

YEAR BOOK OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH: 2010-2011

**INCLUDING THE MINUTES
OF THE 203rd ANNUAL MEETING**

**Held at the Hayes Conference Centre,
Swanwick, Derbyshire
from Monday 26th July to Thursday 29th July 2010**

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OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Chairman:	Mr DH SHARROCK
Vice Chairman:	Mr M CLUBB
Senior Minister:	Revd ME DUCKWORTH, BA
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GOVERNING COUNCIL

[Linked responsibilities are listed after the names of the Governing Council]

Chairman	Mr DH SHARROCK	[until 2011]
Vice Chairman	Mr M CLUBB	[until 2013]
Mrs K BROOKS	[until 2012]	[CAM & local churches]
Ms Z BROOKS, BA	[until 2011]	[Finance]
Mr MD HASELER, BSc	[until 2011]	[Purley Chase]
Mr PG SCHOFIELD, MA	[until 2013]	[Human Resources]
Mrs JM WILSON, BA	[until 2013]	[Training & Development]

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Mr GEOFFREY TURNER
Miss DOROTHY TURNER
Mr JAMES DONALD MARSHALL
Mr MICHAEL CLUBB
Mr PATRICK LEONARD JOHNSON
Mr ERIC YATES
Miss BARBARA NICHOLLS, MBE
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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to express, share and experience with others in life an inclusive, non-judgmental vision of God's kingdom.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is of a network of individuals and groups interacting together to share spiritual insight and understanding in an open and non-judgmental way, in order to promote spiritual growth through the application to life of the Word, and the Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg.

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS
BY THE SENIOR MINISTER**

The Revd Mary Duckworth

I LOVE YOU!

On Monday afternoon when I arrived at Conference, I was met by Gwendolen Rowe who handed me a red heart-shaped helium balloon which said, 'I love you'. Knowing this was the theme of Conference she just had to buy it for me. The words were superfluous. Gwendolen's eyes shone: her face radiated love.

How often in the past year has someone said to you, 'I love you'? I don't think anyone has said it to me, except maybe my grand-daughter, 'I love you, grandma.' They are not words I normally say. I don't recall my mother ever saying them to me, although I know my parents loved and trusted me. Trust is more the word I associated with our relationship.

Emboldened by the balloon and clinging tightly to its long ribbon I said to Conference, 'I love you. I love you. I love you.' I love you because the Lord commands us to love each other: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' [John 15.12]. That is not the only reason. I love you because each one of you expresses something of the Lord. You can each show me something of the Lord which he only reveals through you. If I ignore you, I shall miss something of the wholeness the Lord is offering me.

But my love for you is as nothing compared with the Lord's love for you. It is he who really says to you, 'I love you', as we are reminded on the front of our programme – 'You are mine... I will be with you... You are precious...in my sight, and...I love you.' [from Isaiah 43.1-4]. How wonderful to hear the Lord speaking these words to each one of us. This is my favourite Bible passage. It restores my sense of who I am. It tells me how the Lord sees me and how I should see myself. Read Isaiah 43.1-7 for yourself.

- 1 But now, this is what the LORD says--
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

- 2 When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.

- 3 For I am the LORD, your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;
I give Egypt for your ransom,
Cush and Seba in your stead.
- 4 Since you are precious and honoured in my sight,
and because I love you,
I will give men in exchange for you,
and people in exchange for your life.
- 5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
I will bring your children from the east
and gather you from the west.
- 6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'
and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'
Bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the ends of the earth--
- 7 everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made." *Isaiah 43. 1-7*

Rest in the words and let them sink into you... 'You are mine' – I belong, I am part of God's family. When you are in danger, 'I will be with you'. So I don't need to fear, whatever the challenges around me, whatever I am facing at any moment, it is not just up to me. I have the Lord as my strength and my Saviour, my Lord to protect and to save me. 'I am the Lord, your God' - not just anybody, God all-powerful, ever-present, all-loving, the One who is the Be-all and End-all, the One I value more than anything – my God!

'You are precious and honoured in my sight' – I am precious to God. Not only am I precious, but he honours me and is with me. He who made me, honours me, his creation, because he loves me. 'I love you' - it might not matter if anyone else loves me, because he does. But it does matter. We need to love and be loved by each other as well. That is also a way of the Lord loving us. 'Do not be afraid, for I am with you'. He reminds us again of his presence with us.

He will bring together in us our ‘sons’ and ‘daughters’, ‘everyone who is called by my name’ – the qualities in us that are from the Lord: kindness, generosity, honesty, openness, love and goodness. All these things are part of us and with them we will share in his glory. We will glow with his brightness. That is why he ‘formed and made’ these things in us. Love one another and have a glorious week, when his love is shining forth from us. That is why he made us – to shine with his glory.

Another favourite passage I’d like to share with you is Hosea 11.1-4. Please read it.

- 1 "When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
- 2 But the more I called Israel,
the further they went from me.
They sacrificed to the Baals
and they burned incense to images.
- 3 It was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
taking them by the arms;
but they did not realize
it was I who healed them.
- 4 I led them with cords of human kindness,
with ties of love;
I lifted the yoke from their neck
and bent down to feed them." *Hosea 11. 1-4*

If sometimes our Creator seems rather distant from us, this passage brings him close. We can relate to him more easily. He appears as a parent drawing us, his ‘toddlers’, towards him. We have the lovely picture of the Lord as a parent taking hold of the arms of a toddler to help him or her take a step or two. Don’t we wobble as we try to go the Lord’s way, and don’t we need his hold on our arms to steady us, as we try to move towards him?

We shall work with these passages during the Bible Activity sessions, giving us time to absorb the Lord’s words of love for us.

Again in the autumn and for the next year or even two we shall have the opportunity to explore, to become aware of and reflect on God’s love for us and our love for him and each other. This will be in the form of a focus for the

church, which I have called ‘Five Essentials – Aspects of Loving’. I hope everyone in the church and connected with it in any way will focus some time and energy on this very ground of our being – love. If we don’t receive God’s love, if we don’t live by God’s love, what are we? When we are loved, we are empowered beyond belief. We can do more than we can imagine. ‘For nothing is impossible with God.’ [Luke 1.37].

Guidance notes are being produced but the work is yours. If you want your life to be re-energised, re-focused on the Lord’s love, tap into this focus for the church. Make it the focus of your life and love and let the church come alive. Let the Lord bring you and yours to life. Let the Lord say to us all everyday, ‘I love you.’

**MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND THIRD ANNUAL
MEETING OF
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CHURCH**

Monday 26th July 2010

1 In accordance with Minute 65 of the last Annual Meeting, the Conference assembled, as arranged by the Council, at 3.30 p.m. at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, on Monday, 26th July 2010.

2 The Revd Bruce Jarvis led a family service of worship, during which the Pledge of Commitment was repeated as follows:

“I promise to honour the Lord Jesus Christ as the One God of heaven and earth, who is love itself and in whom is the Divine Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I will endeavour to follow the teaching of His Holy Word, contained in the Bible and revealed anew in the theological books of Emanuel Swedenborg.

I will seek to overcome all evils in thought, word and action, and strive to do what is good as if of myself, whilst acknowledging that the saving power to do so comes from the Lord alone.”

3 The Chairman of the Council, Mr David Sharrock, took the chair and welcomed Members to the 203rd Annual Meeting of The General Conference of the New Church.

