The Commission believes that theological perspective is every bit as important as gender, age, and ethnic representation. Theological perspective therefore should be part of the criteria for selection/nomination for such Boards and Committees.

The Commission did not see its task as being to deal with all the practical matters that may need to be attended to in due course. Questions such as how the evangelical Synod might be funded, how a parish or a congregation would decide to become part of the Evangelical Synod, or what happens in a parish with two very different congregations, remain. The Commission, however, believes that if the Church commits itself to this vision then these and other matters can be resolved. Sinoti Samoa has already worked through some of these areas. This is an area where faith needs to be, and can be, exercised. The Commission recommends that the Church set up a work group to deal with matters relating to the establishment of the Evangelical Synod.

The Commission believes that the Evangelical Synod, as set out above, could meet the needs of most who had "difficulty in accepting the decision of (last) Conference". It will provide evangelical people and parishes/congregations with a new place to stand in the life of the Church and it will give evangelical people and parishes a great deal more say in relation to their own life and their future in Te Hahi Weteriana.

Postscript:

When Conference has addressed the relational issues, including the Evangelical Covenant, and the question of the Evangelical Synod, there may still be a small number of congregations or presbyters who believe that even then there is no option but to leave the Methodist Church. Should that be the case, then it should be noted by Conference that the Commission has prepared some initial guidelines for the Administration Division. These guidelines are to ensure that any such leaving, while it will inevitably be painful, can happen in a fair and equitable way. A copy of the guidelines can be obtained on request from the General Secretary.

Suggested Decisions:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference recommends the following so that the Church can begin to take seriously the breakdown in relationships:
 - a) Districts, and other appropriate groups, early in 1999, select people who could act as facilitators in healing relationships.
 - b) Such people be gathered together to participate in training programmes guided by the Education Resource Persons.
 - c) Districts and other appropriate groups hold "relationship building" forums during 1999.
3. Conference affirms the "Evangelical" Covenant:

"Conference warmly affirms the place of evangelicals within the life of the Methodist Church. It respects and values the contribution made by many evangelical people during our history.

In order for this to continue, Conference commits the Methodist Church to seek more effective ways by which evangelicals within Methodism can contribute to the ongoing life and work of the Church."
4. Conference approves in principle the establishment of an "Evangelical" Synod on a national basis within the life of the Methodist Church and with the powers outlined in this report.

- a) The Synod is to be established according to the Law Book definition and guidelines for Synods, and to include the responsibilities outlined in this report in respect to the selection, training and stationing of presbyters.
 - b) Conference agrees that the following members of the Commission: namely Terry Wall, Norman Brookes, Andea Williamson, and Susau Strickland, work with evangelical leaders (consultation is taking place with respect to who these might be) on matters relating to the ethos of the Evangelical Synod, its budget, and other establishment issues.
5. The proposed "Evangelical" Synod is invited to appoint three people to work alongside three others, drawn from the Commission and appointed by the President, to oversee the process of implementing the Covenant set out above. Amongst its tasks this group shall bring to Conference 1999 a proposal with respect to evangelical/theological representation on the Boards and Committees of the Church.
 6. That Conference in the year 2000 request the President and Vice-President to appoint 3 people, who in consultation with 3 people appointed by the Evangelical Synod, will review progress in relation to the Evangelical Covenant, the Evangelical Synod, and the relationship building work, and report back to Conference 2001.
 7. Conference recommends that the following members of the Commission: Mary Caygill, Gary Clover, Ken Olsen, and one other person to be nominated to the President, work in consultation with the Mission Resourcing Unit, on the nature and working of consensus decision-making. This to include examining the possibility as to whether a Synod in the life of the Church could legally stand apart from a decision of Conference on a matter of conscience based on theological grounds. A report to be forwarded to Synods, Advisory Committees, and Hui Poari in 1999 for decision at Conference 1999.
 8. Conference agrees to the appointment of a facilitator, or facilitators who, at the request of the President or Vice-President, can provide facilitation to the whole Conference when the Conference is dealing

with matters that are seen to be controversial. The President and Vice-President Elect, in consultation with the Council of Conference, will choose the facilitator/s. Facilitation to be available from Conference 1999.

9. That should there be any parish, congregation, or presbyter who, when Conference has dealt with the positive recommendations in the Commission's Report, still cannot live with the Methodist Church, then Conference authorises the Administration Division to seek a fair and equitable settlement according to the general principles identified for such settlement by the Commission.

Directions for Trinity College

Trinity College Council is grateful for the work put in by Synods, Te Taha Maori, Parishes and individuals in looking at the paper circulated in the church during July and August, and in making responses to the issues raised. The responses show an ongoing commitment to high quality relevant education as preparation for ministry, both ordained and lay.

The responses also highlighted the variety of perspectives and interests in the church. No one clear way ahead emerged in detail, and the Council recognises that this calls for a flexible approach which enables a diverse set of opportunities and educational paths and styles.

The Council presents here a general outline of future directions. The specific programmes and other details will be worked out as needs and resources are explored in more detail. This is likely to be an ongoing process of evolution.

Previous papers have noted the financial pressures on the Council, and the need for prompt action to relieve this. Consequently, the disestablishment of the position of Field Director, Ordained Ministry, and the possible sale of the Wellspring property are being brought to Conference for approval. There has been support for a different way of enabling the educational programmes presently undertaken through the job description of the Field Director to be developed. This would happen from the beginning of 2000.

Many in the church have expressed concern about the proposed sale of Wellspring. The Council acknowledges that Wellspring has been a place of growth and insight for many through the last 15 years. It has also provided a base for a variety of programmes. If the sale goes ahead, the key programmes for lay ministry will continue, using other sites, as will the home-setting programme.

The proposal being brought to the church at this point builds on the information, definitions, and key issues contained in the *Directions* paper circulated to Synods and other parts of the church in July. Material from that paper is assumed, but is not reproduced here. *The intention of this paper is to seek a mandate from Conference to explore ways of putting the outline proposal into practice.*

The Proposal

Pressure for change in the activities of the College is coming from three directions: the growth in diversity and new patterns of ministry in the Methodist Church; world-wide shifts in education, including education for ministry; and

reduction in available funding. The financial pressures present the most urgency, and constrain what we might wish to achieve in response to the other pressures. The Council is aware that the College needs to develop programmes which enable it to live within the available funding. This requires flexibility to fit activities within diminishing resources, to avoid responses which simply make cuts.

In this setting, Trinity College Council is looking towards a revising of College emphases and programmes, so as to respond to changes in the life and needs of the Methodist Church and to be as cost-effective as possible.

At the heart of this revision is a clear focus on *preparation for ministry, ordained and lay.*

Theological education, as a formal study of certain areas (like New Testament and Systematic Theology), is an integral part of this preparation, and must be closely linked with it. The Council recognises that theological education is now available throughout the country, some with Methodist input and some without. This includes several degree programmes (from Auckland, Otago, and Bible College) and a number of diplomas and certificates, with distance education opportunities for many of these. The expansion of theological education programmes has been the focus of concerted efforts by Trinity College, and has been a development priority over recent years. The College would *now* see its central role being to prepare people for leadership roles in ministry in the Methodist Church in Aotearoa-New Zealand.

Initially, this may be more a matter of emphasis than producing a major change in the kind of programmes offered. Over the next few years, however, the Council sees the work of the College being reshaped to reflect more clearly this ministry-preparation focus.

It is proposed that the College continue to maintain some involvement in theological education, by having at least one staff member engaged in teaching through the Auckland Consortium for Theological Education. So the Council would continue with the process of appointing a Lecturer in Biblical Studies. It is also proposed that existing partnerships remain - with St John's College and through the Ecumenical Board for Theological Studies (which provides the LTh Diploma). The St John's partnership might well be renegotiated, however, to reflect changes in Trinity College's focus. This will be considered over the next couple of years, as the programmes are reviewed. The College would also be committed to distance education, and might well be a participant in extending distance education opportunities (such as the proposed Auckland and Otago Universities joint enterprise). Extended use of distance education courses will be one aspect of the re-shaping of the home-setting programme.

Participation in the St John's partnership means the facilities of the Meadowbank site remain open to Trinity College. It is proposed that the College retain a presence on this site. The Council emphasises that the 'College' consists

of people rather than buildings, or a particular location, or a set of programmes. 'Trinity College' is the collection of those engaging in programmes under the auspices of the College, together with those engaged to provide tutoring, teaching, or mentoring in those programmes.

But locations have significance. The Council is looking to continue exploration of the possible sale of the Wellspring site, in order to make use of the capital and other costs saved to enable preparation for lay ministry to be continued effectively. There will need to be places for this to happen, and the whole picture will be examined over the coming year.

The Auckland Methodist Central Parish and Mission has this year been consulting with the College Council and others throughout the Connexion, with a proposal to establish a 'Student Training Unit' within the Parish and in partnership with Trinity College. It is envisaged that this Unit would provide opportunities for ministry preparation (including lay ministry) in supervised ministry situations in the Parish. The Parish offers a range of 10 congregational settings, and includes possible involvement with Social Services (through Methodist Mission Northern and 'Take-a-Break Women's Centre') and chaplaincies (hopefully including hospital, schools, tertiary, prison, armed services, and workplace). This parish/community-based supervised ministry programme would be complemented by more formal College programmes, packaged to suit individual student needs.

This proposal opens the possibility for an alternative residential or long-term programme, and/or might be the setting for shorter field education placements. The Central Parish and Mission could provide plant and personnel, in exchange for the ministry offered by students in the activities of the Parish. The project could include the refurbishment of some Pitt Street plant to provide offices, seminar rooms, and some accommodation. This parish-based unit might also be a model for what could happen in other parts of the country.

The Council would like to see a range of partnerships being entered into between the College and regional centres, enabling a variety of programmes to be offered. This is likely to include the contracting of appropriate staff in various settings. So there could be a number of sites from which Trinity College is able to offer programmes in ministry preparation, together with some theological education.

Such partnerships may move the College to offer 'block courses' alongside more sustained 'residential' and 'home-based' programmes. This will raise the question of appropriate accommodation. While space could be hired as required, this may be expensive and may lack a sense of a 'Methodist identity'. The Council will look at possible options here. These could include developing under-used Church plant, or possibly reconsidering the use of properties like Buttle House, Wellspring, and present student houses. Sale of the Wellspring site continues to be a serious option, but it will not proceed without careful

examination of the options available to provide the College with a suitable and cost-effective setting for hospitality and accommodation.

As programmes change, the way in which students are funded will likely change as well. It might be that the Church moves towards a scholarship approach, rather than blanket funding of student costs. With the likelihood of differing course lengths, this would need to be flexible, able to meet the needs of those whose needs are greatest, and be available for both lay and ordained in Church-approved programmes. The Council will continue to explore ways ahead in this area.

Probation is an aspect of the current situation which the Council believes needs urgent review. The current law requires all presbyter candidates to undertake a period of probation (Lawbook Section 2 4:1.1). Conference 1995 asked Trinity College to consider 'fast track procedures' for mature candidates for ministry, while the new procedures for candidating for ministry, approved by Conference 1997, introduce some new areas of flexibility. With the likely extension of programmes in which students are actively engaged in ministry as part of their preparation, the need for an added period of probation in every case is reduced. The Council sees a first step being the ability of the Board of Studies to recommend, through the proposed Board of Ministry, that probation be waived in suitable cases.

As programme directions are clarified, it is likely that other aspects of current laws and regulations will be seen as inappropriate, so a review of these, under the oversight of the Board of Ministry, is being recommended.

In all that happens, the Council is committed to ensuring that lay ministry education continues to be provided alongside programmes which lead to ordination. The Council is convinced that ministry is an activity of the whole church, that ordained ministry provides only one aspect of the church's total ministry, and that there are positive outcomes in those preparing for lay and ordained ministry working together. The possible sale of the Wellspring site does not imply diminishment of this, and capital funds released by such a sale would be applied to ongoing lay ministry education.

The Council also welcomes the developing cooperation between what are now the Mission and Ministry Resourcing Units. It sees value in working together on related issues of ministry, assessment, and education, and looks forward to the setting-up of the proposed Board of Ministry.

As we look forward to the future, the Council notes that any change to the structure of College programmes will need to be phased in over several years. The church contracts with students for a particular course, so no major changes can be made during the time of any one intake. Students starting their programmes at the beginning of 1999 will need to be able to conclude them, so in many cases we will be looking at a lead time of three years. Further, Trinity College's status as a Private Training Establishment with NZQA requires us to

be clear on the rights of students. One of the early tasks for 1999 will be to draw up a time frame for necessary decisions and actions.

In Summary

The future direction for Trinity College being proposed by the Council includes:

- maintaining a clear focus on preparation for ministry, including both ordained and lay, and relating ministry to the contexts of the Methodist Church in Aotearoa-New Zealand
- co-ordinating the various aspects of ministry preparation, assessment, and education with Mission Resourcing under the proposed Board of Ministry
- developing a range of programmes and courses to meet ministry preparation needs, including the possibility of short and long-term residential courses
- maintaining links with theological education by continuing to teach within ACTE, remaining in (and possibly renegotiating) the partnership with St John's, and extending links with distance education providers
- considering options for funding student learning, such as scholarships
- disestablishing the position of Field Director, Ordained Ministry, and identifying other ways of enabling and administering the home-setting programme, probation, and continuing education
- establishing a partnership with the Auckland Methodist Central Parish and Mission to provide ministry training
- looking to regional settings and personnel to extend coverage and opportunities
- considering options for office and residential space, which might involve selling the Wellspring site, and could include developing or making use of other existing Methodist plant

Once this strategic direction is approved, the Council (and the proposed Board of Ministry) will move towards implementation, obtaining customary approvals for various actions as necessary. The Council does not see it as necessary to come back to Conference for detailed approvals within the broad outline of the proposal.

Suggested decisions:

- 1 Conference approves the general direction of the Trinity College Council Supplementary Report on the future directions for Trinity College, and requests the Board of Ministry to continue the development and implementation of these directions, and report to the Church on progress during 1999.

- 2 Conference agrees to the disestablishment of the position of Field Director, Ordained Ministry, from 1 February 2000, recognising that relevant programmes will be maintained and developed in other ways.
- 3 Conference gives approval to the Trinity College Council to sell the Wellspring site, if the Council's investigation determines this to be the best way ahead, noting that the major purpose would be to release capital funds to enable continuation of work in lay ministry education.
- 4 Conference agrees to a 'Student Training Unit' being established in partnership between Trinity College and the Auckland Methodist Central Parish and Mission, to be operational from February 2000.
- 5 Conference agrees that a period of probation is not necessary for all students, and gives approval to the Board of Studies to recommend that probation be waived in suitable cases.
- 6 Conference asks the Board of Ministry, in consultation with the Board of Studies and other relevant groups, to review the present laws and regulations regarding training for ministry and to make recommendations for change to reflect the changing circumstances.

Position Description and Person Profile Methodist Lecturer in Biblical Studies, St John's/Trinity Colleges

Trinity College is seeking to make an appointment of a Lecturer in Biblical Studies to join the Joint Faculty of Trinity/St John's Colleges. This is a full time position.

Definition

The Bible is the foundation document for Christian faith because it contains the historical witness to the action of God in the person of Jesus. The church believes that the Word of God is encountered through the diverse literary forms of both testaments.

Biblical Studies, as a discipline, seeks to facilitate this encounter. Through textual study and an exploration of the linguistic, historical, cultural and literary contexts of these ancient documents, meaning is sought

and interpretation is attempted. The tools of biblical criticism, identified and used over the past two hundred years, are brought to this task. Biblical Studies reaches back to the roots of our faith and serves the theological, preaching and pastoral priorities of the church today.

As students reflect on the mission of the early church, which took the gospel from the Jewish context into the Greek and Roman worlds, insight can be discovered as to how the gospel is to be received and lived in this land in the light of the church's bicultural journey. Methodist students for ministry in Aotearoa/New Zealand need to acquire the skills and graces to read and understand the Bible intelligently and prayerfully so that they may interpret and expound its message with faithfulness and vision for today's congregations.

The lecturer will be required to teach in both First Testament and New Testament, and both Hebrew and Greek languages. Actual teaching duties will vary according to the programme needs in any one semester and the teaching load of other faculty in Biblical Studies.

Duties

The appointee will exercise academic skills which are distinctively those of a Lecturer in Biblical Studies while remaining sympathetic to the present and future vision of the Methodist Church in Aotearoa/New Zealand. The appointee will function in a two-fold context.

- A As a team member of the Joint Faculty, the appointee
- will share responsibility for teaching, assessing and examining in Biblical Studies for students preparing for the ACTE Diploma in Theology, Bachelor of Theology (Auckland), Master of Theology (Auckland) and Doctor of Philosophy (Auckland). This will include supervision of research and graduate students and oversight of extramural students;
 - will contribute to the process of ministry formation and to the pastoral care of women and men preparing for ordained and lay ministries within the Methodist and Anglican Churches of Aotearoa/New Zealand as well as private and overseas students of St John's/Trinity Colleges;
 - will engage in research in Biblical Studies, in areas relevant to teaching needs and personal interest and in forms appropriate to the requirements of University and Church.
- B As a Connexional resource appointment and team member of Trinity College, the appointee
- will contribute directly in the preparation of Methodist students for ordained and lay ministries;

- will share in the formation of policy and the assessment of students through participation in Trinity College faculty meetings and the Board of Studies;
- will be a Biblical Studies resource person for the Connexion.

Qualifications and experience

The appointee

- will possess a suitable Doctorate in Biblical Studies (or be in process towards a Doctorate), as a requirement for University teaching and research supervision;
- should have teaching experience and skills appropriate for the task required;
- will be committed to and experienced in adult educational models;
- may be female or male, lay or ordained;
- will be a member of the Methodist Church of Aotearoa/New Zealand or clearly in sympathy with its ethos and theological emphases;
- should have a depth of church and ministry experience.

Personal Profile

The appointee

- will be enthusiastic about biblical enquiry and be able to call forth this enthusiasm in others;
- will display a personal and spiritual maturity and will be able to encourage the development of these qualities in others;
- will be committed to the bicultural journey of the Methodist Church of Aotearoa/New Zealand;
- will display an ability and commitment to the task of contextualising theology in Aotearoa/New Zealand;
- will respect the differing cultural values and theological perspectives reflected in the college community;
- will be able to work as a member of a team in a variety of ecclesiastical and academic settings;
- will be able to cope with the constant changes and tensions of an educational institution.

Suggested decision:

That Conference approves the position description/person profile for the position of Methodist Lecturer in Biblical Studies, St John's/Trinity Colleges.

Board of Administration Supplementary Report to Conference 1998

SUPERNUMERARY FUND

One of the responsibilities of the Board of Administration, as Trustee for the Supernumerary Fund is to ensure that an Actuarial Review of the Fund is undertaken at least every three years. The Actuary prepared a summary of the review which was included as part of the Board report to Conference, refer page 296ff. As Trustee, the Board of Administration is reporting about the decisions that have been made in connection with the Supernumerary Fund.

The summary prepared by the Actuary reports that the Actuarial Valuation indicates that the Fund is financially in a healthy position and that he had recommended to the Trustee that the member contribution rate be reduced from 10% to 7.5% as well as increasing the retirement benefit rate to 1.125% of stipend for each year of contribution. He has also indicated that as further surpluses become available the retirement benefit rate be moved toward 1.25% of stipend for each year of contribution.

On receiving the report and recommendations, the Board in consultation with the Actuary, discussed a number of alternative benefits that could be considered. These included; an additional lump sum payment at the time of retirement, extra benefits such as meeting medical costs, greater flexibility in contribution rates for members. Some of these alternatives would not be easily incorporated into the current Supernumerary Fund structure without significant changes to the Trust Deed requiring the consent of every member of the Fund.

The Trustee has therefore agreed to accept the recommendation of the Actuary and from 1 February 1999;

- the contribution rate for a full contributing member will be reduced to 7.5% of stipend,
- the retirement benefit rate will be increased to 1.125% of stipend for each year of contribution,
- all current pensions will be increased in proportion to the increase in the retirement benefit rate.

It should be noted that the contribution rate payable by the Church has not be altered and will remain at;

- 10% for a full contributing member,
- 5% for a fifty percent contributing member, and
- 2% for a nominal member

with the Superannuation Contribution Withholding Tax of 33% deducted in each case.

The Trustee hopes that members will use the contribution reduction toward their retirement. This may include reduction of debt, such as a mortgage on a house or other loans, or it might be that a member may choose to make additional contributions to a superannuation savings scheme. To this end the Board of Administration will make arrangements with the Anglican Church Pension Board to allow Methodist Presbyters to accumulate retirement savings within the 'Retire Fund'.

This fund has been made available to Lay Workers of the Church and enjoys the Income Tax free status of Church superannuation schemes on its earnings.

Information on the 'Retire Fund' will be distributed to all members prior to 1 February 1999 in the hope that any members who do not have an alternative retirement savings plan will continue to set aside 10% of the stipend toward their retirement

Suggested Decisions:

1. That The report be received.
2. That the Conference notes the reduction in member contribution to the Supernumerary Fund from 10% to 7.5% as well as the increase in the retirement benefit rate to 1.125% of stipend for each year of contribution.
3. That the members of the Board of Administration for 1999 is:
Alan Bettany, Donald Biggs, Ruth Silverstone, Murray Clark,
Judith Fletcher, Geoff Peak, Donald Phillipps, Jeff Sanders,
Kenneth Smith, Bill Yateman, He Kaiarahi, General Secretary.

METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY

Annual report to Conference 1998

The Society has pleasure in presenting this, its Nineteenth Annual Report to Conference.

The total membership at 30th June 1998 was 278, compared with 262 at the 30th June 1997. This represents an increase in membership of slightly over 6.1%. 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, 31 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 \$114,425 compared with \$144,400 last year.

At the end of the financial year, 9 parishes or other Church-related bodies were recipients of these Nominated Trust Advance loans. In all cases, bar one 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 1998 saw the Society achieve a surplus of \$5,876 compared with \$10,841 last year. While the actual surplus has fallen in relation to the value of the Ordinary Deposits. Total deposits, other than Nominated Trust Advances amounted to \$280,813 compared with \$343,454 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 1998 \$2523 was received from this source, compared with \$3,385 during last year.

DISTRIBUTION

A resolution will be put to the Society's Annual Meeting that a distribution be made this year of up to \$6,500 for purposes yet to be determined.

INTEREST RATES

Interest rates continue to vary quarterly based on a formula of 50% of the 90 day Bank Deposit rate at the beginning of each period, as previously indicated. 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 3.96%, however, subsequent movements in interest rates will result in lower rates in future quarters.

BENEFITS OF SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Property Insurance Facilities

The Householders and Houseowner Insurance facility continues to be available to Methodist Provident Society members through National Insurance. One of the significant aspects of this arrangement, is that the insured can deal with the local representative of National Insurance rather than referring any claims or changes of cover through the Administration Division.

Health Insurance Facilities

The arrangement with Southern Cross Healthcare, whereby we are able to offer to members, Medical Insurance, with the benefits of group rates, has proved very successful and has raised the profile of the Methodist Provident Society in the life of the Church. We would like to take this opportunity of reminding members of this facility. There has been a change in their policy regarding rates of premium, resulting in a discount of 5% to all members over and above the discounts already accrued through the membership of the group scheme. This is a recognition of the claim history of all participants in the group.

If any members have any other suggestions of ways in which we can better serve their needs do not hesitate to contact the Executive Officer.

Members who make regular monthly contributions to the Society are reminded that Direct Debiting facilities can be arranged in the same way as the Medical Insurance Premiums are met.

SOCIETY RULES

The Board is thankful that it can report that their endeavours in revising the Society Rules to satisfy the needs of the Society and to increase the total involvement of members of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and Co-operating Ventures in its activities, has been successfully concluded.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

The Inland Revenue Department has confirmed the Charitable status of the Society as a result of the approval of the new rules.

The Board of the Provident Society continues to be aware of the need to review the Society. This review will be undertaken in 1999. Any suggestions that will assist the review will be greatly appreciated.

The membership of the Board of the Methodist Provident Society Ltd is Mesdames Ruth Bilverstone, Cheryl Brown, Elizabeth Cant, Pat Teague, Sister Rona Collins, Revs Donald Phillipps, General Secretary, Kenneth Smith (subject to his continuing on the Board of Administration) 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 \$6,500 be available for distribution as per recommendations to be submitted following the Annual Meeting of the Society.
3. That Warren Hudson (Convener), Ruth Bilverstone, Derek Laws, Murray Clark, undertake an extensive review of the purpose, function and the future of the Provident Society and report to Synod's, Northland UDC, Taha Maori, and Conference 1999.

TAUIWI NATIONAL RESOURCE PERSON – YOUTH

JOB DESCRIPTION – PERSON PROFILE

The Mission Resourcing Unit Board, in consultation with the Empower Your Youth Board and 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.

VISION FOR METHODIST MINISTRY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE –

Is based on a “comprehensive culture of youth ministry”¹ where:-

Youth Ministry

- offers opportunity for young people to engage with the Bible and issues of faith and not just be a “youth group”
- is based on relationships
- involves all who call themselves Methodist or are involved in Co-operative Ventures
- is for an “all age” church
- is for all young people
- is not at the edges or kept at a distance.

The Church needs to be aware of and active with young people in issues that affect youth, e.g.

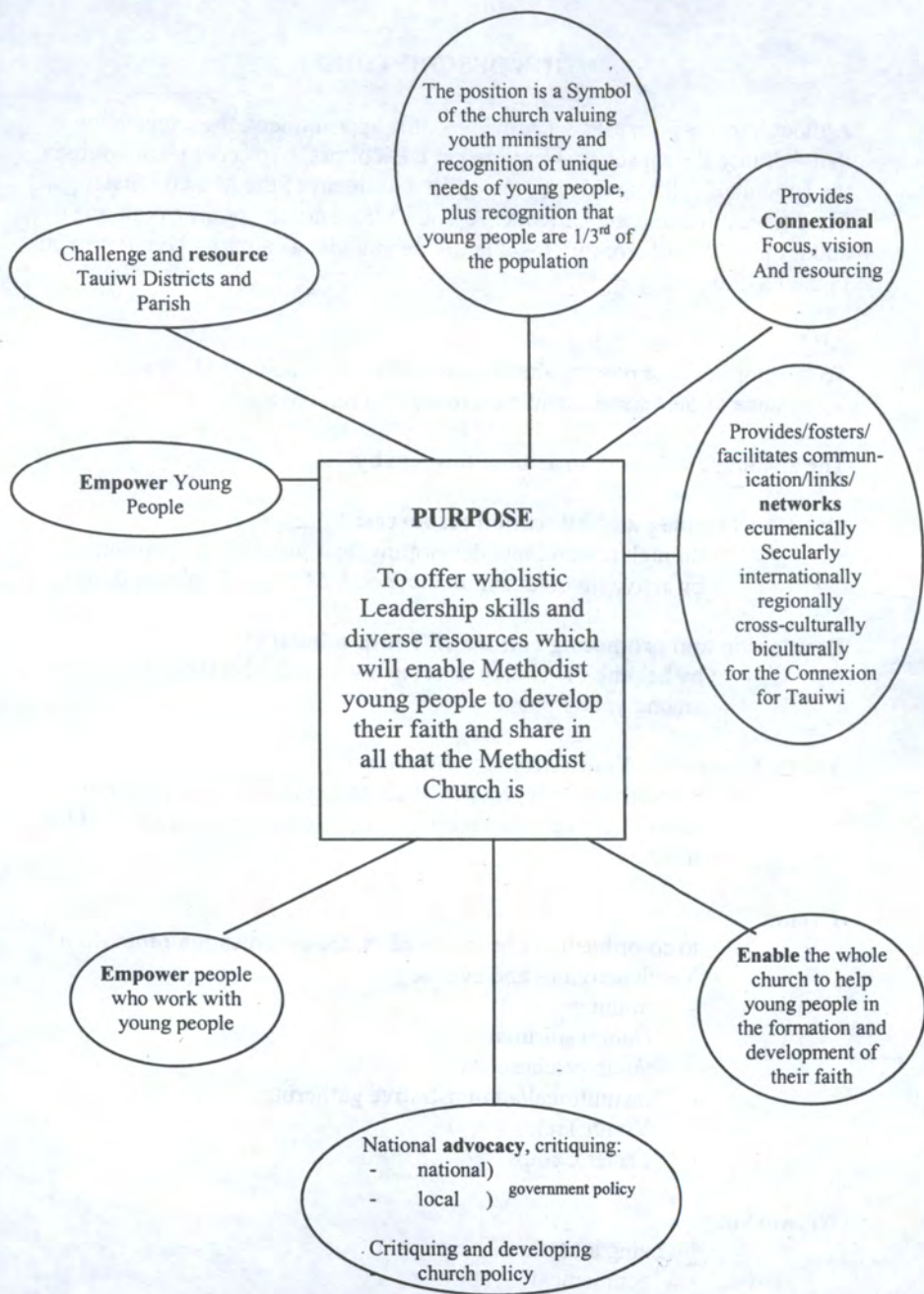
- advocacy
- social service
- justice
- discipleship.

Young people are made to feel welcome, are included, valued and have a role to play.

Young people and young adults receive encouragement, support, and training, and are active and accepted in leadership and ministry, not just of “youth things”.

Young people’s lives are changed by:

- ongoing discipleship
- service
- church community



JOB DESCRIPTION

Although this is primarily a Taiuiwi resource appointment, the expectation is that, because the church is committed to a Bicultural partnership and journey, the appointee will be guided by the spirit and intent of the Mission Statement. The 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.

AIM:

To develop ways of moving the church towards an understanding and acceptance of the "comprehensive culture of Youth Ministry.

The appointee will work to achieve this aim by:

Offering Training and Education resources:

- through researching, developing, and promoting opportunities
- by active involvement in the Youth Ministry Diploma Board.

Developing and promoting culture of Youth ministry:

- by helping the church develop a vision for Methodist ministry among young people

Youth Advocacy – Youth Ministry Advocacy:

- by working with groups within and outside of the church in order to identify the issues and formulating strategies to address these.

Events:

- to co-ordinate, or be involved in, the organisation/promotion of Youth activities and events:
 - training
 - church/spiritual
 - youth celebrations
 - institutional/administrative gatherings
 - Youth Trek
 - Easter Camps

Networking:

- by being a Methodist catalyst of:
 - ecumenical
 - secular
 - international
 - regional

- Connexional
 - Cross-cultural
- Bicultural
 - Tauwiwi

.....networks.

Resourcing:

- by finding, identifying, developing and sharing resources around the regions (e.g. people, publications, written material).
- by encouraging Districts/regions to identify key local resource people.

Empowering young people to grow and develop as persons:

- by helping them play a full and lively part in the life of the Methodist Church
- to fully participate and work for justice in the things which affect their lives.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

Accountable to the Mission Resourcing Unit through/for the following:

- Ethical guidelines
- Discipline of the Methodist Church
- Sexual harassment/abuse procedures
- Codes of practice (being developed)
- Staff meetings.

Managed by the Empower Your Youth Board through:

- annual performance appraisal and task review
- attendance at all Empower Your Youth meetings
- Conference attendance
- Regular supervision
- Continuing education
- Attendance at Churches Youth Ministry Association
- The Diploma of Youth Ministry Board.

PERSONAL QUALITIES:

- Passion for young people
- Passion for youth ministry
- Spiritual maturity
- Ability to work with all ages
- Must have an empathy with the Methodist Church
- Acceptance of diverse theologies and life experiences

- A willingness to learn, or ideally have, skills of:
 - Administration
 - Teaching
 - Relationship development
 - Facilitation
 - Listening
 - Oral and written communication
 - Leadership
 - Critical thinking
 - Ability to organise and manage time and tasks
 - Ability to delegate and co-opt
 - Culturally sensitive and having an ability to work in various cultural settings
 - Team worker.
- The appointment could be filled by a lay or ordained person. It is open for people to apply individually or as a job-share opportunity.
 - The appointee/s need/s to be willing to travel throughout the country and occasionally to overseas.
 - Terms of appointment: salary negotiable, based on a full stipend.
 - 5 year term, with review at 3 year point.

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WESLEY COLLEGE

Thomas Leonard Hames, FCIS, FCA

It seems appropriate, at this time, after the death of Mrs Kathleen Hames and the subsequent winding up of the Sherwood Trust, for the Church to record its appreciation to T Leonard Hames in the Conference Minutes. The Church gives thanks for his life, service, influence, generosity and above all the faith that inspired his remarkable life.

T L Hames, a highly respected and dedicated lay leader and gifted lay preacher in the Methodist Church of New Zealand, died on 6 December 1978. He was an astute business man, a leader in community affairs and a generous, humble and often anonymous benefactor to causes in which he believed.

Accountant and then Company Secretary to the late Sir William Goodfellow and the New Zealand Dairy Company, he became a Director of Amalgamated Dairies when Sir William moved to Auckland and established the new company.

Throughout these busy years he was heavily involved in the Methodist Church. He became an office bearer in the Hamilton Circuit and, at the establishment of St John's Church, Hamilton East, he commenced as Sunday School Superintendent and Organist. During these years he commenced his lay preaching which he continued for seventy years.

On his return to Auckland he continued his ministries and served as a member and executive officer of several Connexional committees. For ten years he was Lay Treasurer of the then Foreign Mission Department and also served on the Board of the Home and Maori Mission Department. He was a member of the Probert Trust and the Trinity Methodist Theological College Council. As a member of Trinity College Council he gave generous support to the building of the College Chapel. He was also a member of the Caughey Preston Home Board from its inception and supported it most generously.

Wesley College was privileged to have Mr Hames as a Trust Board member from 1952-1978 and as a member of the Finance Committee where he was also Chairman for a period of time and was able to contribute significant financial advice to the Board. His brother, Rev E W Hames, MA, was also a Board member from 1943-1983.

The Charter of the College whereby it was charged with a wide responsibility to serve a range of young people appealed deeply to Mr Hames. He generously and graciously left endowments for the future needs of the

College through the Sherwood Trust and the T L Hames Estate. These are administered by the Wesley College Trust Board. The Sherwood Trust, with a significant capital sum, provides for scholarships, buildings and renovation and maintenance of the chapel.

The naming of the Hames Music Centre at Wesley College was a recognition of his service and generosity to the College.

In addition significant distributions have been made by the Sherwood Trust to Trinity College Council, Caughey Preston Trust Board and a grant for the establishment of the new Howick South Church.

N O M I N A T I O N S
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AND
VICE-PRESIDENT

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Mary Caygill

Jock Hosking

Alan Leadley

Aso Samoa Saleupolu

Norman West

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Northland Union District Cncl

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NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

DAVID BUSH

Family Information:

David and Lynda have three school-age children, two of whom are at High School. As a family we place a high priority on our family life. We have tried to balance the demands and pressures of Ministry with interesting and varied holidays. Our four months in England and USA in 1996 were a real highlight.

Ministry:

David is in his 20th year of Ministry, currently serving in the Rangiora Parish (sixth year) after 9 years at Whangaparaoa and 5 years at Northcote.

David has enjoyed a great variety of Ministry opportunities including Chaplain to two International Boys' and Girls' Brigade Camps, Leader of the NZ contingent to 3rd World Methodist Youth Conference in Brisbane, an exchange Ministry in Lexington, North Carolina in 1996 and a CCA Asian Ecumenical Course in 1998.

David has served on Joint Board of Mission, Trinity College Council, Making Disciples Task Group and is currently a member of the Central Complaints Committee. He enjoyed a 3 year appointment as Facilitator of the Ordinands Retreat and was joint Facilitator of the Ordinands Assessment for 3 years, has been part of the Candidate Selection Weekends on two occasions and has shared leadership of four TELM programmes.

General Information:

David has a BSc in Botany and brings an experience of Parish Ministry which spans the diversity of the Church. He has a faith inspired by the love and grace of God and is challenged by those who have reshaped society through their faith. He cycles for fun and fitness and enjoys grappling with computers.

David is also involved in the community and is currently Chairperson of the Waimakariri District Resource Centre Trust, and formerly Chaired the Hibiscus Coast HomeCare 60 & Over Plus Trust. He regularly takes funerals for those without Church connections.

David enjoys working as part of a team, listens well and brings a gentle, yet firm approach to ministry.

MARY CAYGILL

Marital / Family Information:

Mary's family roots are located in Christchurch where five generations of the Caygill family have lived. Having spent the past 16 years in Auckland, Mary has a strong and vital network of friends with whom she shares her joys and concerns.

Ministry or Work Experience:

Mary is currently on the teaching faculty at St John's/Trinity Theological Colleges where she teaches Pastoral Theology and is Director of Field Education. Prior to this she served as Prebyter at Mt Albert and Takapuna Parishes. In 1994 whilst engaged in parish ministry she graduated from San Francisco Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry degree.

Mary's vocational journey which led her to train for Presbyteral ministry began with her training as a Registered General Nurse where she worked primarily in medical and terminal care areas, then to training for Social Work at Victoria University, to a 3-year social work appointment with the Methodist Central Mission in Christchurch.

Mary has a breadth of Connexional knowledge and awareness, having served on a number of Boards and Committees in the life of the Church, including General Purposes and Stationing Committee, Auckland District Candidates' Convener, Trinity College Council, Auckland Methodist Mission Board, Ministerial and Theological Commission, and currently on TMMA and the President's Commission on Diversity.

General:

Mary is primarily at heart a pastor and theologian who having known significant personal trauma is peculiarly equipped to be with individuals and groups struggling with life and death issues and the shape of their future. Her Doctor of Ministry studies focusing on a Theology and Practice of Hope opened up the rich theological and spiritual heritage available to our ongoing journey as a people of faith moving into an unknown future, the parameters of which we cannot readily perceive.

Mary is committed to building a just, open, loving and gracious Church of the present and future which will welcome and encourage all people in their journey into wholeness and reflect the fullness of God's creation.

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 grandchildren.

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 Team Ministry 1983-1990; with the Methodist Education Division with responsibility for Stewardship 1973-82; and in Parish appointments in Porirua, Springston and Hastings 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 "Secularisation and New Zealand Methodist Clergy". He has been a Registered Music Teacher and a part-time University lecturer.

His commitment to the Connexion has seen him serve on a wide range of Committees and Councils. He believes strongly in ecumenism and he has worked in many Co-operative Ventures, Presbyterian and Anglican Parishes, and served in leadership roles on Joint Regional Committees.