4 The Chairman appointed Mr Michael Clubb as vice-chairman.

5 The Senior Minister, Revd Mary Duckworth, led a presentation entitled “Where are we now?”

6 The Chairman announced that he had invited Mrs Margaret Presland and Mr John Ford to check the credentials of Voting Members and to supervise the signing of the Conference Roll.

7 The roll, when completed, contained the following names:-

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Chairman	David Sharrock
Vice-Chairman	M Clubb
Members	K M Brooks Zoe Brooks M D Haseler P G Schofield Judith M Wilson
Officers	Michael Hindley Nigel K Sutton

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Geoffrey Turner
Patrick L Johnson
David R A Friend
G Roland Smith
Mary Burnley
G S Kuphal
E J Chambers

MINISTERS

M E Duckworth
Robert A Gill
Ian Russell
Leslie Chambers
Michael W Stanley
Chris Jackson
Clifford Curry
Bruce R Jarvis
D A Lomax
G L Gordon
R M Russell
D Gaffney
C Bank
H T Brown
J Dunion
Catherine Lauber

REPRESENTATIVES

Accrington	J M Shaw
Blackpool	C T Wilson
Bournemouth	L M Pierpoint, Stephen Thomas, M Stevenson

Bradford	J E Millar, Trevor Millar
Brightlingsea	I Hindley, Frances Fisher
Burnley	S Wilson
Dalton	Janet Jessop, Jean Mrozek
Derby	B Clubb, Barbara J Bentley, G C Bentley
Kearsley	J E Ford, S Kennion
Keighley	P N Brooks
Kensington	L F Wells
West Wickham	Hilda Johnson, Lara Nicholls
Paisley	J Alan Bowie
Seaburn Dene	M Bell, H A Nicholls
Southend	B W Fordham

NON-SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES

Bournemouth	Marion P Curry
Bradford	G Rowe
Burnley	Barbara A Stanley
Chester & Wallasey	Helen Newton, Rebecca M Jarratt
Derby	Enid B Nicholls, Stephen Jones, Jenny Jones
Kensington	Susan Friend, Howard W Turner, Barry D Friend
Seaburn Dene	Edith K Schofield, Tonia M Osborne
West Wickham	Alan Misson, Ann Skinner, C V Skinner, M Misson

AREA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

London and Southern	Dorothy Margison
North-West Manchester	Pauline Grimshaw
Yorkshire and North-East	Walter Richardson, Madeleine Taylor

CENTRAL REGISTER MEMBERS

Margaret Presland
 Bryan Brown
 J Chadwick
 Clive Goalen
 Maeve Hawkins
 Jeff Lomax
 Sally Ross
 P M Russell
 Peter M Wilson
 K M Freyhan

8 *Resolved:* That Mrs Barbara Fordham be appointed to superintend the order of business in co-operation with the Chairman and the Chief Executive.

9 *Resolved:* That Mr Gordon Kuphal, Mr David Friend and Mrs Jean Chambers be a Committee to co-operate with the Chairman and the Chief Executive in revision of the Minutes; Secretary, Mr Kuphal.

10 *Resolved:* That, as an experiment for Conference 2010, Rule C3, requiring the appointment of a Nomination Secretary, be suspended.

11 The Conference, having been informed that Mrs Margaret Presland Senior had passed into the spiritual world,

Resolved: that the Conference expresses its high regard for Mrs Presland and her various services to the Lord's Church, and requests that a copy of the Memorial Notice be forwarded to the family, with the sympathy and good will of the members of Conference.

12 The Chief Executive drew attention to the messages displayed for the information of the Annual Meeting received from:- Revd Ian A. Arnold, Revd Julian C. and Mrs Ruth Duckworth, Revd Christopher V. A. Hasler, Revd John M. and Mrs Jenny Sutton and Mr Don Marshall.

Resolved: That the Conference, through the Chairman, sends greetings and best wishes at his discretion to those named above.

13 The Chairman appointed Mr David Haseler as vice-chairman.

14 The Vice-Chairman of the Council, Mr Michael Clubb, made a presentation about volunteering.

15 The Chairman appointed Mr Peter Schofield to the chair and Mrs Kathie Brooks as vice-chairman.

16 At 8.00 p.m. the Chairman of the Council introduced a session entitled "Where are we going?"

17 At 9.15 p.m. vespers were conducted by the Revd David Gaffney.

Tuesday 27th July 2010

18 At 9.30 a.m. the morning session was opened with family worship led by the Revd Catherine Lauber.

19 The Chairman appointed Mrs Kathie Brooks to the chair and Mr Peter Schofield as vice-chairman.

20 The Revd Mary Duckworth, Senior Minister, introduced the programme 'Five Essentials – Aspects of Loving', and discussion followed.

21 Bible Activity groups met to consider one of two passages from the Word – Isaiah 43, 1-7 and Hosea 11, 1-4. Areas explored covered art, discussion, hymn writing, meditation, music, poetry, singing and sacred dance. The groups reported back to Conference after lunch.

22 Mr G Roland Smith spoke about the set of twenty-five illustrations which he had designed and produced for the Apocalypse Study Group and which were being exhibited in full for the first time. This was followed by contributions from some members of the Group to the presentation on the Book of Revelation.

23 At 8.00 p.m. the following parallel interest groups were held:
Sacred Dance led by Revd Rita Russell,
Internet Church led by Revd Jack Dunion,
Spiritual Healing led by Mr Peter Spaul & Revd Gillian Gordon,
The Annual Meeting of the New Church Historical Society.

24 At 9.15 p.m. vespers were led by the Revd Helen Brown.

Wednesday 28th July 2010

25 The morning session was opened with family worship led by Mr Alan Misson.

26 The Chairman appointed Mr David Haseler to the chair and Mr Peter Schofield as vice-chairman.

27 The Revd Robert Gill presented the Report of the Ministers' Committee.

Resolved: That the arrangements contained in Rule C8(b) be referred to the Governing Council in order that the Rule may be amended and a revised Rule be brought before the Annual Meeting in 2011.

Resolved: That the following are hereby declared to be the Ministers recognized by the Conference:

*Retired or not in active service	#Overseas	
Ordaining Ministers	ORDAINED	INDUCTED
The Senior Minister,		
Mary Elizabeth Duckworth, B.A	July 10, 1996	July 27, 2006
* Christopher Vincence Alexander Hasler	June 20, 1951	July 19, 1980
* Norman Ryder	June 24, 1964	July 30, 1985
* Robert Arthur Gill	June 30, 1970	July 25, 1990
* Ian Russell	July 22, 1983	July 23, 2001
Ministers	ORDAINED	
* John Edward Elliott, B.A., B.D.	June 23, 1954	
*# John Emanuel Teed	June 23, 1954	
*# Edward Bruce Williams	June 8, 1955	
* Leslie Chambers, B.A., Ph.D.	June 27, 1956	
*# Ian Allan Arnold	June 30, 1965	
*# John Maitland Sutton, B.Ag.Sc.	June 30, 1970	
(served as an Ordaining Minister 1996 to 2001)		
* Michael William Stanley, M.Sc., Ph.D.	June 27, 1971	
* Owen Christopher Emmerson Jackson	Feb. 1, 1978	
*# Trevor Alexander Moffat, B.A.	July 15, 1978	
* John David Allsopp	July 15, 1978	
# Julian Clayton Duckworth	July 19, 1980	
# Richard John Keyworth	June 23, 1982	
Clifford Curry, B.Sc	July 22, 1983	
* Bruce Roger Jarvis	July 30, 1985	
* Brian Mark Talbot, B.A.	July 26, 1989	
* Geoffrey Clarkson, B.A.	July 26, 1989	
David Andrew Lomax, B.A.	July 28, 1994	
*# David Allan Moffat, B.Mus.	July 23, 1997	
Gillian Lindsey Gordon	July 5, 2000	
* Rita Mary Russell	July 25, 2001	
David Edward Gaffney, B.Sc	July 29, 2004	
Rebecca Esther Florence Byrne	Sept 18, 2004	
Christine Anne Bank	July 31, 2008	
Helen Thelma Brown	July 30, 2009	
Jack Dunion	July 30, 2009	