He has sought to engage the Church with community issues, and was foundation Director LifeLine Hawkes Bay and President of the Hastings Marriage Guidance Council. In addition, he has been involved in a wide variety of interdenominational Chaplaincy Committees.

His recreational interests have been in sport, as a Senior Rugby referee, and currently time is spent watching sport, making music, gardening, reading and family.

ALAN LEADLEY

Marital / Family Information:

Married to Muriel, Consultant Occupational Therapist. Two sons Simon (27 years), and Matthew (25 years).

Ministry or Work Experience:

Alan has been a New Zealand Methodist Minister for thirty years, commencing with Parish Ministry in Christchurch, then moving to a six year term with the United Church of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands (in charge of the Malmaluan Christian Education Training Centre, Rabaul), Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain at Waikato (from 1977-1984), National Secretary, Council for Mission and Ecumenical Cooperation (1984-1994). Currently stationed at St Albans Cooperating Parish, Chartwell, Hamilton. Convener of the District Bicultural Working Group.

General Information:

During his Ministry Alan's strengths have been developed in pastoral care, an awareness of justice and peace issues in Aotearoa and overseas, and in teaching, nurturing and leading worship in small group congregations. He has a wide knowledge of New Zealand Churches and Community Organisations.

His theological emphasis could be described as liberal evangelical. He encourages open honest dialogue about differences of theological and other opinions in a spirit of mutual acceptance. He has a deep desire for the health and wellbeing of our Haahi. Alan holds a BA (Auckland), Bd (Otago), and MA (University PNG).

ASOFIAFIA SAMOA SALEUPOLU

Marital / Family Information:

Aso was born in 1949 at Vailele, Western Samoa. He is married to Vaotane, a Pacific Island Early Childhood Educator, and they have seven children, three of them are adopted. Aso and Vaotane have six grandchildren.

Ministry or Work Experience:

Aso was ordained a presbyter of the Methodist Church of New Zealand in 1982. He served at Petone, Petone-Lower Hutt Parish from 1982-1986; Epsom, Auckland East Parish 1987-1989; Mangere, Manukau North Parish 1990-1995; and is currently at St Paul's, Otara, Papatoetoe-Otara Parish.

Aso has served on many Boards and Committees in the life of the Methodist Church, including the Discipleship Task Group for three years, Development Division Board for three years (Chairperson for one year), Stationing Commission, Ministerial & Theological Commission, Council of Conference for two years, and is currently a member of the Restructuring Task Group. He has also been Superintendent of the Auckland East Parish for two years; Samoan Advisory Committee Convener for four; Manukau North Parish Superintendent for one year; Manukau District Superintendent for two years; and is currently Superintendent of the Samoan Synod.

General Information:

In 1971-1974 Aso worked as an Agricultural Field Advisor in Western Samoa. He migrated to NZ in 1975 and worked as Meat Inspector and then as a Laboratory Food Ingredient Analyst before candidating for the ministry from the Papakura Parish in 1978 and was a student at Trinity College 1979-1981.

Aso believes that all of life is centred on Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of the world; and that God speaks to us through the Scriptures as well as through the events that surround our daily life.

NORMAN WEST**Marital / Family Information:**

Norman's partner is Glenda, who has part-time clerical work and is responsible for keeping the Dunedin Parish financial records. She is keenly involved with the Dunedin Opera Company. Their joint family comprises of five adult children with two grandchildren.

Ministry or Work Experience:

Norman is a member of the Dunedin Parish Team where he has pastoral responsibility for Mornington and Glenaven congregations. During the past seven years he has been a member of the Dunedin Mission Board and this past year involved with the TMMA who are exploring future directions for Methodist social services. He is one of the Team District Superintendents for Otago-Southland. Previous

appointments have been in Blenheim, Wanganui, Timaru and Gisborne. For two years he was District Superintendent for Nelson-Marlborough-West Coast.

Over the past three years Norman has been a member of the Council of Conference and the Tauwiwi Forum. He is a member of Restructuring Task Group, The Community of Women and Men in Church and Society and is at present Chairperson of the Dunedin Joint Regional Committee.

Norman has experience in team ministry where skills are valued and work is shared creatively, to build community and enable people develop their ministries. He seeks to speak clearly about faith and enjoys contemporary songs in worship.

General Information:

Early in ministry Norman discovered the connection between faith and justice. As a practical expression he took the opportunity to serve The World Council of Churches as a Peace Monitor in South Africa for two months prior to the 1993 elections. For many years he worked as an accredited Marriage Guidance Counsellor and later as a Supervisor.

Norman is committed to the Methodist Church in Aotearoa and its Bi-cultural journey. He feels anguish about divisions in the Church and hopes we can find a way of acceptance whereby we live with diversity. He believes respect of others and freedom to explore and express faith with integrity are essential.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

DAVID BAIRD

Ministry and Work Experience:

David and his wife Diane are currently serving as lay supply ministry in the Waitara Parish, but their involvement in the Methodist Church goes back many years. David says he was raised an Anglican, but became a Methodist by choice in 1968. He has served in many positions of responsibility over the years, including Somerfield Leaders' Meeting, Secretary and Chair Picton Union Parish, Christchurch Central Mission Board of Management, Central Region representative to Methodist Mission Aotearoa, Taranaki-Wanganui Synod Executive, member of Tauiri Forum and Pakeha Meeting, to name only a few. David, with Diane's support, is very involved and committed to our Church.

He started vocationally as a freezing worker, then a waterfront tractor driver, and a brickie, before beginning his teacher's training. He gained his M.A. degree with honours, and achieved distinction with his teacher's certificate. He taught for several years before becoming Deputy Principal at Picton, then Principal at Takaka.

General:

Wherever he goes David always takes an interest in the wider community, an example of which is the way he has contributed to the Waitara Foodbank, Ministers' Association, and Synodal involvement. He is often used as facilitator at Synod, and willingly does all that he is asked to do.

Recently they both took much deserved time out to visit his two adult daughters in England.

David is well equipped to continue to serve our Church.

ROBYN BROWN

Ministry and Work Experience:

For the past nine years Robyn has been employed by the Church to work in the area of lay ministry education through Wellspring Ministry Education Centre. She came to this work from a background in primary school teaching and (briefly) in advertising.

Two years living and teaching in American Samoa and working for a short time in Guam gave her an opportunity to experience life outside of Aotearoa/New Zealand and taught her a great deal about herself as well as other people.

Her commitment to education arises out of her belief that knowledge, skill and an awareness of one's own capabilities can open up new possibilities and opportunities for individuals and communities. This belief encourages her own ongoing study in the area of adult education. She completed a post graduate diploma in adult education last year and began masters' studies in adult and higher education this year.

Robyn appreciates the many opportunities given her by the Church to work on local and Connexional committees and to attend conferences, workshops and symposia both in Aotearoa and overseas. Her learnings from these experiences continue to shape her life and work.

Continuing Interests:

Some of the areas that Robyn has a sense of calling to are:

- Putting energy into finding ways of working that are life-enhancing for all Maori and Tau'iwi, women and men, lay and ordained, individuals and community.
- Engaging people in learning experiences that encourage a sharing of wisdom and knowing that is already part of each individual and of their collective understanding as communities of faith.
- Working to build faith communities within and from which people work with a sense of energy and vitality because they know themselves to be gifted and called by God to ministry.

Robyn's experience in the TELM (Training and Education for Lay Ministry) groups is that people with a wide range of beliefs, theological understandings and life experience can work together and learn from each other. She believes that as Church, that is what we are called to do; to continue to discern how we might honour our Methodist heritage and be faithful and visionary followers of the way of Christ.

Family:

Robyn receives much practical support and encouragement for her involvement in the life of Te Haahi Weteriana from her partner David. Her son Scott, daughter Anita, along with son-in-law Philip

and three grandchildren provide plenty of challenge to see life from a broad perspective.

NICOLA GRUNDY

Marital / Family Information

Nicola is married to Peter and they have two daughters, Rebecca and Johanna. Supporting their daughters is an important priority in their family life and so Nicola has been involved with Plunket and continues to be involved with school PTA and Girl Guides' Support Group.

Work Experience:

Prior to marriage, Nicola worked in the Connexional Office in the accounts section until 1989. After moving to Dunedin, Nicola's work within the Church continued in a voluntary capacity as secretary for the Dunedin Methodist Parish and the Otago Southland District. In 1994 she then commenced work at the Dunedin Methodist Mission where she is now the office manager.

In her job at the Mission, Nicola's administration skills have been appreciated by the Board and her rapport with staff appreciated. Nicola has demonstrated that she is a team player and enjoys working in a team environment.

Church Work:

Nicola comes from a Methodist family and so Church life has always been an important part of her life. In her teenage years she was involved in leadership roles with youth group and Girls' Brigade. After moving to Dunedin, Nicola became very involved in both parish and district and represented the Otago Southland District at meetings both locally and nationally.

Along with a team of people from the Dunedin Methodist Parish, Nicola has been involved during 1998 in setting up of a 'Kidz Rally' programme for young children within the Parish. She is someone who knows the importance of children within the life of the Church and values the gifts that children bring to Church life.

Nicola has experienced Connexional Church life with her involvement in Council of Conference being one of the original members when the Council of Conference began in 1994. She is also a member of the Taiwi Forum and Pakeha Meeting and the Community of Women and Men in Church and Society.

General Information:

Nicola grew up in Christchurch spending her childhood years at Papanui where Sister Rona Collins played an important part in fostering the beginning of her interest in both church and community.

Nicola is concerned for the development of community resources and in 1995 initiated the establishment of the Mornington Toy and Games Library. This was a joint project between church and community.

One of Nicola's hopes for the church at present is that there will be a greater willingness for conversation, grace and understanding within the diversity of the Church. She believes that all people are important and have a place within the life of the church.

NEVILLE PRICE**Marital / Family Information:**

Born in 1941 to an active Methodist family, Neville is married to Lyn, a former Deaconess of the Methodist Church and currently a teacher's aide. They have two adult daughters, Carol and Lesley, and two granddaughters.

Ministry or Work Experience:

After graduation from university with electrical and mechanical engineering degrees, Neville worked 1964-1985 for Philips New Zealand Ltd; in 1981 he became Plant Manager of their Naenae site in Lower Hutt (with approximately 400 staff), and a member of the Senior Group Management Team for New Zealand. For 1986-1993, Neville was with Interlock Industries Ltd (a manufacturer and exporter of window hardware) initially as General Manager – Corporate Services, and then as Logistics Manager. Following a serious car accident in 1993 and a time of recovery, Neville became self-employed as a Logistics and Manufacturing Consultant and worked in the health, manufacturing, and distribution sectors. In June 1998 he became Executive Officer of the Hutt City Uniting Congregations, a Co-operative Venture in Lower Hutt.

Throughout his work experience, Neville has endeavoured to hold in balance the responsibilities towards the lives of people and the need to use resources we are given wisely. This focus also carried across into his life in the church.

In his work for the Church, these are some of the responsibilities Neville has held:

- National CYMM Councillor (for 2 years in the 1960s)
- Lay Preacher (for many years)
- Leaders' Meeting Secretary (5 years), later Treasurer (7 years)
- Board Member of ITIM (Wellington) (5 years)
- Parish Steward of Lower Hutt-Petone Methodist Parish (1986-1990)
- Representative of the Wellington District on the Tongan Advisory Committee (1991-)
- Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable & Educational Endowments (1993-)
- National Youth Co-ordinator Management Committee (2 years)
- Taiuiwi Forum and Stationing Committee (1994-)
- Acting Co-Chairperson of the Wellington District (1995)
- Chairman of the Parish Council of the Hutt City Uniting Congregations (1996-1998)
- Methodist representative on CCANZ Forum.

General Information:

Neville is committed to the Church, its call to Mission, and to helping it change to meet the needs of society in a relevant and creative way today. His skills in planning and project management, analysis, quality management, use of computers, teamwork and staff management, form a natural part of his make-up.

His personal and community interests include Maori and Pacific Island cultures, photography, sport, and genealogy (which for him is an incurable disease!).

**TRIBUTES TO DECEASED
PRESBYTERS, DEACONS
AND LAYPERSONS**

ELIZABETH GORDON COOK

Elizabeth Gordon Cook (known to all her friends as Liz) was born within the sound of Bow Bells on January 17th 1938. The early years of her life were not easy, but Liz, being Liz, ensured that they were lived to the full with vigour and enthusiasm. She early revealed significant academic ability and was in line for a place at either Oxford or Cambridge University, but family circumstances made this impossible. Liz married Brian in 1958 and three years later they moved to New Zealand, living first in Campbells Bay, then at Te Atatu and finally at Titirangi. She combined the raising of a family of three with secretarial work for the Manager of Shell Oil, for the Matron of Karitane Hospital and for the Principal of Kaurilands School. She was also founding member of Plunket in Western Districts.

In the early 1980's she became involved with the families of two children who were dying of cancer. This was the beginning of a journey which led her to give her life to the care of the terminally ill. In 1986 she joined the team of Chaplains at the Auckland Hospital and subsequently became a founding member, and first Chaplain of the West Auckland Hospice. This latter position was a pioneering role for Hospices. The manager of the West Auckland Hospice, Bev Revell, said of Liz, "she was a very gifted person and we did enjoy her sense of humour, but she also had this deep, deep commitment to pastoral care and very clear sense of what her role was and how she could help. She has left us a legacy for others to follow."

During this time Liz was also able to fulfil an ambition to engage in tertiary education, eventually graduating with a B.Theol. from Auckland University, and was named senior scholar in theology in her year. While this was going on she offered herself as a candidate for the Presbyterate as a Self Supporting Local Presbyterian in the Waitakere Methodist Parish, being Presbyterian for the Methodist people who are members of the Oratia Community Church. Throughout her training and subsequent ministry, Brian played a very large part in both personally and financially supporting Liz in all she did. Engaging in such a ministry, Liz soon showed herself as being a colleague in Ministry. For her the pastoral question always came first. People, not structures or things, were always the focus of her concern. She had a lively and penetrating mind, always asking the appropriate theological question about life and living, knowing that Christians, as well as the Church as a whole, stand or fall by their theology. She was a wonderful colleague in ministry – utterly loyal and completely trustworthy, open and honest, even blunt at times but never hurtful. As such she contributed greatly to the team ministry in the Waitakere Parish. Liz was a valued member of the Methodist Church's Bi-Cultural Committee and of the Grafton Hall of Residence.

Liz was also a good friend to a host of people – a fact made abundantly clear by the large number who attended her funeral. Through her ministry she had touched the lives of countless people and many of them

came to her funeral to express their gratitude for who she was and what she had done for them and their families. Indeed, Liz had visited patients in the Hospice during less than forty hours before her death. In January this year, Liz was told that she had terminal cancer. Her death, when it came, was earlier than expected, but she was at peace with God – a fact, she said, which, in the end went beyond her understanding, but it kept her in the knowledge and love of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord. Liz died suddenly, but peacefully, on the 19th June 1998. She will be greatly missed. We give thanks to God for the gift of Liz's life, love, ministry and service. To Brian, and her family, we extend our love and assure them as we assure ourselves, that, in John Wesley's words, "The best of all is, God is with us". Thanks be to God.

DAVID BRUCE GORDON

CBE, MA, FELLOW OF TRINITY COLLEGE

Bruce Gordon was born in Hamilton in 1926 into a family which had a long association with the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa. He died at Wesley Hospital, Auckland on 22 July 1998. His funeral service was held in Aotea Chapel on 25 July when Methodism had the opportunity to celebrate with real thanksgiving one of its most loyal and committed servants. From the age of 20, when prior to college he ministered at Sandringham, ministry was paramount. Bruce was one of those persons who had a presence and was a leader from day one. He was clearly talented, very able, personable.

The appointment to Bryndwr was very important – it was where he met Margaret Pitcher who was to become his wife – talented and a leader in her own right – partner in parenting a most gracious family. In 1954 he was appointed second minister at the Dunedin Central Mission and in the following year went to Greymouth. When the church was faced with a critical decision regarding the leadership of Dunedin Central Mission, the church turned to Bruce Gordon. Every expectation of the church was fulfilled and more – 12 years there and then to the Auckland Central Mission where he was Superintendent for 16 years.

Undergirding everything he did in all his demanding ministry, Bruce was a Connexional person. Methodism is a Connexion, and it had his allegiance. He accepted responsibility and so right through his life there was a breadth to his work. While in Dunedin he was for a time chairman of the Otago-Southland District, bringing him into leadership in the Conference. He was Superintendent of the Auckland District. He took a great interest in the Theological College, serving on the Board with a period as Chair and was honoured by the Council in being elected a Fellow of Trinity College. He served on the Development Division Board including time as Chair. At the Methodist Conference in 1978, Bruce was inducted President in his home town of Hamilton.

Bruce was an avowed ecumenist, always seeking ways of working with other churches and groups – in the Council for Christian Social Services, in the Inter Church Council on Immigration which he chaired for some time, in Dunedin and in Auckland where he chaired the Councils of Churches. The award of the CBE was an official way of acknowledging that here was a special person who gave his life for others.

Bruce learned to live a disciplined life from an early age and he never lost it. How else could he have coped with the massive programme he undertook and fulfilled. He was an ordered person, everything needing to be done decently and in order. There was a dignity about him – not artificial – a spirit that breathed through his being. The fruit of grace.

In retirement Bruce continued in ministry because he had a caring heart. He was for five years chaplain of aged care in Everil Orr Village and

Wesley Village. It was the same spirit that motivated him in his work with Trade Aid, for he wanted to get to the heart of that which causes pain and suffering in the world.

Bruce's influence has not died with him. In communion with the Saints his life will inspire and fill us with hope – giving courage to continue the pilgrimage which is our calling. To Margaret and to Katherine, Anne, David, their partners and the grandchildren, the church extends its love and its thanks for sharing Bruce in such a magnificent way.

For your life, Bruce Gordon, and for the life of your family who shared you with the nation, thanks be to God.

SAM MATENGARO TE AWARUTU GRACE

Tihei mauri ora.

Pikitia mai ra nga maunga korero a o tatou tupuna

*Kauria mai nga awa whakatauki a ratou, takahia mai nga tapuwae o ratou
te hunga kua okioki.*

Moe mai ra i roto i te Ariki.

Sam was born on the East Coast under the shadow of his father's maunga, Mt Hikurangi. He spent his childhood years at the small coastal settlement of Tuparoa. Later following his father's death his mother returned to her family home in Whatawhata, Waikato.

During his lifetime, Sam worked hard, bush felling and farming as well as exercising a lay ministry amongst his people.

Sam trained to be a Minita-a-iwi in accordance with the criteria as established by Te Taha Maori. He brought with him a tremendous wealth of life experience, Maori wisdom and knowledge, which benefited his people. He was a Kaumatua on the Papaorutu Marae, Whatawhata.

He was a much loved husband of Roha (Rose) and the late Rangipai, father and Papa of his children and mokopuna.

Te Rohe O Waikato thank God for his life and ministry and pray that the spirit of Christ will sustain his Whanau throughout their time of bereavement.

Pai Marie.

IAN BRIDGE HAYTER

26/10/26 – 11/11/97

Ian Hayter was one of those quiet pillars of wisdom in our midst. A person who became mentor and encourager of many within the local church.

Ian was born in Auckland on the 26th October 1926. Early memories centred on life at his grandparents house, since his mother had died when he was only seven months old. Of those early school years at Mt Eden Primary, he wrote "on wet days when heading home I would race match-box boats down the gutters of Valley Road, and fine days would linger under the large sycamore tree near the corner with Dominion Road".

At the height of the depression his father was transferred to Mamaku Primary School as headmaster, which Ian attended for 2-1/2 years. 1937 saw a move to Waihi. After primary school Ian continued his schooling through Waihi Junior High. It was in his Form 11 year (1939) that Thelma (his wife to be) joined the class and became his chief academic rival.

From 1945 until 1948 Ian attended Auckland University, followed by two years at Auckland Teachers' College. He married Thelma in April 1950. His first placement was to Kowhai Intermediate for one year.

From 1952-59 Ian taught at Opotiki College. It was while there that he began Lay Preaching for the Methodist Church, preaching both at Opotiki and Kutarere Church close by. The family moved back to Auckland in 1960 for Ian to take up a teaching position at Lynfield College, becoming Principal in 1972, a position he held until retirement in 1984.

While in Auckland Ian continued Lay Preaching while also becoming actively involved in the Faith and Order Committee of the Church, making an important contribution to its work. Ian was also involved in Synod affairs and served on the Auckland District Ministry Committee where he had a valuable contribution to make with his teaching and management expertise.

We give thanks for the wisdom and gifts Ian shared so willingly within the life of the church. Ian brought a fine scholarly approach to all he did, especially in later years as he immersed himself in reading on every subject that took his interest. The words of Henry Ward Beecher ring true for Ian when he said "When is human nature so weak as in the book store."

We give thanks to God for this gifted and gracious servant of our Lord.

PARA PIRIPI LIVINGSTONE

*Rarangi Maunga tu te Ao tu te Po
Rarangi Tangata ngaro atu, ngaro atu, ngaro atu
Otira*

*Ka hinga he Tetekura
Ka ara mai he Tetekura*

In 1964 Para Livingstone became an Honorary Home and Maori Missionary within Tai Tokerau, especially Matawaia and Motatau in Ngati Hine. He followed in the footsteps of his father Piripi who also served within the Methodist Church.

Para or Barlan, as he was affectionately known, served his people within Ngati Hine to the best of his ability. One of his attributes was his deep knowledge of Te Reo and Tikanga Maori, which many people have benefited from. Para was also a well-respected Kaumatua of his area and Marae.

Para is survived by his son Sonny who was accepted as a Minita-a-iwi at the September Hui Poari. Sonny will continue the Ministry left behind by his father.

*Na reira e te Rangatira okioki mai i roto i nga ringa o to tatou Ariki I te
wahi ngaro, e moe mai, e moe mai, mpoe mai i roto i te Ariki.*

MATTHEW ALEXANDER (ALEX) McDOWELL

Matthew Alexander (Alex) McDowell was born in the Heathcote Valley, Christchurch in 1905. Alex (more generally known as Mac to his ministerial colleagues) was a candidate for the Methodist ministry in 1926, training first at Dunholm, then at the new Trinity Theological College, where he was the first senior student. His early appointments were at Wellington East, where he pioneered summer beach missions for children at Lyall Bay. After ordination and now married to Edna (née King), he served in parishes at Milton and Palmerston North. Seven years as South Island Youth Director followed, before a return to parish leadership in Timaru, Lower Hutt, Nelson, and Woolston/ Lyttelton, ending his ministry where he had entered. Alex and Edna retired to Waikanae, where they become valued members of the local community, with Alex devoting much of his time to horticulture and to the peace movement. In 1986, he was awarded an MBE 'for services to the community'.

Alex McDowell served as Chairman of the District both in Wellington and Nelson/ Marlborough Districts. In 1955 he was elected President of the Church, and in his presidential year he and Edna represented New Zealand at the World Methodist Council meeting at Lake Junaluska. While in the United States, the Mount Union Methodist University conferred on him an honorary Doctorate in Divinity.

In every sense Alex McDowell was an enthusiast. In sports, such as rugby, he graduated from player to referee to armchair supporter. He had a lively sense of humour and a keen social conscience, never afraid to 'afflict the comfortable' well into his retirement.

When he superannuated at the 1969 Conference, it was said of Alex McDowell that he was 'an able and challenging preacher, a wise and gifted administrator, a champion of social causes... a keen ecumenist, and yet in and through all, a loyal, devoted and caring member of the ministry of the Methodist Church.' Matthew Alexander McDowell died in Wellington on 18 November 1997. His strong and gracious wife, Edna, died eight months later aged 93, on 30 July 1998.

BRUCE SCAMMELL

Bruce Scammell died in Palmerston North hospital on Friday, 7th August 1998 after a brief illness aged 66 years. The Hawkes Bay-Manawatu Synod, which was in session at the time, rose as a mark of respect when the news of Bruce's death was announced. Synod members, together with many other people around the Connexion found it very difficult to believe that one who had played such a full part in the life of the Church at Parish, District and Connexional levels, was no longer with us.

At the funeral which took place in a packed St Marks Church in Feilding the following Wednesday, the tributes reminded everyone present of the deeply caring pastoral ministry that Bruce had exercised over his 36 years in the active ministry, as well as in his few years of retirement.

Born in Invercargill in 1932, Bruce received his early education there before moving with his parents to Clinton. There he met his future wife and partner, Rae McCaffrey, who came from a strong Methodist family.

After leaving school, Bruce worked in a variety of jobs, thereby gaining a knowledge of human nature that helped lay the ground for his years of ministry. He became involved in the life of the Waimataitai (Marchweil) congregation, particularly in Bible Class and Boys Brigade, and offered for the ministry from the Woodlands Street Circuit. At this time he was working as a baker. In addition Bruce took up an offer to work at a motor garage at Pareora, thereby gaining the skills necessary to do his own vehicle repairs. This experience also paved the way for his great hobby of restoring motor cycles and cars.

While Bruce was at Trinity College in Auckland, from 1953 to 1955, Rae was teaching in Southland. They married in January 1956 at St Pauls, Palmerston North.

Bruce served in four parishes, including his probationary appointment. All of them were small or provincial towns: Helensville, Taumarunui, Feilding and Gisborne. In each of these appointments Bruce's ability to mix with all kinds of people and make them feel at ease endeared him to many and enriched his ministry. His wry sense of humour, too, was a great asset. Of particular note during his time at Gisborne was the tremendous work he did in the aftermath of Cyclone Bola, travelling many miles and bringing both material and pastoral help to people sorely in need.

Bruce was District Superintendent for Hawkes Bay-Manawatu from 1984 to 1991, while stationed at Gisborne. From this remote location he travelled long distances, not only to attend District and Connexional meetings, but also to pay many visits to parsonage families and supernumeraries.

At the 1989 Conference, to his own considerable surprise, Bruce was elected President. This surprise was not however shared by others: over the years Bruce had developed a reputation for a quietly expressed wisdom which was seen as a gift that could be shared with the wider Church.

Bruce's ministry was marked not only by practical pastoral care, but by thoughtful, common sense preaching. His memorable Presidential address gave evidence of both these qualities. His theme, "Commissioned to Care, it is time to ride the gallows cart", was an allusion to the practice of John Wesley and the early Methodists to offer a caring ministry to those in greatest need. Bruce urged his hearers to follow in the same tradition of caring for those in our day who are hurting, vulnerable and lonely.

Retiring from Gisborne to Feilding in May 1992, Bruce and Rae continued in committed service to the Church. Bruce was regularly involved in preaching engagements and was a valued pastor and mentor to lay people and colleagues. A long time member of the Vintage Car Club and the Classic Motor Cycle Club, Bruce continued with these interests. He was also a member of Rotary.

To Rae, who gave Bruce her wholehearted support in his ministry through the years, to Ruth, David, Christine and Esther and all family members, the Church extends its sincere thanks and deep sympathy.

JACK KORATU WHITIKIA

1934 - 1997

Minita-a-Iwi

Nurtured in a whanau where karakia played a predominant part of their lives, Jack came to be the mainstay for karakia in the Taranaki Rohe of Te Taha Maori o te Hahi Weteriana.

His spiritual journey for almost thirty years under Revs Harold Darvill, Rakena Rakena, Napi Waaka and Len Willing, gave him a thorough learning experience. He answered the call to many functions: tangi, hura kohatu (unveilings) kawē mate, all with the same dedication to the task to share his experience.

Most of all, Jack was loyal to Weteriana. Many were the times he stood beside Anglican, Catholic, Latter Day Saints and Pentecostal to share his place as a Methodist. In all those years, there never seemed to be time when he would not drop tools to bless a building, a building site, open a complex - both Maori and Tauīwi.

Jack's presence has been sorely missed. His passing came unexpectedly. It will be difficult for anyone to wear his shoes. We can truly say 'well done, good and faithful servant'.

No reira Jack,

Moe mai e te hoa, i te maru o nga Tupuna.

E mou tonu nei te kakara o te nohonga tahitanga.

E hare tonu nei nga painga i whakarereanga iho e koe,

Moe mai! Moe mai! Moe mai!

RECORD OF SERVICE
RETIRING PRESBYTERS
AND DEACONS

E. FRANCIS I. HANSON

BA, BD, TheolM (Melbourne)

Frank Hanson was born in Lower Hutt where the Waiwhetu Methodist Church was strongly influential in his early life and it was while there that he received a strong call to ministry. After five years with the Justice Department in Wellington, he entered Trinity College in 1957. His first appointment was 5 years in Westport, followed by 6 years in Stoke. In 1971 Frank was appointed Superintendent of the Lower Hutt Circuit, based in the Laings Road Church, and spent 7 years in that position. In all three Circuit appointments he was supported by enthusiastic and committed lay leaders to whose encouragement he owed a great deal.

The Church then called Frank to become a Connexional leader and such has been his responsibility for 21 years. In 1978 Frank was appointed Director of the Methodist Education Division based in Wellington. Ministry for Frank now extended to being an educator as well as a presbyter. This vital emphasis has been followed with passion and deep commitment through to the time of retirement. The position brought satisfying opportunities such as leading a variety of educationally related seminars and providing resources for people growing and developing in discipleship and ministry. The writing of LAOS courses on Worship and Preaching and on the Bible are illustrations of this work. As an educator, he sought to resource the parishes for their fundamental task of mission. It was not an easy time as great changes were taking place within the Church – Union discussion had abated, Methodism was facing issues such as power-sharing, nuclear proliferation and the Springbok tour, and new and innovative work was called for.

After 11 years leading the Christian Education Division Frank was appointed Principal of Trinity Theological College, a position he has held for ten years. In the Anglican/Methodist setting at St Johns/Trinity he has taught Homiletics, Christian Education, Methodism and Worship. A very satisfying aspect of the work has been the opportunity to be with students and to witness the broadening and deepening of their faith and skills as they prepared for ministry. Throughout the 21 years as a connexional person, Frank has been either at the centre or on the edge of change which has always been a challenge – to fulfil the fundamental task while expectations have been constantly changing.

Throughout ministry Frank has been deeply ecumenical and the Act of Commitment in 1967 remains a powerful memory. There has been continuing ecumenical engagement in parish life; in the Education Division with both Presbyterian and Anglicans and in the College where there is a valued opportunity in the strong partnership with St Johns College. Frank has served on the Churches Education Commission, the Ecumenical Board of Theological Studies, chaired the Joint Commission on Church Union, and

been actively involved with the Joint Board of Christian Education in Australia and the BTheol. Board of the Melbourne College of Divinity.

Frank has also fulfilled other responsibilities within the Methodist Church. He was District Secretary in Nelson; convened the Methodist International Affairs Committee for four years which brought him into a leadership role in the anti-apartheid movement; was Wellington District Superintendent for nine years and during that time chaired the Wellington Methodist Educational and Endowments Trust and was President of the Methodist Church in 1984-85.

Frank has maintained a commitment to academic study. While at Trinity College he completed a B.A. degree and following ordination graduated with a B.D. through Otago University. In the early 1990's he wrote a thesis on Adult Education within the Methodist Church for a M.Theol. and is now writing a doctoral thesis on The Significance of the Sunday School Movement. Frank's commitment to study and his role as an educator and pastor have enriched his preaching and teaching and the Church is grateful and commends him for his faithful ministry.

Frank is married to Nola whose Methodist roots go back into Methodism in the Isle of Man, her uncle having been the Rev. Alfred Costain who came to N.Z. early this century. She has supported Frank in his ministry and also given of her own gifts and skills in parishes – especially working with children, youth and women. Her administrative skills have brought her into full-time work with the Anglican Family Centre in Lower Hutt, the Methodist Education Division and for the last ten years with the Auckland Methodist Mission. Three of their children, Glenda, Philip and Jenny, and six grandchildren live in Wellington and their younger son, Mark, lives in Auckland.

The Church thanks Frank and Nola for their rich contribution to its life and extends to them its love and best wishes as they return to Lower Hutt and the heart of their family.

ROGER HEY

Roger trained at Trinity College (1965-67) and his first appointment was to Waipawa/Waipukurau in 1968

For six years from 1969, Roger was the minister of the Greenmeadows Church in the Napier Circuit. This was a fruitful ministry which saw the Church reach out to the surrounding community and grow in membership. Roger was secretary of the Napier District Council of Churches and active in several community organisations. One of these was Lifeline. He also attended training programmes offered by the psychiatric unit at Hastings Hospital. These involvements were to be influential in shaping Roger's future ministry.

In 1975-76 Roger served in the Glenfield Co-operating Parish – an appointment he found both challenging and demanding. This was followed, in 1977, by a one year supply ministry in the Avondale Union Parish. During this year he took a C.P.E. course – a prerequisite for hospital chaplaincy.

For twelve and a half years (1978-1990) Roger was chaplain at Carrington and Oakley Psychiatric Hospitals – a specialist ministry for which he was ideally suited and prepared. His ability to relate to men and women from diverse backgrounds suffering mental illness, coupled with his people-skills and compassion, enabled him to touch the lives of thousands of people, and as well as patients, staff and families. He had a role in training programmes for staff and facilitated group meetings with patients especially in the areas of drug and alcohol addiction, grief and spirituality. His long ministry as chaplain meant that he was able to provide stability and continuity of care during a time of great change in mental health policy and implementation. These were very difficult years for everyone in psychiatric hospitals.

After a refreshing break overseas, which included a year's supply ministry in several mining villages in South Yorkshire, Roger returned to N.Z. to take up his final appointment as aged-care chaplain with the Auckland Central Mission. From 1993-1998 he has cared for patients, residents and staff at the various homes and hospitals. He has demonstrated a deep understanding of elderly people and their needs, and also those of staff. Warm and caring, he has been a bright and vibrant presence in the homes and hospitals, and is one of a line of chaplains who have raised aged-care to a place of importance in ministry.

As an extension of his ministry, Roger has reached out into the community where he has been in constant demand for weddings and funerals by people with no church connections. Funeral directors have called on him to give pastoral care to people with AIDS, parents of still-born babies, and families bereft by suicide.

Through over thirty years in all, Roger has expressed a unique ministry with a style all of his own. He has been high-energy, hard-working, and his sense of immediacy has meant that people have been met at the

precise time of their need. A gift for creativity, originality and spontaneity has seen him produce many 'magical moments', touches of inspiration, especially in leading worship and conducting weddings and funerals. His talent as a musician has been an integral part of his ministry in every place.

Motivating and energising Roger's work has been his strongly-held convictions and a practical theology which has been, at once, both God-centred and people-centred.

Roger is grateful for the support given him by Kathy who, as well as sharing Roger's ministry, has developed her own special ministry to people.

Roger has taken early retirement and looks forward to a continued ministry in the Church and community in new and creative ways.

BEVERLEY JUNE HIGHAM

To reflect on the life of June Higham is to become aware of a lifetime of energetic and committed service to church and community. June was born at Dalefield, Wairarapa, the youngest of three sisters and into a family deeply involved in the life of the church. Her father was a Sunday School Superintendent for 35 years and her mother was church organist – setting the scene for June's own lifetime commitment.

After attending Papakura Primary School and Otahuhu College she worked as a shorthand-typist for a legal firm, developing skills which she has continued to use in both church and community.

In 1955 June married Murray Higham, becoming involved in farming life and the parenting of their six children. Ten grandchildren later, family life continues to be a major focus for them both.

June has always been involved in the life of the local church commencing as an organist for fifteen years and active as a Lieutenant in the Girls' Brigade. As organist, choir leader, worship leader, in pastoral care and as MWF President, she has enriched the life of her congregation.

June candidated for the Diaconate and was ordained in 1985. Over the years since she has worked with the visually impaired, acted as family supporter with Hospice, has been part of an Adards Support Group and offered a significant funeral ministry especially to non church related families. For six years she was Convenor of the first Diaconate Task Group.

She has given significant service to the wider church as Synod Secretary, Associate District Superintendent, member of the District Standing Committee and the Tamahere Eventide Home Board. At Connexional level she has been a member of the General Purposes Committee, Council of Conference, Committee on Ministry and Ministry Assessment teams.

June's community contribution has included Women's Division, music leadership in the Te Awamutu Light Operatic Society and commitment to the brass band movement for 28 years as a very accomplished 'solo' accompanist. Her community service was given special recognition in 1993 when she was made a Paul Harris Fellow.

June's highly creative gifts are reflected in her ever-changing garden, a wide variety of handwork and her continuing use of musical skills.

In all her activities June has been strongly supported by Murray and together they have sustained a strong commitment to family, church and community.

June has served the church graciously and well – she has been an active helper, quiet encourager, compassionate carer. She has used her creative spirit to initiate new ideas, and has shown the determination to follow them through to completion. All these things have been undergirded by her faith in Christ and her love for the church.

May your retirement years continue to be a time of blessing for you and for others.

JOHN SAMUEL (JOCK) HOSKING

Jock regards himself as being enormously privileged to have been born into a keen Methodist family. Musical parents who married in the depression nevertheless gave him every opportunity to develop his capacity as university student and musician. The vigorous life of Edgeware Rd and Rugby St congregations and the Bible Class movement, individual ministers and laypeople all stand out as formative influences. No pressure was put on him to consider the ministry as a vocation but the call was clear and insistent and in 1956 he added the demands of life in Trinity College to his Masters' studies.

Dawn and Jock married in 1959 and went to Porirua Circuit where a year after ordination he found himself Acting Superintendent with responsibilities from Tawa to Paekakariki in a period of vast expansion. But pastoral work and preaching was at his centre. Springston Circuit offered new challenges in university lecturing, rugby refereeing and Connexional duties and an unanticipated move to Hastings even more: improving communication within the circuit and developing a community-facing ministry through Lifeline and the City Council's own unique community counselling centre.

Jock was next called to the Education Division to work in Stewardship. Quickly he learned to interpret circuit accounts, to live half the year out of a suitcase, to put an invitation to responsible stewardship clearly and yet without pressure, and always to bring in enough fees to cover the Section's operating costs. But there was the gift of three months' study leave around the world and the privilege of sitting with flaxroots individuals in every part of the Connexion and entering into their concerns.

A return to parish ministry in Palmerston North presented a whole new range of unusually complex issues in pastoral care, team ministry and church administration. A final term "without appointment" in Northland has featured District Superintendency and extensive involvement in musical and choral activities. Here Dawn's distinctive counselling work has played a larger role in their lives and they have more time for their three married daughters and six grandchildren.

When Jock concluded his ten year term in Stewardship the 1982 Conference noted his "strong and sensitive leadership" and appreciated that he had given "unsparingly of his time and energy in a demanding role". These qualities have marked the whole of his life and ministry.

Jock still doesn't shirk the difficult, even awkward, questions. He still challenges us to acknowledge a church that no longer requires a large organisation. And he reminds us, "The church is not about structures and ideologies but about people who struggle on a difficult quest and often are hurting . . .". And, yes, as long-time conference organist, he would like to think that Methodists would go on enjoying good singing.

The Connexion is grateful for the way Jock has faced challenges and has challenged us. We wish him and Dawn well as they continue their significant ministries in church and community.

DEREK McNICOL

In some ways it was all Barbara's fault. In the early days of their courting, the only place Derek could regularly meet her was at the Sunday evening services at St John's, Bryndwr. However, it is credit rather than blame that Derek gives to Barbara for his introduction to the Methodist Church, and to ministry within it. She has been his main source of support (while maintaining a life and identity of her own), and a constant, positive critic.

Derek offered lay ministry and leadership at Shirley and Johnsonville while pursuing a career in advertising/marketing. His interests extended from Christian education to the "New Citizen" and the Porirua Social Justice Unit.

In 1978, he candidated for the presbyteral ministry and resigned from the directorship of a large advertising agency. Prior to entering Trinity College, Derek and Barbara travelled to Europe via the slums of Manilla to attend the WCC/University of Geneva Graduate School at Bossey. Subsequently they represented the NCC at a WCC Nuclear Disarmament Conference in Amsterdam, and contacts made at Bossey have resulted in a long-standing association with the Evangelical Church of Germany.

Derek graduated from Trinity College to Ngaio Union, where he continued an interest, and represented Te Hāhi, in international affairs, peace-making, media and communications, and edited "Focus" for four years. In 1990, having moved to Tawa Union, he led a parish group of 13 people to Germany to study "justice, peace and the integrity of creation".

1992 brought a move to St John's Methodist, Nelson, where Derek has been superintendent of the Nelson-Marlborough-West Coast district synod, and a member of the transitional MMA during 1998. Derek and Barbara will retire in Nelson.

Those of us who have worked with Derek value his no-nonsense approach to faith, life and church administration, his compassionate commitment to people, to social justice, life-long learning, and peace on and with the earth. In his final year of ministry at St John's, he has cemented relationships between church and community, between parish and the Christchurch Mission, leaving the parish with a strategic vision for its growth, ministry and mission. In this, Derek has demonstrated that and how it is possible to be authentically both "evangelical" and "liberal".

BARRY WILKIN NEAL

Barry was born in 1938 and grew up on a farm in Port Albert to the north of Auckland, proud to identify himself as an Albertlander. He was the youngest of three children and when he left the Wellsford District High School, he worked for a time on the family farm. Rugby and athletics have always been important to Barry. At school, he feels that he showed more attention in this area than in academic subjects although time would demonstrate that the academic ability was there.

Barry's family was well known in the Church and the wider community. His grandfather, father and brother were all lay preachers and several other relatives were also active in the Church. In 1960, having felt the call to the ministry, he entered the School for Christian Workers for a year. Easter camps, church youth fellowships, Sunday School teaching and lay preaching had all played an important part in his decision to enter ministry training. Following this time he undertook theological training at Trinity College and commenced work on his BA. Marriage to Moira Foley, a Scot from Edinburgh, took place in 1963. Moira, with her warm nature and keen sense of humour has been consistently supportive of Barry's ministry. Her intense interest and ability in the field of music has been shared freely with the Church as has her training in work with the deaf and hearing-impaired. Barry and Moira have four children, Donald, Rosemary, Andrew and Jennifer.

Barry's first parish appointment was to Murchison in 1964 where he was able to combine ministry with his interest in farming. On the first Saturday after his arrival he was the winner of a shearing competition at the Murchison Show! Barry was re-establishing a resident ministry for this large geographical area after a long interval without the stability given by such an appointment.

Three years later in 1967, Barry moved to Ngaruawahia where he stayed for 4 years.

It was in 1971, at the suggestion of Mervyn Dine, that Barry became an army chaplain and moved with his family to Papakura Military Camp for 3 years. There followed a year in Burnham Camp and 2 years in Singapore which Barry describes as an enjoyable highlight. This phase of life was completed with a year at Linton. During his time in the Army, Barry gained his MA and a diploma in education.

In his 7 years at Raumanga Uniting Church in Whangarei, Barry initiated the addition of a new community use facility to the hall building and was vitally involved in the establishment of the Northland Urban-Rural Mission to deal with some of the social impact of the Marsden Point refinery project.

A move to Te Awamutu in the Waikato in 1985, saw the oversight of important changes to the local church's worship pattern and the institution

of the popular "Diners Group". Barry chaired the Epworth Camp Committee during an extensive building programme.

The Kingsland/Dominion Road appointment in Auckland in 1990 saw the commencement of a 9 year ministry with two very different congregations in two different Parishes. Barry showed his ability to relate to a wide cross section of people during these years and became a considerable influence in the eventual movement of the Dominion Road people into the same Parish as Kingsland. During the traumatic times of change for both congregations, Barry and Moira have been a steadying presence, giving support and encouragement at all times. Barry has also exercised district and national responsibilities during this period, being Synod Secretary for four years and serving a term as Convenor of the Board of the Development Division/Mission Resourcing Unit. He has also served on the Board of ITIM and on the Tongan Advisory Committee. He joined the Wesley Harriers in Auckland and continued his recreational running activities.

Barry has stayed for relatively long periods in most of his appointments. He has brought stability and integrity to the positions in which he has been stationed and this has clearly been appreciated. He is a good person to have alongside one when the going gets tough. He has a freedom from personal criticism and an openness that does not allow rumour or animosity to develop. Barry is reliable. If he commits himself to an action, one can safely assume that it will be faithfully carried out. A likeable man with the relaxed demeanour of a person used to rural ways, he delivers his carefully considered thoughts in a measured and ordered way. Barry feels that there is always an answer to a problem and is never dispirited by the sometimes slow processes of the Church. His genuine faith in God and trust in people stands behind everything that he does.

In retirement, Barry and Moira move to life in their own home at Huia on the Manukau Harbour where they hope that church people and others will avail themselves of an attached home-stay unit. Family, fishing and friends will all be part of their continuing activity and interest. We wish them a long and happy retirement together and thank and honour them for all they have done and will continue to do for the Church they love.

STUART SLINN

Loyalty and reliability are key features of Stuart's life and characteristics of his ministry. His lifelong commitment to the Methodist Church may be traced back to his early years in Whangarei and the later influence of people who were significant for him.

After five years with the locomotive branch of the former New Zealand Railways and a further five years as a farm worker during which time he found growing satisfaction in Christian service, Stuart responded to the challenge of the Rev John Watson and was one of the first group of students at the School for Christian Workers which was established at Trinity College in Auckland.

Following acceptance as a candidate for ministry, Stuart completed theological education at Trinity College where he was Senior student in his final year. He served subsequently in parishes in both North and South Islands, in rural and urban settings. His appointments have been at Ohura, Invercargill, Christchurch East, Eketahuna Union, Otorohanga, St James Union Greerton, Greymouth Uniting Parish and Timaru-Temuka.

Parish ministry has been Stuart's main focus, where his attention to pastoral details has been greatly appreciated. Stuart gets on well with people and has shown a real ability to develop effective working relationships with parish leaders.

In addition to his parish duties, Stuart has found fulfilment as an accredited Industrial Chaplain, serving with acceptance in the Bay of Plenty as chaplain to New Zealand Railways (all sections) at Tauranga, Mount Maunganui and Te Puke, and concurrently as chaplain to the Tauranga office of the Department of Labour. Throughout most of his ministry he has been involved with Bible in Schools as a teacher and team leader.

His service to the wider church has found expression in the positions of Wairarapa UDC Secretary, Westland UDC Secretary and Chairperson, Presbytery Business Convener (BOP), Deputy Superintendent (Nelson Marlborough West Coast) and Co-Superintendent in South Canterbury.

In these roles Stuart has brought the same warmth, care for people and emphasis on clear communication which has been a feature of all his ministry. Stuart acknowledges and pays tribute to his late wife, Ngaire, who was a tremendous support and enabler to him in ministry. They considered themselves, and were, a team.

Over the years, Stuart has continued in active association with the New Zealand Railway and Locomotive Society and has built up a wide knowledge of railway history and operations. All of Stuart's work and activities have been graced with a sense of humour and as pastor and administrator firmness and gentleness have been combined. As he moves into another phase of life, we may be sure that service to others will continue to motivate and direct him.

ELVA SULZBERGER

"Solly" as she is best known by friends, has over many years been a servant to people in the community. A genuine "care giver" in the mould of those first chosen in the early church to minister to others.

Solly primarily has served in her chosen field of Nursing. Although farming was in her blood – she loves the land and the great out-doors – she trained when women were beginning to gain other skills instead of a home, as hewers of wood, with skills in needle crafts and home-making duties.

Solly trained as a nurse in New Plymouth, rising through the ranks to be a Charge Nurse, District Nurse, Nurse Supervisor, Public Health Nurse and Plunket Nurse; and over these years attended many courses available to aid the advancements.

Relating this to the Gospel she had come to know through the Methodist Church, she responded to her inner quest to relate what she was doing in the work-place to the spiritual dimension in her life. She honestly admits that she owes much to her spiritual mentors, Len Schroeder, Dave Mullan and Russell Rigby for entering Home Setting Training for the Diaconate Order of Ministry in the church. She had long questioned her reason for being and found the links she needed between the gospel of the heart and the servant church imperative in the gospel. Solly was ordained a Deacon and served the church in the New Plymouth Methodist Parish until retirement was necessary in 1998 due to a changed family circumstance.

Many will remember her service through 'Life Line' over 25 years and the extension of this into family relationship issues within the church and community. Whatever Solly did, it was with warm good humour.

A much loved Deacon who in retirement will still be a servant in the church and community. We wish her well.

GRAHAM WHALEY

Secondary school teacher, university graduate, missionary, secondary school Principal, Inspector of Schools, administrator, Theological College lecturer, Presbyterian – such has been part of the full and varied life of ministry in which Graham has engaged during the past 38 years.

Best known within New Zealand Methodism in Auckland for his effective and pastoral ministries within the Mount Albert and Birkenhead congregations and Superintendency of the Auckland Central Mission during the latter half of his career, Graham has also contributed significantly in Zimbabwe, Fiji and in the wider ecumenical setting within New Zealand.

Graham's early years were spent within the Point Chevalier Church of Christ where its liberal theology and its encouragement of young lay leadership meant a deep immersion from teenage on in stimulating discussion, the bringing together of faith and action and a strong commitment to parish life and activity.

A graduate in Arts from the University of Auckland in preparation for a career in secondary teaching, he was later to complete a degree in theology through the Melbourne College of Divinity in order to be more prepared for the demanding biblical and theological work that he undertook in cross cultural and parish settings.

Three times during his career he has served overseas – twice within Zimbabwe and once within Fiji. His first Zimbabwe experience was in response to the missionary needs of the Associated Churches of Christ who required a teacher and headmaster at Dadaya Mission in what was then Southern Rhodesia. For eleven years he gave leadership in this important developmental work eventually becoming Schools' Inspector for African education. Contemporary African leaders have been among his pupils. It was the white supremacist policy under Prime Minister Ian Smith, which impacted strongly upon his own family and his own sense of justice, that eventually forced him back to New Zealand. Issues of justice and fairness within society have always received high attention, because for Graham the way people are treated and cared for is at the heart of the Gospel. Arriving here bereft of money and assets, the family was housed and cared for by the Rev. Bruce Gordon, then Superintendent of the Auckland Central Mission. This began a journey which was to bring Graham increasingly into Methodist Church involvement. Offering himself to the Overseas Mission Division of the Methodist Church, he was appointed to Fiji where he served within that vibrant and sizable Methodist Church as both Principal of Dudley High School and Secretary of Education.

On the completion of his 3-year term he settled in Wainuiomata to become Executive Secretary of the Bible Society. There he found the Co-operating Parish to suit him temperamentally and spiritually and his link with Methodism became even stronger. A "people person" not sparked by the demands of full-time administration, Graham found himself more and more

driven – and encouraged – in the direction of presbyteral ministry. In 1978 at the age of 43, having candidated for ministry and been accepted, he embarked upon three years theological study at St John's-Trinity. It was this time that enabled him to pursue B.D. studies. From theological college he went as probationer and then ordained presbyter to a busy and fruitful ministry in Mount Albert.

By 1985 Zimbabwe had become independent and the scene had changed. He accepted the invitation given via Sir Garfield Todd to return as Chaplain to his former school and also to establish a Religious Studies Department. This achieved, he became Superintendent of a Methodist Circuit with 30 congregations – the Kadoma Circuit – and then lecturer in Old Testament at the United Theological College in Harare.

Since returning to New Zealand in early 1993 Graham has served with keen and caring devotion the congregation at Zion Hill, Birkenhead, and then latterly, at the direct request of the Connexion, in the demanding task of Superintendent at the Auckland Central Mission.

Graham is widely acknowledged for his deep and genuine caring of people, his warm and genial personality, his deep sense of justice, his engaging ability as a public speaker, his probing mind, his fundamental commitment to Christian gospel, and his ability to lead. He has served Methodism and the ecumenical scene with vigour and devotion.

Throughout this varied ministry Graham has been in partnership with Marion who has also contributed wholeheartedly to the work of the church. In Africa she worked with Christian Care supplying educational material to persons soon to become national leaders: Amnesty International in caring for detainees; as Secretary for ZIMCARE helping mentally and physically disabled children; and through leadership in Circuit women's work. Within New Zealand she has worked within Presbyterian Parish Development and Mission, World Vision and Carrington Hospital. Her secretarial and pastoral skills and Community Workers Diploma have been used in more recent years in chaplaincy positions through Workplace Support.

Of their four children, Philip died in 1995, and the others currently live abroad – Debbie in London, Stephen in Adelaide and Todd in Bury St Edmunds.

NORMA JUSTINE GEORGE

In a recent long service leave in England, Norma discovered in a very real way her family and Methodist roots. Her ancestors were of true Cumbrian stock, her father, John Yarr, being born in Millom, and nurtured in local Methodism. Little is known of her mother's early days, except that she attended a Methodist Sunday School. She was born Molly Cooper in Blyth.

John Yarr emigrated to New Zealand in 1926 and Molly in 1925, and they met on the steps of the Shirley Methodist Church, Christchurch. This church became the spiritual home of the whole Yarr family, each of them in different ways becoming fully involved and often in leadership roles. Thus it was a natural development for Norma to join the Deaconess Order which she did in the late fifties.

Following her years of training she was appointed to the Maori Mission Fields in Te Kuiti and then in Dargaville. Coming as she did from a close-knit loving family, it was not easy to adjust to small town areas, long travel distances on back country roads, and solitary, unsupported living and working amidst a different culture.

After three years full-time service she resigned to get married, her husband being in the Public Service. This necessitated moving to Wanganui, Hamilton and Nelson, where now with two teenaged daughters, but otherwise alone, she felt the call to further church-work, namely, managing a residential adolescent unit for girls with the Christchurch Methodist Mission, under the supervision of Sister Rona Collins. This experience was an eye-opener upon a world of family life painfully different from her own, a world where abuse was the norm and the meaning of real love was almost unknown. Realizing that this was substantially diaconate work the church reinstated Norma as a Deacon.

With the encouragement of Sister Rona and the Rev. Len Willing, Norma offered as a candidate, and was accepted for the Presbyterate Ministry. Her year at St. John's / Trinity was a joy and a precious gift. Hard work, of course, but infinitely satisfying.

From College she was appointed to the Dunedin Parish, first at Mosgiel, and then, in addition, to Dunedin South. It was during her first year in Dunedin that the homosexual controversy arose. In spite of this - all the pain and the anguish - her ministry in Dunedin was very fulfilling. She was aware of much spiritual growth throughout the parish.

Controversy within the church seemed to be an essential component of her ministries, as with her next move, to Wanganui, came in addition to the ongoing homosexual debate, the Moutua Gardens occupation with its subsequent division of opinion. However, the church in Wanganui has proved firm enough to surmount both. This is in no small measure due to the outstanding warmth and tolerance of her ministry, which has bound us all so much more closely together. It has been obvious to her parishioners of every opinion, that the bottom line for Norma has always been Love and Justice - God's Love and Justice for all.

Now the time has come to give preference to daughters Leeanne and Michelle and their families, all in the South island.

This is not the end of ministry, but the beginning of a new and different phase undertaken with faith and with love.

RECOGNITION

OF SERVICE

STUART JAMES BOWRING

Stuart was born into a farming family in the Te Aroha district. After completion of schooling, Stuart joined the Navy, serving for 13 years, then took his engineering skills into the teaching arena.

Coming from a Church of Christ background, Stuart answered the call to Methodist ministry. He candidated in 1980, trained at St John's/Trinity Theological College 1982-84 and was ordained in 1987. He has exercised ministry in the parishes of Dannevirke – 3 years, Te Puke – 7 years and Hamilton East – 4 years.

Described as quiet and of a conservative nature, Stuart has offered a ministry of relevant, biblically-based preaching, holding strongly to the fundamentals of his faith – he has demonstrated a pastoral heart and a real concern for people. His teaching abilities have enabled him to relate to all ages – and it was appreciated that in order to engage with young folk he taught himself to play the guitar so that he could give input to their preferred music.

After Stuart's heart attack while in Te Puke he had to walk daily and this became a 'walking ministry' to many people, not only Methodists, as he stopped to chat over the fence to them.

While at Hamilton East, on behalf of the District, Stuart has had significant involvement as Chairperson of the Hamilton Methodist Social Services, Board member of Workplace Support (ITIM) and Chaplain of Tamahere Eventide Home.

Stuart and Vanessa have been married 34 years and together they have provided for their family of four – one son and three daughters – a firm foundation for close and supportive family life. Vanessa has a particular skill for banner-making and several congregations owe their beautiful banners to her gift of creativity. Stuart has a passion for old cars – and over the years has restored many models to new life – a hobby he will no doubt continue to enjoy. With open minds, Stuart and Vanessa look to a future that is as yet uncharted – and as they leave the Methodist Church they take with them the richness of experiences within ministry and the warmth and joy of friendships born of sharing at depth.

BRIAN MALCOURONNE

During 1998 Brian made a decision to resign from the Methodist ministry. Over the years the Church has been an integral part of his spiritual journey, but he now stands in a different place and wants to declare this. Through reading, reflecting, writing and soul-searching in recent times, his spirituality has taken on a new meaning for him.

Brian trained at Trinity College from 1965 to 1967. His first appointment was to Bluff (1968-1971). A feature of his ministry there was the work with the young people in the community.

From 1972-1979, Brian was minister of the Glen Eden Methodist Church. During this time he showed his enthusiasm for pastoral work setting in place a large and active pastoral care team. His methodical approach and organisational skills were instrumental in the building of a new complex comprising of a modern worship centre, the relocation and renovation of older buildings, and the development of the grounds. One of his great strengths was leading Sunday worship and the message he brought to the people.

For five years (1983-87), Brian was with the Auckland Methodist Central Mission serving as aged-care chaplain in the Homes and Hospitals. In this role he made himself accessible at all times to those in his care, demonstrated a deep understanding of elderly people who loved him dearly, and was very supportive of staff, as well as residents and patients.

Other significant involvements have been as part-time minister of the Waterview Methodist Church (1986-1991) and half-time chaplain at Carrington Hospital for three years prior to its closure in 1993.

For the past ten years Brian has been pastorally involved as a celebrant and counsellor. Through this outreach of ministry he has become well known and respected in the community.

Brian wants to express his love and deep respect for the Church, and the Methodist Church in particular. For the past 30-40 years, the Church has been at the centre of his life and he is grateful, beyond words, for all the Church has been for him – the nurturing it has provided him as a person, the opportunities of ministering to people, and the deep friendships made.

DOUGLAS PRATT

Rev Dr Douglas Pratt declares that he has transferred his ecclesial allegiance and responsibility to the Anglican Communion as a way of protesting the movement in Methodism away from democratic decision making, rational theological debate and the traditional strength of personal and collective affirmation for each other within the Connexion. The Rev Dr Doug Pratt is one of Methodism's most able and academically-qualified clergy. He was ordained at the Annual Conference at Turangawaewae and has always upheld the importance of power-sharing and biculturalism nevertheless he has been publically critical of the way in which the bicultural journey in Te Haahi Weteriana took its course and has been disappointed in the loss of capacity within the church to debate the issues.

Doug's parish appointments were North Shore 1975-78 and Dunedin 1981-83 during which time he willingly accepted and effectively exercised such roles as Ordinands' Assessor, Convenor of the National Youth Ministry Task Group, Convenor of the Faith and Order Committee, Convenor and Chairperson of the Welfare of the Church Committee and Secretary of the Otago/Southland District.

While serving as Ecumenical University Chaplain 1984-87 and later as Lecturer in Religious Studies at Waikato University (1988 – a position which he still holds), he continued his active ministry involvement within the Waikato-Waiariki District and the Hamilton Methodist Parish where he was a member of the Ministry Team. For three years he was Associate District Superintendent. Notable however, was his role as member and later Chairperson of the Trinity Methodist Theological College Council, a task demanding considerable commitment of time and energy and requiring incisive, often difficult decisions.

Doug's academic achievements include MA (Auckland) in Philosophy; BD (Otago) in Systematic Theology, PhD in Divinity from St Andrew's, Scotland. Doug's special interest and expertise, now internationally acclaimed, lies in the area of inter-religious dialogue and religious pluralism. He has been invited by Christian bodies, Universities and Muslim institutions throughout the world to lecture and to conduct research. Doug is the author of two books (Religion: A First Encounter, published by Longman Paul 1993, and Celebrating Marriage: a New Zealand Guide). Four more books are in progress for publication and he has been responsible for editing three others.

Doug's ministry has been marked by clear thinking and a theological perspective on all aspects of life. He is visionary, prophetic, and sees beyond the immediate situation to future implications for the church. He holds a world faith view of faith and spirituality which is more than just an inter-religious dimension. He is a person of great wisdom and insight.

STATISTICS

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 Education		
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
122	974	24	5	0	1517	155	52	753	157	38	228
1840	480	71	13	27	2359	483	291	1617	455	143	275
976	257	48	3	13	1155	362	282	793	351	147	287
1102	2475	78	18	23	4203	283	129	2007	326	164	514
652	409	27	0	64	1040	115	47	544	85	68	249
988	683	35	5	16	2179	241	175	984	234	160	440
394	1947	76	5	18	2466	301	235	1211	338	159	345
484	612	8	2	1	1349	98	65	478	134	39	111
1088	1204	44	0	2	2546	213	119	1359	245	129	333
205	517	13	0	1	1277	62	26	343	62	7	47
558	1443	17	6	17	2808	120	84	867	174	131	229
8409	11001	441	57	182	22899	2433	1505	10956	2561	1185	3058

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	Mangonui County Union	120	2		253	23	11	88	23	10	35
	Kaikohe Union	59			40	13	2	25	7	2	29
	Bay Of Islands Co-op	47			53	5		9	5		4
	Kaeo Kerikeri Union	110			155	7	2	70	7		9
	North Hokianga Community Church										
	South Hokianga Co-op										
	Hikurangi Christian Fellowship Union	16			11	5	6	10			
	Whangarei Uniting: St Andrews'	169	1	1	200	33	12	208	45	12	77
	Whangarei Uniting: Trinity/Ngunguru	113	2	1	81	15	9	74	15	8	8
	Whangarei Uniting: St James Onerahi	65			85	8	1	53	7		25
	Dargaville Methodist	122	11		160	12	6	80	8	4	6
	Ruawai Co-op	91		2	79	16	2	27	23	2	20
	Wellsford Co-op	60			200	8		35	8		10
	St Johns Raumanga Co-op										
	Kamo: St Pauls Co-op	96	7		152	8	1	53	9		5
	Otamatea Co-op	28	1	1	48	2		21			
122	974	24	5	0	1517	155	52	753	157	38	228

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AUCKLAND

Auckland Central Methodist	349		12			321	61	55	288	44	25	60
Roskill Methodist	60		2			54	22	8	29	22	6	6
Panmure Samoan Methodist												
Orakei Methodist												
Glen Innes Co-op												
Mt Albert Methodist	136					250	27	12	71	27	4	15
Avondale Union												
Waitakere Methodist Church	460		18	2	10	242	77	44	204	33	22	20
Te Atatu Union		99	6	7		113	35	10	77	35	8	36
Devonport Methodist	53		3		1	59	2	2	39	2		4
Takapuna Methodist Church	232		6	3	7	341	29	25	135	13	5	10
Birkenhead Methodist	136		3	1		141	69	52	134	68	12	8
Glenfield Community Church												
Northcote Methodist												
South Kaipara Co-op												
Whangaparaoa Methodist	155		3			222	25	2	138	26		42
Mahurangi Methodist	85					149	4		96	10		18
New Lynn Co-op: St Austells'		78				83	11	14	47	19	6	6
Waterview Methodist												
East Coast Bays Methodist	174		6		7	134	30	17	103	30		30

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AUCKLAND

Lynfield Community Church

Auckland-Manukau Tongan Methodist

Auckland Samoan Methodist

Onehunga Co-op

	303	12		2	250	91	50	256	126	55	20
1840	480	71	13	27	2359	483	291	1617	455	143	275

MANUKAU

Howick Pakuranga Methodist

Manurewa Methodist

Papakura Methodist

Pukekohe Methodist

Tuakau Union

Franklin West Co-op

Bucklands Beach Co-op

Papatoetoe-Otara Methodist

Mangere-Otahuhu Methodist

	98				97	9	10	53	12	19	6
	200	10		13	180	36	33	130	36	29	65
	99	1			155	3		71	3		7
	73	11			130	5		45	5		10
	184				150	6		63	45		35
	298	12	3		288	153	124	240	102	44	57
	281	14			155	150	115	191	148	55	107
976	257	48	3	13	1155	362	282	793	351	147	287

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WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Thames Union	136	2			290	9	2	69	9		
Hauraki Plains Co-op	98	3			220	6	2	41	6		18
Paeroa Co-op	95	3		13	160	11	13	70	40	21	8
Waihi Beach Congregation LEP											
Te Aroha Co-op											
Morrinsville Methodist	81	1			175	3	4	49	3	4	14
Cambridge Union											
Hamilton Methodist	168	3	1		182	10	6	78	12	3	10
Raglan Union	55				90	3			30		25
Hamilton East Methodist	101	1	1	1	120	9	9	68	9	16	21
Chartwell Co-op : St Albans'	366	18	4	4	400	11	6	138	4	2	16
Ngaruawahia Union	64		1	2	84	1		25	4		
Huntly Co-op	112	2	1		133	33	7	67	27	41	28
Matamata Union	78		1		148	10	3	56	10		23
Putaruru Co-op											
Tokoroa Methodist											
Rotorua Methodist	146	5			200	10	8	78	12	10	8
Taupo: St Pauls Union	210	4		1	288	18	9	174	18	9	42
Western Bay Of Plenty Methodist	374	4	7		365	38	15	268	31	18	82

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Tauranga: St James Union

Te Puke Methodist

Whakatane Co-op

Kawerau Methodist

Opotiki: St Johns Union

Te Awamutu Methodist

Otorohanga Methodist

Te Kuiti Methodist

Taumarunui: St Pauls Co-op

Turangi Co-op Parish

Ohura Methodist

Coromandel Methodist

Hamilton: St Francis Co-op

Piopio Aria Mokau Co-op

Ormokoroa Co-op

Hamilton: St Clares Co-op

Whangamata Co-op

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continued											
	78	2			88	5		62	5		18
120		3			121	3		73	3		27
9					7			5			2
	162	1			202	4	6	37	12		6
103					106	15		81			14
		3			168	26	6	198	24	6	24
	612	12	1		100	24	17	110	20	8	25
	88	2			256	8	2	37	13	6	18
	239	8	1	2	250	24	14	143	34	20	85
	82	1			50	2		80			
1102	2475	78	18	23	4203	283	129	2007	326	164	514

TARANAKI WANGANUI

New Plymouth Methodist	240	6			280	33	22	112	22	27	85	
Brooklands Co-op	154	1			140	24	11	116	17	15	84	
Waitara Methodist	96	5			128	5		43				
Stratford Methodist	93	1		59	129	20	1	42	18		45	
Eltham Kaponga Co-op												
Hawera Wesley Methodist	75	1				2		42	2	8	10	
Manaia Union												
Opunake Co-op	115	1		5		13	7	31	13	6		
Okato Co-op												
Wanganui Methodist	148	3			163	6	5	80	8	12	6	
Inglewood United												
Patea Co-op	31	2			90	6	1	21				
Bell Block & Lepperton Co-op	109	7			110	6		57	5		19	
	652	409	27	0	64	1040	115	47	544	85	68	249

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU

Membership						Average June Attendance					
Roll		Baptism		Other		Worship			Christian Education		
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
Napier Methodist	202	5		2	255	28	14	142	13	20	82
Hastings Methodist	206	7			204	10	63	103	41	60	68
Gisborne Methodist	130	6			186	41	34	98	22	18	30
Mangapapa Union	178	4	5	14	128	44	24	165	52	23	76
Wairoa Union	79	1			102	7	2	36	7		16
Dannevirke	65				100	10		46	8		25
Woodville: St James Union	57				83		3	17			5
Pahiatua Union: St Pauls'	99	2			276	13	2	41	13	10	24
Palmerston North Methodist	337	5			425	38	17	155	31	14	49
Ashurst- Bunnythorpe Methodist	48	1			96	11	2	14	9	8	9
Feilding-Oroua Methodist											
Marton Methodist											
Rongotea-Sanson Co-op	93	1			124	16	7	48	16	7	10
Foxton-Shannon Co-op	177				163	20	7	83	20		39
Tamatea Community Church		3			37	3		36	2		7
Waipawa: St Johns Co-op'											
Milson Combined											
988	683	35	5	16	2179	241	175	984	234	160	440

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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
215		17		15	150	79	38	184	111	25	72
	56				68	7	4	43	7	6	5
	73	1			103	16	1	44	16		14
	65	6			115				8	11	4
47	3				38	5	1	26	5		
	222	10		1		32	9	140	31	13	8
	725	24	2		695	100	131	378	87	53	121
	37				135			22			8
	50	2			210						
	117	2		2	201	18	16	69	15	15	36
	155	4			251	12	11	50	8	10	20
	102		3		63	4	5	80	4	12	31
132		5			109	7	2	64	7		7
	134				70	8	9	28	10	4	
	211	2			258	13	8	83	29	10	19
394	1947	76	5	18	2466	301	235	1211	338	159	345

NELSON-MARLBOROUGH

Nelson Methodist

99

1

1

72

5

43

5

8

Stoke Methodist

100

98

10

13

66

18

14

Nelson: St Lukes Union

42

69

2

3

24

4

Waimea Methodist

94

94

15

7

56

13

10

8

Motueka Moutere Hills Co-op

133

2

1

170

4

2

62

12

17

Murchison Methodist Parish

8

1

15

2

Blenheim Methodist

183

2

290

24

12

94

47

23

34

Picton Union

175

1

107

37

Reefton District Union

46

51

11

2

38

21

6

8

Buller Union

38

2

180

17

1

36

8

6

Greymouth District Uniting

178

203

10

25

20

6

16

Hokitika: St Andrews United

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1349

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173		3		1	175	14	13	89	14	10	82
115		2			148	10		61	10	10	6
	104	3		1	260	20	4	287	17	3	20
	161	2			210	8	5	84			20
		5			100	11		58	11		14
	106	1			61	13	2	38	8	7	13
288		5			285	29	42	177	27	22	51
242		4			214	20	2	137	20	16	7
	110					7	2	53	7		15
	79	3			260	15		63	15		
163		5			250	19	17	99	50	36	25
	142	1			202				20		
	296	2			140	18	1	42	18		
107		8			21	25	27	39	25	25	39
	206				220	4	4	132	3		41
1088	1204	44	0	2	2546	213	119	1359	245	129	333

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Timaru-Temuka Methodist

Timaru: St Davids Marchwiell Union

Waimate Methodist

Geraldine Co-op

Ashburton Methodist

Ashburton: St Davids Union

Oamaru Union

Membership						Average June Attendance					
Roll		Baptism		Other		Worship			Christian Education		
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
		78	1		76						
47					74			24			
		173	3		460	29	16	109	30		38
158			3		188	7	4	65	7	3	
		266	6	1	479	26	6	145	25	4	9
205	517	13	0	1	1277	62	26	343	62	7	47

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Dunedin Methodist Mission	349		6			383	24	18	198	13		
Grants Braes Union		60				65	2		38	14		12
Tokomariro Co-op		106	2	2	4	465	11	9	70	10	12	15
Balclutha Anglican-Methodist												
Gore Methodist												
Invercargill Methodist Parish	201			1		240	11	6	107	13	9	32
Riverton Union												
Otautau-Waiono Union		67	1			361		2	36	17		24
Bluff Greenhills Co-op		71	2	1		166	3	1	71	14		16
Teviot Union		50				199	2		45	1		9
Alexandra Clyde Lauder Union		816			2	636	15		138	20	60	14
Flagstaff Union		153	3		11	160	35	35	96	40	36	55
Blueskin Union												
Lawrence Methodist	8		1			20			5	15	2	4
Kaikorai Union												
Brockville Community		31		2		50	8	6	26	8	8	14
Otatara Community		89	2			63	9	7	37	9	4	34
	558	1443	17	6	17	2808	120	84	867	174	131	229

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

SUPERNUMERARY FUND

For the Year Ended 31 January 1998.

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 and other benefits to Presbyters and Deacons of the Methodist Church and their nominated beneficiaries.

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 investments managed by ANZ Funds 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.
- (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 of shares in listed companies and government and other fixed interest securities have been determined by reference to relevant market quotations.
- (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

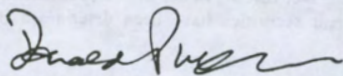
as at 31 January 1998

Investments	1998	1997
	\$	\$
WestpacTrust Limited	257,524	8,051,807
Managed by Southpac		
Investments Ltd (Note 8)	-	7,648,285
ANZ Funds Management (Note 8)	<u>17,625,855</u>	<u>-</u>
	17,883,379	15,700,092
Other Assets		
Cash	2,310	2,061
Contributions Receivable	3,385	538
Accounts Receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>818</u>
	5,695	3,417
Total Assets	17,889,074	15,703,509
Less: Sundry Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	<u>34,265</u>	<u>18,144</u>
Net Assets Available to Pay Benefits	<u>17,854,809</u>	<u>15,685,365</u>

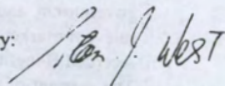
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On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:

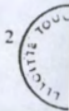


Secretary:



Date:

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SUPERNUMERARY FUND
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
for the year ended 31 January 1998

	<u>1998</u>		<u>1997</u>	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Increase in Assets from:				
Investment Activities				
Investment Revenues				
Money market	77,728		712,146	
MTA Dividend	-		38,092	
ANZ Funds Management	774,208		-	
Southpac Investment Management Ltd	104,198		535,030	
Property Rentals	<u>-</u>		<u>33,714</u>	
		956,134		1,318,982
Changes in Net Current Values (Note 6)				
ANZ Funds Management Limited	1,765,892		-	
Southpac Investments	(198,205)		83,969	
Property	-		(29,450)	
MTA Deposits	<u>-</u>		<u>219,068</u>	
		<u>1,567,687</u>		<u>273,587</u>
		2,523,821		1,592,569
Investment Expenses				
Actuarial & Advisory Fees	(30,437)		(44,092)	
Management Fees	(35,991)		(28,250)	
Property Expenses	<u>-</u>		<u>(11,715)</u>	
		<u>(66,428)</u>		<u>(84,057)</u>
Net Investment Revenues		<u>2,457,393</u>		<u>1,508,512</u>
Membership Activities				
Contributions				
Member's Contributions (Note 5)	389,714		374,854	
Church Contributions	<u>290,336</u>		<u>296,591</u>	
		680,050		671,445
Less Benefits paid (Note 12)		<u>(869,647)</u>		<u>(1,216,281)</u>
Net Benefits Paid		<u>(189,597)</u>		<u>(544,836)</u>
Other Revenues				
Grants and Bequests		3,104		4,086
Other Expenses				
Administration Fees	(91,500)		(83,871)	
Audit Fees	(4,282)		(6,058)	
General Expenses	<u>(5,674)</u>		<u>(8,092)</u>	
		<u>(101,456)</u>		<u>(98,021)</u>
Net Increase in Assets		2,169,444		869,741
Net Assets Available to pay benefits 1/2/97		<u>15,685,365</u>		<u>14,815,624</u>
Net Assets Available to pay benefits 31/1/98		<u>17,854,809</u>		<u>15,685,365</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 1998

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
	\$	\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash was provided from:		
Member's Contributions	388,485	381,173
Church Contributions	288,718	296,591
Interest	956,952	1,299,641
Property Rentals	-	33,714
Grants and Donations	<u>3,104</u>	<u>3,268</u>
	1,637,259	2,014,387
 Cash was applied to:		
Benefits Paid	869,647	1,260,747
General Administration Exp	<u>101,706</u>	<u>98,021</u>
	971,353	1,358,768
 Net Cash flow from Operating Activities (Note 13)	<u><u>665,906</u></u>	<u><u>655,619</u></u>
 INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash was provided from:		
Property Sales	-	556,750
Bank Withdrawals	8,404,209	-
MTA Deposits Withdrawn	-	219,068
Southpac Investment Management	7,450,080	261,000
ANZ Funds Management	<u>350,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	16,204,289	1,036,818
 Cash was applied to:		
Bank Deposits	609,926	1,112,495
ANZ Funds Management	16,209,963	-
Southpac Investment Management	-	535,030
Investment Expenses	<u>50,057</u>	<u>80,080</u>
	16,869,946	1,727,605
 Net Cash flow from Investing Activities	<u><u>(665,657)</u></u>	<u><u>(690,787)</u></u>
 TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS	249	(35,168)
 Add Opening Cash Balance	<u>2,061</u>	<u>37,229</u>
 Closing Cash Balance	<u><u>2,310</u></u>	<u><u>2,061</u></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 1998**

1. Liability for Accrued Benefits.

The amount disclosed below has been determined by the Actuary by reference to expected future stipend levels and by the application of an appropriate interest rate and relevant actuarial assumptions. The last valuation of accrued benefits was undertaken by the actuary as part of a comprehensive actuarial review undertaken during 1995. A further review is being carried out at 31 January 1998 and the amount below is from that review.