Anne Elizabeth Clarkson	1991
Eric Yates	1991
Michael Clubb	1991
Robert Joseph Kirk	1991
Alfred Maer	1991
James Donald Marshall	1991
David Richard Alfred Friend	1992
Geoffrey Turner	1992
Willie Huggins	1992
Kathryn Mary Brooks	1993
Phillip Nicholas Brooks	1993
Frances Mary Burnley	1993
Maurice Garnett	1993
Alan Christopher Misson	1994
Pamela Joy Moffat	1995
Clive Goalen	1995
James Alan Bowie	2001
Constance Thelma Wilson	2001
Peter Michael Wilson	2001
Doreen Metcalfe	2003
Judith Margaret Wilson	2003
Pauline Ann Grimshaw	2004
Jan Millar	2004
Trevor Millar	2004
Recognised as a Lay Pastor 2008	
Madeleine Mary Josephine Taylor	2004
Stephen Thomas	2005
Recognised as a Lay Pastor 2009	
Kittie Methuen-Jones	2006
Jean Mrozek	2006
Nigel Sutton	2006
Richard Lines	2007
Helen Newton	2007
David Haseler	2007
Peter Schofield	2007
Rebecca Jarratt	2008
Accredited Worship Leaders	
Derrick Pearce	1999
Bev Johnson	1999
Mary Brigg	2000
Enid Nicholls	2000

Diane Lewin	2002
Jonathan Armitage	2003
George Hunt	2003
Janet Benson	2003
Dorothy Margison	2004
Gwendolen Rowe	2004
Howard Turner	2004
Linda Wells	2006
Grant Brackley	2006
David Brooks	2006
Michael Hindley	2006
Kathie Freyhan	2007
Janet Jessop	2007
David Sharrock	2008

Lay Preachers recognised for service in Mauritius

Jacques Danjoux	1991
Clifford Phanjoo	1991
Evelyne Eynaud	2005
Yves Radhanuth	2005

31 *Resolved:* That the following are hereby declared to be the Authorised Celebrants for the Sacraments and Ceremonies recognised by the Conference:

Mr Alf Maer - Baptism, Holy Supper, Marriages and Funerals.
 Mr Geoff Cunningham - Baptism, Holy Supper, Marriages.
 Mr Pat Johnson - Holy Supper and Funerals.
 Mr Alan Misson - Holy Supper and Funerals.
 Mrs. Mary Burnley - Holy Supper and Funerals.
 Mrs Anne Clarkson - Holy Supper.
 Mr Maurice Garnett - Holy Supper.
 Mr Philip Brooks - Holy Supper and Funerals.
 Mr Stephen Russell-Lacy - Holy Supper and Funerals.
 Mr Peter Schofield - Baptism and Funerals.
 Miss Doreen Metcalfe - Holy Supper and Funerals.
 Mr David Sharrock - Holy Supper and Funerals.
 Mr David Friend - Holy Supper and Funerals.
 Mr Trevor Millar - Baptism, Holy Supper and Funerals.
 Dr Geoffrey Bentley - Baptism, Holy Supper and Funerals.
 Mr Michael Clubb - Baptism, Holy Supper and Funerals.
 Mr Peter Wilson - Holy Supper and Funerals.

Mrs Thelma Wilson - Baptism, Holy Supper.
Mrs Madeleine Taylor - Baptism, Holy Supper and Funerals.
Miss Gwendolen Rowe - Holy Supper.
Mrs Kathryn Brooks - Funerals.
Mrs Pauline Grimshaw - Baptism, Holy Supper and Funerals.
Mrs Jean Mrozek - Holy Supper and Funerals.
Mrs Marion Curry - Holy Supper and Funerals.
Mr Stephen Thomas - Holy Supper and Funerals.
Mr David Brooks - Funerals.
Mr Alan Bowie - Holy Supper.
Mr Nigel Sutton - Baptism and Holy Supper.
Mr Gordon Kuphal - Holy Supper.

32 *Resolved:* That the Report of the Ministers' Committee be adopted.

33 The Chairman appointed Ms Zoë Brooks to the chair and acted as vice-chairman.

34 Mr Nigel Sutton presented the Report of the Treasurer.

35 *Resolved:* That the Treasurer's Report, the Balance Sheet and the Accounts be adopted.

36 The Chairman appointed the Mr Michael Clubb to the chair and Mrs Judith Wilson as vice-chairman.

37 Mr David Sharrock presented the Report of the Council.

38 Mr Peter Schofield and Mrs Judith Wilson were declared to be members of the Governing Council until 2013.

39 *Resolved:* That BW Business Services Ltd of The Mills, Canal Street, Derby, be appointed auditors to the Conference.

40 *Resolved:* That the proposed Rules, Section R, Purley Chase Centre, produced to the meeting and signed for the purposes of identification by the Chairman, be adopted.

41 *Resolved:* That the Report of the Council and the Statistical Table be adopted.

42 *Resolved:* That the Revd Catherine Lauber be appointed to arrange, in consultation with the Senior Minister, and to lead, the Conference service at the next Annual Meeting.

43 The Chairman resumed the chair and appointed Mr David Haseler as vice-chairman.

44 Short presentations were made by representatives of:

- Purley Chase Centre
- The Workshop Planning group
- Young families activities
- The New Church Youth Association
- The Committee for Auxiliary Ministry
- The Swedenborg Open Learning Centre.

45 At 8 p.m. a social, including children's games, singing and participative dancing, was held.

46 At 9.30 p.m. vespers were conducted by the Revd Jack Dunion.

Thursday 29th July 2010

47 The Chairman took the chair and appointed Mr Michael Clubb as vice-chairman.

48 A number of speakers contributed to a review of the Annual Meeting.

49 *Resolved:* That next year's Annual Meeting be held for four days/three nights.

50 *Resolved:* That in accordance with the Council's proposal the 204th Annual Meeting be held at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, starting on Monday, 25th July 2011.

51 *Resolved:* That the warm thanks of the Conference be conveyed to all those responsible for making arrangements for the Meeting, in particular Mrs Enid Nicholls (the booking secretary), Mrs Jan Millar (the secretary of the Conference Planning Committee), Mr David Glover, Information Communication Technology Manager, Mrs Jenny Jones and all those involved in enabling and planning for families to be present at the meeting, and Mrs Barbara Bentley for the beautiful floral arrangements.

52 *Resolved:* That the warm thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Minutes Committee for their conscientious work in producing the minutes of the meeting.

53 *Resolved:* That the warm thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Chairman of the Council, Mr David Sharrock, and to the chairmen and vice-chairmen appointed by him, for their conduct of the Annual Meeting.

54 *Resolved:* That the warm thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Chief Executive for his work in preparing and planning the Annual Meeting that ensured its smooth running.

55 Mrs Jenny Jones introduced the work of the children undertaken during the annual meeting.

56 The session concluded with the Chairman's closing remarks.

57 At 11.15 a.m. the Conference Service including Family Holy Supper, conducted by the Revd Michael Stanley and the Revd Christine Bank, was held in the Main conference hall of the Hayes Conference Centre.

There were 112 communicants.

The offertory for Conference funds amounted to £1,980.87 when income tax had been recovered under Gift-Aid.

58 The Minutes of this Annual Meeting were verified.

59 The Annual Meeting closed at 3:32 p.m.

Signed:

David Sharrock	Chairman
Michael Hindley	Chief Executive
Gordon Kuphal	Minutes Committee

REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL 2009-2010

SECTION 1 – CENTRAL TOPICS

1 MEMBERSHIP

1.1 The Council held six meetings during the year, including two short meetings during the Annual Meeting, with the following attendances:

Chairman:	Mr DH Sharrock	6	
Vice-Chairman:	Mr M Clubb	6	
Trustees	Mrs K Brooks	5	
	Ms Z Brooks	6	
	Mr MD Haseler	6	
	Mr PG Schofield	5	
	Mrs JM Wilson	6	
	Mr E Baxendale	1	1 possible

In attendance were:

Chief Executive:	Mr MJ Hindley	6	
Treasurer:	Mr NK Sutton	6	
Senior Minister:	Revd ME Duckworth	6	
Ministry	Revd DA Lomax	5	5 possible
Representatives	Revd C Lauber	1	1 possible

Miss SG Ross attended part of the December meeting and, as part of her duties as Company Accountant, will attend parts of subsequent meetings.

The Council records its appreciation for service on the Council of Mr Peter Schofield since 1992 who will seek re-election. It is also appreciative of the service, since 2004, of Mrs Judith Wilson who will also seek re-election. The period of office of the remaining members of the Council are: Mr David Sharrock [Chairman] until 2011; Mr Michael Clubb [Vice-Chairman] until 2013; Mrs Kathie Brooks until 2012; Ms Zoe Brooks and Mr David Haseler until 2011. The Council also appreciated the service of the Revd David Lomax who is now replaced by the Revd Catherine Lauber.

This year the annual meeting would have been able to elect two Councillors for three years, and one Councillor for two years as the remaining period of the outstanding vacancy from last year. However at the closing date for nominations, as specified in Rule L3, only those for Peter Schofield and Judith Wilson had been received. This means that there will again be a vacancy on the Council.

2 GENERAL REVIEW

The Ministers' Committee was unable to identify candidates for appointment as Senior Minister. It appointed a sub-group to review the workload of the Senior Minister and subsequently allocated various roles to other ministers. The Council records its appreciation of the leadership of the Revd Mary Duckworth as Senior Minister during the last four years and has subsequently appointed Mrs Duckworth as Senior Minister for a further year from July 2010 in the now reduced role. Mrs Duckworth offered a programme based on the Five Priorities to the church for the next two or three years to find a new sense of being. With the allocation of some responsibilities to other ministers the Committee decided that a Deputy Senior Minister was not required and the Council accepted this view.

The Council has spent considerable time in considering how to minimise the financial constraints on the Conference. It remains hopeful that with the measures already taken and assuming its costs continue to fall the Conference will be back in a 'break even' position by 2014/2015. A revised leaflet about making a legacy in a will was distributed during the year.

3 LINK MEMBERS

The link member principle has been continued and the links are Mrs K Brooks, CAM and local churches; Ms Zoe Brooks, Finance; Mr David Haseler, Purley; Mr Peter Schofield, Human Resources; and Mrs Judith Wilson, Communication and Development. Useful exchanges of information also take place with ministerial links: Training & Development, Revd David Lomax; Finance, Revd Clifford Curry; Human Resources & Youth, Revd Gill Gordon; CAM & local churches, Revd Christine Bank; Purley, Revd David Gaffney; Communications, Revd Catherine Lauber.

4 COMMUNICATIONS & WEB SITES

www.generalconference.org.uk	News, information [intra-net]
www.new-church-lifeline.org.uk	Lifeline
www.purleychasecentre.org.uk	Purley Chase
www.swedenborg-openlearning.org.uk	SOLCe/New Church College
www.spiritualwisdom.org.uk	Outreach site
www.swedenborg.org.uk	The Swedenborg Society

The Spiritual Wisdom web site continues to receive around 120 visitors each day or about 3600 per month. The bookshop, provided at no cost in association with Amazon, still generates very few orders and an 'In-House' bookshop to sell products directly with payment via PayPal has proved no better. In the year from 16th May 2009 to 15th May 2010 there were 41,039 visitors in total to Spiritual Wisdom and a total of 106,475 pages were viewed.

The Bookshop page was only viewed 407 times or about 0.4% of total pages, so we seem to have a problem making this part of the site attractive to visitors.

A donations facility has now been added to the home page to allow visitors to make a donation of their choice. The system is operated using PayPal which receives a small commission from each donation but users do not have to have a PayPal account.

**PURLEY CHASE CENTRE
ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE PURLEY MANAGEMENT TEAM 2009 – 2010**

5.1 THE TEAM

Michael Clubb	Chairman	Nigel Sutton	Treasurer
Anne Gaffney	Manager	Sally Ross	Accountant
David Gaffney	Programme Director	David Haseler	Secretary

Sally Ross, with the approval of the Council, became a full member of the Team during the year.

The Team is supported by the competent housekeeping team of Sue Earp, Stella Stephenson and Chris Ross.

5.2 EVENTS

The year 2009 was a transforming year for the new Purley, building on the work of the two previous years. There has been some increase in both the number of Conference-sponsored events and of the number of people attending these. Feedback shows that people generally value these events and benefit from their attendance at them.

There has also been a significant increase in the number of outside events, mostly of a spiritual nature, that do not appear in the Purley brochure. Encouragingly, Purley is becoming increasingly well-known as a result of personal recommendations and of advertising. One person even came as the result of a chance meeting on a cruise ship!

A new notice board at the entrance to the grounds invites passers-by to drop in for a drink and cake, and there has been an increasing number during the year. There are also people staying over to take advantage of the calm welcoming atmosphere. Many people have been influenced by the clearly Christian surroundings, and have wanted to find out more about the New Church. It is a bonus that both Anne Gaffney and Sally Ross are able to talk about the church, but we have recognised the advantage of having David Gaffney, an ordained minister, in residence. He frequently enters into long

discussions with people, usually on their initiative and often late in the evening and he has also given talks to several visiting outside groups.

The positive response to the Centre and its activities is shown in the large increase in donations during the year to £25,318 from £7,887 in 2008-09.

We believe that we are reaching the limit of utilisation with the existing staff because of the need to clean the building between events and to allow staff to have time off. There are no plans to increase the number of staff. The Team is trying to increase the utilisation of Purley by hosting 2 different groups at the same time; this has occurred on 5 occasions during the year.

We have been encouraging Societies to arrange weekends at Purley, and this year we have had a repeat visit by the North East and Yorkshire Area Council in addition to the longstanding Derby visits. The London churches and Kearsley have booked weekends in 2010.