Accrued Benefits.

	1998	1995
	<u>\$000s</u>	<u>\$000s</u>
Accrued benefits at end of 1998	13,734	10,998

Significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuation of accrued benefits were:

Investment Return net of Expenses (tax is not payable)	7.5%	7.5% pa
Salary escalation rate	3.5%	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.

	1998	1995
	<u>\$000</u>	<u>\$000</u>
Vested Benefits.	15,722	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 1997 Church contributions for:

- (a) Full Member after withholding tax \$2033.88 (1.7.96 \$1996.37)
- (b) "Fifty" percent member \$1016.94 (1.7.96 \$998.16)
- (c) "Nominal" member \$408.36 (1.7.96 \$401.64).

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 1998 continued

The member contribution from 1 July 1997 –

- (a) Full member \$3031.80 (1.7.96 \$2978.45).
- (b) Fifty percent member \$1515.90 (1.7.96 \$1489.20).

Thus, any difference between the assets and liabilities of the scheme as 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.

An additional payment of \$38,092 (1997 nil) to acquire additional benefits was made by an existing member 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:

	1998	1997
Investments held at balance date		
Southpac	-	155,472
ANZ Funds management	1,765,892	
Investments realised during the period		
Southpac	(198,205)	(71,503)
Methodist Trust Association	-	219,068
Property	<u>-</u>	<u>(29,450)</u>
Total	<u>\$1,567,687</u>	<u>\$273,587</u>

7. 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 ANZ Funds Management of international investments.

**EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31 JANUARY 1998 continued**

8. Investments Managed by

(a) Southpac Investment Management Ltd.	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Fixed Interest - Onshore	-	1,630,461
Equities - Onshore	-	1,486,697
Cash at Bank	-	4,495,320
Debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>35,807</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,648,285</u>
(b) ANZ Fund Management Limited.		
Fixed Interest - Onshore	4,920,735	-
Fixed Interest - Offshore	1,813,625	-
Equities - Onshore	4,268,495	-
Equities - Offshore	6,311,178	-
Cash at Bank	331,987	-
Forward Foreign Exchange	<u>(20,165)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$17,625,855</u>	<u>-</u>

9. 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 1998 placed with ANZ Funds Management Limited and WestpacTrust Limited.

Fair Values

The carrying amounts of bank balances, other receivables, payables and investments are considered to be fair value for these financial instruments.

10. Commitments:

Commitments at 31 January 1998 amounted to Nil. (1997-Nil).

11. Contingent Liabilities:

There were no contingent liabilities for 1998 (1997 Nil).

12. Benefits Paid.

	1998	1997
Annuities	740,223	612,778
Annuities Commuted on Retirement	129,424	157,079
Contributions Refunded - Permanently Resigned	-	114,517
Contributions Refunded - other resignation	<u>-</u>	<u>331,907</u>
	<u>869,647</u>	<u>\$1,216,281</u>

**EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31 JANUARY 1998 continued**

13. Reconciliation of Net Increase in Assets to Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities:

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Net Increase in Assets	2,169,444	869,741
Non Cash Items		
Change in Net Current Value:		
Southpac Investments	198,205	(83,969)
Property	-	29,450
ANZ FM	(1,765,892)	
Movements in Working Capital		
Interest Accrued	-	14,373
Accounts Receivable	818	(818)
Accounts Payable	16,121	3,977
Retirement & Withdrawal Accruals	-	(44,466)
Contributions Due	(2,847)	6,319
Items Classified as Investing Activities		
Investment Expenses	50,057	80,080
MTA Accretion	-	<u>(219,068)</u>
Net Cash flow from Operating Activities	<u>665,906</u>	<u>655,619</u>

SUPERNUMERARY FUND

Summary of Actuarial Valuation as at 31 January 1998

- (a) Effective date of actuarial report: 31 January 1998.
- (b) Name and qualifications of the actuary:
Charles Cahn (Aon Consulting New Zealand Limited)
Fellow of the New Zealand Society of Actuaries
- (c) Significant actuarial assumptions as at 31 January 1998.
- | | |
|---|--|
| 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 3 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 31/1/98 | 7,197 |
| Cost of providing existing pensions to all pensioners | <u>8,525</u> |
| | 15,722 |
| Market Value of Assets 31/1/98 | 17,855 |
| Excess of Assets over Liabilities | 2,133 |
- (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 1998 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 9. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the fund and its financial position as at 31 January 1998. 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 1998 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 9:
 - complies with generally accepted accounting practice;
 - gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the fund as at 31 January 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 24 June 1998 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**

LAY WORKERS' RETIRING FUND

for the Year Ended 31 January 1998

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 is 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

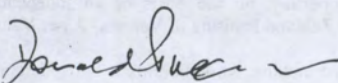
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 31 January 1998

	1998 \$	1997 \$
INVESTMENTS		
Methodist Trust Association	696,615	581,065
Southpac Investment Management Limited - - Property	-	61,020
Trustbank Canterbury - Deposit at Call	<u>75,600</u>	<u>63,994</u>
	772,215	706,079
Other Assets		
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	452	214
Interest Receivable and Payments in Advance, Contributions accrued	<u>5,673</u>	<u>9,096</u>
	<u>6,125</u>	<u>9,310</u>
Total Assets	778,340	715,389
Less Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	(862)	(2,031)
Provision for Taxation (Note 7)	<u>(100,231)</u>	<u>(100,231)</u>
	<u>(101,093)</u>	<u>(102,262)</u>
	<u>677,247</u>	<u>613,127</u>
Represented by:		
Liability for Accrued benefits (Note 2, 3, 4).		
Allocation to Members' Accounts	635,909	573,477
Reserves - General (Note 10)	40,737	39,049
- Capital	<u>601</u>	<u>601</u>
	<u>677,247</u>	<u>613,127</u>

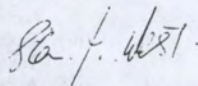
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On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:



Secretary:



Date:

24/6/98

LAY WORKERS' RETIRING FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
for the year ended 31 January 1998

	1998 \$	1997 \$
Investment Activities:		
Investment Revenues		
Methodist Trust Association Distribution	56,483	18,247
Southpac Investment Management Limited	1,023	26,692
Bank Interest	<u>5,012</u>	<u>3,460</u>
	62,518	48,399
Investment Expenses		
Audit Fees - Southpac	-	(500)
Management fees - Southpac	<u>(72)</u>	<u>(1,610)</u>
	62,446	46,289
Membership Activities:		
Contributions		
- Members	50,477	44,844
- Employers	<u>28,907</u>	<u>27,688</u>
	79,384	72,532
Less Benefits paid	<u>(58,876)</u>	<u>(8,865)</u>
	20,508	63,667
	82,954	109,956
Other Revenues		
Changes in net current value of assets (Note 6)	<u>(620)</u>	<u>(8,834)</u>
	82,334	101,122
Other Expenses		
Administration Fees	(8,350)	(6,675)
Advisory Fees	(3,886)	-
Stationery and General Expenses	(612)	(1,358)
Legal Expenses	(1,160)	(3,734)
Audit Fees - Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	(729)	(720)
Life Insurance Premiums Paid	<u>(5,152)</u>	<u>(5,456)</u>
	<u>(19,889)</u>	<u>(17,943)</u>
Operating Results before Taxation	62,445	83,179
Income Tax provision (Note 7)	-	<u>(8,238)</u>
Benefits Accrued	62,445	74,941
Allocated to:		
Members Accounts	(62,432)	(104,912)
Reserves - transfer from (to) Reserves	<u>(13)</u>	<u>29,971</u>
	<u>(62,445)</u>	<u>(74,941)</u>

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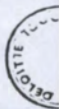
LAY WORKERS' RETIRING FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Period Ended 31 January 1998

	1998 \$	1997 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash was provided from:		
Employers Contribution	28,884	27,688
Employees Contribution	50,442	44,844
Interest Received	<u>61,585</u>	<u>44,303</u>
	140,911	116,835
Less Cash applied to:		
Payments on Retirements	(37,834)	(8,865)
Payments on Resignation	(19,367)	-
General Administration Expenses	(7,797)	(5,466)
Insurance Premiums	(497)	(10,419)
Administration Fees	<u>(8,422)</u>	<u>(8,862)</u>
	(73,917)	(33,612)
Net Cash Inflows (Outflows) from Operating Activities	66,994	83,223
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES:		
Cash was provided from:		
Withdrawal from Southpac Investment Management Limited	60,400	546,625
Less Applied to:		
Deposit with Methodist Trust Association	(115,550)	(581,065)
Increase in Money Market Call Deposits	<u>(11,606)</u>	<u>(55,450)</u>
	(127,156)	636,515
Net Cash Inflow (Outflows) from Investing Activities	(66,756)	(89,890)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held	238	(6,667)
Add Opening Cash Balance 1 February 1997	214	6,881
Closing Balance 31 January 1998	<u>452</u>	<u>214</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 Lawworkers 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.

	1998	1997
Balance at the beginning of the year	573,477	468,565
Plus Benefits allocated during the year	62,432	74,941
Transfer from (to) Reserves	-	29,971
Balance at the end of the Year	<u>635,909</u>	<u>573,477</u>

(b) Movement in Reserves.

Balance at the beginning of the year	39,049	69,020
Transfer from (to) Benefits Accrued	13	(29,971)
Resignation Surplus	<u>1,675</u>	-
Balance of reserves at year end	<u>40,737</u>	<u>39,049</u>

3. **Vested Benefits.**

Vested Benefits are benefits the right to which, under the conditions of the scheme, are not conditional on continued membership.

	1998	1997
Vested benefits	592,626	539,572

4. **Guaranteed Benefits.**

No guarantees have been made in respect of any part of the liability for accrued benefits.

5. **Fund Arrangements.**

In the 1998 year the Church contributed to the scheme at a rate of approximately 3.35% (net of withholding tax) (1997-3.35%) of the gross salaries of those employees who were members of the scheme. Employees generally contributed to the scheme during 1998 at the rate of 5% (1997-5%) 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.

Property	-	(724)
	-	(724)

Investments realised during the year.

Fixed Interest	-	(6,528)
Equities	-	(1,083)
Property	(620)	(243)
Short Term Investments	-	(256)
	(620)	(8,110)
Total Change in Market Value of Investments	(620)	(8,834)



LAY WORKERS' RETIRING FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

	1998	1997
7. Income Tax.		
Operating result before tax	Not Applicable	83,179
Potential Tax Liability		27,449
(Less) Non Assessable Contribution Revenue		<u>(23,936)</u>
		3,513
Plus Non Deductible		
- Benefit Paid		2,925
- Insurance Premium Paid		<u>1,800</u>
Current Year Provision	-	8,238
Opening Balance 1 February 1997	<u>100,231</u>	<u>91,993</u>
Closing Balance 31 January 1998	<u>100,231</u>	<u>100,231</u>
The liability to the Inland Revenue Department shown above may not exist and in the event of this being the case, will be available for distribution to existing and former members upon the receipt of formal advice from the Inland Revenue Department.		
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. Reconciliation of Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities to Benefits Accrued as a Result of Operation.		
Benefits accrued as a result of operations	62,445	74,941
Add (less) non cash items		
Resignation surplus	1,674	-
Changes in net current values:		
Investments - Realised Loss (Gain)	<u>620</u>	<u>8,834</u>
	64,739	83,775
Add (less) movement in other working capital items:		
(Decrease) Increase in accounts payable	(1,168)	267
(Increase) Decrease in Interest receivable	(933)	(4,096)
(Increase) Decrease in payments in advance	4,356	(4,961)
Increase in Provision for taxation	-	<u>8,238</u>
	<u>66,994</u>	<u>83,223</u>
10. General Reserve		
Opening Balance 1 February	39,049	69,020
Resignation Surplus	1,675	-
Transfer from (to) Members' Accounts	-	(29,971)
Undistributed Surplus	<u>13</u>	<u>-</u>
Closing Balance 31 January	<u>40,737</u>	<u>39,049</u>
11. 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 1998. 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 1998 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 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 24 June 1998 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 1998

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 1998

	Notes	1998 \$	1997 \$
INCOME:			
Interest Received – Retirement Housing Loans		7,094	10,392
- Bank		4	10
Distribution - Methodist Trust Association		<u>17,155</u>	<u>12,439</u>
		24,253	22,841
EXPENDITURE:			
Administration Fee		3,250	3,146
Office and General Expenses		96	76
Audit Fee		191	185
		<u>3,537</u>	<u>3,407</u>
Excess Income Over Expenditure		20,716	19,434
Plus Capital Accretion and Realised Capital Gain Distribution			
- Methodist Trust Association 31/3/1997		2,633	5,595
		<u>23,349</u>	<u>25,029</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 31 January 1998

	Notes	1998 \$	1997 \$
Accumulated deposits at start of year		271,426	244,197
Net Surplus for the Year		20,716	19,434
Loans repaid during year	1a	2,000	2,200
MTA Capital Accretion Distribution		<u>2,633</u>	<u>5,595</u>
Accumulated deposits at end of year		<u>296,775</u>	<u>271,426</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.



PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS RETIREMENT HOUSING FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

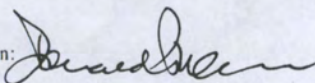
as at 31 January 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
ACCUMULATED DEPOSITS	1	<u>296,775</u>	<u>271,426</u>
Represented By:			
Current Assets			
Bank of New Zealand			
- Current Account	2	315	347
Interest Accrued		1,519	1,847
Sundry Debtors		<u>121</u>	<u>570</u>
		1,955	2,764
Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors		(223)	(205)
		—	—
		1,732	2,559
Investments			
Deposit - Methodist Trust			
Association	4	220,993	204,378
Pre Retirement Housing Loans	5	<u>74,050</u>	<u>64,489</u>
		295,043	268,867
		—	—
		<u>296,775</u>	<u>271,426</u>

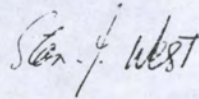
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On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:



Secretary:



Date:

24/6/98

PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS RETIREMENT HOUSING FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 31 January 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Interest Received		24,565	22,775
Cash was applied to:			
Payment to Suppliers		3,519	3,582
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	3	21,046	19,193
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Drawing on Investments with Methodist Trust Association		12,000	30,600
Loans Repaid		<u>5,404</u>	<u>84,721</u>
		17,404	115,321
Cash was applied to:			
Deposits with Methodist Trust Association		25,982	105,076
Loans Advanced		<u>12,500</u>	<u>30,000</u>
		38,482	135,076
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net Cash Flows From Investing Activities		(21,078)	(19,755)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		(32)	(562)
Add Opening Cash Balance 1 February 1997		347	909
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Closing Cash Balance 31 January 1998		<u>315</u>	<u>347</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

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Opening Balance 1 February 1997	419,639	394,610
Capital Accretion and Realised Capital Gain		
Methodist Trust Association	2,633	5,595
Net Income	<u>20,716</u>	<u>19,434</u>
	<u>23,333</u>	<u>25,029</u>
	442,988	419,639
Special Loans to Supernumeraries		
on Retirement (Note (a))	(148,213)	(150,413)
- Repaid	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,200</u>
	<u>(146,213)</u>	<u>(148,213)</u>
Closing Balance 31 January 1998	<u>296,775</u>	<u>271,426</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.

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure	20,716	19,434
Changes in working Capital:		
Increase (Decrease) in Sundry Creditors	18	(175)
(Increase) Decrease in Interest Receivables	<u>312</u>	<u>(66)</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>21,046</u>	<u>19,193</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 \$220,993 (1997 \$204,378).

Interest earned during the year with respect to these deposits was \$17,155 (1997 \$12,439).

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.

Movement in Loans.

	1998	1997
Opening Balance 1.2.97	64,489	81,580
Loans Advanced	<u>12,500</u>	<u>30,000</u>
	76,989	111,580
Repayments Principal	<u>2,939</u>	<u>47,091</u>
Balance at 31 January 1998	<u>74,050</u>	<u>64,489</u>

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 1998. 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 31 January 1998 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 31 January 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 24 June 1998 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 1998

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:

Sundry Debtors -	have been valued at expected realisable value. A provision for Doubtful Debts totalling \$15,000 is held at 31 March 1998.
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 1997. 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.



PACT 2086 TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the Year Ended 31 March 1998.

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
PROPERTY INCOME:		
Gross Rentals	455,665	413,654
Recovered Property Expenses	<u>42,003</u>	<u>46,343</u>
	497,668	459,997
PROPERTY EXPENDITURE:		
General Property Expenses	4,620	5,060
Insurance	17,404	19,936
Legal Expenses	4,578	894
Rates	47,639	47,742
Rent Collection and Leasing Commission	37,323	34,500
Repairs and Maintenance	10,186	10,299
Valuation Fees	<u>2,010</u>	<u>8,133</u>
	123,760	126,564
Net Income From Property	<u>373,908</u>	<u>333,433</u>
Interest and Dividends Received	<u>160,867</u>	<u>164,363</u>
	534,775	497,796
GENERAL EXPENDITURE:		
Administration Fee	-	6,187
Audit Fee	704	780
Bad and Doubtful Debts	9,482	(359)
Commission on Interest Received	12,065	12,328
Interest Paid	101,023	152,200
Office and General Expenses	750	1,633
Travelling Expenses	<u>2,585</u>	<u>3,145</u>
	126,609	175,914
Excess Income Over Expenditure	<u>408,166</u>	<u>321,882</u>
Unrealised Change in Value of Investments and Investment Properties	292,590	1,024,479
Balance Received ex PACT for Commemorative Project	-	22,862
Net Surplus	<u><u>700,756</u></u>	<u><u>1,369,223</u></u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
for the Year Ended 31 March 1998

Opening Balance	6,542,342	5,173,119
Excess Income Over Expenditure	<u>700,756</u>	<u>1,369,223</u>
Closing Balance	<u><u>7,243,098</u></u>	<u><u>6,542,342</u></u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 31 March 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		7,243,098	6,542,342
		<u>7,243,098</u>	<u>6,542,342</u>

REPRESENTED BY:**Current Assets:**

Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	(1)	3,303	4,049
Call Deposits - Money Market		59,356	26,460
Methodist Trust Association		40,737	22,862
Sundry Debtors		40,380	28,847
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts		<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>(5,518)</u>
		25,380	23,329
Interest Accrued		<u>31,133</u>	<u>28,023</u>
		159,909	104,723

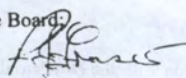
Less Current Liabilities:

Sundry Creditors		57,735	25,682
Accrued Bank Interest		4,335	6,665
PAC History & Research Provision	(2)	9,954	9,954
Rent Received in Advance		-	221
Bank of New Zealand (Secured Loan)	(3)	<u>900,000</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>
		972,024	1,242,522
		<u>(812,115)</u>	<u>(1,137,799)</u>

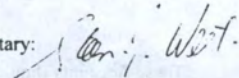
Investments:

Government, Local Body & SOE Stock		1,227,422	1,155,803
Fletcher Challenge Capital Notes		363,099	365,302
Company Shares		129,873	128,284
Investment Properties:			
Land and Improvements	(4/5)	<u>6,334,819</u>	<u>6,030,752</u>
		8,055,213	7,680,141
		<u>7,243,098</u>	<u>6,542,342</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On Behalf Of The Board:
Chairperson:

Secretary:



Date:

14/7/98

PACT 2086 TRUST

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 31 March 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Property Income		497,447	445,030
Interest / Dividends Received		158,817	162,433
Net Movement in GST		<u>-</u>	<u>1,955</u>
		656,264	609,418
Cash was applied to:			
Property Expenditure		103,630	123,756
Other Expenditure		16,104	24,073
Interest Paid		103,353	153,265
Net Movement in GST		<u>1,730</u>	<u>-</u>
		224,817	301,094
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities (7)		431,447	308,324
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Sale of Stocks and Shares		509,053	-
Decrease in Call Deposit		468,500	19,149
Decrease in MTA Deposit		<u>192,000</u>	<u>-</u>
		1,169,553	19,149
Cash was applied to:			
Purchase of Stocks and Shares		590,476	10,049
Purchase of Investment Properties		-	22,862
Increase in Call Deposit		501,396	-
Increase in MTA Deposit		<u>209,874</u>	<u>-</u>
		1,301,746	32,911
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		(132,193)	(13,762)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was applied to:			
Repayment of Loans		(300,000)	(300,000)
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		(300,000)	(300,000)
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NET INCREASE (DECREASE)		(746)	(5,438)
Opening Cash Balance		4,049	9,487
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Closing Cash Balance		<u>3,303</u>	<u>4,049</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:	1998	1997
	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 ensure 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	1998	1997
	900,000	1,200,000

The loan is secured by way of mortgage of properties due as to \$300,000 9 December 1998 at a fixed interest rate of 9.55% per annum, and as to \$600,000 due 12 June 1998 at a fixed interest rate of 8.35%.

Note 4. Investment Properties 31.3.98		1998	1997
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Book Value</u>
Land and Improvements:		<u>31/3/98</u>	<u>31/3/97</u>
258 Taranaki St, Wgtn.	2,807,076	920,000	900,000
161 Karangahape Rd, Auck.	1,309,656	705,000	655,000
165 Karangahape Rd, Auck.	977,000	655,000	610,000
171 Karangahape Rd, Auck.	1,275,857	875,000	728,000
21 Poynton Terrace, Auck.	649,778	160,000	160,000
43 Mahunga Drive, Auck.	1,701,957	1,193,000	1,164,000
Queen Street, Auckland			
Lessor's Residual Interest	<u>25,359</u>	<u>850,000</u>	<u>850,000</u>
	8,746,683	5,358,000	5,067,000
Kaweka Forest Project land	764,403	713,991	713,991
Forestry costs Capitalised	<u>188,814</u>	<u>262,828</u>	<u>249,760</u>
31 March 1998	<u>\$9,699,900</u>	<u>\$6,334,819</u>	<u>\$6,030,751</u>

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 1998. 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 in the year ended 31 March 1997, and that the Kaweka Forest Project be revalued at 5 year intervals from 31 March 1997.

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:

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Excess Income Over Expenditure	700,756	1,369,223

Non Cash Items.

Interest Amortised to Investments	(1,060)	(1,937)
Unrealised Gains	(292,590)	(1,024,479)
PACT Commemorative project	-	(22,862)
Bad and Doubtful Debts	9,482	-

Movements in Working Capital.

Sundry Debtors	(11,533)	(4,568)
- Portion Relating to Property Sold	-	(5,959)
	(11,533)	1,391
Interest Accrued	(3,110)	6
Sundry Creditors	32,053	3,014
Interest Payable	(2,330)	(1,065)
Rent in Advance	(221)	(14,967)
	<u>431,447</u>	<u>308,324</u>

Note 8. Capital Commitments.

There were no capital commitments at 31 March 1998 (1997 Nil).

Note 9. Contingent Liabilities.

There were no contingent liabilities at 31 March 1998 (1997 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>1998 (1997)</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u> <u>Review Period</u>
Cash at Bank	1% (1%)	Set six-monthly, February and August.
Call Deposits	9.9% (7.5%)	Floating daily.
Government Local Body	7.25% - 8.6% (8.75% - 10%)	Fixed to Maturity.
Fletcher Challenge Capital Notes	8.70% (8.70%)	Fixed to Maturity, 15 Dec 2002.
Bank of New Zealand Loan	9.55%	\$300,000 fixed to 9 December 1998.
Bank of New Zealand Loan	8.35%	\$600,000 fixed to 12 June 1998

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 1998. 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 1998 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 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 14 July 1998 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 1998

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.



NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the year ended 31 March 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
INCOME.			
Excess Property Income Over Expenditure		3,142,755	3,182,257
Dividend Received		205,702	184,288
Interest Received on Investments		<u>1,875,103</u>	<u>1,602,819</u>
		5,223,560	4,969,364
EXPENDITURE.			
Administration Fee	1	399,827	381,928
Audit Fee		5,080	4,905
Doubtful Debts		-	29,323
Interest Paid		14,171	22,155
Legal Fees		-	950
Stationery, Postage and General Expenses		4,355	2,609
Telephone and Tolls		590	621
Travelling Expenses and Investigation Items		<u>41,457</u>	<u>40,769</u>
		465,480	483,260
Write back of Doubtful Debt and Tenancy Contingency Provisions		<u>(15,265)</u>	<u>-</u>
		450,215	483,260
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		4,773,345	4,486,104
LESS AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED			
	2		
Income Fund		1,580,127	1,470,725
Growth and Income Fund		<u>3,193,211</u>	<u>3,015,376</u>
		<u>4,773,338</u>	<u>(4,486,101)</u>
TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL RESERVE		<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
MOVEMENTS IN GENERAL RESERVE			
Opening Balance 1 April 1997		39	36
Plus Under distributed Income		<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
Closing Balance 31 March 1998		<u>46</u>	<u>39</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 1998

	1998 \$	1997 \$
PROPERTY INCOME.		
Rent Received	3,435,640	3,474,391
Property Expenses Recovered	<u>590,435</u>	<u>614,309</u>
	4,026,075	4,088,700
PROPERTY RELATED EXPENDITURE.		
Air Conditioning	27,789	33,676
Cleaning and Caretaking	94,213	86,784
Electricity	50,700	58,367
Fire Appliance Servicing	6,960	9,445
Insurance	88,754	113,234
Legal Fees	9,969	27,956
Lift Maintenance	35,348	34,858
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,448	2,825
Rates	307,575	280,436
Rent Collection	7,275	2,500
Repairs and Maintenance	213,103	229,621
Security Services	22,316	13,408
Valuation Fees	<u>14,870</u>	<u>13,333</u>
	883,320	906,443
EXCESS PROPERTY INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>3,142,755</u>	<u>3,182,257</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 31 March 1998

Opening Balance 1 April 1997	58,134,652	53,095,834
Excess Income over Expenditure	4,773,345	4,486,104
Amounts distributed	(4,773,338)	(4,486,101)
Revaluation of Property and Shares	1,069,943	587,449
Capital Accretion Distributed	(1,069,943)	(587,446)
Realised Gain / (Loss) on Sale of Investments	220,905	-
Realised Gain Distributed	(220,907)	-
Increase / (Decrease) in Depositor's Funds	2,635,687	4,847,237
Increase in Building Maintenance Provision	<u>(126,977)</u>	<u>191,575</u>
Closing Balance 31 March 1998	<u>60,643,367</u>	<u>58,134,652</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 1998	1998	1997
	Note	\$	\$
DEPOSITORS FUNDS:			
Income Fund		17,854,396	18,244,408
Growth and Income Fund		<u>41,670,216</u>	<u>38,644,517</u>
		59,524,612	56,888,925
PLUS PROVISIONS AND RESERVES:			
Building Maintenance Provision		1,118,704	1,245,681
Property and Share Revaluation Reserves	3 & 4	4	5
Realised Capital Reserve	5	1	2
General Reserve		<u>46</u>	<u>39</u>
Total Depositors Fund		<u>60,643,367</u>	<u>58,134,652</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets			
Bank of New Zealand Current Account	6	64,249	40,908
Interest Accrued		351,147	403,736
Sundry Debtors	7	36,474	36,506
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts		<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(35,265)</u>
		431,870	445,885
Less Current Liabilities:			
Sundry Creditors and Provisions		(201,492)	(164,646)
Special Term Deposits	8	<u>(167,178)</u>	<u>(188,158)</u>
		<u>(368,670)</u>	<u>(352,804)</u>
		63,200	93,081
Investments:			
Deposits at Call		835,763	652,126
Deposits at Bank		3,200,000	2,000,000
Savings Bank Deposits		69,823	144,956
Shares at Market Value		7,829,620	4,394,439
Debentures, Government, Local Body Stock - valuation		18,072,222	15,795,050
Total Financial Investments		<u>30,007,428</u>	<u>22,986,571</u>
Investment Properties:	9 & 16	30,572,739	35,055,000
		<u>60,643,367</u>	<u>58,134,652</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:

Secretary:

Date:

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC).

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for year ended 31 March 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Property Income		4,039,771	4,095,490
Interest Received		1,866,959	1,453,455
Dividends Received		<u>153,117</u>	<u>184,288</u>
		6,059,847	5,733,233
Cash was applied to:			
Property Expenses		770,527	728,629
Operating Expenses		417,691	449,822
Interest Paid		<u>9,034</u>	<u>19,018</u>
		<u>1,197,252</u>	<u>(1,197,469)</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	12	4,862,595	4,535,764
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Sale of Properties		5,109,880	-
Withdrawal of Term Deposits		9,875,133	5,095,344
Sale of Stocks and Shares		7,780,263	1,306,847
Loans Repaid		-	1,000,000
Reduction in Call Deposits		<u>-</u>	<u>135,017</u>
		22,765,276	7,537,208
Cash was applied to:			
Investment Properties		97,114	-
Term Deposits		11,000,000	5,750,000
Purchase of Stocks and Shares		12,869,162	5,711,647
Increase in Call Deposit		<u>183,637</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>(24,149,913)</u>	<u>(11,461,647)</u>
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		(1,384,637)	(3,924,439)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Members Deposits (net of withdrawals)		1,344,838	4,259,791
Special Term Deposits		<u>25,583</u>	<u>3,027</u>
		1,370,421	4,262,818
Cash was applied to:			
Decrease in Members Deposits		-	-
Repayment of Special Term Deposits		51,700	354,200
Dividends Paid		<u>4,773,338</u>	<u>4,486,101</u>
		4,825,038	<u>(4,840,301)</u>
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		(3,454,617)	(577,483)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		23,341	33,842
Add Opening Cash Balance		40,908	7,066
Closing Cash Balance		<u>64,249</u>	<u>40,908</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 1998

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

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Opening Balance 1 April 1997	5	2
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Valuations (Note 11)	197,401	727,543
Amount of (Increase) / Decrease in Valuations allocated to Growth and Income Funds	<u>(197,402)</u>	<u>(727,540)</u>
Closing Balance 31 March 1998	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

Note 4. Share Revaluation Reserve.

Opening Balance 1 April 1997	-	-
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Valuations	872,541	(140,094)
Amount of (Increase) / Decrease in Valuations allocated to Growth and Income Funds	<u>(872,541)</u>	<u>140,094</u>
Closing Balance 31 March 1998	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Note 5. Realised Capital Reserve.

Opening Balance 1 April 1997	2	2
(Loss) / gain on sale of stocks and shares	(358,656)	-
(Loss) / gain on sale of properties	579,562	-
Distributed to depositors	<u>(220,907)</u>	<u>-</u>
Closing Balance 31 March 1998	<u>1</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:

	1998	1997
Reported Excess Income Over Expenditure	4,773,345	4,486,104
Adjust for Non Cash Items:		
Doubtful Debts	(15,265)	25,555
Repairs and Maintenance	193,980	216,200
Investment and Development Investigation Provision		30,000
Company Shares issued in lieu of Dividend	(52,585)	-
Write-up on Government Stock and Debentures	(60,733)	(49,369)
Adjusted Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>4,838,742</u>	<u>4,708,490</u>
Changes in Working Capital Items:		
Accounts receivable Interest	52,589	(83,244)
Accounts Receivable (net)	3,782	32,345
Write off of doubtful debt against accounts receivable	-	(62,334)
Accounts Payable	11,983	(63,120)
Investment and Development Investigation Provision	30,000	28,252
Building and Maintenance Provision after non-cash portion deducted	(74,501)	(24,625)
Operating Cash Flows	<u>4,862,595</u>	<u>4,535,764</u>

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended 31 March 1998 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	1998 (1997)	
Cash at Bank	1% (1%)	1.4.98
Deposits at Call	9.5% (7.5%)	1.4.98
Deposits at Bank	8.57% - 9.11% (7.36%-7.64%)	22.4.98
Savings Bank Deposits	7.1% to 7.25% (7.75% to 9%)	3.7.98
Debentures	7.7% to 10.9% (7.9% to 10.9%)	15.10.98 to 30.11.03
Government Stock	- - (10.51% to 11.62%)	-
Local Body Stock	7.25% to 9.98% (8.04% to 11.62%)	31.5.98 to 15.8.03
Liabilities		
Special Term Deposits	6% to 7.5% (6% to 7.5%)	1.4.98
Income Fund	8.114% to 8.312% (8.566% to 8.7%)	1.4.98
Growth and Income Fund	8.08% (8.15%)	1.4.98

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 1998 (1997 Nil).

Note 15. There were no contingent liabilities at 31 March 1998 (1997 Nil).

Note 16. Subsequent Event.

On 1 July 1998 the major tenant of the Mayoral Drive property vacated the premises. The Methodist Trust Association is endeavouring to find a replacement tenant.

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 1998</u>	<u>Book Value 1997</u>	<u>Movement = Property Valuations at 31.3.98</u>
	\$		\$	\$	\$
Riddiford St Property, Wellington	1,462,990	31/3/98	1,530,000	1,497,542	+32,458
Hinemoa St Property, Rotorua	606,405	31/3/98	1,250,000	1,250,000	-
Great North and Newton Road Property, Auckland	2,990,422	31/3/98	6,500,000	6,300,000	+200,000
132 Kilmore Street Property, Christchurch	255,040	31/3/98	450,000	450,000	-
Cambridge Terrace Property, Christchurch	3,440,295	31/3/98	5,250,000	5,250,000	-
Bainbridge Property, Rotorua	1,030,595	31/3/98	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
*Grafton Heights Property, Auckland. Sold.	1,454,522	31/3/98	-	2,400,000	-
*Victoria Street Property, Christchurch. Sold.	2,100,247	31/3/98	-	1,545,000	-
Laings Road Property, Lower Hutt	2,326,325	31/3/98	495,000	495,000	-
*Carlton Gore Road Property, Auckland. Sold.	52,419	31/3/98	-	820,000	-
126-132 High Street Property, Lower Hutt	1,504,147	31/3/98	600,000	600,000	-
Ryan Place Property, Manukau City	1,986,004	31/3/98	1,500,000	1,540,000	(40,000)
142 Kilmore Street Property, Christchurch	310,000	31/3/98	375,000	375,000	-
Mayoral Drive Property, Auckland	17,197,564	31/3/98	11,597,114	11,500,000	+97,114
Property Development Cost Lychgate Centre Tenancy Fitout			25,625	32,458	(6,833)
			<u>\$30,572,739</u>	<u>\$35,055,000</u>	<u>282,739</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

*These properties have been sold during the year.



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 1998. 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 1998 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 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 14 July 1998 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**

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION - SPECIAL ACCOUNT

For the Year Ended 31 March 1998

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:

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|------------------------------|--|
| 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 1998

	1998 \$	1997 \$
INCOME:		
Interest Received	172,080	151,743
EXPENDITURE:		
Administration Fee	12,640	14,900
Audit Fee	390	374
General Expenses	878	2,623
Interest Paid and Bank Charges	<u>79,130</u>	<u>82,383</u>
	93,038	100,280
Excess of Income Over Expenditure	79,042	51,463
Add APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:		
Opening Balance 1 April 1997	<u>16,260</u>	<u>12,797</u>
	95,302	64,260
Less Transfer to Provision for Distribution	<u>71,500</u>	<u>48,000</u>
Closing Balance 31 March 1998	<u><u>23,802</u></u>	<u><u>16,260</u></u>
PROVISION FOR DISTRIBUTION:		
Opening Balance 1 April 1997	48,000	46,750
Grant Paid - Connexional Budget	<u>(48,000)</u>	<u>(46,750)</u>
Transfer from Appropriation Account	<u>71,500</u>	<u>48,000</u>
Closing Balance 31 March 1998	<u><u>71,500</u></u>	<u><u>48,000</u></u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION - SPECIAL ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 31 March 1998

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Opening Balance 1 April 1997	16,260	12,797
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>79,042</u>	<u>51,463</u>
	95,302	64,260
Less Transfer to Provision for Distribution	<u>71,500</u>	<u>48,000</u>
Closing Balance 31 March 1998	<u>23,802</u>	<u>16,260</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

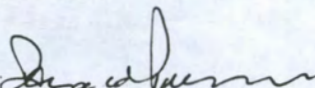
as at 31 March 1998

	Note	1998	1997
		\$	\$
FUND EQUITY		<u>23,802</u>	<u>16,260</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Call Deposits - Money Market		135,064	89,349
Short Term Deposits - Methodist Trust Association		1,890,106	1,504,170
Accounts Receivable		1,187	40
Short Term Investments:			
Advances - Local Parishes and Church Funds		180,943	10,970
Advances - Methodist Trust Association 1		<u>95,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>
		2,302,300	1,749,529
Current Liabilities:			
Bank of New Zealand - (Offset Account)		(2,197,214)	(1,678,703)
Accounts Payable		(9,784)	(6,566)
Provision for Distribution		<u>(71,500)</u>	<u>(48,000)</u>
		(2,278,498)	(1,733,269)
		<u>23,802</u>	<u>16,260</u>

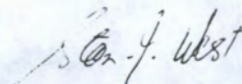
These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On Behalf Of The Board:

Chairperson:



Secretary:



Date:

24/6/98



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BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION - SPECIAL ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 31 March 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Interest Received		171,184	162,957
Bank Charges Recovered		<u>2,493</u>	<u>3,135</u>
		173,677	166,092
Cash was applied to:			
Interest Paid and Bank Charges		78,405	96,136
Other Operating Expenses		14,159	18,969
Grants Paid		<u>48,000</u>	<u>46,750</u>
		140,564	161,855
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Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	3	33,113	4,237
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Repayment from Parishes and Church Funds		723,000	2,016,900
Short Term Withdrawals		1,278,500	815,328
Methodist Trust Association Withdrawals		651,000	1,151,975
Repayment from MTA		<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>
		2,702,500	3,984,203
Cash was applied to:			
Advances to Parishes and Church Funds		892,973	1,680,270
Short Term Bank Deposits		1,324,215	-
MTA Deposits		1,036,936	2,313,145
		<u>3,254,124</u>	<u>3,993,415</u>
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Net Cash Flow (Outflow) from Investing Activities		(551,624)	(9,212)
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		Nil	Nil
NET INCREASE IN CASH HELD		(518,511)	(4,975)
Opening Cash Balance		(1,678,703)	(1,673,728)
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Closing Cash Balance		<u>(2,197,214)</u>	<u>(1,678,703)</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>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
MTA – deposits	134,033	13,145	1,853,060	1,504,170
MTA – advance	7,082	19,017	95,000	145,000
PACT 2086 Trust	742	1,555	-	-
Tamahere Eventide Home	-	479	-	-
Dunedin Mission	-	24,128	-	-
Presbyters Deacons and Layworkers Fund	-	199	-	-
Christchurch Methodist Mission	4,146	14,326	-	-
Auckland Samoan Parish	143	70	-	9,070
Tongan Methodist Fellowship	-	-	1,700	1,900
Pitt Street Trust	4,789	-	-	-
Invercargill Parish	275	-	-	-
Waitakere Parish – Henderson	61	-	2,148	-
Waitakere Glen Eden	2,095	-	177,095	-

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>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Excess Income over Expenditure	79,042	51,463
Changes in Working Capital		
- Interest Accrued	-	8,342
- Debtors	(1,147)	2,873
- Creditors	3,218	(11,691)
- Provision for Distributions	(48,000)	(46,750)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>33,113</u>	<u>4,237</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>(1998)</u>	<u>(1997)</u>	
Call Bank Deposits	9.5%	7.5%	Daily
Overdraft - Bank of New Zealand	1%	1.5%	-

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 1998 (1997 - Nil).