David Gaffney's regular service on the first Sunday of each month welcomes a regular congregation, sometimes supplemented by visitors staying in the Centre. Also, by request of local visitors, David is running a discussion group every other Thursday.

5.3 FINANCE

There was a deficit of £23,945 in the year, which would have been reduced to £13,820 if no subsidy were given to Conference and General Church events. This is a significant improvement on the 2008-09 deficit of £42,135, reflecting the higher usage and the large increase in donations.

5.4 BUILDING AND GROUNDS

(a) General

There are always repairs and improvements that are needed. These are done by the Team whenever possible, but it is sometimes necessary to use contractors. We are gradually developing a register of local trades people whom we can call in at short notice in emergencies knowing that we can have confidence in their workmanship and charges.

(b) Trees

As a result of the sudden breakage of a major branch on the beech tree, the Team decided that it was essential to have an authoritative survey carried out of the other trees in the grounds in view of our duty of care. A professional arboriculturist examined one hundred and one of the two hundred trees, concentrating on those near the road and footpath and in the areas accessible to visitors, and reported on the work required to restore them to a healthy and safe condition.

The six trees needing attention within 6 months have been dealt with by a tree surgeon together with all the trees near to the road and public footpath. Three trained volunteers have dealt with five other trees within the grounds.

5.5 RESIDENTIAL TRIAL

Following a trial at three diverse events during the Summer, the Council, on the recommendation of the Purley Team, decided not to go ahead with the proposal to ask all visitors to pay donations rather than a fixed cost in view of the disappointing result at the adult event. However, to encourage children to attend the Summer Camps, both of these will continue to rely on donations once the deposits have been paid.

The initial reason for holding the trial was to avoid crossing the threshold at which VAT would need to be levied on the charges to all visitors, but subsequent advice from a VAT consultant was that the turnover on events classed as ‘for relevant charitable purpose’ meant that the turnover for VAT purposes was significantly reduced thus avoiding the need to register.

5.6 THANKS

The Team wishes to thank the dedicated, hard-working and cheerful staff who ensure that the Centre runs smoothly and makes it such a welcoming place for visitors. Our thanks are also due to the many volunteers who maintain the grounds and help with work to the building.

Michael Clubb
Chairman

David Haseler
Secretary

6 INQUORATE SOCIETIES

The advice from the Conference solicitor about regularising the position of inquorate societies is being gradually implemented. So far, Heywood and Stockport have now held special general meetings of members that decided to discontinue as societies and be converted to groups. The solicitor has subsequently advised that the funds of such inquorate societies should be deemed to be “restricted to capital” instead of “designated funds” and so clearly derived from that society in case the group should ever be in a position to re-form as a society.

The Council will bring proposals before a future Extraordinary General Meeting to enable newly formed groups to appoint representatives to Annual Meetings of Conference. In the meantime members of such groups can still attend and vote under Article 11 [j] which provides for not more than twenty-five Members who are not members of any society to vote.

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer, Mr Nigel Sutton reports on the Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2010 and the Balance Sheet as at that date, subject to audit:

Summary of Results

It is now almost 3 years since the sub-prime mortgage collapse occurred in August 2007. Over the past two years the Governing Council has had to make difficult decisions, as the UK Government is currently facing, albeit on a very different scale. However one of the direct effects on Conference during the recession has been that our cash flow has been threatened since we have been unable to sell properties that have been on the market for nearly three years, at a time when our net deficits have reached record levels.

Without cash from property sales, Conference could only look towards cutting costs; increasing income and/or accepting bridging loans.

It is therefore most encouraging that donations have increased and costs have been cut significantly, whilst the repayment of loans have been generously postponed for a time.

Income

Income from Investments fell by only 2% during the year, which against the very low bank base rate of 0.5% was far better than expected. However, the significant increase was in Donations with Purley Chase receiving £25,318; members contributed nearly £4,000 towards the cost of the AGM; and £10,000 was donated anonymously towards the future cost of ordination training; together with many other increased annual donations.

Expenditure

Overall expenditure has fallen by £76,612, where the most significant reduction was in the cost of Human Resources by £64,308. This was as a result of two ordination students completing their courses during the year and no longer being paid a grant, and by a reduction in staff, including two ministers generously electing to become non-stipendiary. There was also a reduction in Housing costs compared to the high expenditure incurred in the previous year.

Finally, the total of Central costs have fallen by 46% to £15,682, mainly as a result of discontinuing the agency fee paid to New Church House, together with the decision to cease to finance Overseas activities.

Purley Chase

Revenue and Expenditure for Purley Chase (excluding depreciation) are included under separate headings in the Income and Expenditure Account

and a separate Profit and Loss Statement, which will show a reduced loss for the year of £23,945 compared to £42,135 last year, will be presented as a note to the accounts.

Balance Sheet

The Council has agreed to hold the following funds as 'Designated Funds', Missionary Society (now called 'Marketing and Resources'), Preston; and Ordination Students.

During the year the Trusteeship of the Accrington premises was transferred to Conference and the book value of £90,710 is included in the Income and Expenditure Account under the 'Other' revenue items.

The Council acknowledges the satisfactory performance of the Investment Portfolios managed by Newton Investment Managers (CIF) and Rathbones (Conference Free Investments) which have performed during the year as follows:

Newton increased the Capital Value by £1,016,730 to a Market Value of £4,592,782 returning a yield of 4.64% with Rathbones increasing Market Value by £490,877 to a Valuation of £1,644,299 yielding 3.44%.

Future Forecast

The financial prospects for the ensuing year remain uncertain. The budget will clearly reduce the disposable income for many of the population; of those employed, of the increasing number of unemployed and of pensioners. Although we may have seen the first green shoots of movement in the domestic property market, the commercial market remains depressed. The prospect for growth therefore is probably two years away and 2010/11 is most likely to conclude with a similar operating deficit to this year.

8 STAFF & REMUNERATION

In 2009/2010 the total of stipends, telephone and broadband expenses, paid to six ministers was £155,236 and in addition two ministers elected to become non-stipendiary. In 2009/2010 the total of salaries, telephone and broadband expenses paid to eleven lay employees was £209,204 including three staff at Purley Chase paid on hourly rates. These figures include people employed for part of the year.

In 2009/2010 the rate of inflation was negative and so no increase in stipends or salaries was approved. The Council did however approve a 1% increase from 1 April 2010 because the average weekly earnings index was up by 0.8%.

9 MEMBERSHIP OF CONFERENCE

The process by which applicants are admitted into membership on the Central Register has been reviewed in consultation with the Committee of Ministers and it is hoped that whenever possible some form of service of worship could be involved in future.

Following consultation with the Conference solicitor the Council has asked the Rules Committee to prepare an amendment to the Articles of Association for submission to a future Extraordinary General Meeting about an appeals procedure regarding the removal of Members.

10 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SERVICE

The Council consulted the Ministers' Committee regarding Rule C8(b) which provides for a ballot to select "a minister to arrange in consultation with the Senior Minister, and to lead, a public service of worship at the next Annual Meeting". The Committee recommended that the Annual Meeting be asked to decide whether the present practice should continue or whether the nomination and ballot be dropped in favour of the Senior Minister in consultation with the Ministers' Committee assuming this responsibility

11 COSTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING & FAMILY CONFERENCE

In response to questions at last year's Conference the breakdown of the actual costs of holding the annual meeting was published on the front and back pages of the January 2010 *Lifeline*. The Council has received generous offers of financial assistance from the Bournemouth Society and the New Church Youth Association to support and enable a Swanwick-style family Conference of at least three nights to continue into the future.