Note 6. Commitments:

There are no commitments at 31 March 1998 (1997 - 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 1998. 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 31 March 1998 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 31 March 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 24 June 1998 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

For the Year Ended 30 April 1998.

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 POLICES:

Investments - are valued at Current 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 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
INCOME:			
Interest Received - Deposits		95,825	88,972
EXPENDITURE:			
Administration Fee		12,450	12,450
Audit Fee		280	267
Stationery and General Expenses		61	88
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		12,791	12,805
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Excess Income over Expenditure		83,034	76,167
Grant to Insurance Fund - Subsidy Alarm Systems 8		<u>(32,583)</u>	<u>(130,759)</u>
		<u>50,451</u>	<u>(54,592)</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 1998.

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
Accumulated Funds		<u>1,743,208</u>	<u>1,672,595</u>
Represented by:			
Current Assets:			
Bank of New Zealand Current Account	1	847	52
Interest Accrued		<u>8,442</u>	<u>6,554</u>
		9,289	6,606
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable		(5,580)	(45,712)
		<u>(5,580)</u>	<u>(45,712)</u>
		3,709	(39,106)
Investments:			
Methodist Trust Association	2	1,263,335	1,035,537
Loan - Methodist Theological College Council	2	476,164	676,164
		<u>1,739,499</u>	<u>1,711,701</u>
		<u>1,743,208</u>	<u>1,672,595</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY For The Year Ended 30 April 1998

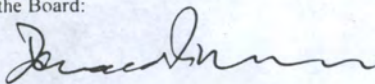
	<u>1998</u> \$	<u>1997</u> \$
Opening Balance 1 May 1997	1,672,595	1,718,249
Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>50,451</u>	<u>(54,592)</u>
	1,723,046	1,663,657
Plus Capital Accretion and Real Capital Gain	3	<u>20,162</u>
	<u>20,162</u>	<u>8,938</u>
Closing Balance 30 April 1998	<u>1,743,208</u>	<u>1,672,595</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

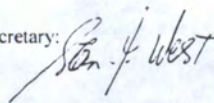
On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:

Date:


24/6/98

Secretary:



CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for Year Ended 30 April 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Interest Received		93,937	90,534
Cash was applied to:			
Payments to Suppliers		(85,506)	(128,812)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	5	8,431	(38,278)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
MTA Withdrawals		86,298	462,571
Loan Repayment - Theological College		<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>
		286,298	462,571
Cash was applied to:			
Investments - Methodist Trust Association		293,934	(381,032)
- Removal Fund Reserve		<u>-</u>	<u>(43,327)</u>
		(293,934)	(424,359)
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		(7,636)	38,212
Total Net Cash Flows		795	(66)
Add Opening Cash Balance 1 May 1997		<u>52</u>	<u>118</u>
Closing Cash Balance 30 April 1998		<u>847</u>	<u>52</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE 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. 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 now secured over four properties owned by the Trinity Methodist Theological College with 10 Jefferson Street having been released during the year with the repayment of \$200,000. These properties have a combined book value of approximately \$502,847 (1997 \$654,000 which included the Jefferson Street property). At 30 April 1998 the balance of this loan has been reduced to \$476,164. The revaluation of the property at 10 Jefferson Street resulted in an increase in its value, with the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund share of 75% being \$72,032 which only becomes realisable on the eventual sale of the property.

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 \$1,263,335. Interest earned during the year from these deposits was \$95,823.

Accounts payable includes \$5,280 (1997 \$45,445) owed to the Board of Administration Insurance Fund. During the current year \$32,583 (1997 \$130,759) 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 \$16,711 in unrealised gains, while realised gains resulted in \$3,450 being allocated to the Fund, at 31 March 1998.

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.

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure	50,451	(54,592)
Changes in Working Capital:		
Interest Accruals	(1,888)	1,562
Accounts Payable	<u>(40,132)</u>	<u>14,752</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	8,431	(38,278)

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.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

The carrying amounts of bank balances, other receivables, payables and investments are considered to be fair value for these financial instruments.

Note 7. Contingent Liabilities.

There are no contingent liabilities at 30 April 1998 (1997 - 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 \$27,303 was paid out in subsidies, resulting in total subsidies to date of \$188,764.



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 1998. 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 1998 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 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 24 June 1998 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 INSURANCE ACCOUNT

for the Year Ended 30 April 1998

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 POLICIES:

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 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
INCOME:			
Insurance Premiums Received		883,438	1,079,530
Interest		18,069	24,684
Methodist Trust Association Distributions		<u>32,552</u>	<u>16,185</u>
		934,059	1,120,399
EXPENDITURE:			
Administration Fee		88,000	81,737
Audit Fee		1,760	1,747
General Office Expenses		2,321	2,029
Insurance Claims - Church Property		68,586	88,997
Re-Insurance - Church Property		693,832	674,993
Legal Expenses		<u>-</u>	<u>659</u>
		854,499	850,162
Excess Income over Expenditure	4	<u>79,560</u>	<u>270,237</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION INSURANCE ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 April 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>895,404</u>	<u>815,844</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Bank of New Zealand			
- Current Account	1	19,513	2,369
Deposits at Call		256,982	96,284
Short Term Deposits - Methodist Trust Association		612,394	129,216
Accounts Receivable		47,045	102,226
Premiums Paid in Advance	5	40,834	635,707
Interest Accrued		<u>4,077</u>	<u>373</u>
		980.845	966,175
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable			
- Ordinary		(45,835)	(95,546)
- Unexpired Insurance Premiums		<u>(39,606)</u>	<u>(54,785)</u>
		<u>(85,441)</u>	<u>(150,331)</u>
		<u>895,404</u>	<u>815,844</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 April 1998

	1998 \$	1997 \$
Opening Balance 1 May 1997	815,844	545,607
Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>79,560</u>	<u>270,237</u>
Closing Balance 30 April 1998	<u>895,404</u>	<u>815,844</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:

Secretary:

Date:

24/6/98

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION INSURANCE ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for Year Ended 30 April 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Insurance Premiums Received		923,440	1,059,909
Interest and Methodist Trust Association Distribution		<u>46,917</u>	<u>40,774</u>
		970,357	1,100,683
Cash was applied to:			
Re-Insurance		102,604	948,720
Insurance Claims		93,175	110,397
Payments to Suppliers		<u>113,558</u>	<u>86,221</u>
		309,337	1,145,338
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Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	4	661,020	(44,655)
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from / (applied to)			
Deposits at Call		(160,698)	135,861
Deposit Methodist Trust Association		<u>(483,178)</u>	<u>(91,561)</u>
Net Cash Flow from Investment Activities		(643,876)	44,300
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TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		17,144	(355)
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Opening Cash Balance		2,369	2,724
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Closing Cash Balance		<u>19,513</u>	<u>2,369</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 \$5,280 (1997 \$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:

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure	79,560	270,237
Plus Non Cash items		-
Movement in Working Capital		
Accounts Receivable	55,181	253,406
Interest Accrued	(3,704)	(95)
Accounts Payable	(49,711)	(290,455)
Unexpired Insurance	(15,179)	(1,476)
Unexpired Re-Insurance	<u>594,873</u>	<u>(276,272)</u>
Net Cash flow from Operating Activities	661,020	44,655

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 principal re-insurance premiums were also prepaid to 16 May 1998.

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 8.45% (1997 - 6.3%) floating daily.

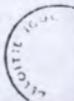
Cash at Bank current rate	1%	(1997 1%)
Methodist Trust Association	8.114%	(1997 8.566%)

Note 8. Contingent Liabilities.

There are no contingent liabilities at 30 April 1998 (1997 - nil).

Note 9. Commitments.

There are no commitments at 30 April 1998 (1997 - 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 1998. 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 1998 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 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 24 June 1998 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 1998

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 six months ended 30 June 1998

	12 Month Period 1998	12 Month Period 1997
	\$	\$
INCOME:		
Interest Received and Distribution		
Received - Methodist Trust Association	28,641	38,914
Commission Received	2,996	2,783
Donations Received	-	4
Interest Donated by Members	<u>2,523</u>	<u>3,385</u>
	34,160	45,086
EXPENDITURE:		
Administration Fee	11,230	11,230
Audit Fee	1,460	1,413
General Office Expenses	457	796
Legal Expenses	872	2,548
Printing, Stationery and Postage	1,195	754
Interest	<u>13,070</u>	<u>17,504</u>
	<u>28,284</u>	<u>34,245</u>
Excess Income over Expenditure	2	<u>10,841</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
MEMBERS DEPOSITS:			
Interest Bearing -			
Advances		247,194	262,320
Nominated Trust Advances		<u>5,037</u>	<u>-</u>
		252,231	262,320
Non Interest Bearing -			
Advances		33,619	81,134
Nominated Trusts		<u>114,425</u>	<u>144,400</u>
		<u>148,044</u>	<u>225,534</u>
		400,275	487,854
Share Capital	3	278	262
Appropriated Funds		30,474	34,598
		<u>431,027</u>	<u>522,714</u>
Represented by:			
Current Assets -			
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account		304	1,874
- Inter Funds		14,700	-
Accounts Receivable		<u>1,740</u>	<u>117</u>
		16,744	1,991
Current Liabilities -			
Accounts Payable		<u>(2,384)</u>	<u>(1,609)</u>
		14,360	382
Investments:			
Deposits - Methodist Trust Association		297,198	377,678
Loans - Nominated Trust Advances		<u>119,469</u>	<u>144,654</u>
		416,667	522,332
		<u>431,027</u>	<u>522,714</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

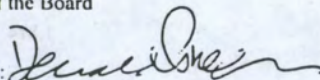
For the Year Ended 30 June 1998

	1998	1997
Opening Balance	522,714	561,427
Increase (decrease) in Members Deposits	(87,579)	(29,568)
New Shares Issued	34	27
Shares Redeemed upon Termination of Deposits	(18)	(13)
Excess Income over Expenditure	5,876	10,841
Grants Paid	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>
	<u>431,027</u>	<u>522,714</u>

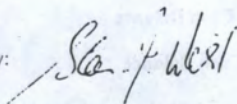
These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board

Chairperson:



Secretary:



Date: 30. 10. 98

METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LTD

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the Year ended 30 June 1998

	<u>Note</u>	12 Months 1998 \$	12 Months 1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Commission Received		1,373	2,801
Donations		2,523	3,389
Interest Received and Distribution Methodist Trust Assn		28,615	38,767
		<u>32,511</u>	<u>44,957</u>
Cash was applied to:			
Suppliers		15,247	16,838
Interest Paid		12,262	17,504
Grants Paid		<u>10,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
		<u>37,509</u>	<u>54,342</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	2	(4,998)	(9,385)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Nominated Trust Loans Repaid		48,705	14,150
Decrease in Investment Deposits – Methodist Trust Association		<u>80,480</u>	<u>72,339</u>
		129,185	86,489
Cash was applied to:			
Increase in Investment Deposit - Methodist Trust Association			-
Nominated Trust Loans Advanced		<u>23,494</u>	<u>47,500</u>
		<u>23,494</u>	<u>47,500</u>
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		105,691	38,989
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Share Capital		34	27
Nominated Trust Deposits		18,000	49,500
Increase in Contributors' Advances		-	-
		<u>18,034</u>	<u>49,527</u>
Cash was applied to:			
Share Capital Repaid		18	13
Nominated Trust Deposits Repaid		47,975	16,125
Decrease in Contributors' Advances		<u>57,604</u>	<u>62,943</u>
		105,597	79,081
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities		(87,563)	(29,554)
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		13,130	50
Opening Cash Balance		1,874	1,824
Closing Cash Balance		<u>15,004</u>	<u>1,874</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LTD

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.

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure	5,876	10,841
Plus Movements in Working Capital		
Accounts Receivable	(1,649)	(129)
Accounts Payable	775	(97)
	5,002	10,615
Less Grants Paid - Not Included In Statement of Financial Performance	(10,000)	(20,000)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>(4,998)</u>	<u>(9,385)</u>

Note 3. Share Capital: (\$1 Ordinary Shares fully paid)

	1998	1997
Brought forward	262	248
New Shares issued to new depositors	34	27
Shares redeemed upon termination of deposits	<u>(18)</u>	<u>(13)</u>
Share Capital carried forward	<u>278</u>	<u>262</u>

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	(1997)	Interest Review Period
Cash at Bank	1%	(1%)	1.7.98
Loans to Parishes	5%	(5%)	1.7.98
Deposits held	3.96%	(3.85%)	1.7.98

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 and Commitments.

There are no contingent liabilities or commitments at 30 June 1998 (1997- 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 1998. 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 1998 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 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 30 October 1998 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 1998

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Removal Expenses Fund is set up to meet the cost of shifting household and personal effects of Presbyters, Minita-a-lwi, 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 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
INCOME:			
Contributions from Parishes		52,917	54,587
Interest		<u>7,178</u>	<u>6,282</u>
		60,095	60,869
EXPENDITURE:			
Administration Fee		14,500	14,500
Audit Fee		280	267
Stationery and General Expenses		442	400
Removal Costs for Methodist Stationing	1	<u>43,253</u>	<u>41,897</u>
		58,475	57,064
Excess Income over Expenditure	5	<u>1,620</u>	<u>3,805</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 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
CONTRIBUTORS FUNDS		<u>82,662</u>	<u>81,042</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	2	612	460
Deposits at Call		82,589	85,412
		<u>83,201</u>	<u>85,872</u>
Current Liabilities:			
Sundry Creditors		(539)	(4,830)
		<u>82,662</u>	<u>81,042</u>

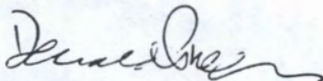
STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
For the Year Ended 30 June 1998

	1998 \$	1997 \$
Opening Balance 1 July 1997	81,042	77,237
Excess Income Over Expenditure	<u>1,620</u>	<u>3,805</u>
Closing Balance 30 June 1998	<u>82,662</u>	<u>81,042</u>

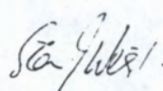
These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board.

Chairperson:



Secretary:



Date: 26.10.98

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the Year Ended 30 June 1998

	<u>Notes</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Contributions		52,917	54,587
Distribution Received – Connexional Fire		-	43,327
Interest Received		<u>7,178</u>	<u>6,282</u>
		60,095	104,196
Cash was applied to:			
Payment to Suppliers		(62,766)	(51,074)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	5	(2,671)	53,122
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from/(applied to)			
Deposits at Call (Net)		2,823	(53,277)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net Cash Flow from Investment Activities		2,823	(53,277)
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		152	(155)
Opening Cash Balance		<u>460</u>	<u>615</u>
Closing Cash Balance		<u>612</u>	<u>460</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:

	1998	Total Cost \$	Average Cost \$	1997	Total Costs \$	Average Cost \$
North Island	14	24,199	1,728	15	24,988	1,666
South Island	5	13,648	2,730	5	5,031	1,006
Inter Island	1	3,356	3,356	2	8,388	4,194
Students to College	1	<u>2,050</u>	<u>2,050</u>		<u>698</u>	
	21	43,253	2,060	27	41,897	1,552

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 in 1997 included \$4,010 owed to the Board of Administration Insurance Fund for removal insurance, there is no such accrual in the current year.

Note 5. Reconciliation of Excess Income Over Expenditure with Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

	1998 \$	1997 \$
Excess Income over Expenditure	1,620	3,805
Movement in Working Capital -		
Sundry Creditors	(4,291)	4,490
Sundry Debtors	-	44,827
Net Cashflow from Operating Activities	(2,671)	53,122

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 8.35% (1997 6.5%) floating daily.

Note 7. Commitments.

Commitments at 30 June 1998 amounted to nil (1997-nil).

Note 8. Contingent Liability.

There are no contingent liabilities at 30 June 1998 (1997-nil).



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 1998. 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 1998 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 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 27 October 1998 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 1998

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 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
INCOME:			
Contributions from Parishes		765,133	839,270
Grants			
- Board of Administration - Special Account		48,000	46,750
- Connexional - Legacies and Donations		10,713	10,250
Interest		3,128	6,081
		<u>826,974</u>	<u>902,351</u>
EXPENDITURE:			
Funds Distributed	1	805,434	885,536
Administration Costs		21,326	14,205
Audit Fee		500	480
Budget Promotion Material		-	2,130
		<u>827,260</u>	<u>902,351</u>
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>(286)</u>	<u>-</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

For the year ended 30 June 1998

	1998 \$	1997 \$
Opening Accumulated Funds 1 July 1997	-	-
Operating Surplus / (Deficit) for the period	(286)	-
Closing Accumulated Funds 30 June 1998	<u>(286)</u>	<u>-</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

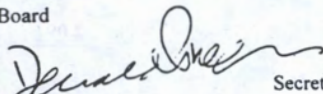
as at 30th June 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>(286)</u>	<u>-</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	2	2,094	1,605
Deposits at Call		20,896	154,676
Interfund Account	6	29,497	1,697
Contributions Due		19,912	38,005
		<u>72,399</u>	<u>195,983</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Sundry Creditors		(4,296)	(736)
Distributions Due		(68,389)	(195,247)
		<u>(72,685)</u>	<u>(195,983)</u>
		<u>(286)</u>	<u>-</u>

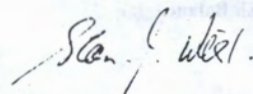
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behalf of the Board

Chairperson:



Secretary:



Date:

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CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 30th June 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was Provided from:			
Contributions from Parishes		783,226	830,345
Grants and Donations		58,713	57,000
Interest Received		3,128	6,081
		<u>845,067</u>	<u>893,426</u>
Cash Was Applied To:			
Distribution of Funds		(932,292)	(803,668)
Suppliers		(13,039)	(18,072)
		<u>(945,331)</u>	<u>(821,740)</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	5	(100,264)	71,686
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was Provided from:			
Deposit Call Account		133,780	-
Cash was Applied to:			
Interfund		(33,027)	(79,473)
		<u>100,753</u>	<u>(79,473)</u>
Net Cash Flow to Investing Activities		100,753	(79,473)
TOTAL NET CASH OUTFLOWS			
		489	(7,787)
Opening Cash Balance		1,605	9,392
		<u>1,605</u>	<u>9,392</u>
Closing Cash Balance		<u>2,094</u>	<u>1,605</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.

	1998	1997
Guaranteed Distribution	\$	\$
Forum of Cooperative Ventures	18,107	24,030
Conf. of Churches in Aotearoa NZ	20,000	20,000
Tertiary Chaplaincies	12,500	12,500
Travel and Study Grant Fund	15,000	9,300
Churches Education Commission	500	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	1,263	880
WCC Central Committee Travel	525	525
Churches Broadcasting Commission	<u>1,000</u>	<u>968</u>
	<u>85,790</u>	<u>91,098</u>
Non-Guaranteed Distribution		
Mission Resourcing Unit	226,827	259,215
Ministry Resourcing Unit	156,152	174,305
Connexional Expenses	181,329	171,853
Council for Mission	56,518	81,020
"Crosslink"	33,391	43,576
Overseas Aid -		
2% amount received from Parishes	13,617	16,785
Sinoti Samoa	8,050	15,978
Epworth Book Shop	29,476	14,526
Tongan Advisory Committee	9,987	12,008
Fiji Advisory Committee	4,297	5,172
	<u>719,644</u>	<u>794,438</u>
Total Funds Distributed	<u>805,434</u>	<u>885,536</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>(1998)</u>	<u>(1997)</u>	<u>Review Period</u>
Cash at Bank	1%	(1%)	1.7.98
Call Deposits	7.55%	(6.5%)	1.7.98

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.

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Income and Expenditure Account	(286)	Nil
Increase (Decrease) in Working Capital:		
Sundry Creditors	3,560	272
Distributions Due	(126,858)	80,846
Sundry Debtors	5,227	(507)
Contributions Due	18,093	(8,925)
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Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>(100,264)</u>	<u>71,686</u>

Note 6. Interfund Account.

This account arises from a change in accounting procedure that has resulted in all funds sharing a common bank account. This amount reflects the Budget Account balance of the common bank account.



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 1998. 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 1998 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 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 27 October 1998 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 1998

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 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
INCOME:			
Interest Received		19,265	21,496
Grants Received	1	<u>6,515</u>	<u>73,899</u>
		25,780	95,395
EXPENDITURE:			
Administration Fees		15,000	15,000
Doubtful Debts		-	3,917
Interest Paid		8,344	12,180
Audit Fee		280	267
General Office Expenses		<u>792</u>	<u>564</u>
		24,416	31,928
Excess Income over Expenditure		<u>1,364</u>	<u>63,467</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 30 June 1998

	1998	1997
Opening Balance 1 July 1997	120,401	56,934
Excess Income Over Expenditure	<u>1,364</u>	<u>63,467</u>
	<u>121,765</u>	<u>120,401</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

PRESBYTERS DEACONS AND LAYWORKERS LOAN FUND

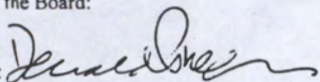
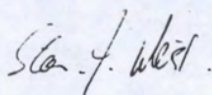
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>121,765</u>	<u>120,401</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	2	118	1,624
- Inter Fund Corporate		1,086	
Short Term Investments:			
- Bank Deposits at Call		33,637	18,873
- Methodist Trust Association		29	978
- Accounts Receivable		-	255
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		34,870	21,730
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable		(575)	(3,166)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		34,295	18,564
Investments:			
Methodist Provident Society		1	1
Loans Advanced		190,325	287,027
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		224,621	305,592
Loans and Deposits Received:			
Special Loans - Retiring Ministers		(-)	(73,349)
Deposits - Vehicle Replacement		<u>(102,856)</u>	<u>(111,842)</u>
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		(102,856)	(185,191)
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		<u>121,765</u>	<u>120,401</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:  Secretary: 

Date: 30. 10. 98

PRESBYTERS DEACONS AND LAYWORKERS LOAN FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 30 June 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Interest Received		19,320	20,741
Grants Received		<u>6,515</u>	<u>73,899</u>
		25,835	94,640
Cash was applied to:			
Interest Paid		10,536	10,485
Other Operating Expenses		<u>16,471</u>	<u>15,459</u>
		27,007	25,944
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities 6		(1,172)	68,696
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Loan Repayments		156,677	117,576
Methodist Trust Association Deposit		<u>1,000</u>	
		157,677	117,576
Cash was applied to:			
New Loans Advanced		59,775	110,405
Methodist Trust Association		51	81
Trust Bank Call Account (net)		<u>14,764</u>	<u>17,716</u>
		74,590	128,202
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		83,087	(10,626)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Inter Fund Loan Advanced		<u>2,500</u>	<u>10,000</u>
		2,500	10,000
Cash was applied to:			
Repayment of Inter Fund Loans		75,849	45,341
Net Repayment of Vehicle Replacement Deposits		<u>8,986</u>	<u>23,467</u>
		84,835	68,808
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		(82,335)	(58,808)
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		<u>(420)</u>	<u>(738)</u>
Opening Cash Balance		1,624	2,362
Closing Cash Balance		<u>1,204</u>	<u>1,624</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:	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
	Thorndon Trust	5,015	8,982
	W F Walters Trust	1,500	1,000
	PAC Distribution	-	60,000
	Special Purpose Trust - GPT	-	3,917
		<u>6,515</u>	<u>73,899</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 \$29 at balance date (1997 \$978).

Distributions received from this investment for the year to 30 June 1998 were \$51 (1997: \$81).

The special loans financed by the Presbyters and Deacons Retirement Housing Fund, have since 1 April 1998 been administered by that Fund and no longer form part of the Presbyters Deacons and Layworkers Loan Fund. (1997 \$73,349).

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 10.5% (1997: 8% to 8.6%).

Interest paid to the Presbyters and Deacons Retirement Housing Fund was \$7,336 (1997 \$8,458).

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:

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u> <u>Review Period</u>
Cash at Bank	1%	(1%)	1.7.98
Bank Call Deposits			
- Money Market	7.55%	(6.5%)	1.7.98
Methodist Trust Association	7.48%	(9.2%)	1.7.98
Car Loans to Presbyters Deacons and Layworkers			
5.0% Flat	5% Flat	5% Flat	1.7.98
(equals 9.155% True)			1.7.98
Special Loans Advanced		9.95%	1.7.98
Deposits from Presbyters			
Deacons and Layworkers	3%	3%	1.7.98
Special Loans from Retiring Ministers Housing Fund		8%	1.7.98

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.

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure	1,364	63,467
Non Cash Items - Doubtful Debtors	-	3,917
- Interest not received	(200)	(500)
Movement in Working Capital:		
Accounts Receivable	255	(255)
Accounts Payable	(2,591)	2,067
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>(1,172)</u>	<u>68,696</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 1998 amounted to nil (1997-nil).

Note 8. Contingent Liabilities.

There are no contingent liabilities at 30 June 1998 (1997-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 1998. 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 1998 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 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 30 October 1998 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 EXPENSES FUND

for the Year Ended 30 June 1998

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 1998

	Note	1998	1997
		\$	\$
INCOME:			
Connexional Budget		181,329	171,853
Sales of Printed Materials	11	16,390	-
Interest Received		11,547	17,520
Bi Cultural Committee Grant		-	2,000
PAC Fund Grant - Presbyter Dispute Costs		-	200,000
PAC Media Fund Grant		1,500	-
		<u>210,766</u>	<u>391,373</u>
EXPENDITURE:			
President		28,623	29,845
Vice President		11,998	18,982
Councils of Conference		18,042	18,394
Tauwiri Forum		15,094	12,445
District Superintendents		17,764	22,196
Committees of Conference	2	48,166	81,725
Presbyters Disputes Costs		174,373	48,938
Production and Distribution of Printed Materials	11	14,152	-
Non Stationed Stipend Costs		<u>11,673</u>	<u>11,748</u>
		339,885	244,273
Administration			
Audit Fee		390	374
Other Administration Costs		<u>15,437</u>	<u>14,321</u>
		15,827	14,695
Conference			
Travel Official Representatives		8,112	10,739
Printing	11	17,680	12,815
Secretarial and Other		<u>619</u>	<u>607</u>
		<u>26,411</u>	<u>24,161</u>
		382,123	283,129
Excess of (Expenditure over Income) / Income over Expenditure		(171,357)	108,244
Excess of Conference Income over Expenditure		7,457	6,024
TOTAL NET (DEFICIT) / INCOME		<u>(163,900)</u>	<u>114,268</u>
Transfer (to) / from Provisions			
- Central Complaints Committee Training		3,322	9,365
- Presbyters Disputes Cost		152,584	(151,062)
- Central Complaints Committee Library	10	(1,500)	-
Transfer to Accumulated Funds		<u>(9,494)</u>	<u>(27,429)</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the notes to the accounts.

**CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
CONFERENCE
for the Year Ended 30 June 1998**

	<u>Note</u>	1998	1997
INCOME		\$	\$
Conference Registration and Meals		44,817	44,961
Offerings, Donation and Kohas		747	1,418
Interest Received		25	1,006
Photographic Sales		<u>430</u>	<u>-</u>
		46,019	47,385
 EXPENDITURE			
Audit Fee		-	(258)
Accommodation		4,490	1,261
Administration		1,342	1,547
Catering		26,539	25,591
Gifts and Kohas		-	5,000
Hire Cost of Venue and Equipment		2,740	4,654
Promotional Costs		400	800
Travel		590	474
Printing		1,816	1,869
Secretarial / Other Costs		<u>645</u>	<u>423</u>
		<u>38,562</u>	<u>41,361</u>
 Excess of Income Over Expenditure Transferred to Connexional Expenses Statement of Financial Performance		 <u>7,457</u>	 <u>6,024</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 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
Provisions:			
Supply Ministries		16,382	16,382
Central Complaints Committee Training		13,486	16,808
Central Complaints Committee Library	10	1,500	-
Interchurch Taxation Committee		7,473	7,473
Presbyters Disputes Costs		<u>-</u>	<u>152,584</u>
		38,841	193,247
 Accumulated Fund	 1	 (16,686)	 (7,192)
 Total Accumulated Funds and Provisions		 <u><u>22,155</u></u>	 <u><u>186,055</u></u>
 REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	4	1,829	1,730
Advance - Conference Arrangements Committee		-	500
Deposits at Call		28	6,963
Sundry Debtors		16,640	46,449
Methodist Trust Association	5	<u>84,106</u>	<u>186,251</u>
		102,603	241,893
 Current Liabilities:			
Sundry Creditors		(33,118)	(55,838)
Corporate Interfund Account		<u>(47,330)</u>	<u>-</u>
		(80,448)	(55,838)
		<u><u>22,155</u></u>	<u><u>186,055</u></u>

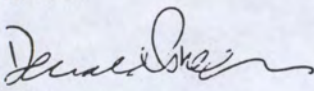
STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
for the Year ended 30 June 1998

	1998	1997
Opening Balance 1 July 1997	186,055	71,787
Net (Deficit) / Surplus for the Period	(163,900)	114,268
	<u><u>22,155</u></u>	<u><u>186,055</u></u>
Closing Balance 30 June 1998	<u><u>22,155</u></u>	<u><u>186,055</u></u>

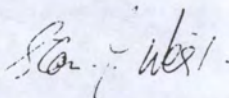
These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Chairperson:



Secretary:



Date:

27. 10. 98

CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the Year Ended 30th June 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Connexional Budget		206,503	148,969
Conference Arrangements Income		46,514	47,415
Interest Received		11,543	17,520
Grants		-	2,000
PAC Grant		-	200,000
PAC Media Grant		1,500	-
Sales of Printed Materials		<u>16,390</u>	<u>-</u>
		282,450	415,904
Cash was applied to:			
Conference Arrangements Expenditure		38,454	42,150
Connexional Committees and District Expenses		117,117	132,122
Legal and Court Costs		176,205	82,439
President and Vice President		41,736	47,783
Payment to Suppliers		<u>65,249</u>	<u>37,285</u>
		438,761	341,779
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	7	(156,311)	74,125
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was provided from:			
Withdrawals from Call Account		6,935	72,786
Withdrawals from MTA Account		<u>102,145</u>	<u>-</u>
		109,080	72,786
Cash was applied to:			
Deposits to MTA Account		<u>-</u>	<u>148,708</u>
		-	148,708
Net Cash Flow from Investment Activities		109,080	(75,922)
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		(47,231)	(1,797)
Opening Cash Balance		1,730	3,527
Closing Cash Balance		<u>(45,501)</u>	<u>1,730</u>
Cash Consists of			
Bank of New Zealand, Current Account		1,829	1,730
Corporate Interfund Account		<u>(47,330)</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>(45,501)</u>	<u>1,730</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Note 1. Accumulated Fund:	(16,686)	(7,192)
The state of the Fund, either deficit or credit, reflects the capacity of the Connexion to accurately budget for the year's activities. Subsequent to balance date the PAC Distribution Group made a gift of \$200,000 to the Fund to lift the burden of Connexional legal costs from being an expense to parishes.		
Note 2. Committees of Conference - Expenditure:		
Committee on Ministry	870	11,767
Conference of Churches in Aotearoa - Travel	2,218	2,432
Council of Elders	3,033	1,535
Diaconate Task Group	2,000	1,940
Connexional Budget Task Group	2,231	1,938
Law Revision Committee	92	152
Forum of Co-operative Ventures - Travel	2,062	1,277
Pastoral Committee	2,909	1,255
Public Questions Committee	-	7,246
Review of Connexional Structures	4,691	1,285
Special Committees of Conference	5,810	1,003
Stationing Consultations	7,976	7,109
Superintendents' Consultations	1,050	2,978
Bi-Cultural Committee	1,064	2,707
The Community of Women and Men in Church and Society	-	903
Central Complaints Committee	8,595	18,355
Central Complaints Training	3,322	9,365
World Methodist Council Travel	-	8,478
Miscellaneous Committees	15	-
Interdivisional Consultation	<u>228</u>	<u>-</u>
	48,166	81,725

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:

- 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 \$84,106 (1997 \$186,251). Interest earned during the year with respect to these deposits was \$10,355 (1997 \$14,188).
- Legal Fees amounting to \$64,934 (1997 \$49,992) 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.
- Sundry debtors includes \$16,549 (1997 \$41,723) 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.

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Excess (Expenditure over Income) /		
Income over Expenditure	(163,900)	114,271
Increase (Decrease) in Working Capital		
Sundry Debtors	29,809	(9,480)
Sundry Creditors	(22,720)	(30,666)
Advance - Conference Arrangements	500	-
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Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>(156,311)</u>	<u>74,125</u>

Note 8. Commitments.

Commitments at 30 June 1998 amounted to nil (1997-nil).

Note 9. Contingent Liabilities.

- i. The Court case involving the Methodist Church of New Zealand and John Mabon was heard in the Court of Appeal on 2 July 1998, and judgement obtained in favour of the Church. No further action has been lodged by John Mabon, and no provision for litigation and associated costs have been made in these accounts.
- ii. The Court case involving the Methodist Church of New Zealand and Robin Gray was decided in favour of the Church at the Court of Appeal. An application for judicial review has been lodged in the High Court by Robin Gray, and is currently following a process of mediation. The Church has also indemnified the General Secretary against a separate action filed by Robin Gray. The outcome of both actions are unknown, and no provision for future litigation and associated costs have been made in these accounts.

Note 10. Provision for Central Complaints Committee Library.

A grant from the PAC Media Fund was received during the year for the purpose of setting up a library for the Central Complaints Committee. At balance date no expenses had been incurred.

Note 11. Printing.

In the 1997 the Statement of Financial Performance recoveries from sales of printed material and production and distribution of printed materials expenses were netted off and included in Conference - Printing Expenses.