The Council was pleased to formalise the role undertaken by Mrs Jenny Jones and has appointed her as Family Coordinator to take a lead in such matters.

The Purley Management Team reported to the Council that after further consideration it had unanimously agreed it was impossible to hold a 4 day, 3 night, family conference in 2011 or other years at Purley Chase as envisaged at the 2009 annual meeting. Catering for this duration and for the numbers involved was not possible. Provisional reservations have been made for future conferences at The Hayes, Swanwick, for 25-29 July 2011, 23-27 July 2012, and 22-26 July 2013 and minimal, non-returnable, deposits have been paid. The accommodation at The Hayes is being extended and improved. The 2010 Conference will consider the effectiveness of the reduced length of the annual meeting.

12 OFFICER SUCCESSION PLANNING

The Council has considered at length how the different organisational needs of the Conference can continue after the retirement of the Chief

Executive in June 2011 and in view of the decision not to replace employees because of the need to balance finances. It was decided that the overall job of the CEO should be ‘broken down’ into smaller, discrete roles, so that the work may continue in a different way and to seek volunteers for these reduced roles. Initial ideas for such roles will be presented at the annual meeting.

The Conference finances were reviewed as the Treasurer’s work is now shared with a Company Accountant. Also, as part of the need to balance the finances, the future role of a Treasurer on a voluntary basis from October 2011 will be presented at the annual meeting.

13 STRATEGIC PLANNING & VISION

The Council spent time discussing the changing organisational needs of the Conference, strategic planning and the stepping out session, as discussed at the last annual meeting, and it was agreed that visioning was never easy. The needs of the Conference are changing so quickly and it is often difficult to respond adequately to such changes. It was accepted that open minds were needed as many difficult issues were discussed during the year.

The Council has been kept informed of the Committee of Ministers discussions about visioning and structure.

14 EDUCATION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council has reviewed education responsibilities in liaison with CAM and SOLCe; these are intended to strengthen existing links between the three bodies and, in particular, to promote the working relationship between CAM and SOLCe. Discussions are to be held to finalise the priorities for training, to decide how to encourage people to take part, and to decide the amount of funding that is available. It is intended that the programme should start in the current year.

15 MINISTERIAL ISSUES

15.1 REPRESENTATION ON GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Council approved the attendance of an additional ministerial representative at its meetings. For ease of continuity and, in recognition of her appointment as Secretary of the Ministers’ Committee from 2011, it has also now agreed that the Revd Christine Bank attend its meetings in place of the Senior Minister. Revd Catherine Lauber will also continue as a second ministerial representative until summer 2011.

15.2 NON-STIPENDIARY MINISTRY

The Council records its appreciation of the generosity of the Revds Mary Duckworth and Clifford Curry in electing to become non-stipendiary; these decisions substantially improve the financial position of Conference.

16 INTERNET CHURCH

The Council was pleased to approve a proposal from the Scottish Association for an internet church project. This will enable a trial period to be funded by the Scottish Association as an outreach project and operated through the Paisley Bridge project under the leadership of the Revd Jack Dunion.

17 MISSIONARY SOCIETY & OUTLOOK

Following on from the report last year that the funds of the Missionary Society have been transferred to Conference, the Society was removed from the register of charities on 11 August 2009.

The Council discussed the distribution and printing of *Outlook*. Approximately 1,050 copies are distributed at an annual cost of around £6,000 including postage. Research has shown that many of these copies are not wanted by recipients, or are sent in excess to societies. This is half of the current investment income received from the funds of the former Missionary Society. The Council had agreed that Conference would pay for the distribution and the Missionary Society pay for the printing. The Council was aware that a previous decision to cease printing *Outlook* had been raised at an annual meeting of Conference and the subsequent report produced by Mrs Hilda Johnson and Mr Gordon Kuphal led to the sharing of the printing and distribution costs. The Council was concerned about the cost of printing and distribution especially in such a difficult financial climate. Recognising that the editor would have some available copy for at least one more issue the Council decided that the publication and distribution of *Outlook* should cease after the spring 2010 issue. The Council records its appreciation of the work of Mr Roland Smith in editing and producing *Outlook* since its inception.

18 LIFELINE EDITOR'S REPORT

The Editor, Mr Alan Misson reports:

This is now my 11th year as Editor of Lifeline and I am happy to say that its production remains a relatively straightforward task. The new A5 format has been used since April 2009 and as far as I can tell the changeover has been generally accepted as a positive step. One of the noticeable advantages is that full colour is available on the back and front and I am pleased that there are readers happy to submit copy and photographs to utilise this opportunity. Unfortunately there are times when I have to resort to my own source of pictures so please, if you take part in any event or activity that can be reported on with pictures, don't hesitate to send them to me.

The other major change that has now settled in is the way distribution has been organised. This used to be undertaken by North of England New Church House but is now very effectively and efficiently run by Howard

Turner from the Kensington New Church premises. Problems have arisen from time to time over the delivery arrangements from the printer including the mistaken delivery of a mobile phone rather than the copies of Lifeline which had been delivered elsewhere! But generally everything works very smoothly. To give an idea of this, just consider the speed of printing and distribution of the June 2010 issue. The copy was sent by email to the printer on Saturday 22nd May. The bulk delivery of Lifelines to Howard Turner at Kensington then took place on the morning of Thursday 27th May and Howard had them all posted out later that afternoon!

Lifeline is also available online from **www.new-church-lifeline.org.uk** as well as an increasing number of other resources. Recently provision has been made on the web site to enable donations to be made for certain of these resources as well as towards the general costs of producing Lifeline and maintaining the web site.

19 APOCALYPSE PAINTINGS

The Council was pleased to approve expenditure for the framing and mounting of these paintings to enable public exhibitions to be held in America and in the UK. The appeal for sponsorship of these costs has been successful with some donations already received. The Council congratulates Mr G Roland Smith on his considerable work in producing the paintings.

20 MARKETING & RESOURCES GROUP

The Group reports:

This group's aim is to bring spiritual ideas from a Swedenborgian perspective to the wider public. It has emerged from what was the Missionary Society and then temporarily last year called itself the Publishing Group. Publishing of books, leaflets and a magazine is likely to still be part of its remit but with the changes in communication we recognise that we also need to be producing material for the internet (ezines, blogs, websites, youtube videos are all possibilities), plus CDs and DVDs. This sounds quite a challenge but exciting work for the future. We have attracted people to the group who are interested in helping with these projects and the first meeting of this new group will be in June when priorities from the list above will be agreed. Members are: Stephen Russell-Lacy (chairperson), Pat Johnson, Colin Skinner, Helen Newton, Nigel Sutton, Helen Brown and David Lomax, with the opportunity to call on expertise from Chris Chambers, Alan Misson and Sam Kennion when needed.

Briefly the work of the Publishing Group over the last year has been to:

- discuss potential markets and the importance of knowing your market before producing any resource.