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 1998. 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 1998 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 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 27 October 1998 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 1998**

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

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|--|--|
| Investments | - Investments have been valued at Cost or market value. |
| Sundry Debtors | - Sundry Debtors have been valued at Expected Realisable Value. |
| Fixed Assets | - Fixed assets are recorded on the historical cost basis, except for 10 Jefferson Street which has been revalued in the current year. |
| 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.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

for the Year Ended 30 June 1998

	1998 \$	1997 \$
INCOME:		
Unrestricted Income		
Connexional Budget	156,152	174,305
Distribution from Grafton Heights Fund	108,985	107,414
Distribution from Probert Trust Fund	163,223	160,871
Donations and Grants	8,000	29,500
Income Received - Buttle House	1,987	2,100
Interest on General Deposits	<u>13,654</u>	<u>9,264</u>
	452,001	483,454
Restricted Income		
Donations and Grants	14,748	12,942
Rent from Student Housing	4,600	-
Tuition Fees	<u>34,119</u>	<u>59,201</u>
	53,467	72,143
Wellspring		
Donations and Grants	27	-
Hospitality	<u>27,852</u>	<u>27,042</u>
	27,879	27,042
Home Setting		
Donations and Grants	3,997	4,839
Morley Fund Distribution	<u>6,689</u>	<u>5,505</u>
	10,686	10,344
Lay Ministry		
Course fees - Parish based	-	6
Donations and Grants	1,133	141
Laos Fees	<u>213</u>	<u>487</u>
	1,346	634
Total Income	<u>545,379</u>	<u>593,617</u>

These Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes on pages 8 - 11:

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
Continued

for the year ended 30 June 1998

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	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
EXPENDITURE:			
Governance			
Travel		1,745	805
Administrator		10,208	9,508
Secretarial		6,280	6,324
Taha Maori		2,500	-
Stipends and Allowances		19,362	23,495
Meeting Costs		2,867	1,914
Conference Costs		2,825	1,477
Student Graduation Costs		729	281
Legal Fees		2,400	1,200
General		<u>8,279</u>	<u>3,448</u>
		57,195	48,452
Administration			
Administrator		11,909	11,093
General Expenses Inc Depreciation	11	62,524	53,095
Office Accommodation		6,673	6,672
Property Costs Buttle House		13,408	10,046
Secretarial		12,560	12,648
Staff Medical		200	667
Theological Review		<u>(472)</u>	<u>584</u>
		106,802	94,805
Residential Programme			
Administrator		11,909	11,093
Field Education		2,908	4,015
Office Accommodation		13,346	13,346
Principal's Discretion		1,361	683
Secretarial		12,560	12,647
Stipends and Allowances		82,481	86,508
General Expenses		-	(215)
Common Life		186	-
CPE		<u>3,867</u>	<u>-</u>
		128,618	128,077
Student Costs			
Allowances		51,198	50,634
Residential Accommodation Including Depreciation.	11	<u>30,524</u>	<u>35,317</u>
		81,722	85,951
Wellspring			
Director Salary and Allowances		7,162	9,720
General Expenses		18,833	19,899
Hospitality		21,806	19,639
Property Expenses		26,294	26,439
Secretarial		<u>2,363</u>	<u>4,675</u>
		76,458	80,372

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
Continued

for the year ended 30 June 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
Home Setting			
Secretarial		11,814	11,687
Stipend and Allowances		23,021	21,988
Student Allowances		9,357	6,948
Travel		2,862	4,517
Course Development		<u>-</u>	<u>130</u>
		47,054	45,270
Continuing Education			
Course Development		464	-
Stipend and Allowances		23,021	21,988
Probationary Studies		1,694	3,087
Summer School		611	(148)
Ministry Matters		<u>78</u>	<u>1,457</u>
		25,868	26,384
Lay Ministry			
Laos Costs		10	10
Salary and Allowances		40,601	38,880
Secretarial		9,451	7,013
Travel		576	(1)
TELM Course costs		8,642	10,135
TELM Travel staff		4,476	2,399
Centre-based Course Costs		-	(13)
Parish-based Course Costs		<u>-</u>	<u>1,077</u>
		63,756	59,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>587,473</u>	<u>568,811</u>
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		<u>545,379</u>	<u>593,617</u>
NET OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		(42,094)	24,806
SPECIAL GRANT FROM PAC DISTRIBUTION GROUP	12	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>
SURPLUS AFTER SPECIAL GRANT		<u>157,906</u>	<u>24,806</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 30 June 1998

	Note		
Opening Accumulated Funds 1 July 1997		4,417,202	4,342,156
Excess Income over Expenditure		157,906	24,806
Net Movement in MTA Investments Administered		112,737	50,240
Property Revaluation Reserve	13	18,783	-
Closing Accumulated Funds 30 June 1998		<u>4,706,628</u>	<u>4,417,202</u>

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	2	13,420	6,290
Sundry Debtors		<u>33,226</u>	<u>51,378</u>
		46,646	57,668
INVESTMENTS:			
Deposits		126,378	118,576
Loans		<u>3,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
		129,378	126,576
SPECIFIC INVESTMENT OF FUNDS:			
3			
New Organ Fund - MTA		8,891	12,205
Loan		<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
		20,891	24,205
Library Fund - MTA		18,156	16,569
Shares		<u>1,369</u>	<u>1,369</u>
		19,525	17,938
Bursary Fund - MTA		32,411	29,622
Probert Fund - MTA		2,044,848	1,978,778
Grafton Heights Fund - MTA		1,365,351	1,321,236
Wallis Family Trust Fund - MTA		3,709	3,686
Samoan Exchange Fund - MTA		<u>19,393</u>	<u>17,926</u>
		3,465,712	3,351,248
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:			
FIXED ASSETS:			
14			
Buttle House, 2 College Road		171,904	174,244
Lay Education Centre		394,238	400,454
Furniture and Fittings		6,078	7,440
Furniture and Fittings - Wellspring		24,195	28,890
Office Equipment		2,700	6,052
Library Contents		8,000	8,000
Organ		<u>13,778</u>	<u>13,778</u>
		620,893	638,858
STUDENT ACCOMMODATION:			
14			
1/3 Bonnie Brae Road		122,159	123,815
3 Kapua Street		122,630	124,298
3a Kapua Street		145,080	147,060
1 Epping Street		120,313	121,801
1/3 Epping Street		80,375	81,515
63 Castledine Crescent		111,355	112,543
10 Jefferson Street	13	212,000	138,560
12 Lintaine Place		<u>102,179</u>	<u>103,343</u>
		1,016,091	952,935
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>5,319,136</u>	<u>5,169,428</u>


METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Sundry Creditors		32,618	40,607
Special Purposes Fund		<u>20,000</u>	-
		52,618	40,607
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund			
- Student Accommodation	4	532,514	676,164
C B and L Fund - Buttle House	4	<u>27,376</u>	<u>35,455</u>
		559,890	711,619
ACCUMULATED FUNDS:			
General:			
Balance at 1 July 1997		1,023,811	756,564
Add Excess Income over Expenditure		157,906	24,806
Transfer from Student accommodation		-	<u>242,441</u>
		<u>1,181,717</u>	<u>1,023,811</u>
Property Revaluation Reserve:			
Balance at 1 July 1997		-	-
Current Year Revaluation	13	<u>18,783</u>	-
		18,783	-
Student Accommodation:			
Balance at 1 July 1997		-	242,441
Transfer to Accumulated Funds		-	<u>(242,441)</u>
		-	-
Funds Administered:			
	3		
New Organ Fund		20,891	24,205
Student Library Fund		19,525	17,939
Bursary Fund		32,411	29,621
Probert Fund		2,044,848	1,978,778
Grafton Heights Fund		1,365,351	1,321,236
Wallis Family Methodist Trust Association		3,709	3,686
Samoan Exchange Fund		<u>19,393</u>	<u>17,926</u>
		3,506,128	3,393,391
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>4,706,628</u>	<u>4,417,202</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>5,319,136</u>	<u>5,169,428</u>

On behalf of the Methodist Theological College Council:

Chairperson: Treasurer: 

Date: 27/10/98

These Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes on pages 8 - 11.

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METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended 30 June 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was Provided from:			
Connexional Budget		192,046	153,680
Methodist Trust Association Distributions		275,217	277,304
Interest		75	43
PAC Grant		200,000	-
Other Donations and Grants		78,871	49,437
Fees		34,332	59,694
Rents		<u>6,587</u>	<u>29,142</u>
		787,128	569,300
Cash was Applied to:			
Stipends, Salaries and Allowances		(286,152)	(283,659)
Students Allowances		(61,145)	(57,582)
Property Expenses		(66,318)	(73,287)
Other Operating Expenses		(139,196)	(93,783)
Interest Paid		<u>(2,916)</u>	<u>(3,830)</u>
		<u>(555,727)</u>	<u>(512,141)</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	7	231,401	57,159
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was Provided from:			
Loan Repayments received		5,000	-
Cash was Applied to:			
Deposits, Methodist Trust Association - Increase		(7,802)	(58,643)
Fixed Asset Additions		<u>(13,390)</u>	<u>(2,498)</u>
		<u>(21,192)</u>	<u>(61,141)</u>
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities:		(16,192)	(61,141)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was Applied to:			
Loan Repayments		(208,079)	(7,255)
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities:		(208,079)	(7,255)
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		7,130	(11,237)
Opening Cash Balance		<u>6,290</u>	<u>17,527</u>
Closing Cash Balance		<u>13,420</u>	<u>6,290</u>

These Statements should be read in conjunction with the Notes on pages 8 - 11.

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**METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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:

	1998	1997
New Organ Fund:	\$	\$
Methodist Trust Association Investment		
Opening Balance	12,205	15,256
Contributions Paid Out	(4,500)	(4,500)
Income	<u>1,186</u>	<u>1,449</u>
Closing Balance	8,891	12,205
Loan - The Ecumenical Board of Studies	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
	20,891	24,205

Student Library Fund:

Methodist Trust Association Investment.		
Opening Balance	16,569	14,989
Income	<u>1,587</u>	<u>1,581</u>
Closing Balance	18,156	16,570
Shares at cost	<u>1,369</u>	<u>1,369</u>
(Market Value 1998 \$2,159, 1997 \$4,896)	19,525	17,939

Staff and Student Bursary Fund:

Methodist Trust Association Investment		
Opening Balance	29,621	27,716
Reimbursement	615	15,590
Grants Paid	(154)	(15,917)
Income	<u>2,329</u>	<u>2,232</u>
Closing Balance	32,411	29,621

Probert Trust Fund:

Methodist Trust Association Investment		
Opening Balance	1,978,778	1,947,199
Capital Accretion and Realised	54,763	-
Capital Gain	<u>11,307</u>	<u>31,579</u>
	2,044,848	1,978,778

Grafton Heights Fund:

Methodist Trust Association Investment		
Opening Balance	1,321,236	1,300,151
Capital Accretion	36,565	21,085
Realised Capital Gain	<u>7,550</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,365,351	1,321,236

Wallis Family Trust:

Methodist Trust Association Investment		
Opening Balance	3,686	3,601
Contribution Paid Out	(300)	(250)
Income	<u>323</u>	<u>335</u>
	3,709	3,686

Samoan Exchange Fund:

Methodist Trust Association Investment		
Opening Balance	17,926	20,870
Contribution Paid	(129)	(4,845)
Income	<u>1,596</u>	<u>1,901</u>
	19,393	17,926

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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
 31 Bonnie Brae Crescent, Meadowbank
 3 Kapua Street, Meadowbank
 3A Kapua Street, Meadowbank

The balance of this interest free loan was \$532,514 at 30 June 1998 (1997 \$676,164). No further repayment terms have been established.

4.2. Loan - Church Building and Loan Fund.

The current rate of interest charged is 9.225%. Loan principal is repaid in monthly instalments. The outstanding principal at Balance Date is repayable as follows:

Current	8,856
Non Current	18,520
	27,376

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 \$3,619,137 (1997 \$3,498,597). Interest earned during the year with respect to these deposits was \$285,788 (1997 \$285,000). 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 \$2,916 (1997 \$3,830).

NOTE 7. Reconciliation of Excess Expenditure over Income with Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities.

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure	157,906	24,806
Movements of Working Capital		
Sundry Debtors	18,152	(24,318)
Sundry Creditors	(7,989)	16,343
Special Purposes Fund	20,000	-
Non Cash Item:		
Depreciation	43,332	40,328
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>231,401</u>	<u>57,159</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 (1997: 8.45%)	9.225%	Subject to movement of WestpacTrust 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 1998 amounted to Nil. (1997-Nil).

Note 10. Contingent Liabilities.

Contingent Liabilities at 30 June 1998 amounted to Nil (1997-Nil).

Note 11. General Expenses.

Included in general expenses are the following items:

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Audit Fees	830	800
Interest Paid	2,916	3,830
Depreciation	43,332	40,328

Note 12. PAC Distribution Group Special Grant.

A grant of \$200,000 was received on 30 April 1998 to be used to reduce the loan from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund.

Note 13. Revaluation of 10 Jefferson Street.

Effective 19 September 1997, the property at 10 Jefferson Street was revalued to net current value by Hardie Shalders Restall Limited, registered valuers and property consultants.

This property, which was held as security by mortgage to the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, was released from the mortgage in the current year.

In accordance with the provisions of the loan agreement, the property was revalued upon release, with 75% of the revaluation being added to the balance owing to the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, and the remaining 25% being accounted for in the property revaluation reserve.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 Continued

NOTE 14. Fixed Assets:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated</u>	<u>Revalu-</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Govern-</u>
	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>ation</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>ment</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
				1998	1997	1997
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Library Contents	8,000	-		8,000	8,000	
New Organ	13,778	-		13,778	13,778	
Furniture and Fittings	72,456	42,183		30,273	36,330	
Office Equipment	<u>81,708</u>	<u>79,008</u>		<u>2,700</u>	<u>6,052</u>	
	175,942	121,191		54,751	64,160	
Buildings:						
Wellspring	185,215	22,237		162,978	166,686	260,000
Wellspring Redevelopment	125,165	15,034		110,131	112,639	
Buttle House	117,068	14,044		103,024	105,364	30,000
Student Accommodation:						
Housing:						
1/31 Bonnie Brae Road	82,550	9,921		72,629	74,285	155,000
3 Kapua Street	83,628	10,021		73,607	75,275	115,000
3A Kapua Street	98,951	11,877		87,074	89,054	130,000
1 Epping Street	74,311	8,923		65,388	66,876	99,000
1/3 Epping Street	56,874	6,832		50,042	51,182	80,000
63 Castledine Street	59,236	7,117		52,119	53,307	63,000
10 Jefferson Street	48,226	1,333	51,774	98,667	48,586	75,000
12 Lintaine Place	<u>58,099</u>	<u>6,977</u>		<u>51,122</u>	<u>52,286</u>	<u>91,000</u>
	989,323	114,316	51,774	926,781	895,540	1,098,000
Land:						
Wellspring	121,129	-		121,129	121,129	220,000
Buttle House	68,880	-		68,880	68,880	265,000
1/31 Bonnie Brae Road	49,530	-		49,530	49,530	80,000
3 Kapua Street	49,023	-		49,023	49,023	85,000
3A Kapua Street	58,006	-		58,006	58,006	90,000
1 Epping Street	54,925	-		54,925	54,925	86,000
1/3 Epping Street	30,333	-		30,333	30,333	32,000
63 Castledine Street	59,236	-		59,236	59,236	112,000
10 Jefferson Street	89,974	-	23,359	113,333	89,974	160,000
12 Lintaine Place	<u>51,057</u>	-		<u>51,057</u>	<u>51,057</u>	<u>84,000</u>
	632,093	-	23,359	655,452	632,093	1,214,000
	<u>1,803,116</u>	<u>238,181</u>	<u>75,133</u>	<u>1,636,984</u>	<u>1,591,793</u>	<u>2,312,000</u>
1997:	<u>1,789,806</u>	<u>198,013</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 1998. 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 1998 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 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 27 October 1998 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

For the Year Ended 30 June 1998.

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 1998.

	<u>Note</u>	12 Months 1998 \$	13 Months 1997 \$
INCOME:			
Interest Received - Loans		62,508	68,553
Interest Received - Methodist Trust Association and Bank		343,440	391,946
		<u>405,948</u>	<u>460,499</u>
EXPENDITURE:			
Administration Fee		78,000	78,000
Audit Fee		1,690	1,636
Interest Paid on Property Deposits		242,711	280,196
Office and General Expenses		3,495	2,637
Travelling Expenses		-	198
Legal Expenses		2,499	2,006
		<u>328,395</u>	<u>364,673</u>
		77,553	95,826
Grants, Donations and Bequests Received	1	<u>21,308</u>	<u>54,725</u>
Excess Income over Expenditure		98,861	150,551
ACCUMULATED FUNDS:			
Opening Balance 1 June		2,126,402	2,013,008
Capital Accretion on Methodist Trust Association Investments		20,094	10,756
Real Capital Gain on Methodist Trust Association Investments		4,149	-
Capital Grant to Development Fund Properties	2	<u>(38,777)</u>	<u>(47,913)</u>
Closing Balance		<u>2,210,729</u>	<u>2,126,402</u>

These accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 June 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		2,210,729	2,126,402
DEVELOPMENT FUND - PROPERTIES	2	526,567	507,994
		<u>2,737,296</u>	<u>2,634,396</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	3	1,052	7,051
Deposits at Call		89,584	50,447
Accounts Receivable		6,512	8,757
Interfund Corporate Account		<u>1,776</u>	-
		98,924	66,255
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable		(1,794)	(6,644)
		<u>97,130</u>	<u>59,611</u>
Investments:			
Methodist Trust Association	4	3,842,502	4,677,912
Methodist Trust Association - Development Fund-Properties	5	526,567	507,994
Loans to Parishes	6	<u>1,372,455</u>	<u>1,180,552</u>
		5,741,524	6,366,458
Advances:			
Parish Deposits Held		(3,101,358)	(3,791,673)
		<u>2,737,296</u>	<u>2,634,396</u>

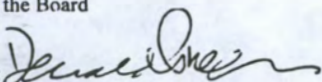
STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
For the 12 Months Ended 30 June 1998

Opening Balance 1 July 1997	2,634,396	2,458,461
Excess Income over Expenditure	98,861	150,551
Interest and Donations Received - Development Fund	39,550	39,628
Development Funds Grants	(59,754)	(25,000)
Capital Accretion of Methodist Trust Association Investment	20,094	10,756
Realised Capital Gain on Methodist Trust Association Investment	<u>4,149</u>	-
Closing Balance	<u>2,737,296</u>	<u>2,634,396</u>

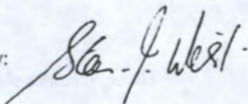
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On behalf of the Board

Chairperson:



Secretary:



Date:

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METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the 12 Months Ended 30 June 1998.

	12 Months 1998 \$	13 Months 1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES.		
Cash was provided from:		
Interest	375,464	431,574
Interest from Borrowers	56,887	70,519
Grant, Bequests Received	24,141	54,398
	<u>456,492</u>	<u>556,491</u>
Cash was applied to:		
Grants paid	31,254	25,000
Payments to Suppliers	85,303	85,815
Interest Paid	<u>242,906</u>	<u>280,196</u>
	<u>359,463</u>	<u>391,011</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	9	165,480
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES.		
Cash was provided from:		
Loan Repayments	463,219	369,177
Property Realisation Deposits Received	771,529	1,467,821
Investment – Methodist Trust Association	<u>820,103</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,054,851</u>	<u>1,836,998</u>
Cash was applied to:		
Loans Advanced	655,122	152,000
Investment - Methodist Trust Association	-	850,362
Deposit - Short Term Money Market	39,137	10,165
Property Realisation Deposits Withdrawn	<u>1,461,844</u>	<u>987,748</u>
	<u>2,156,103</u>	<u>2,000,275</u>
Net Cash Flow from Investment Activities	(101,252)	(163,277)
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS	(4,223)	2,203
Opening Cash Balance	7,051	4,848
	<u>7,051</u>	<u>4,848</u>
Closing Cash Balance	<u>2,828</u>	<u>7,051</u>
Cash Consists of:		
Bank of New Zealand – Current Account	1,052	7,051
Interfund Corporate Account	<u>1,776</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,828</u>	<u>7,051</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the notes to the Accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	1998	1997
Note 1. Grants Legacies and Donations Received:	\$	\$
Buttle Estate	456	452
F W Walters Estate	8,351	8,291
Cardno Estate	2,619	2,516
Woodward Estate	2,316	2,299
M B Gilmour Estate	689	685
Barnett Estate	6,877	40,482
	<u>21,308</u>	<u>54,725</u>
Note 2. Development Fund – Properties:		
Capital Account.		
Opening Balance 1 July 1997	393,163	376,899
Capitalised Income for the Year	6,219	6,682
Grant Received from Income and Expenditure	<u>7,755</u>	<u>9,582</u>
Balance 30 June 1998	<u>407,137</u>	<u>393,163</u>
Capital Fund – Investment.	407,137	393,163
Income Account.		
Opening Balance	114,831	68,554
Income Received – Methodist Trust Association	33,331	32,947
Grant Received from Income and Expenditure	31,022	38,330
Grants Paid to Parish for Development	<u>(59,754)</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>
	<u>119,430</u>	<u>114,831</u>
Income Fund – Investment	119,430	114,831
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	3,035,407	3,955,301
In the Long Term Fund	<u>807,095</u>	<u>722,611</u>
	<u>3,842,502</u>	<u>4,677,912</u>
Note 5. Investment: Methodist Trust Association:		
Development Fund - Properties	<u>526,567</u>	<u>507,994</u>
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

	1998	1997
Note 6. Investment - Loans to Parishes: (See Note 7)	\$	\$
Loans at the Beginning of the Year	1,180,552	1,395,243
New Loans Advanced	595,000	152,000
Working Expenses and Interest Charged	<u>60,122</u>	<u>71,473</u>
	1,835,674	1,618,716
Repayments of Principal, Working Expenses and Interest	<u>463,219</u>	<u>438,164</u>
	<u>1,372,455</u>	<u>1,180,552</u>
There was an approved loan of \$40,000 to be uplifted at Balance Date (1997 \$85,000).		

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:

	1998	1997
Excess Income over Expenditure	98,861	150,551
Items Not Included in Statement of Financial Performance:		
Development Fund Grant	(38,777)	(25,000)
Interest Received on Development Fund	39,550	39,628
Movement in Working Capital:		
Accounts Payable	(4,850)	3,881
Accounts Receivable	<u>2,245</u>	<u>(3,580)</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	<u>97,029</u>	<u>165,480</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>(1998)</u>	<u>(1997)</u>	<u>Review Period</u>
Cash at Bank	1%	(1%)	1.7.98
Bank Call Deposits	7.55%	(6.5%)	1.7.98
Loans to Parishes	10.125%	(8.45%)	1.7.98
Parish Deposits held	7.594%	(6.345%)	1.7.98

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 1998 (1997 - nil).

Note 12. Commitments.

There are no commitments at 30 June 1998 (1997 - 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 1998. 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 1998 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 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 30 October 1998 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
For the Year Ended 30 June 1998**

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% |
| - Computer Software | 30% |
- 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 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
INCOME:			
Management Fees	2	1,034,368	1,033,935
Methodist Trust Association - Distribution		45,583	67,388
- Accretion		18,483	11,554
- Realised Gains		3,816	-
Interest		5,725	12,463
Printing Receipts		42,885	29,609
Rent Received (Net)		44,641	47,821
Research Fees and Grants - Archives		17,547	16,237
Sundry Income		10,877	8,468
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		1,223,925	1,227,475
EXPENDITURE:			
Archival Material		-	54
Audit Fee		1,380	1,333
Cleaning		9,815	4,519
Depreciation	3	137,358	95,729
General Expenses and Stationery		59,033	45,923
Grant Paid		-	28,000
Legal		650	500
Light and Heat		7,313	8,272
Occupancy Costs and Interest		86,760	116,563
Repairs and Maintenance		28,039	28,182
Salaries and Wages		846,460	821,735
Staff Recruitment and Training		20,228	20,445
Telephones, Tolls and Postage		39,188	25,087
Travel and Vehicle Costs		49,150	42,142
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		1,285,374	1,238,484
Operating Deficit		<hr/> (61,449)	<hr/> (11,009)
"One Off" Software Implementation and Associated Costs		(36,068)	(26,683)
Excess Expenditure over Income		<u>(97,517)</u>	<u>(37,692)</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
for year ended 30 June 1998

Opening Balance 1 July 1997	1,735,699	1,773,391
Excess Expenditure Over Income	(97,517)	(37,692)
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Closing Balance 30 June 1998	<u>1,638,182</u>	<u>1,735,699</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

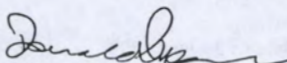
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30 June 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
Accumulated Funds:		1,336,470	1,433,987
Provisions and Reserves:	12		
Building Development		66,279	66,279
Asset Replacement Reserve		<u>235,433</u>	<u>235,433</u>
		301,712	301,712
		<u>1,638,182</u>	<u>1,735,699</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Current Assets:			
Cash on Hand		1,050	1,050
Bank - Current Account	1	4,442	(54,743)
BNZ (Australian Account)		12,904	34,144
Interfund	6	50,681	-
Deposit at Call		96,711	46,184
Sundry Debtors		218,575	156,479
Stock on Hand		<u>2,871</u>	<u>4,243</u>
		387,234	187,357
Current Liabilities:			
Sundry Creditors		(118,717)	(126,964)
Holiday Pay Provision		(47,380)	(48,515)
Trustbank Mortgage (Current portion)		<u>(41,980)</u>	<u>(36,624)</u>
		<u>(208,077)</u>	<u>(212,103)</u>
		179,157	(24,746)
Investments:			
Methodist Trust Association	6		
- Parsonage Investment		258,196	231,169
General Deposits		138,871	589,793
Methodist Provident Society		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
		<u>397,068</u>	<u>820,963</u>
Fixed Assets:			
Provision for Depreciation	3	2,349,185	2,138,951
		<u>(839,201)</u>	<u>(709,462)</u>
		1,509,984	1,429,489
Term Liability:			
Trustbank Mortgage		<u>(490,007)</u>	<u>(526,631)</u>
less Current Portion		<u>41,980</u>	<u>36,624</u>
		(448,027)	(490,007)
		<u>1,638,182</u>	<u>1,735,699</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

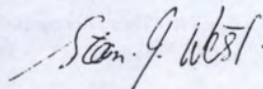
Chairperson.



Secretary

Date:

2 November 1998



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended 30 June 1998

	<u>Note</u>	1998 \$	1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES.			
Cash was provided from:			
Management Fees		954,668	1,080,249
Sales and Sundry Receipts		57,728	29,609
Rent		36,638	47,821
Grant - Historical Records		17,547	16,237
Interest		<u>48,583</u>	<u>79,851</u>
		1,115,164	1,253,767
Cash was applied to:			
Wages and Salaries		847,595	829,971
Payments to Suppliers		292,178	206,437
Interest		<u>53,567</u>	<u>56,710</u>
		1,193,340	1,093,118
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	9	(78,176)	160,649
INVESTING ACTIVITIES.			
Cash was provided from:			
Proceeds from Disposal of Fixed Assets		11,331	8,156
Decrease in Methodist Trust Association Investments		<u>373,368</u>	-
		384,699	8,156
Cash was applied to:			
Purchase of Fixed Assets		231,954	705,631
Increase in Trustbank - Call Deposit			25,267
Increase in Methodist Trust Association Investments			<u>7,400</u>
		<u>231,954</u>	738,298
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		152,745	(730,142)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash was Provided from:			
Trustbank Mortgage Advance		-	557,000
Cash was Applied to:			
Trustbank Mortgage Repayment		<u>36,624</u>	<u>30,369</u>
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		(36,624)	526,631
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		37,945	(42,862)
Opening Cash Balance		(19,549)	<u>23,313</u>
Closing Cash Balance		<u>18,396</u>	<u>(19,549)</u>
Made up of:			
BNZ Current Account		4,442	(54,743)
Cash on Hand		1,050	1,050
BNZ Australian Account		<u>12,904</u>	<u>34,144</u>
		<u>18,396</u>	<u>(19,549)</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.

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 the Statement of Financial Performance.

NOTE 2. Management Fees.

	Total 1998	Total 1997
	\$	\$
Auckland Church Offices	4,823	4,406
Board of Administration-		
- Insurance Account	95,333	88,000
- Special Account	12,640	13,542
Church Building and Loan Fund	78,000	78,000
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	13,487	12,450
Connexional Expenses Fund	11,980	13,338
Connexional Expenses Budget Account	18,345	12,230
Co-operative Ventures Removal Fund	9,800	6,006
Development Division	24,930	18,415
General Purposes Trust Fund	87,044	105,311
Home Acquisition Fund	-	1,523
Layworkers Retiring Fund	4,871	8,350
Methodist Provident Society	11,230	11,230
Methodist Theological College	21,000	15,501
Methodist Trust Association	391,245	392,511
Maori Division	22,750	21,455
PACT 2086 Trust	45,188	53,840
Papakura Trust	22,055	26,036
Presbyters Deacons and Layworkers Fund	15,000	15,000
Pitt Street Trust	27,318	25,214
Removals Fund	14,500	14,500
Retiring Ministers' Fund	4,026	3,250
Wesley College	-	2,327
Supernumerary Fund	98,803	91,500
	<u>1,034,368</u>	<u>1,033,935</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.

NOTE 3. Depreciation:

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Depreciation Provision - Balance		
1 July 1997	709,462	669,425
Adjustment for Asset Disposals	(7,619)	(55,692)
Depreciation Expense:		
- Buildings	19,978	19,978
- Other	<u>117,380</u>	<u>75,751</u>
Closing Balance 30 June 1998	839,201	709,462

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Notes to the Financial Statements continued.

NOTE 4. Fixed Assets: (a)

	Cost	Provn for Deprec.	Book Value	
	\$	\$	1998 \$	1997 \$
Morley House				
- Christchurch Pty	1,036,179	(46,218)	989,961	1,005,418
Great South Road				
- Auckland Pty	226,000	(18,080)	207,920	212,440
Computer Hardware & Software	625,263	(366,974)	258,289	151,325
Office Equipment & Printing Plant	381,323	(361,442)	19,881	33,956
Motor Vehicles	<u>80,420</u>	<u>(46,487)</u>	<u>33,933</u>	<u>26,350</u>
	2,349,185	(839,201)	1,509,984	1,429,489

(b) Morley House Property.

Government Valuation 1996:	1997	1998
Improvements	690,000	690,000
Land	<u>360,000</u>	<u>360,000</u>
Capital Value	\$1,050,000	\$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.

	Board of Administrations
Government Valuation 1994:	<u>33.3% Share</u>
Improvements	630,000
Land	<u>220,000</u>
Capital Value	<u>\$850,000</u>
	210,000
	<u>73,333</u>
	\$283,333

(d) Asset Additions

	1998	1997
Morley House	0	557,500
Office Equipment	6,940	6,793
Computer Equipment	197,624	141,338
Motor Vehicle	<u>24,620</u>	
	<u>\$229,184</u>	<u>\$705,631</u>

NOTE 5. Board of Administration Expenditure Analysed by Activity:

	1998 \$	1997 \$
General Secretary	72,520	59,155
Administration	165,744	174,671
Accounting Services	314,071	320,271
Computer Operations	218,949	144,037
Financial Investment Board	93,214	97,299
Property Management Board	208,929	198,597
Auckland Office	153,838	139,998
Printery	19,972	34,618
Archives - Christchurch	28,628	51,435
- Auckland	<u>9,509</u>	<u>18,403</u>
	1,285,374	1,238,484

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 \$397,068 (\$820,963 - 1997). Interest earned during the year with respect to these deposits was \$45,583 (\$67,388 - 1997).

Interfund Account.

This account arises from a change in accounting procedure that has resulted in all funds sharing a common bank account. This amount reflects the Board of Administration account balance of the common bank account.

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.

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Excess Income over Expenditure	(97,517)	(37,692)
Movements of Working Capital Increase (Decrease)		
Sundry Debtors	(112,777)	56,251
Sundry Creditors	(5,477)	74,212
Stock	1,372	407
Holiday Pay Provisions	(1,135)	(8,236)
Non Cash Items:		
Capital Accretion		(11,554)
Depreciation Expense	137,358	95,729
Depreciation Recovered		(8,468)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	(78,176)	160,649

Note 10. Commitments.

There were no commitments at 30 June 1998 (1997 - 92,000).

Note 11. Contingent Liabilities.

There were no contingent liabilities at 30 June 1998 (1997 - nil)

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

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:	1998	1997
Staff Training	-	6,233
Staff Overseas Travel	-	13,005
Archives	-	<u>35,000</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>54,238</u>



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 1998. 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 1998 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 1998 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 2 November 1998 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Chartered Accountants
Christchurch, New Zealand.



DECISIONS

1998

CONFERENCE

CHRISTCHURCH

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 16f
- (c) **Representatives:** As printed in the Reports, pages 22f 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 29 and 30 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:**

Judith Cooper	Residential
Michael Dymond	Residential
Fa'atoafe Faleatua	Residential
Viliami Finau	Home Setting
Jan Fogg	Residential
Marcia Hardy	Residential
Holakitu'akolo Paea	Home Setting
Siosaia Tupou	Home Setting
Siosifa Pole	Residential
Jill van de Geer	see Question 5b
Christine Wood	Residential

QUESTION 4--Who continues in training for ordained ministry?

- (a) **Deacon:**

None

- (c) **Presbyters:**

Alison Cable	Residential, for a second year
Margaret Hall	Home Setting, for a second year
Nigel Hanscamp	Residential, for a third year

Kilifi Heimuli	Home Setting, for a second year
Vilma Loader	Home Setting, for a third year
Falaniko Mann-Taito	Home Setting, for a second year
Soro Ramacake	Residential, for a fourth year
Ravai Rennel	Home Setting, for a third year
Sanele Lavata'i	Exchange student from Piula Theological College, for a third year

QUESTION 5--Who are stationed by Conference as Probationers?

(a) Deacon:

Marcia Reeves	First Year
Richard Williams	Second Year

(b) Presbyters:

Tovia Aumua	First year
Craig Forbes	First year
Elizabeth Hopner	First year
Val Nicholls	First year
Hausia Taufui	First year
Viliami Tonga	First year
Kathryn Walters	First year
Jill van de Geer	See Question 3b
Bruce Anderson	Second year
Mark Gibson	Second year
Alalafaga Palelei	Second year
Kenneth Williams	Third year

QUESTION 6 --Who are now admitted as Presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference?

(a) Sylvia 'Akau'ola-Tongotongo

Anne Dargaville
Tavake Manu
Sani Vaeluaga

(b) from another Church?

None

QUESTION 7 --Who are now ordained Deacon or Presbyter?

(a) Deacon:

None

(b) Presbyter:

Sylvia 'Akau'ola-Tongotongo
Anne Dargaville
Tavake Manu
Sani Vaeluaga

QUESTION 8—

- (a) **What Deacon(s) is reinstated into the Diaconate?**
None
- (b) **What Presbyter(s) is reinstated into Full Connexion?**
None

QUESTION 9:

- (a) **What Deacon(s) now cease to be recognised as a Deacon(s) of the Conference?**

Lesley Bowen

- (b) **What Presbyter(s) now cease to be recognised as in Full Connexion with the Conference?**

Stuart Bowring
Mark F Cooper
Christopher Dombroski
Brian Malcourone
Ian Norwell
Douglas Pratt

- (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 Fawcner (Part-time)
Lorna Goodwin (Part-time)
Valma E Hallam (Part-time)
Dianne C Hight (Part-time)
Malcom McLeod (Part-time)
Rita J Reid (Part-time)
Rachel A Tregurtha (Part-time)
Edna E Evans (Part-time)
Francis Westaway (Part-time)
Kay Wicks (Part-time)

(b) Presbyters

Mavis Ambler (Part-time)
Vaikoloa Kilikiti (Part-time)
Moses 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)
Gillian M Richards (Part-time)
'Inoke Siulangapo (Part-time)
Salesi Takau (Part-time)
Samuela Taufu (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 Clarke
Paul H Grant
Barry G Harkness
John D Meredith
Alison Molineux (Supply)

Brian C Peterson
Marion J Peterson
Loraine J Reid (Part-time)
Anthony D Stroobant
Shirley V Ungemuth

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**

Timothy Langley – Uniting Church of Australia from 1/1/98

Bob Moore (*retired Minister from the British Methodist Conference, now residing in New Zealand*)

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**

Hendrik Gerritsen

Molia Tu'itupou

Jione Langi (until January 1999)

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)

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

Sione F Ha'angana (until May 1999)

QUESTION 14:

For what Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) there is no appointment available?

(a) Deacon

Margaret G Birtles

(b) Presbyter

I Marie Greenwood

(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, Guidance Counsellor
Donald F Biggs, Bible Reading Ministries, S.U.(NZ)
George W Bryant
Clive H Chandler, in a Covenant relationship with his
Parish
Kevin R Connole
Ashley I Corlett, LTh, Community Corrections
Officer (Probation)
Mervyn J Dickinson, BA, BD, PhD, Management
Consultant
Brian R J Eagle, Educator-Facilitator Taha Maori
Saula Fifita,
Michael Greer
Sifa Hingano, training in USA
Graeme M McIver
Taniela T Moala, JP, LTh, DipRE, volunteer service for
Tongan Community Trust
William R Rice
Douglas I Rogers
Susan J Thompson, MA(Hons), BTheol(Melb)
Gillian A Telford
S Tavake Tupou
Paul R Trebilco, BSc(Hons), BD, PhD, Assoc. Professor
of New Testament Studies, Dept of Theology and
Religious Studies – University of Otago
Paul Tregurtha
W Geoffrey Tucker, Peoples Centre
Ronald H Webb
Graham R White, LTh

QUESTION 16:

What Deacon(s), and Presbyter(s) retire at this Conference?

(a) **Deacon**

B June Higham
Elva Sulzberger

(b) **Presbyters**

Norma J George
E Francis I Hanson
Roger J E Hey
John S Hosking
Bruce E Mackie
Derek McNicol
Barry W Neal
Stuart G Slinn
Graham H Whaley

QUESTION 17:

What Deacons, Home Missionaries, and Presbyters continue in retirement?

(a) Deacons (Deaconesses)

Lesley H Bowen
Rona W Collins
Grace M Clement
Airdre Cochrane
June Fuller
Evelyn Ellemore
June L Gibson
Desmond A Hill
Stan Hunt

A Joan Lawry
Jean I McInnes
Lucy H Money
Dorothy Pointon
Elva M Reynolds
Constance Sage
Rita F Snowden
Piula A Unasa-Su
Heeni Wharemaru

(b) Home Missionaries

None

(C) Presbyters

Bryant S L Abbott
William K Abbott
Audrey P Ancrum
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 Billinghurst
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

William A Chessum
Colin D Clark, MA
Ian L Clarke, ACA
Ivan J Clucas
Gordon A R Cornwall
Moke A G Couch, BA
Hughan M Craig
James S Cropp
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
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
 Russell 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
 Archibald W McKay
 C Russell Marshall
 Edward M Marshall, BA,
 DipEd
 Barbara I Miller
 David S Mullan
 John B Nesbit
 A Roger Nuttall, BA
 Norman W Olds
 O McLennan Olds
 John H Osborne, MA
 Francis H Parker
 Gordon Parker, MA,
 PhD(Lond)
 J Wesley Parker, ED, MA, BD
 Henry Heremia Pate
 John A Penman, BA (Fellow of

Trinity College)
 Athol R Penn
 Frederick D Peterson
 Donald J Phillipps, BA, DB
 David H Pond
 Beverley Pullar
 Ruawai D Rakena, BA
 Frank S Rigg
 Percy P Rushton, BA, BD
 Kenneth H Russell
 Tanielu T Sa'o
 Elia Samusamuvodre
 Leonard P Schroeder, BA,
 BD(Melb)
 Eileen L Shamy
 Leonard Shapcott
 Harry I Shaw
 Trevor Shepherd
 Donald G Sherson, BA
 Brian W Sides
 G Clive Smith
 Sydney J Spindler
 Margaret Springett
 Peter A Stead, BA
 David G Stubbs
 Lane M Tauroa, BA
 Peni Maf'i Ta'ufu'ou
 Philip F Taylor
 Gordon V Thomas, BA
 Neville Thornicroft
 Robert Thornley, MA,
 DipSocSc
 David L Trebilco
 A Fa'aoso Tugia
 William L Wallace, BA
 Alexander C Watson
 Jean M Waugh
 Alan C Webster,
 MA, MDiv, EdD, PhD
 P Joan Wedding
 Raymond G Wicks
 Robert W Widdup
 Leonard V Willing, BA
 Frank H Woodfield
 Owen T Woodfield, BA
 Alan K Woodley
 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**
Mate Ngaro Te Rutu (Sam) Grace
Jack K Whitikia
Para Piripi Livingstone
- (c) **Presbyters**
Liz Cook
D Bruce Gordon
M Alexander McDowell
Bruce Scammell

QUESTION 19:

What Laypersons who have given leadership in the Conference have died since last Conference?

Taha Maori: None.

Tauwi: Ian Hayter

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
- Sonny Livingstone
- Wiremu Waioomio
- Kiri Haretuku

Waikato/Te Rohe Potae

- Markus Rogers
- Ripia Rountree
- Huia Martin (retired)
- Heemi Rauwhero
- Te Waihoroi Tana (to the sick & dying)
- Hao Erueti
- John Kopa
- Tiaki Taiawa
- Sunnah Thompson
- Mara Tupaea
- Tata Keepa
- Phillip Te Uira
- Barney Winikerei
- Riripeti Polwart
- Hoani Heremaia (John) (Retired)

Taranaki/Poneke/Otautahi-
Te Waipounamu

Tauivi:

South Hokianga
Bay of Islands
Ruawai Co-operating
St Paul's Co-operating (Kamo)
Otamatea Co-operating
Onerahi (St James)
Aotea Chapel
Takapuna
Whangaparaoa
Auckland Manakau Tongan

- John Askew
- George Barke
- Ken Williams
- Kathryn Walters
- Diana Hamilton
- Lucy Arman
- Charlie Fenwick
- Elizabeth Hopner
- Val Nicholls
- T Kilifi Heimuli
- Uhaone Metuifela
- Sione Tonga
- Tovia Aumua
- Viliami Tonga
- Mark Gibson
- Hausia Taufu'i
- Alesana Letoa
- Don Riesterer
- Jack Roper
- Harvey Watt
- Falaniko Mann-Taito
- David Baird
- Helen Brazendale
- Bruce Anderson
- Craig Forbes
- Viti Olds
- Graham A Harris

Waitakere (Samoan)
Mangere East Samoan
Hamilton (Melville)
Hamilton East
Tokoroa
Opotiki Union
St Paul's Co-operating
(Taumarunui)
Patea Co-operating
Gisborne Samoan
Feilding-Oroua
Marton
Levin
Hutt City Uniting
Congregations
Communion Ministry to Age
Care home in Upper Hutt
Wider Nelson

St Luke's Union Fijian Cong.	- Tom Nacagilevu
Christchurch	- Jill van de Geer
Oamaru Union Parish	- Tina 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.**

Auckland Central Parish/Rotuman Fellowship

Dissolution Kaikorai Union Parish – 30 June 1998

- (b) **What other Agreements affecting Parishes and/or Use of Buildings are approved by Conference?**

Manurewa Samoan Congregation join with Manurewa Methodist Congregation.

New Plymouth – 3 worship centres to 2

QUESTION 22--To what Parishes are additional Deacons, Minita-a-Iwi or Presbyters appointed?

QUESTION 23--From what Parishes are Deacons, Minita-a-Iwi or Presbyters withdrawn?

Beckenham/Sydenham Parish (half-time)

Christchurch North: one full-time Presbyter, one half-time Presbyter

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---Margaret Hamilton
Vice-President---John B Salmon
Secretary---

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PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND MINITA-A-IWI 1999

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. Tauīwi:** Records each Station and the Presbyter/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
Sonny Livingstone
Wiremu Waiomio
Kiri Haretuku
Markus Rogers
Ripia Rountree
Huia Martin (Retired)
Heemi Rauwhero

3510 WAIKATO/ROHE POTAE

Liaison People:

Paringahau Waaka
Barney Winikerei

Minita-a-iwi:

Hao Erueti
John Kopa
Tata Keepa
Tiaki Taiawa
Sunnah Thompson
Mara Tupaea
Phillip Te Uira
Barney Winikerei

4510/6510 TARANAKI/PONEKE/OTAUTAHI

Liaison People:

Rita Bublitz
Don Gordon
Huia Tahere

Minita-a-iwi:

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
Presbyterian Appointment
- 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
Presbyterian Appointment (St James, Onerahi)
Presbyterian Appts:
P Wayne Matheson, BA, BTh, DipMin, (St Andrew's
Uniting)
Geoffrey Skilton, BTh (Trinity Uniting)
- 1090 DARGAVILLE
One Wanted: *Supply*
- 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)
Kathryn Walters (Probationer)
- 1150 OTAMATEA CO-OPERATING PARISH
One Wanted (Part-time): *Supply: Diana Hamilton*

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
Jock S Hosking, MA DipMus, LTCL, DipMin (SFTS)

2000 AUCKLAND DISTRICT

- 2002 AUCKLAND HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN
Ecumenical Appt: Mark Stephen
- 2004 MINISTRY TO THE DEAF
Ecumenical Appt:
- 2007 FIJI MINISTRY
Awaiting Clarification
- 2600 MISSION RESOURCING UNIT
John S Murray
Kathryn McKenzie (Part-time)
- 2820 MINISTRY RESOURCING UNIT (Trinity College)
Methodist Staff:
John B Salmon, MA, ThM(Princeton), PhD, LTh, STh, CA(Retired),
ACCM, Principal
Lecturer in Biblical Studies, One Wanted: *Supply in mind*
Gillian M Watkin, LTh (2nd Class Hon), Fieldworker, Ordained
Ministry
Robyn Brown, Director, Lay Ministry Education and Training
- 2010 AUCKLAND CENTRAL PARISH AND MISSION
Methodist Mission Northern
Keith J Taylor, BA – Mission Superintendent (Aotea Chapel)

Auckland Central Parish

Ashley J Sedon, BTP, LTh (Hons) - Parish Superintendent (Pitt Street)

David C Pratt, (one year appointment) (Kingsland/Dominion Rd)
 Sylvia 'Akauola-Tongotonga (Epsom, Mt Eden)
 Gillian M Richards (with a Covenant)

- 2030 ROSKILL
 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)**
 Anglican Appointment
- 2080 MT ALBERT
 Mervyn L Dine
- 2090 AVONDALE UNION PARISH (see 2310)
 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 (Glen Eden)
 Tovia Amua (Samoan Ministry) (Probationer)
- 2120 TE ATATU UNION PARISH
 Paulo Ieriko BMus(Auckland) , BD(Otago)
- 2130 DEVONPORT
 J Cedric Hay
- 2140 TAKAPUNA **one and a half time**
 Terence W Wall, MA, BSc, STM
 Elizabeth Hopner (one year appointment part-time) (see 2320)
 (Probationer)
 Lynne J Wall, BA, BD, PhD (with permission to serve at Trinity
 College for one year)
 Korean Congregation:
- 2150 BIRKENHEAD
 Gary A M Clover, MA, BD, DipNZLS
 Malcolm McLeod, (Deacon) See Q10B(a)

- 2160 GLENFIELD ANGLICAN/METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
Christopher Richards (Ministry Coordinator)
- 2180 NORTHCOTE
David R Alley
Richard Williams (Deacon) (Probationer)
- 2270 SOUTH KAIPARA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Anglican appt: Peter A Deane
- 2280 WHANGAPARAOA
One Wanted
Val Nicholls (Probationer)
- 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: (see 2090)
- 2320 EAST COAST BAYS
David S Bell, BA,BD, MTh(Distinction), PhD
Elizabeth Hopner (Local Ministry see 2140)
- 2330 LYNFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH
Anglican Appt: Trevor McCracken
- 2340 AUCKLAND-MANUKAU TONGAN PARISH
Sione F Ha'angana See Q13C(b)
Vaikola Kilikiti (Local Presbyterian) See Q10B(b)
Kepu Moa (Local Presbyterian) See Q10B(b)
Mosese Manukia (Local Presbyterian, New Lynn Fellowship)
See Q10B(b)
Langi'ila Uasi (Local Presbyterian, 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 (Two Thirds-time)
Peter Wedde

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

David S Bell, BA, BD, Mth (Distinction), PhD

Regional Superintendents:

Northern: Jan Tasker

Central: Jill Richards and Eric Laurenson

West: Tony Bell

2400 MANUKAU DISTRICT

2830 WESLEY COLLEGE

Steven Tema (one year appointment half time)

2410 HOWICK PAKURANGA

Richard J Waugh, BA, LTh, STh, MBA, (Howick-Pakuranga)

Ruth Boswell, NZROT, LTh(Hons); (Local Presbyter)

(Local Presbyter) See Q10B(b)

2420 MANUREWA

Alan R Upson

Alalafaga Palelei (Samoan Fellowship) Local Presbyter (Probationer)

2430 PAPAKURA

Norman E Brookes, MA

Fereti 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: Don Battley

2480 PAPATOETOE OTARA

J Allan Oliver, MSc, LTh

Aso T Samoa Saleupolu, DipTropAgr, LTh

2490 MANGERE OTAHUHU

Uesifili Unasa, MA, BD (Otago), CertMinStudies (Mangere)

Viliami P Tonga (Probationer) (Otahuhu Mangere East, morning congregation) (Part-time)

2340 AUCKLAND-MANUKAU TONGAN PARISH (See Auckland District)

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (Team)

Norman E Brookes, MA,
Audrey Bruce

3000 WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

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, BA, Bth (Probationer) (Melville)

Lisiate F T Manu'atu (Local Presbyter - Tongan Ministry) See Q10B(b)

3090 RAGLAN UNION PARISH

Congregational: Peter Kennett

3100 HAMILTON EAST

Hausia I M Taufu'i (Probationer)

3110 CHARTWELL CO-OPERATING PARISH

Alan J Leadley, MA, BD

Anglican Appt: Florence Chambers

- 3120 NGARUAWAHIA UNION PARISH
One Wanted: *Supply: Les Howard (Part-Time)*
- 3130 HUNTLY CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt:
- 3140 MATAMATA UNION PARISH
One Wanted: *Supply in mind (Part-Time)*
- 3150 PUTARURU CO-OPERATING PARISH
Anglican Appt: Gary Husband
- 3160 TOKOROA (**Part-time**)
One Wanted: (Local)
- 3170 ROTORUA
Brian N Small, Dip Th (Otago)
- 3180 TAUPO UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Roger Gillies
- 3190 WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY
Neil R Keesing, LTh(Melb), STh (Wesley Tauranga)
One Wanted: *Supply in mind* (St Stephens)
Valma E Hallam (Deacon) See Q10B(a)
Edna E Evans (Deacon) See Q10B(a)
- 3200 ST JAMES UNION PARISH, GREERTON
One Wanted: *Supply*
- 3210 TE PUKE/MT MAUNGANUI
One Wanted: *Supply in mind*
- 3220 WHAKATANE CO-OPERATING PARISH
One Wanted:
Anglican Appt: Alexander H Czerwonka
- 3230 KAWERAU
Ralph Vickers
- 3240 OPOTIKI UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt.
- 3250 TE AWAMUTU
Robert D Short
- 3260 OTOROHANGA
One Wanted: *Supply (Part-time)*

- 3270 TE KUITI
See 3260
- 3280 ST PAUL'S CO-OPERATING PARISH (TAUMARUNUI)
Presbyterian Appt: Jack Roper (lay supply)
- 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: Shirley Ferguson
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
- 3370 PAPAMOA COOPERATING (Part Time)
Ralph Vickers, LTh, ACM
- 3390 ALL SAINTS (BRYANT PARK) CO-OPERATING PARISH
Peter J L West
- 3400 WHANGAMATA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

K Desmond Cooper
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 Fawkner (Deacon) See Q10B(a)
- Brooklands Cooperating**
Anglican Appt: David Pearce

- 4020 WAITARA
One Wanted: *Supply* (Part-time)
- 4030 STRATFORD
Tavake Manu
- 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
Kenneth R Smith, LTh
- 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 Elphick, Dip Theol (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) (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
One Wanted: *Supply in mind*
- 5080 WOODVILLE ST JAMES UNION PARISH
One Wanted: *David Douglas (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 in mind*
- 5130 MARTON (Part-time)
One Wanted: *Part-time Supply: Helen Brazendale*
- 5140 RONGOTEA-SANSON CO-OPERATING PARISH
William (Bill) J Clifford, BTh (Melb), ACA
- 5150 FOXTON/SHANNON CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt.
- 5160 TAMATEA COMMUNITY CHURCH
Anglican Appointment

- 5170 WAIPAWA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt: Nio M Daniela
- 5180 MILSON COMBINED CHURCH (part-time)
One Wanted:

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (Team)
Stuart C Grant, BA, LLB, LTh
Marion Peterson, BTh

6000 WELLINGTON DISTRICT

MISSION RESOURCING UNIT
Youth Ministry Co-ordinators:
Matthew Roberts

- 6010 WESLEY WELLINGTON
Wesley Wellington Mission
Awaiting clarification

Wesley Wellington Parish
Lynne O Frith, BTheol, DipTheol.(Otago), DMin
Tavita Filemoni (Samoan Ministry)
Samiuela Taufa (Local) (Tongan Ministry)
Marica Reeves (Deacon) (Probationer)

- 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
Awaiting Clarification

- 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: one wanted

- 6120 HUTT CITY UNITING CONGREGATIONS
 Suiva'aia Te'o
 Craig E Forbes (Probationer) BA, BEd, BTheol, Med(Hon), Dip
 Teaching
 J Peill, LTh,
 Diane Yule, (Presbyterian Appointment)
 Siosifa Latu Uhi (Local Presbyter)
 Chris Purdie (Presbyterian Appointment)
 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.
- 6160 GREYTOWN ST ANDREWS UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian Appointment (See 6170)
- 6170 FEATHERSTON UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian Appointment (See 6160)
- 6180 CARTERTON UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian appt: Ruth D Caughley, BSc, BTh, DipTchg
- 6190 MASTERTON ST LUKES UNION PARISH
 John B Currie, BA
- 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, MTheol(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
 Being Clarified
- 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
Brian Turner, MA (Hons), Dip RE (Melb)
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 Presbyter) See Q10B(b)
- 7080 PICTON UNION PARISH
Awaiting clarification
- 7090 REEFTON DISTRICT UNION PARISH **Part-Time**
Presbyterian Appt: One Wanted (Supply in mind)
- 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
Gloria Zanders BTheol(Melb)

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
R Andrew Ferguson, MA, LTh Co-ordinator Educational Ministry
(Part Time See 8090)

8900 CONNEXIONAL OFFICE and ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
Jill van de Geer, BTheol, LTh (Aotearoa), LTCL, TTC, General
Secretary, (Probationer) and Authorised Representative.

8010 CHRISTCHURCH MISSION
David Bromell MA(Hons), BD(Hons), PhD, MNZAC
One Wanted: *Supply: Patricia Allen* (Durham St)
Lorraine J Reid (Local Presbyterian) See Q10B(b)

8020 CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH
Joanne A (Jo) Durrant, LTh
'Inoke Siulangapo (Local Presbyterian) (Christchurch Tongan
Fellowship)

8030 CHRISTCHURCH EAST
D Ian McLeod, CBC (Wainoni/Richmond)
One Wanted: (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 (Part Time see Mission Resourcing Unit)
- 8110 HALSWELL UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt. E Clare Brockett
- 8120 CHRISTCHURCH (HORNBY/RICCARTON)
John Bilverstone (Upper Riccarton)
Mikaele Yasa (Clarence St & St Stephens)
Rita J Reid (Deacon) See Q10B(a)
- 8140 CHRISTCHURCH NORTH
Stan J West
One Wanted:
- 8160 LINCOLN UNION PARISH
Stanley J Barnes, BA (Rhodes)
- 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: Fogatia L Levi
- 8220 PARKLANDS CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appt:
- 8230 ROLLESTON COMBINED CHURCH
Presbyterian Appt:
- 8250 ST ALBANS UNITING PARISH
William E Elderton, MA, ANZIA, Dip.NZLS, LTh
Leonard J Pierce, BA, MDiv

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS (Team)
Stan J West
Helen Buxton

8300 SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

- 8310 TIMARU-TEMUKA
One Wanted: *Extended Supply: 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**)
Associated Churches of Christ Appointment

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

Stuart G Slinn
Betty Watson

9000 OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

- 9020 DUNEDIN
Dunedin Mission
One Wanted
- Dunedin Parish**
Norman J West (Mornington/Glenaven)
G Jean Bruce, BTh. (Mosgiel/Trinity Hall)
One Wanted: *Supply: Janet Marsh*, BTheol (First Class Hons)
(Part-Time) (Broad Bay)
One Wanted: *Supply: Alex Webster*, BTheol, PG Dip Theol (Dunedin
South/ St Kilda)
- 9070 GRANTS BRAES UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appointment (Part Time)
- 9080 TOKOMAIRIRO CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian Appointment

- 9090 BALCLUTHA
Anglican Pastoral Ministry
- 9100 GORE
- 9110 INVERCARGILL
Colin S Leadley
- 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
Presbyterian Appointment (Part Time)
- 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
Being Clarified
- 9220 BLUESKIN CO-OPERATING
Presbyterian Supply: *Arthur J Templeton, MA*
- 9230 LAWRENCE
Robyn E Westaway (Local Presbyter) See Q10B(b)
Francis Westaway (Deacon)
- 9250 BROCKVILLE UNION
Awaiting clarification
- 9260 OTATARA **(Part-time)**
Presbyterian Appt: Stephen Lindsay, BA, BD

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

Norman J West
Judith Day

AWAITING CLARIFICATION:

Dianne L Le Pine, BTh (Melb)

Question 25: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Council of Conference?

COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE

Decisions:

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1. The report is received.
2. Conference records its thanks to Suiva 'aia Te'o and Nicola Grundy, who have retired from the Council of Conference.
3. Conference notes that the nominees to the Council from the PAC Distribution Group are Maureen Giles, David Silvester, and Gloria Zanders
4. The Law Revision Committee is asked to expand the provisions relating to the Council of Conference in Section 5:13.2 of the Laws and Regulations to appropriately include reference to its purpose, tasks and accountability contained in the report, p331.
5. That the Council of Conference in conjunction with the Mission Resourcing Unit take over the tasks that were previously the responsibility of the Bicultural Committee.
6. The membership of the Budget Task Group is as printed in the Year Book on page 4.
7. The membership of the Council of Conference is as printed in the Year Book on page 4.

APPOINTMENTS SUBJECT TO 4 + 4 PROCESS

Decisions:

supp. pp337-340

1. The report is received
2. Conference affirms the shortened process for Appointments subject to a 4+4, set out in the report, to come into effect in 1999.
3. Conference asks Council of Conference to take responsibility for the preparation of a handbook covering the shortened 4+4 process.

Question 26: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Mission and Ministry Co-ordinating Committee?

MINISTRY & MISSION RESOURCING UNIT

Decisions:

Report pp141-142

1. The report is received.
2. Conference welcomes Rob Ferguson and Kathryn McKenzie to the shared position of Resource Person – Education within the Mission Resourcing Unit.
3. Conference welcomes the Rev. Dr. John Salmon to the position of Principal of Trinity Methodist Theological College.

4. Noting the formation of the new Board of Ministry, Conference thanks and discharges the current Mission Resourcing Unit Board and Trinity College Council, noting that the legal responsibilities of Trinity College Council continue within the new Board of Ministry.

NOTICE OF MOTION

"That the membership of the Board of Ministry be delegated to the Council of Conference, and that nominations be called for from various district groups and bodies recognised by Conference."

5. Conference requests that the Tauwiwi Forum, in consultation with Te Taha Maori,
 - (a) arrange for a process for nominations of future members of the Board of Ministry, and
 - (b) recommendations to Synods and Conference 1999 regarding the term of office for members for the Board of Ministry.
6. The membership of the Board of Ministry is as printed in the Year Book, on page 23.

Question 27:

What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Welfare of the Church?

WELFARE OF THE CHURCH

Decisions:

Report pp272-278

1. The report is received.
2. Conference confirms the concept of facilitation for appropriate Conference business sessions as determined by the President and Vice-President. Conference asks the Welfare of the Church Standing Committee to draw up a Job Description for an independent skilled facilitator, including budget, and to take into account the details of the Commission on Diversity Report, p 361 no. 8.
3. Conference affirms that
 - a) A Student in Training is eligible for appointment as a Lay Representative to Conference from the Parish in which that Student is currently involved as a worshipping/participating member. Any such student should not normally participate in Committees of Detail dealing with matters relating to Ministry and Theological Training.
 - b) Conference asks the Welfare of the Church Committee to review and report on the status at Conference of Students in Training (Residential and Home Setting), Probationers and Lay Supplies.
4. Conference notes that for 1998 Conference:
 - a) Consensus within Tauwiwi is defined as that process which acknowledges that a decision will be made only when there is

substantial agreement after all concerned groups have expressed their perspectives and feel that they have been heard. Any such decision should enable and further the continuing life, witness and mission of Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa.

Only if there is unanimous agreement, or if there is substantial agreement among all concerned groups with those groups still in disagreement agreeing to accept the decision, will a decision be made.

- b) Conference notes and records that decision 4(a) is interim, and is subject to future review by Tauwiwi and discussion throughout the Church. Any suggested changes arising from that discussion should be referred to the Welfare of the Church Standing Committee during 1999 subject to future review by Tauwiwi and discussion in the Church.
- c) That (a) and (b) above, along with matters raised in recommendation 8 p 361 of the Commission on Diversity Report, be referred to the Working Group and the Mission Resourcing Unit group for consideration.

NOTICES OF MOTION

"The Methodist Conference reconsider whether there should be a national effort in recognition of the Year 2000, with hope and vision for the future, e.g. research and focus on an alternative economic vision; celebration; resource local groups; more openly push for the removal of third world debt."

- 5. Conference, in recognition of the Year 2000, with hope and vision for the future asks the Joint Public Questions Committee to research and focus on an alternative economic vision.

NOTICE OF MOTION

"That the use of the word 'tauwiwi' cease immediately in the Methodist Church and be replaced by 'Tangata Tiriti'."

- 6. Conference notes the acceptance of Te Taha Maori for Tauwiwi to examine the name to describe who Tauwiwi are, and urges Tauwiwi to work creatively at this task during 1999, with Tauwiwi Forum monitoring the process.

NOTICE OF MOTION

"That Conference formalise, by a change in the Law Book, the system presently operating in some districts of co-district superintendents, and that this be one Presbyter, one a lay person."

- 7. Conference refers this Notice of Motion to the Welfare of the Church Committee, and after consultation with the Faith & Order Committee report to Conference 1999.

MEMORIAL

"A Parish Council may make submissions or recommendations on matters relating to Ministry of Leadership in any Parish. In the first place, these recommendations or submissions must be communicated to Parish members, for information and comment, and no further action must be taken until such action is authorised at a properly constituted Parish meeting. For preference a secret ballot will be held. One month's notice to be given of such a meeting. This is to be done irrespective of Section 2:17.5.3 in the Laws and Regulations of the Methodist Church which defines the procedures regarding changes of appointment of Ministry. This also relates to Co-operating Parishes."

8. The Memorial is referred to the Welfare of the Church Standing Committee.
9. The membership of the Welfare of the Church Committee is as printed in the Year Book page 25.

COMMISSION ON DIVERSITY

Decisions:

pp 349f

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference recommends the following so that the Church can begin to take seriously the breakdown in relationships:
 - a) Districts, and other appropriate groups, early in 1999, select people who could act as facilitators in healing relationships.
 - b) Such people be gathered together to participate in training programmes guided by the Education Resource Persons.
 - c) Districts and other appropriate groups hold "relationship building" forums during 1999.
3. Conference affirms the "Evangelical" Covenant:

"Conference warmly affirms the place of evangelicals within the life of the Methodist Church. It respects and values the contribution made by many evangelical people during our history. In order for this to continue, Conference commits the Methodist Church to seek more effective ways by which evangelicals within Methodism can contribute to the ongoing life and work of the Church."
4.
 - a) Conference approves in principle the establishment of an "Evangelical" Synod on a national basis within the life of the Methodist Church and with the powers outlined in this report.
 - b) The Synod is to be established according to the Law Book definition and guidelines for Synods, and to include the responsibilities outlined in this report in respect to the selection, training and stationing and ordination of presbyters.
 - c) Conference agrees that the following members of the Commission: namely Terry Wall, Norman Brookes, Andrea Williamson, and Susau Strickland, work with an equivalent number of "evangelical" leaders and the General Secretary on matters relating to the ethos of the "Evangelical" Synod, its

budget, and other establishment issues and report to Taha Maori, Synods, Parishes and Conference 1999.

5. The proposed "Evangelical" Synod is invited to appoint three people to work alongside three others, drawn from the Commission and appointed by the President, to oversee the process of implementing the Covenant set out above. Amongst its tasks this group shall bring to Conference 1999 a proposal with respect to "evangelical"/theological representation on the Boards and Committees of the Church.
6. Conference in the year 2000 requests the Council of Conference and the "Evangelical" Synod each to nominate 3 people to the President and Vice-President, who will review progress in relation to the "Evangelical" Covenant, the "Evangelical" Synod, and the relationship building work, and report back to Conference 2001.
7. Conference appoints a Committee comprising the following members of the Commission, Mary Caygill, Gary Clover, Ken Olsen, and one other person to be appointed by the President on the nomination of the Mission and Taha Maori, to work in consultation with the Mission Resourcing Unit on the nature and working of consensus decision making. A report on this matter is to be forwarded to Synods, UDC's, Advisory Committees, and Hui Poari, and to Conference 1999.
8.
 - (a) requests the Committee constituted by decision 7 along with the Legal Adviser, in consultation with the Law Revision Committee, to examine the question as to whether Synods and Advisory Committees can legally stand apart from a decision of Conference on a matter of conscience based on theological grounds, and
 - (b) requests the Committee to report to Synods, UDC's, Advisory Committees, Hui Poari and Conference 1999, and
 - (c) records that past decisions of Conference continue to apply to the whole church, including the "Evangelical" Synod, until such time as those decisions are revoked or altered by Conference.
9. Conference records its deep appreciation to Rev. Diane Miller-Keeley who facilitated the majority of the meetings of the Commission on Diversity. Her presence and leadership were a gift to us from the Church of our roots as a movement to Methodism today.
10. That should there be any parish, congregation, or presbyter who, when Conference has dealt with the positive recommendations in the Commission's Report, still cannot live with the Methodist Church, then Conference authorises the Administration Division to seek a fair and equitable settlement according to the general principles identified for such settlement by the Commission.

GUIDELINES: (identified in resolution 10.)

Basic Principles:

1. *The Methodist Church has a primary responsibility to those who choose to stay.*
2. *These guidelines should only apply after all avenues for remaining in the Methodist Church have been exhausted.*
3. *The Church seeks a gracious, fair, and equitable sharing of resources in situations where more than ...^(1.), or whatever baseline figure is finally agreed, of the official membership roll of a congregation chooses to leave the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The Church recognises that its primary responsibility is to those who choose to stay.*

Areas to be addressed:

1. *Pastoral needs – these could include:*
 - *Provision of mediation*
 - *Care for those staying, as well as for those leaving.*
 - *Provision for whatever continued “connectedness” may be appropriate.*
 - *Provision of a 3 year period of grace to allow things to settle*
 - *A Service of Separation, led by a Connexional representative, appropriate to local situation.*
2. *Heritage: access to “treasures” – the following may need to be negotiated:*

Archives, Copyright, Orders of service, Hymnbook, ‘name’
3. *Local property: Those choosing to stay should have first claim in relation to the property, except when they are a very small minority. Each case needs to be looked at on its own merits, having regard to the history of the property involved. A first option could be for a “Joint Use” agreement. Co-operative Venture Agreements may also provide a helpful model, and it may be helpful to investigate the model used when the Uniting Church in Australia was formed.*
4. *Presbyters: There could be a 3 year period of grace for currently recognised presbyters to move in or out. Mutuality of Ministry may be a helpful model.*
5. *Commissioners may need to be appointed to work with those seeking to leave. Commissioners should be trusted and gracious and, if possible, have local knowledge. Dialogue, with the aim of reconciliation, would be part of their role.*

Note: (i) *The Commission’s thinking was that this should be more than two thirds of the official membership role.*

(ii) *The above are suggested principles and guidelines only. The Administration Division needs to use its discretion in each situation.*

RESTRUCTURING TASK GROUP

Decisions:

Report pp 270-271

1. The report is received.
2. The committee is asked
 - a) to continue to develop the concept of the regional Church, and
 - b) to review the membership of the Tauwi Forum, with a view to achieving a more equal partnership, and to report to Conference 1999.
3. The Restructuring Committee is asked to complete its work during 1999, with a view to it being disbanded, and to provide an indication of how further development of the regional Church can be initiated.
4. The membership of the Restructuring Task Group is as printed in the Year Book on page 24.

Question 28: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Central Complaints Committee?

CENTRAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

Decisions:

Report pp91-92

1. The report is received.
2. Conference thanks Aroha Houston for her contribution to the Central Complaints Committee.
3. The following changes are made to the Procedures (additional wording shown in bold type):
 - (a) The District Sexual Harassment/Abuse Group will be gathered within two weeks of receipt of the complaint and will institute...
 - (b) Dismissal will be required by the Church in cases where the Respondent...
 - (f) is convicted by a Court for professional sexual misconduct.
 - (c) The contact person who is approached about a complaint either will continue to support that complainant through the process of the complaint, or will arrange another Contact Person to do so. The Contact Person's work with a complainant will be supervised by that person's District Trainer.
 - (d) Final stage:

Respondents will be required to have supervision with an approved supervisor for a minimum of two years. The Central Complaints Committee will make input into the matters which need to be covered in supervision and will require a report at least six monthly from the supervisor. Cessation of reporting shall be subject to satisfactory progress being maintained. This will be on the decision of the Respondent, the Central Complaints Committee, the Pastoral Committee, and the Supervisor.

4. That the Church explore a process and develop a system for making people in unpaid but designated positions accountable to the Church for their actions.
5. The membership of the Central Complaints Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 2.

Question 29: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Lay Preachers' Association?

LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Decisions:

Report pp123-124

1. The report is received.
2. Conference notes that:
 - (a) the Lay Preachers Executive is continuing in communication with the planners of the Australian Lay Preachers' Conference in January 2000, and
 - (b) the Lay Preachers Executive seeks another region to take on the task of National Executive from 2000 onwards.
3. The Membership of the Executive is as printed in the Year Book on page 19.

Errata

p124 correction name should read Karl Tuinukuafe

Question 30:- What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Women's Fellowship?

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

Decisions:

Report pp207-210

1. The report is received.

Question 31: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Media?

CHURCHES BROADCASTING COMMISSION

Decisions:

Report p200

1. The report is received.
2. Conference notes that Trish Moseley continues as the Methodist Church's representative on the Commission.

CROSSLINK

Decisions:

Report P199

1. The report is received.
2. Conference thanks Dianne Gilliam-Weeks for the 3 years that she has served as Interim Managing Editor of Crosslink.
3. The Membership of the Board is as printed in the Year Book on page 17.

EPWORTH BOOKS

Decisions:

Report pp279-282

1. The report is received.
2. The continuing efforts of the Board to improve and develop the business are noted and encouraged.
3. The level of subsidy to be provided from the Connexional Budget for 1999 shall be the equivalent of the gross stipend and allowances of one Presbyter.
4. The Membership of the Board is as printed in the Year Book on page 17.

PAC MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

Decisions:

Report p201

1. The report is received.
2. Conference notes the grants detailed in the report.
3. Applications from individuals for grants from the Fund should be made only with the support of either a Parish or District.
4. The Membership of the Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 23.

Question 32:

What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Chaplaincies?

None.

Question 33: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Wesley Historical Society?

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY?

Decisions:

Report pp197-198

1. The report is received.

**Question 34: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to
The Community on Women and Men in Church and Society?**

COMMUNITY OF WOMEN AND MEN

Decisions:

Report pp89-90

1. The report is received.
2. As the Connexion has assigned it new tasks, the Community of Women and Men in Church and Society continues in 1999.
3. The Membership of the Committee is printed in the Year Book on page 16.

**Question 35: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to
Methodist AFFIRM?**

METHODIST AFFIRM

Decisions:

Report pp322-325

1. The report is received.
2. Conference thanks Ivan Whyte for the work he has done with World Methodism's Connecting Congregation in Kosovo.
3. Conference notes that the office-bearers for 1999 are:
Andrea Williamson and Peter West (Co-Presidents), Ivan Whyte (Secretary), Carol Rigby (Treasurer).
4. The Membership of the Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 19.

**Question 36: -What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to
Faith and Order?**

FAITH AND ORDER

Decisions:

Report pp41-64

1. The report is received.
2. The Order of Service for Communion beyond the gathered Congregation is approved.
3. The Order of Service for Infant Baptism is approved, with slight amendments to the commentary on page 52.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

"That the Faith & Order Committee revisit the practice and principles of Itinerancy for Ministry by Presbyters."

4. In consultation with the Mission Resourcing Unit, the Faith and Order Committee is asked to consider the principles of itinerancy for the ministry of Presbyters and to present a report to Conference 1999.

NOTICE OF MOTION

"Notice of Motion "T" from the Birkenhead Parish seeks additions to the Ethical Guidelines for Ordained Ministry, and asks that the resolutions concerning human sexuality from the 1993 Derby Conference of the United Kingdom Methodist Church and the 1998 Lambeth Conference be considered." (This is a summary of the much larger Notice of Motion that was received)

5. Subject to the report of the Commission on the Diversity of Church being excepted by Conference the Notice of Motion is referred to the Faith and Order Committee for consideration.
6. The membership of the Faith and Order Standing Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 17f.

Question 37: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Law Revision?

LAW REVISION

Decisions:

Report pages 105-106

1. That 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 making continue in use by Conference and its Committees until further decision of the Conference.
4. The Membership of the Standing Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 18
5. Conference amends the following clause of the Laws and Regulations to read:

Section: 5

- 6.6 A person eligible for either office shall be a member of the Methodist Church and *be* familiar with its polity and discipline. To ensure continuity of leadership, any person to be elected shall be a member of *and present in person at* the Conference at which he or she is elected, and shall have been a member of *and present in person at*, at least two of the preceding four Conferences.
6. Conference adopts the following new and revised law received by it in terms of Decision 2:

Section 2:

SUPERVISION:

- 22.1 *Each person in a stipendiary or covenanted Ministry shall have appropriate supervision.*

22.2 Conference shall from time to time approve guidelines for supervision.

Note: all the subsequent numbers will need to be changed.

Section 4:

7.1 (g) Ensure appropriate supervision for all Stipendiary or Covenanted Ministries within the District.

Note: the current (g) become (h)

Section 5:

2.1.2 (i) *Any lay person(s) filling a Connexional Appointment.*

(j) *Empower your Youth Board shall be entitled to one lay representative.*

2.1.3 *Ten persons under the age of 30 years ...*

Section 5:

33.3.1 (a) *One person appointed by Tauitiwi Forum*

(b) *One person appointed by Te Taha Maori*

(c) *Two persons appointed by the Pastoral Committee*

33.3.2 *The Committee Members shall serve for no more than 4 years and shall retire by rotation.*

Section 8:

9.1 – 9.3 Remove section relating to Minister Retirement Home Fund and replace with:

PRESBYTERS & DEACONS RETIREMENT HOUSING FUND

9.1 *There shall be a Presbyters and Deacons Retirement Housing Fund from which finance shall be available as loans to Ministers for such purposes and upon such terms as Conference shall from time to time approve.*

14.1 – 14.6 Remove this section relating to the Home Acquisition Fund.

METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION:

Amend Constitution by altering clause 6(iv) as follows:

Appendix A1:

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.*

Question 38: - What are the decisions of Conference respecting the laws of the Church including the rulings of the President during the year?

None

Question 39: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Public Questions?

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Decisions:

Report p65-88

1. The report is received.
2. Conference acknowledges the contribution made by the Society of Friends (Quakers) and the Associated Churches of Christ as observers on the Committee for a number of years and therefore agrees to:
 - (a) the request from the Society of Friends to become full members of the Joint Methodist-Presbyterian Public Questions Committee;
 - (b) a formal approach being made to the next national meeting of the Associated Churches of Christ inviting them to become full members of the Joint Methodist-Presbyterian Public Questions Committee.
3. Conference requests the Government to change its foreign policy to one of active peacemaking. In particular the Government should:
 - (a) focus the New Zealand Defence Force on matters of national emergency management, humanitarian relief to neighbouring countries, and protection against the destruction of our fisheries by other countries.
 - (b) reassess the suitability of ANZAC frigates for the Royal New Zealand Navy in the light of New Zealand's location and responsibilities as a South Pacific nation.
 - (c) further develop and make use of the proven abilities, and potential, for peacemaking of our people, organisations and Government.
4. Conference endorses the concept of restorative justice and in so doing:
 - (a) adopts restorative justice as a mission initiative of the Church, and supports the development of programmes to educate members of the Church and society to accept and work for restorative justice.
 - (b) applauds the steps taken to date in fostering restorative justice in the Youth Court system and urges the Government to expand restorative justice initiatives in relation to adult offenders and in relation to enhancement of parenting skills and promotion of law and order in schools.
5. Conference urges Government to adopt a policy of translating significant United Nations and other multilateral declarations and treaties, that bear directly on the interests and rights of Maori, into te reo Maori.
6. Conference recognises that the Church's work in social justice must be carried out at all levels of the Church and to all sectors of society and urges parishes and congregations to:

- (a) engage with local government in their own locality to encourage it to take seriously the needs of all people in their jurisdiction;
 - (b) investigate establishing local or regional public questions committees to look at local and regional issues and to make use of the work of the Joint Methodist Presbyterian Public Questions Committee.
7. Conference urges all parts of the Church to celebrate Human Rights Day (10 December 1998), not only to observe the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights but also to reflect on how we can make full human rights a reality within the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa and in Aotearoa New Zealand.
 8. Conference encourages the Government, and in particular the Minister of Health, to implement the 34 recommendations of the National Health Committee in their report *The Social, Cultural and Economic Determinants of Health in New Zealand: Action to Improve Health* (June 1998).
 9. Conference recognises that the Government has legislated to introduce a Community Wage scheme, which means that people currently entitled to a benefit may be compelled to work in order to receive their benefit, and anticipating that the Government will be relying on the community sector including churches for sponsoring "jobs":
 - (a) still opposes the Community Wage Scheme and declares itself a "Community with a Conscience".
 - (b) and in particular expresses its concern to Government that:
 - i. the introduction of the Community Wage may cause displacement of contracted and paid workers,
 - ii. the work available to those required to work for their benefit rarely increases their skills and employability,
 - iii. all people required to work for a benefit be fully covered by the legislation and regulations applying to those in paid employment.