- after consultation with the Governing Council, to rename itself and recruit new members.
- publish *Discovering David* by Ian Johnson as an electronic book, with a link to other New Church publishers in N. America and Australia. There were 65 downloads in the first 3 months.
- advertise *Heart, Head and Hands* and the spiritual growth course '*I stand at the door and knock*' on our websites.
- remove and dispose of Seminar Book publications from New Church House whilst retaining a small stock for sale at Purley Chase.
- discuss the production of a new leaflet to give people a taste of Swedenborgian ideas. This is in its early stages.
- Stephen Lacy has written some guidance notes for potential writers and a workshop is being planned for next year.
- We will be giving a talk and displaying our publications at the Swedenborg Publishers International Conference at Swedenborg Hall in June.

21 OVERSEAS

The Revd Norman Ryder, Overseas Secretary, reports:-

South Africa The New Church of Southern Africa observed the centenary of the Revd David Mooki's discovery of a copy of *The True Christian Religion* with a stupendous celebration. The near-carnival events were attended by the Revd Ian Arnold and the Revd and Mrs Trevor Moffat, and a full report by Ian appeared in our *Lifeline* and the Australian Church's *The New Age*. The initial discovery was also featured in *The Annual Journal of the New Church Historical Society for the year 2010*.

I have continued to send New Church books for the use of Ministers in the New Church of Southern Africa, having raised £87 to cover postage at Chester Society's annual charities fair.

Nigeria The Revd Joseph Ogun Ogunbodede, Principal Emeritus of New Church College in Owo, Ondo State, has sent copies of his *Christian Guide* for 2010. I have sent New Church books to Ministers and members of our churches there, and their replies are the only source of information I have about the state of the New Church there. Its leaders remain consistent in ignoring my requests for contact and information.

Mr Rob Andrews, of the Outreach Department of the General Church of the New Jerusalem in Bryn Athyn PA, shares with me the requests for help which he receives from Nigerians who visit his Church's internet sites.

Ukraine The Dnepropetrovsk Swedenborg Society continues its programme at their Swedenborg Centre in this city. I am hoping to meet their Administrator, Mrs Svetlana Manayenkova, and other members if they are able to attend the International Swedenborg Publishers Conference in London in June 2010.

Czech Republic Miss Lenka Máchová continues to plough a lone furrow in publicizing the New Church in her country and in translating the Writings there. This year she has been working on *Heaven and Hell*, and has published first in a very attractive paperback format the central section which deals with the World of Spirits.

Swedenborg Publishers International I am most grateful for the continued grant which has been made by the General Conference in 2009, knowing the financial straits we are in, especially because New Church House could not afford to make a grant this year, for the first time since 1991. Conference's grant and other funds donated to SPI this year have supported translations into Czech, Georgian, and Nepali. Sadly the project to translate a volume of the Writings into Malayalam has so far failed as the translator could not grasp the New Church concepts expressed in it.

Other bodies I maintain links with the Librarian of the Swedenborg Genootschap in The Hague and the publisher of the journal *Swedenborgiana* in the Netherlands, the Revd Gudmund Boolsen in Copenhagen (who has published a fifth volume of his Danish translation of *Arcana Coelestia*), and New Church Ministers in Switzerland and Sweden.

Some new overseas contacts are made after enquiries have been received by the Swedenborg Society. One which I still have to pursue has been received from a group which styles itself the New Church in Pakistan – it is more than a century since we had a New Church Society there, and we can only imagine the difficulties which this group must face.

22 BRISTOL MOTION AT 2009 CONFERENCE

Insufficient time was available for the Notice of Motion to be debated at the annual meeting because a reordering of business was necessary for discussion of the venue for the 2010 meeting. The Motion was referred to the Council. Subsequently the Bristol Society had written to *Lifeline* criticising the Council for supporting Purley Chase at the possible expense of societies and seeking a feasible mechanism to provide ministerial service for Bristol and other societies in similar positions. The Council was saddened by and disappointed with the letter and requested the Senior Minister and the CEO to visit Bristol to discuss the concerns. A positive meeting was held and

individual ministers have subsequently offered occasional services and the College has offered training. Some ministers responded to the Bristol letter by writing to *Lifeline* in reply.

23 HOME WORSHIP

The organiser, Mrs Sylvia Fay, reports:

Numbers fluctuate as usual and copies are sent to many countries. More are sent by email than by post, though we are happy to send by post as many people do not have email facilities. If you live alone and do not see many people it is very comforting to hear the ‘plop’ of a letter on your doormat and know someone is thinking of you.

The contents of the Home Worship Scheme are as diverse as ever and much appreciated, not only by our own people but by ministers of other religions, both in this country and abroad.

Letters of thanks say:

“How I love to see the envelope on my mat and know that when I read the contents I will not be alone and I shall be taking part in a larger congregation each Sunday. Bless you.”

“Wonderful to know that I am not alone and still part of the New Church.”

“Thank you so much for letting me still be part of the New Church and to take part in a larger congregation when I join in with the services.”

“I get my hymn book out and choose a couple of hymns to sing with my Sunday Service.”

I would like to give my own thanks, and also the recipients thanks, to all those involved with the writing, copying and sending out of the Home Worship Scheme.

24 KILDWICK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr Keith Sandiford, Secretary/Treasurer, reports:

This season has been, in many ways, one of the most successful in recent years. The work which the committee had agreed on was nearly all completed in the winter period. The main items included a complete redecorating of the small front bedroom and small amounts of repainting in the other dormitories and the dining room. A new roof was fitted on the outside toilets and a new frame and door on the outside storeroom. In the kitchen some of the tiles were re-fixed. During the year some floor boards had to be replaced in the Common room, the boundary fence was treated with preservative and the large privet hedge was cut professionally. The last item was paid for by the Friends of Kildwick.

The Centre was used by a variety of groups. Church usage included 2 discussion days and separate visits by members of Radcliffe and Kearsley societies. In addition there were family parties from Radcliffe, Kearsley and Derby. These amounted to 17 bookings for 58 days, 2008 figures were 15 for 56 days. Outside bookings totalled 7 for 15 days, 2009 figures were 3 for 5 days. The overall total was 24 bookings for 73 days compared with 18 for 61 days in the previous year. This increase was encouraging but such variations from year to year are not unusual.

To try and boost the use of the Centre publicity brochures and posters were produced and sent to local societies and groups that had used the Centre in the past. More widespread distribution will follow before the start of the 2010 season.

The Centre remains in good condition but there is still work which needs to be done in addition to routine maintenance. Finding the money will not be easy, financial support from Conference is obviously going to be very limited and we were grateful for the grant of £500 this year. However, at the same time our insurance premium increased by 550% to over £1,069 as a result of the decision to pass on the cost of public liability insurance. The increase in the rating valuation will also add to our costs next year. Plans for improvements will ultimately be dependent on the amounts of money available and we may have to rely on the Friends of Kildwick rather more than we have in the last few years.

25 BROADFIELD MEMORIAL BENEVOLENT FUND

Mr Ray Pulsford, Secretary/ Treasurer reports:

There was an unprecedented, but expected demand on the fund which took more than the £2000 reserved from last year. This means that we will not be able to maintain the previous level of grants with the present level of funding. Donations totalling £16,000 have been received, which together with COIF dividends and bank interest, gave an income of £16,253 compared with £17,400 last year.

Grants totalling £18,980 have been distributed to ministers and pensioners compared with £15,327 last year.