Note: Examples are:

- The Employment Contracts Act in relation to procedural fairness
 - Injury protection
 - Human Rights Act provisions covering discrimination
 - The Holidays Act
 - Minimum wage provisions.
- iv. the introduction of a Community Wage is having severe detrimental effects on the voluntary sector.
 - v. will not help people into jobs as there are few there for them to obtain.

- (c) it further recommends that those parts of the church that are in a position to sponsor community wage work note the comments in (a)(iii) above, and that they should also note:
 - i. that churches will be required to meet the costs of training, supervision and safety procedures in relation to the 'jobseeker', and
 - ii. that 'jobseekers' compelled to work may not have a commitment to the church's mission and that this may reflect badly on the church's image, and
 - iii. that churches having work to be done for which someone could be employed consider so employing rather than using the community wage scheme in an attempt to save money. Only by employing people can the church protect and create real jobs, and
 - iv. that churches sponsoring 'jobs' will be asked to report whether a "jobseekers" performance has been satisfactory. If it is reported that their work is unsatisfactory in even minor ways the job-seeker could have his or her income reduced by up to 40%. Churches should consider the ethical implications of being responsible for a severe reduction in income for a person whose current income is already low, and
 - v. that churches may need to ensure that they are indemnified against any consequent liability arising from such things as workplace accidents and litigation regarding performance assessments, and
 - vi. the commitment of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa to be a good employer, and commit themselves similarly, particularly in relation to the matters noted in (b)(iii).
10. Conference reaffirms its decision made in 1997 to express concern at the Government's decision to halt the Consistency 2000 Project of the Human Rights Commission, and urges the Government not to proceed with the Human Rights Amendment Bill, which will adversely change the Human Rights Act.
11. Conference expresses to Government and all Members of Parliament its concern about increasing inequality in Aotearoa New Zealand and urges it to adopt policies that will work toward increased equality of opportunity and outcome for all New Zealanders.
12. Conference, being pleased with the present casino licence moratorium but having grave concerns about the proliferation of poker machines, urges government to introduce a moratorium on these machines until a full independent social and economic impact study is made.
13. Conference

- (a) calls on Government as a matter of utmost urgency to grant to all tertiary students eligibility for the Community Wage during vacation time.
- (b) notes that interest rates on student loans are still higher than 8% and calls on Government to redress this inequity by reducing the interest rate in line with the recent reduction in mortgage interest rates.
- (c) notes with deep concern the high level of student debt and calls on Government to reintroduce income support for all tertiary students.

NOTICE OF MOTION

"The 1998 Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand confirms with the Prime Minister, the Minister of Defence and the Leader of the Opposition, its opposition to the ordering of a further frigate. That in view of the greater need of the poor and the under-privileged members of our society, especially in terms of health care and housing, any further expenditure on weapons of mass destruction is heresy."

14. Conference confirms its opposition to the ordering of a third ANZAC frigate, and that this be conveyed to Government.

NOTICE OF MOTION

- "1. *That Conference draws attention to the Abolition 2000 Campaign, which seeks to build a global citizens movement to eliminate nuclear weapons and promotes the signing of a Covenant of agreement by 2000 to seriously pursue total elimination of nuclear weapons, and encourages Parishes to participate in the campaign.*
2. *That Conference calls upon the Government of Nuclear Weapons States to meet and begin negotiations for the elimination of all nuclear weapons within a reasonable period of time and calls for these negotiations to be completed by the year 2000 so that the people of the world can enter the 21st century with an international treaty in place for the prohibition and elimination of all nuclear weapons."*
15. Conference
 - a) draws attention to the Abolition 2000 Campaign, which seeks to build a global citizens movement to eliminate nuclear weapons and promotes the signing of a Covenant of agreement by the end of the year 2000 to seriously pursue total elimination of nuclear weapons, and encourages Parishes to participate in the campaign.
 - b) calls upon the Government to urge the Government of Nuclear Weapons States to meet and begin negotiations for the elimination of all nuclear weapons within a reasonable period of time and calls for these negotiations to be completed by the end of the year 2000 so that the people of the world can enter the 21st century with an international treaty in place for the prohibition and elimination of all nuclear weapons.

16. Membership of the Public Questions Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 24.

Question 40: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Methodist Mission Aotearoa and Regional Missions?

TRANSITIONAL METHODIST MISSION AOTEAROA

Decisions:

Report pp311-321

1. The report is received.
2. Conference affirms the report as a discussion document and forwards it together with appropriate study guide/questions, to be prepared by TMMA, to the Church for consideration during 1999 and response to Conference 1999.
3.
 - (a) Conference notes and acknowledges the willingness of Te Taha Maori to engage in dialogue with TMMA throughout the year during which the concepts contained in the report were formulated.
 - (b) Conference affirms the need for this dialogue to continue in order that Methodist Social Services reflect the bi-cultural partnership, and not just Tauiri as at present.
4. Conference notes that TMMA during 1999 will:
 - (a) promote discussion of the document "Breaking the Cycle", and
 - (b) receive feedback and collate responses, and
 - (c) finalise the document for report to Conference 1999, along with a strategy for implementation/action, and
 - (d) continue the routine work of MMA, and
 - (e) consider and formulate suitable accountability mechanisms for Social Service ministries within Te Haahi Weteriana for recommendation to Conference 1999.
5. Conference acknowledges the contribution of Deacon Chris Wood for her two and a half years as Convener of TMMA.
6. Conference notes:
 - (a) Ron Malpass is the Methodist representative on the Refugee and Migrant Service Commission.
 - (b) That Methodist accountabilities for this appointment will be channelled through TMMA which will report to Conference.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

- a. *That the 1999/2000 financial year the Methodist Church maintains its full contribution as a founding members of NZCCSS."*
- b. *That the Methodist Church continues to appoint representatives to NZCCSS for 1998/99.*
- c. *That TMMA asked to consider that the Methodist Conference be asked to become the member body of NZCCSS (instead of MMA) as at present.*

- d. *That TMMA be requested to establish an interagency coordinating network among Church agencies on social justice/advocacy."*
7. (a) Conference decides to become a member body of NZCCSS, and
(b) that the cost of membership be charged to the Connexional budget with the Regional Missions being requested to provide the funding.
8. That for the 1999/2000 financial year TMMA maintains its full contribution as a funding member of NZCCSS.
9. Conference appoints Catherine Gibson and Keith Taylor as its two representatives on the NZCCSS for 1999.
10. TMMA is encouraged to initiate an inter-agency coordinating network among Church agencies engaged in research, social policy, social justice and advocacy issues.
11. (a) Conference notes with concern the unilateral decision by Government to withdraw from CFA (Community Funding Agency) funding from New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services, New Zealand Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisations and the New Zealand Council of Social Services as from 1 July 1999 and requests Government to consult with NZCCSS concerning its future funding, and
(b) Conference encourages the NZCCSS to continue to tender for research work in relation to Social Policy that will enable the State to fulfill its responsibilities, and to develop a strategy to ensure sufficient sustainable independent income for Social Policy advocacy.
12. The Membership of the Board is as printed in the Year Book on page 17.

METHODIST MISSION NORTHERN

Decisions:

Report pp 211-226

1. The report is received.
2. The Membership of the Methodist Mission Northern Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 20

WESLEY WELLINGTON MISSION

Decisions:

Report pp227-248

1. The report is received.
2. Conference notes that the restructuring of the Mission is still under consideration by the Board.
3. Conference thanks Catherine Gibson for her 9 years of dedicated service including the last four years as Chairperson of the Board.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

"That Wesley Wellington Mission be encouraged to finalise its strategy concerning the appointment of a Superintendent, and that the Board of the Mission report its progress to the April meeting of the Council of Conference."

4. That this notice of motion is referred to the Board of Wesley Wellington Mission for action.
5. The Membership of the Wesley Wellington Mission Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 20.

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST MISSION

Decisions:

Report pp249-255

1. The report is received.
2. The Christchurch and Dunedin Missions are encouraged to consult with Te Taha Maori, and with Parishes, Synods, Boards and Committees, regarding the proposed amalgamation of the two Missions, and are asked to report to Conference 1999 on this matter.
3. The Membership of the Christchurch Methodist Mission Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 20.

DUNEDIN METHODIST MISSION

Decisions:

Report p256-260

1. The report is received.
2. The Membership of the Dunedin Methodist Mission 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)

Decisions:

Report pp143-149, Supp. pp363-370

1. The report is received
2. Conference approves the general directions of the Trinity College Council Supplementary Report regarding the future directions of Trinity College, and requests the Board of Ministry to continue the development and implementation of these directions, and to report to the Church on progress during 1999.
3. Conference agrees to the disestablishment of the position of Field Director, Ordained Ministry, from 1 February 2000, provided that relevant programmes will be maintained and developed in other ways.
4. Conference
 - (a) asks the Board of Ministry to fully investigate options with regard to the Wellspring site, and

- (b) approves the sale of Wellspring site if that proves to be the best option, and
 - (c) directs that all proceeds of any sale be applied to lay ministry education, and
 - (d) endorses the provision of opportunities for ministry preparation (including lay ministry) in supervised ministry situations in parishes, and
 - (e) agrees to a 'Student Training Unit' being established in partnership between the Board of Ministry and Auckland Methodist Central Parish and Mission, to be operational from February 2000.
5. Conference agrees that a period of probation is not necessary for all students, and gives approval to the Board of Ministry to recommend that probation be waived in suitable cases provided that adequate supervision, reflection, and continuing education can be assured.
 6. Conference asks the Board of Ministry to review the present Laws and Regulations regarding training for ministry, and to make recommendations for change to reflect the changing circumstances.
 7. Conference approves the position description/person profile for the position of Methodist Lecturer in Biblical Studies, St John's/Trinity Colleges.
 8. Conference, in acknowledging that the Rev Frank Hanson completes his term as Principal on 31 January 1999, places on record its deep appreciation of his teaching and pastoral ministry in the Theological College and within the Connexion. It wishes him and Nola a rich and fulfilling retirement.
 9. Conference acknowledges the contribution of the Rev Dr Douglas Pratt to the work of Trinity College over the past 8 years – 6 of these as Chairperson. Douglas has provided wise counsel during a time of much change and we wish him well in his future ministry.
 10. Conference notes with regret the death of one of the Trinity College Fellows, the Rev D Bruce Gordon. Bruce served on the Council for 10 years and gave outstanding support to the work of theological education.
 11. Conference acknowledges with gratitude the work of Jill van de Geer as administrator of Trinity College during the past 13 years. It particularly notes her involvement in the establishment of the Auckland Consortium for Theological Education and Field Education training, and wishes her well in her new appointment within the Church.

Question 42: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Wesley College?

WESLEY COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

Decisions

Report pp127-130

1. The report is received.
2. Conference thanks each of Eric Beavis, John Hull, and Jill van de Geer for their service to the Wesley College Trust Board.
3. Conference notes the outstanding service to Wesley College of the newly appointed fellows:
Rev J A Penman, Mr John Hull, Rev Ruawai Rakena, Mr Eric Beavis, and Mr Brian Caughey.
4. Conference gives thanks for the vision and foresight of the late Mr T L Hames in setting up the Sherwood Trust for the benefit of the Wesley College and the Methodist Church of NZ.
5. Conference acknowledges that four members of the Wesley College Trust Board are elected by that Board to the Board of Governors and supports them as they work to ensure that the special character of the school is preserved.
6. Conference thanks George Bryant for his term as Chaplain at Wesley College. His commitment to the task and his acceptance by the pupils is recognised by the Church.
7. The Membership of the Wesley College Trust Board is as printed in the Year Book on page 26.

WESLEY COLLEGE REVIEW

Decisions:

Report pp131-140

1. The report is received.
2. In light of the E.R.O. and Wesley College Trust Board reviews, Conference request that the Wesley College Trust Board implement the changes recommended to it in the reports as quickly as possible.
3. Conference notes that the Wesley College Trust Board is encouraging the Board of Governors, the staff, and the pupils to implement the changes recommended in the reports of the Wesley College Trust Board and ERO.
4. Conference thanks the Wesley College Trust Board, the Board of Governors, the staff, the pupils, and the parents for their support during the review.
5. Conference thanks Kay Hawk and Jan Hill for their review of 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

Decisions: Report p107-113

- 1. The report is received.
- 2. Conference affirms the new structure of Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation.
- 3. That a letter of thanks be sent from Conference to the retiring unit conveners, Bill Griffiths, Hilda Schroeder, Ian Faulkner, Amanda Clarke, and Sally Weston, expressing thanks to them and their committees for their work over many years.
- 4. Conference encourage Parishes and Faith Communities to recognise some of the Sundays designated for special consideration by the Ecumenical Community.

The special Sundays which can be recognised are:

Asia Sunday	-	23 May
Peace Sunday	-	8 August
Bible Sunday	-	18 July
Youth Sunday	-	25 July
World Communion Sunday	-	3 October

Other times of significance are:

The Week of Prayer for World Peace	-	17-24 October
World Day of Prayer	-	First Friday in March
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	-	Last Week in May

- 5. Conference affirms its understanding of membership of the World Council of Churches as contained in the document *"Toward A Common Understanding and Vision of the World Council of Churches"*.
- 6. Conference commends the Methodist Women's Fellowship and the Association of Presbyterian Women for their ongoing generous financial and prayerful support of Council for Mission and Partner Churches.
- 7. Conference congratulates and warmly affirms Mr Richard (Dick) Yates QSM and formally thanks him for the work he does and has done in many sections of the Church.
- 8. That this Conference recognises and give thanks to God for the life's work of Sister Lucy Money as she returns to New Zealand after 51 years in Choiseul and that a greeting be sent to her.
- 9. The Methodist members of the Council for Mission & Ecumenical Cooperation are as printed in the Year Book on page

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE

Decisions:

Report p114-116

1. The report is received.
2. Conference affirms the work of the Christian World Service.
3. Conference supports the international call for cancellation of unpayable Third World Debt and commends Christian World Service for its involvement in the Jubilee 2000 Campaign.

CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES IN AOTEAROA NZ

Decisions:

Report p117-122

1. The report is received.
2. Conference affirms the work of the Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand.
3. Conference affirms the leadership provided by the General Secretary, Jan Cormack.
4. Conference encourages Synods, Advisory Committees, UDC's and Parishes to make use of resources provided by the CCANZ programmes.
5. Conference encourages Church members to participate in the year of Ecumenical Learning initiated by the Unity Programme of CCANZ during 1999.
6. (a) Conference notes with deep regret the withdrawal of the Catholic Church, by the Catholic Bishops' Conference, from CCANZ, after significant changes were made, at the request of the Catholic Church, to the CCANZ constitution through the review of CCANZ four years ago, which was a 3 year process.
(Note: the Catholic Church was a founding member of CCANZ and took a leading role in initiating the review.)
(b) Conference notes that CCANZ will miss the contribution the Catholic Church has made to the leadership of the Praesidium, the Annual Forum, and its various programmes.
(c) Conference requests the President and Vice-President to convey the regrets and disappointment of the Methodist Church, in person, to the leadership of the Catholic Church in New Zealand.
(d) Conference encourages where possible ongoing dialogue and co-operation with the Catholic Church, by the Methodist Church.

NOTICES OF MOTION

From the Methodist Caucus at the Annual CCANZ Forum:

"The Methodist Conference reconsider whether there should be a national effort in recognition of the Year 2000, with hope and vision for the future

- e.g.*
- *Research and focus on an alternative economic vision*
 - *Celebration*
 - *Resource local groups*
 - *More openly push for the removal of 3rd world debt"*

7. Conference supports a Connexional effort during the Year 2000 to focus on promoting the removal of Third World unpayable debt and requests the Council for Mission & Ecumenical Co-operation to take the initiative.

Question 44: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Mission Resourcing Unit?

MISSION RESOURCING UNIT

Decisions:

Report pp150-155

1. The report is received.
2. The following Grants in Aid are approved:

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Approved Grant</u>	<u>Methodist Grant</u>
Whangaparaoa	10,000	Nil	Nil
St Austels, New Lynn	3,000	1,200	300
Glen Innes Coop.	3,000	3,000	3,000
Franklin West Coop	12,000	4,800	1,200
Trinity Whangamata	7,500	7,500	1,875
Turangi Coop.	18,123	10,800	1,350
Bell Block, Taranaki	5,800	2,320	290
St Andrews Greytown] St Andrews Featherston]	14,000	10,500	2,625
Mana, Wellington	7,000	4,200	4,200
Levin	10,000	8,500	8,500
Mirimar Uniting	6,500	Nil	Nil
Buller Union	17,000	8,500	8,500
St Lukes Union, Nelson	6,000	2,000	500
Rolleston	17,500	Nil	Nil
Parklands Coop.	2,000	1,200	150
Bluff-Greenhills Coop.	3,000	3,000	375

3. The job description for Tauwi National Resource Person – Youth, is approved.
4. (a) Conference approves the continued use of the trial process referred to on p151 of the report for stationing, with no more than 5 parishes participating.
- (b) The qualifying criteria for the parishes wishing to participate in this process shall be established by the Mission Resourcing Unit in consultation with District Superintendents.

5. Conference notes that each of the Tongan Advisory Committee, Fiji Advisory Committee, and Sinoti Samoa have expressed concern about:
 - (a) the way in which it is proposed to use Jemima Tiatia Research in formulating policy for the use of the PAC Grant for NZ born Pacific Island Youth, and
 - (b) the nature of the consultation process so far.
6. Conference notes, that in light of decision 1,
 - (a) the Mission Resourcing Unit will continue to consult with Tongan Advisory Committee, Fiji Advisory Committee, and Sinoti Samoa, and
 - (b) each are invited to identify needs which should be addressed.
7. Conference continues to affirm the place of New Zealand born Pacific Island youth who affiliate with English speaking congregations (outside of the TAC FAC and Sinoti Samoa) in the consultation process.
8. Conference request that the EYY Board be kept informed of progress in these consultations.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

"That Presbyters not be permitted to retire into a Parish in which they have appointed in the previous twenty five years."

9. Conference refers this matter to the Welfare of the Church Committee requesting it to prepare guidelines for Parishes and Ministers who are superannuating in terms of their relationship to the Parish in which they intend to worship.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

"At the AGM of Methodist AFFIRM on November 6, 1998, concern was expressed at Parishes being placed under undue pressure to either:

- a) *enter into the stationing process when not desired by the parish*
- b) *not consider suitable candidates.*

Particular Parishes affected were Balmoral/Roskill, Otumoetai and Christchurch East (Shirley). The AGM asks Conference to arrange conversations about this between available AFFIRM executive, Mission Resourcing Unit Superintendent and relevant district Superintendents."

10. Details of the Stationing Appeal Process are to be included with Parish and Presbyterian information circulated at the beginning of each stationing year.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

"That the Mission Resourcing Unit be requested to facilitate a Connexional Conference on Evangelism to enable a focus on evangelism which reflects the theological diversity within Te Haahi Weteriana."

11. That subject to funding being available, the Mission Resourcing Unit is requested to facilitate an initial Connexional Conference on evangelism,

to enable a focus on evangelism which reflects the theological diversity within Te Haahi Weteriana.

EVANGELISM TASK GROUP

Decisions:

Report p158

1. The report is received.
2. Conference encourages members to use/take part in:
 - Alpha programmes
 - Emmaus for the development of Christian Leaders Programme
 - Exploring the use of the concepts of Willow Creek Evangelism and Outreach activities.
3. Conference supports participation in one of the several levels in Vision New Zealand (VNZ):
 - research facilities – demographic and other data
 - involvement in locally arranged activities notified in the VNZ newsletters
 - participate at the Congress to be held at Waikanae, January 1999.
 - mailing list and internet communication
4. Conference acknowledges the contribution of Mr Alan Withy who now leaves the group.
5. The membership for 1999 is:
Desmond Cooper, Elsie Jones, Neil Keesing, John Murray, Tavake Tupou (corresponding), Peter West, Viv Whimster, and Ralph Vickers (convenor).

DIACONATE TASK GROUP

Decisions:

pp159-160

1. The report is received.
2. Conference reaffirms that
 - (a) the Diaconate is primarily focussed on a non-sacramental ministry.
 - (b) Deacons and lay people may take the consecrated elements to those beyond the gathered congregation
 - (c) where congregations are unable to receive the sacraments from a Presbyter, a Deacon or Lay Person may be authorised by Conference to administer the Sacraments.
3. The membership of the Diaconate Task Group is found on page 23 of the Year Book.

Question 45: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Fiji Advisory Committee?

FIJI ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Decisions:

Report pp 346-348

1. The report is received.

2. We wish to record our sincere and deep appreciation and gratitude to Susau Strickland and Norman Brookes for bringing us through safely during the difficult year 1997 to 1998.
3. Conference notes that:
 - (a) the Fiji Advisory Committee is meeting on the 13th March 1999, and
 - (b) the Fijian Ministry continues to receive ministers seconded from Fiji.
4. That the Year 2000 be a year of celebration and thanksgiving to God.
5. Conference recognises and acknowledges Rev. Jione and Ringa Langi's ministry to Fiji people here in New Zealand over 11 years.
6. The following are noted as the representatives of the Fiji Advisory Committee to the various committees during 1999:

Tauiwi Forum	Titilia Fihaki/Akisi Renner
Mission Resourcing Unit	Lupeti Fihaki
Council of Conference	Lupeti Fihaki
Conference	Lupeti Fihaki, Rupeni Balawa, Akisi Renner
Youth Reps to Conference	Rejieli Langi and Laisa Kama
7. That the membership of the Fiji Advisory Committee be amended in the Laws and Regulations, Section 5.32.3, to read as follows:
 - (a) two lay representatives from each of the Wellington, Mt Eden, Khyber Pass and Rotuman Fellowships and one each from Palmerston North, Christchurch, Nelson and Wanganui.
 - (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) as is.
 - (g) Convener, Treasurer and Secretary.
 - (h) Two Fiji Indian representatives.
 - (i) One representative appointed by each of Wellington, Mt Eden, Khyber Pass and Rotuman Women's Fellowship.
8. The Membership of the Fiji Advisory Committee is as printed in the Year Book on page 18.

Question 46: -What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Samoan Synod?

SAMOAN SYNOD

Decisions:

Report pp326-330

1. The report is received.
2. Noting that Conference 1997 decided to continue to fund the Sinoti Samoa through its Connexional budget for the next two financial years, Conference accepts that that funding needs to continue, and approves a dialogue being established between Sinoti Samoa and all District Synods with a view to redirecting levies paid by Samoan

Congregations/Parishes to Sinoti Samoa for its work from the end of June 2000.

3. Conference records its tribute to the work that Rev Tavita Filemoni and members of the Youth Committee, Niuia Aumua, Fuailelagi Samoa Salepolu and Terri Ofa, have done amongst Samoan youth.
4. Conference agrees that:
 - (a) Rev Aso Saleupolu be the Sinoti Samoa Superintendent, and
 - (b) Lani Tupu be Sinoti Samoa's Secretary,each for the next three years.
5. Conference affirms the appointment of the various persons named in the body of the report to Conference, to the various committees.
6. Responding to the Church Commission's report on Diversity, Conference notes that Sinoti Samoa has an on going commitment to the evangelical ethos as a Synod, and as a member of Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa.
7. Conference notes the serious need for funding of the Youth Ministry in the Sinoti Samoa and draws to its attention to the need for financial support toward the continuation of the Samoan Youth Coordinator's position from January 1999.

Question 47:- What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Tongan Advisory Committee?

TONGAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Decisions:

Report pp186-196

1. The report is received.
2. Conference acknowledges the valuable services and leadership of Rev Sione and 'Evaline Ha'angana and family during their ministry within the Methodist Church of New Zealand since 1993 with particular responsibilities to the Auckland/Manukau Tongan Methodist Parish, their support of TAC and the wider church and community. We praise God.
3. Conference acknowledges that the TAC also wishes to record its thanks for the long and efficient service and leadership of the Rev. Stan and Lyn West in their relationship with TAC during his entire time as General Secretary and while President of the Conference.
4. Conference acknowledges with deep appreciation and gratitude:
 - (a) the leadership of Tevita Finau as Convener of the TAC and the support from his wife Valeti, and
 - (b) Kilifi Heimuli, treasurer, and the support of his untiring wife Lolofi, and
 - (c) 'Uha'one Metuisela and Salesi Takau for secretarial services.We praise God in thankfulness.

5. That the following be referred to the Faith and Order Committee:
 - (i) *Conference resolves not to appoint to leadership positions or ordained ministry people who live in an adulterous relationship, whether heterosexual or homosexual, or who are in a "homosexual marriage".*
 - (ii) *Conference notes that the TAC and Tongan Fellowships:*
 - a) *cannot live with the 1997 Conference decisions relating to the reception into Full Connexion of a practising homosexual and the blessing of a same sex marriage or relationship, and*
 - b) *do not recognise or accept practising homosexuals in ordained ministry or in any other church appointment.*
7. Conference notes that members of Tongan Fellowship have sometimes been subject to pressures at various levels which have caused difficulties and division.
8. Conference encourages all Presbyters and Parishes in which there are Tongan Fellowships or members of the TAC, to support the TAC in its role of providing pastoral care for those subjected to the sorts of pressures referred to in decision 7.
9. Conference notes that:
 - (a) its movement towards multiculturalism has begun, but that the TAC and Tongan Fellowships are concerned at the slow rate of progress and would like to see faster implementation, and
 - (b) the TAC and Tongan Fellowships feel disempowered by some aspects of the Bi-cultural Journey, and requests the Council of Conference to facilitate bilateral conversations with the Tongan Advisory Committee to explore concerns regarding the Bicultural journey.
10. Conference notes that for 1999 the TAC office bearers are:
Tevita Finau (Secretary), Kepu Moa (Treasurer), Taniela Moala (Convener).
11. Members of the Executive Committee of TAC for 1999 are:
Tevita Finau, Sione Ha'angana, Moi Kaufononga, Mafua Lolohea, Taniela Moala, Kepu Moa, Siniva Molii, and Samiuela Taufa.
12. The following are noted as the TAC representatives to Church committees and boards:
 - a) Mission Resourcing Unit: Sione Ha'angana (Akl/Manukau Tongan Parish Superintendent).
 - b) Faith & Order Committee: Sione Ha'angana (Akl/Manukau Tongan Parish Superintendent).
 - c) Tauivi Nomination Committee: Taniela Moala (TAC Convener).
 - d) Tauivi Forum: 'Eveli Taungapeau.
 - e) Council of Conference: : 'Eveli Taungapeau.
13. The following are authorised to administer the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion during the year 1999:

Auckland/Manukau: Tevita Kilifi Heimuli, 'Uha'one Metuisela, Sione Tonga

Tawa: Lea Tupou.

Wellington: Sione Palu

Oamaru: Melesitina Kaufana.

14. The Membership of the TAC is as printed in the Year Book on page 24.

Question 48: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Church Union?

FORUM OF COOPERATIVE VENTURES

Decision:

Report pp 161-163

1. The report is received.
2. Conference acknowledges the important contribution of Kathryn McKenzie as Executive Officer of the Forum.
3. Conference welcomes David Ross as the new Executive Officer of the Forum.

Question 49: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Statistics?

STATISTICS

Decision:

Report pp491-503

1. The report is received.

Question 50: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to becoming a Bi-cultural Church?

BI-CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Decisions:

Report pp101-104

1. The Report is received.
2. (a) The Bicultural Committee is disbanded, and
(b) Council of Conference is asked to appoint a small task group to initiate any ongoing annual events and to remain in conversation with the Mission Resourcing Unit and Te Taha Maori.
3. The Administration Division is asked to hold any residual funds, which are to be available to enable ongoing annual events to be held e.g. the Elders Workshop, resourcing for kit-sets for the Elders and the President and Vice President Elect.
4. That any matters either referred to the Bicultural Committee or which, but for its disbanding, would have been referred to it, go in future, in the first instance, to the Council of Conference.

5. The Council of Conference is requested to explore ways and means of providing oversight and promotion of the Bicultural journey of Te Haahi Weteriana.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Decisions: pp 341-345

1. This Conference shall use the process set out in the 1998 Conference reports pp 341-345 for the selection of the President and Vice-President.
2. Conference appoints a representative group to review the role of Presidential leadership in Te Haahi and the process of selection. The Council of Conference shall appoint this group which will reflect on the process used in 1998 and report to Synods and Conference 1999.
3. Conference resolves that members be given the opportunity, during this Conference, to submit reactions to the process used this year, and the Convenor of the Welfare of the Church Committee is asked to arrange preparation and dissemination of a suitable response paper for each member of Conference to receive, complete and return prior to closing of Conference.

Question 51: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Te Taha Maori ?

TE TAHA MAORI

Decisions: Report pp93-100

1. The report is received.
2. Conference acknowledges:
 - (a) The ex-Presidents involvement in pursuing a renewal of the Te Taha Maori/Investment Funds Board lease from Wesley Wellington Mission for Matairangi, 11 Brougham Street, Wellington, which came up for renewal in January 1997.
 - (b) That Wesley Wellington Mission has now agreed to renewal for a period of 10 years on the same terms and encourages Wesley Wellington Mission to facilitate early completion of the formal lease renewal.
3. Conference acknowledges the appointment of Mona Riini as the first Maori woman moderator of the Te Aka Puaho of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa NZ and sends her greetings.
4. Conference notes that the following Methodists will be attending the World Council of Churches' 8th Assembly in Harare, Zimbabwe, in December 1998. John Roberts (delegate), Alison Cable (delegate) Lana Lazarus (additional delegate), Keita Hotere (Youth Steward), Tara Tautari (Youth Advisor).
5. The membership of Hui Poari is as printed in the Year Book on page 7.

6. The membership of Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Haahi is as printed in the Year Book on page 7.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

Decisions:

Report pp205-206

1. The report is received.
2. The membership of the Grey Institute Trust is as printed in the Year Book on page 7.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE & EDUCATION ENDOWMENTS

Decisions:

Report pp309-310

1. The report is received.
2. The membership of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable & Education Endowments is as printed in the Year Book on page 25.

Question 52: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Education?

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Decisions:

Report pp156-157

1. The report is received.
2. Conference, acknowledging that Margaret Hamilton and Winifred Murray complete their term as Tauwi Education Resource People, places on record its appreciation of their leadership and resourcing and wishes them both well.

EMPOWER YOUR YOUTH BOARD

Decisions:

Report pp165-185

1. The report is received.
2. Conference endorses the Empower Your Youth policy and affirms that all English Speaking youth ministry should reflect the content of it, particularly that:
Youth Ministry...
 - Involves young people in all ministry.
 - Is caring, and interested adults taking seriously the spiritual and social needs of younger people.
 - Is the ministry of the whole Church involving all members listening to young people, loving them and sharing the gospel.
 - Needs to start where young people are and reflect their needs.
 - Flourishes when the whole Church nurtures, fosters and encourages spiritual and social development of young people.
3. That Synods and UDC's take time during 1999 to discuss the ways in which youth and children's ministry can be supported and coordinated

in their district, and take the next steps to prepare and implement a plan to achieve support and coordination (note: E.Y.Y. is there to provide assistance in this task and will be preparing resources to aid Synods and UDC's in this task.)

4. That Boards, Committees, Districts, UDC's and Parishes ensure that young people are offered opportunities to use and develop their leadership skills so they can truly feel part of the church, and report progress in achieving this goal to E.Y.Y. during 1999.
5. The Restructuring and Welfare of the Church Committees are asked to examine structures and procedures at every level of decision-making to check that these enable young peoples' representation and participation, and that this representation occurs in a supportive environment.
6. Parishes are asked to utilise worship that is more inclusive of young people (Note: E.Y.Y. would like to hear stories where this is already happening.) "Inclusive" refers to including young people in the planning, preparation, and presentation of worship.
7. That Parishes make use of the resources that will be provided during 1999 to help shape youth ministry.
8. Theological Colleges are asked to provide youth work modules as work with young people is a key mission of the church.
9. That relationships be developed to support children and young people on a life long faith journey. To this end the Mission Resourcing Unit is asked to prepare or co-ordinate the preparation of a guide of resources available for faith development among children, young people and adults.
10. Parishes are asked to review and adjust their expenditure in light of the fact that 33% of the New Zealand population is under 25 years old. (Note: People and financial resources are vital if the church is to relate well to children and young people).
11. Stan Stewart's resource "How to keep the young people you have and get more" is recommended as a resource which people in Parishes and Districts should read.
12. John Heberton is warmly thanked for his convenorship of the Empower Your Youth Board.
13. David Baird is appointed the new Convenor of E.Y.Y.
14. Alan Staite and Audrey Dickinson are thanked for their contribution to the Empower Your Youth Board
15. The Board membership for 1999 is as printed Year Book on page 26.

CHURCHES EDUCATION COMMISSION

Decisions:

Report pp164

1. The report is received.

NOTICE OF MOTION

"As the work of the Churches Education Commission reaches six times more NZ children than all Church programmes combined, we earnestly request Conference to generously increase our annual contribution to the CEC."

2. Conference continues to support the work of the Christian Education Commission and encourages Parishes to do likewise.

Question 53: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Administration Division?

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Decisions:

Report pp283 – 302, Supp. pp371 - 372

1. The report is received
2. Conference shall at all times indemnify the Trustee of the Supernumerary Fund against any loss which might arise from the operation of the Administration Division single Bank Account.
3. Conference notes the reduction in member contribution to the Supernumerary Fund from 10% to 7.5% as well as the increase in the retirement benefit rate to 1.125% of stipend for each year of contribution.
4. Conference records its congratulations and its deep appreciation to Stan West on the completion of a very successful term as General Secretary.
5. That
 - (a) the Board of Administration seek appropriate professional advice about the way in which the process of engagement in and carrying out of Ministry is described in the Laws and Regulations of the Church and in the decisions of Conference, and report to Conference 1999, and
 - (b) the cost of this work be an expense against the fund set aside for legal costs.
6. The Board of Administration notes that Conference has appointed Jill van de Geer as General Secretary, and welcomes her to this task.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

"The Board of Administration (as Trustee of the Supernumerary Fund) advise all members of the Supernumerary Fund:

- (a) *When and why the 1969 clause "may superannuate after 40 years contributions or at age 65" was changed to "normal date of retirement be 65".*
- (b) *When and why it was decided that should a member contribute to the fund for 40 years but not have reached the age of 65 that member, should she/he choose to superannuate after 40 years, receive a reduction of 2 percent for each year she/he is under 65.*
- (c) *The fact that members may now contribute to the fund for more than 40 years should they so desire."*

7. The Notice of Motion is referred to the Board of Administration.
8. The membership of the Board of Administration is found on page 2, of the Year Book.

Question 54: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Investment Board?

INVESTMENT BOARD

Decisions:

Report p267

1. The report is received.
2. The membership of the Investment Board is as prined 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

Decisions:

Report pp261-266

1. The report is received.
2. The Annual Accounts are received.
3. The membership of the Methodist Trust Board is as prined in the Year Book on page 20.

Question 56: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Connexional Trusts?

PACT 2086 TRUST

Decisions:

pp 268-269

1. The report is received.
2. The Annual Accounts are received.

PAC DISTRIBUTION

Decisions:

pp 202-204

1. The report is received.
2. The membership of the PAC Distribution Group is as printed in the Year Book on page 4.

ROBERT GIBSON TRUST

Decisions:

pp 125-126

1. The report is received.
3. Conference notes and approves:
 - (a) the recommended bursaries and grants, as detailed in the report, totalling \$170,600.
 - (b) the Board's intention to increase the Reserve Fund to \$80,000.

4. The membership of the Trust Board is as printed in the Year Book on page 24.

METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY

Decisions:

Supp. pp 373 - 375

1. The report is received.
2. Conference approves that the sum of \$6,500, available for distribution, be applied:
 - (a) as to \$3000 to assist "This 'n' That" both to improve communication within the Connexion and to incorporate into it some of the material issued by the Public Questions Committee, and
 - (b) as to the balance of \$3,500 to assist with communication of material from the Public Questions Committee.
3. Warren Hudson (Convener), Ruth Bilverstone, Derek Laws, Murray Clark, are requested to undertake an extensive review of the purpose, function and the future of the Provident Society, and to report to Synod's, Northland UDC, Taha Maori, and Conference 1999.

Question 57: - What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Connexional Budget?

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

Decision:

pp303-308

1. The report is received.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO CONFERENCE

- 1(a). I report I have received all audited Annual Accounts, for 1998, for Boards and Funds under Conference with the exception of:
- General Purposes Trust
 - Epworth Bookshop
 - Council for Mission & Ecumenical Cooperation
 - Grey Institute Trust
 - Christchurch Methodist Mission
- Other audited Accounts, not required to be presented to Conference, have been placed in the Journal.
- (b) Audit Certificates have not been received from the following Parishes:
- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Auckland Central Parish | Auckland East Parish |
| Takapuna Parish | Waterview Parish |
| East Coast Bays Parish | Howick Pakaranga |
| Papatoetoe Otara | Mangere Otahuhu |
| Hamilton Parish | Tokoroa Parish |
| Te Awamutu | Otorohanga Parish |

Napier Parish	Hastings Parish
Dannevirke Parish	Ashhurst Bunnythorpe Parish
Wellington Central Parish	Hornby Riccarton Parish
Christchurch Methodist Central Mission & Parish	

Question 58: - Who is elected President of the Church for induction at the next Conference?

Rev David Bush, BSc

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 the next Conference?

Nicola Grundy

Question 62: - Who are elected as District Superintendents for the ensuing year?

As printed in the Year Book on page 8f.

Question 63: - Who are elected as Secretaries of Synods for the ensuing year?

As printed in the Year Book on page 9f.

Question 64: - Who are elected as Financial Secretaries of Synods for the ensuing year?

As printed in the Year Book on page 10f.

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) 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

- (b) President's Committee of Advice:
Margaret Hamilton, John Salmon, Norman Brookes, Susan Strickland, David Bush, Nicola Grundy, Jill van de Geer, John Murray, Nga Kaiarahi
- (c) Council of Elders
As found in the Year Book on page 4
- (d) Tauivi Forum
As found in the Year Book on page 24

Question 67: - When and where shall the next Conference be held?
Auckland 6-11 November 1999

Question 68: - When shall the Annual Meeting of Synods be held?
6-8 August 1999

Question 69:

- (a) What is God saying to us now?
- (b) What more can be done to promote the work of God?

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