A balance of £1,219.68 was in hand on 31st March 2010 compared with £3,956.71 the previous year; an excess of expenditure over income of £2,737.

26 EDWARD JEGGINS TRUST

As a matter of courtesy the trustees report that during the past year they have made grants, totalling £4,750 to three of the societies affiliated to the Conference, towards the cost of maintenance of their church premises. The trustees invite societies to apply for assistance for grants in the year ahead.

27 INDEPENDENT SAFEGUARDING AUTHORITY

Arrangements are in hand to update enhanced disclosure certificates as part of the new process starting with ministers and then employees. The Revd Rita Russell continues to oversee this and the CEO has been appointed as an additional recruiter. The Council is appreciative of Mrs Russell's ongoing work in child protection.

28 DEEDS

The deeds for properties in Conference trust and other important documents are held in the safe in the Conference strong room, apart from a number which for various reasons are held by solicitors or officers of societies or the Conference. The deeds for properties owned by Conference itself are held by the Conference solicitors, Gregory Rowcliffe Milners.

29 MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

Since the last Annual Meeting Mrs Margaret Presland senior has passed into the spiritual world. A Memorial Notice will be submitted to Conference.

30 NOMINATIONS & PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

Nominations

The Council recommends that:

- Messrs BW Services Ltd of Derby be re-appointed auditors to the Conference.

Rules

The Council gave notice in the Secretary's Circular that:

- it will present Rules for the Purley Chase Centre which are additional to the present Rules;
- it will seek the view of the annual meeting about Rule C8(b), the method of selecting "a minister to arrange in consultation with the Senior Minister, and to lead, a public service of worship at the next Annual Meeting".
- it will propose, as an experiment for the Conference 2010, that Rule C3 regarding the appointment of a Nominations Secretary, be suspended.

SECTION 2 – AROUND THE CHURCH

31 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR AUXILIARY MINISTRY

The CAM Coordinator, Mrs Jan Millar, reports:

General

It has been a time of change for the Committee for Auxiliary Ministry with new personnel on the committee and a gradual shift in emphasis on what is needed to meet the changing needs of the church. We were very sorry to see the departure of Revd Ian Russell and Revd Mary Duckworth who have both given invaluable input to the committee over many years. We are, however, delighted to welcome on to the committee Revd Christine Bank, the Ministers' Committee representative, and Revd David Lomax, the SOLCe Principal. I am sure they will both have a great deal to contribute to the work of CAM.

Closer links between CAM and SOLCe

The committee has been working throughout the year to develop closer links between CAM and SOLCe as the two main bodies in the church being responsible for education and training. A sharing of courses and resources would be mutually beneficial. CAM also welcomes the opportunity of working together with SOLCe in new ways with lay people who wish to work in roles other than worship leading and in supporting the needs of churches and groups to work in their local communities. There is still a great deal of discussion and planning to take place around these matters but the committee welcomes the opportunity of working together with SOLCe to move forward education and training in many different aspects of the life of the Church.

Worship Leader Training and Support Programme

Several worship leaders are still undergoing training as either Accredited or Recognised Worship Leaders. Both trainee and experienced worship leaders attended the Worship Leader Weekend that was held at Purley Chase in October 2009. Revd David Lomax led the participants in looking at aspects of worship and there were also practical sessions preparing material suitable for use during the Christmas period. Sadly, due to financial constraints, there will only be one such weekend per year in the foreseeable future but it will be supplemented by additional Worship Leader Days held locally. These will be also available to people who, for various reasons, have been unable to attend a residential weekend. CAM is also grateful to Revd Geoffrey Clarkson who continues to lead the Worship Support Group at Keighley. This is attended by local worship leaders and Sunday school teachers and has proved to be a great success for several years. If you would

like a similar group to be set up in your area please contact the CAM co-ordinator who will be pleased to arrange this.

Lay Pastors

CAM is delighted that Trevor Millar and Stephen Thomas are both proving successful in their roles of Lay Pastor at Dalton Church and for the East Sussex Group respectively. It is hoped that further Lay Pastors will be appointed in due course. CAM will continue to train and support anyone appointed to this role.

Resources

CAM is continuing to build up a wide variety of resources to assist lay people in their ministry. The committee is grateful to all the ministers and lay people who are generously willing to share their work with others. It is hoped that all the CAM resources will be eventually available on the Conference website.

CAM is always pleased to train, support and resource all lay people who are working to provide Auxiliary Ministry to meet the needs of the Church. The committee does, however, need to be made aware of what training and support is required both by individuals and societies. Finally CAM would like to thank all the lay people who give of their time, knowledge and expertise in many aspects of Auxiliary Ministry. Without their dedication and enthusiasm the Church could not function.

32 REPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH YOUTH ASSOCIATION COUNCIL 2009 - 2010.

32.1 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Three meetings have been held during the year two at Kearsley and one at Keighley. Attendance was as follows:

Mrs E J Chambers (President)	3
Mr P G Schofield (Treasurer)	3
Mrs PA Grimshaw (Secretary)	3
Revd C. Bank	3
Mr C Goalen	2
Mrs K Higgins	3
Mrs C E Kennion	3
Miss G Rowe	3

32.2 NCYA CONFERENCE 2009

This was held at the Kearsley church. This year our Conference was termed a 'Focus Day.' There were three focus sessions. Our president led the

first session focussing on the purpose, extent and ways in which we reached out to children. The second session was led by Miss Gwendolen Rowe who showed ways of reaching out using Power Point and the third session was led by Mr Peter Schofield who presented ideas for reaching out to people at special services such as Baptism and Palm Sunday.

Discussion later took place at our Council meeting regarding our Focus day. Whilst those attending it enjoyed and benefitted from the experience it was felt we needed to appeal to a wider section of the church family. It was decided that in 2010 we would have an All Age Activity day with a shorter formal business meeting.

32.3 SUMMER CAMP 1

This was held during the first week of August and was attended by eleven children who much enjoyed the experience. Numbers were low because eight of the children from last year had graduated to Summer Camp 2. Due to illness and to a desire for economy staffing levels were only just adequate with no slack for emergencies. It was decided to reduce the length of the camp by one day as some of the younger children found it difficult to cope with the length of time away from home.

The current staff intimated that they were prepared to run one more camp full time and then to regard the following year as a 'transitional' one when they could work with and then hand over to a new staff.

The Council propose to hold a training/information day during the autumn to prepare and discuss the organisation and running of camps with future leaders/helpers.

The Council has continued to offer sponsorship and financial assistance to schools involved with work with children and families.

32.4 SUNRISE

Miss Gwendolen Rowe has produced three interesting, informative and colourful issues of Sunrise over the past year. The printer has been changed and the paper is thinner to reduce costs but the high standards of previous issues have been maintained.

32.5 HOME SUNDAY CLUB AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mrs Carolyn Kennion continues to send out lesson packs for the Home Sunday Club members. She has dispatched 23 Primary 5/27 sets and 43 Junior sets and two sets to adults. As well as the UK sets are sent to New Zealand and the Czech Republic.

Colouring exhibition sheets have been sent to all schools and Home Sunday Club members. Again positive comments and gold stars were

provided by Mrs Erica Cunningham.

Four 'Contacts' for teachers have been sent out during the past year.

32.6 CHILDREN'S DAY

This was held on the second Sunday in September. A message from the President and a selection of appropriate prayers were sent to worship leaders and church societies.

32.7 GENERAL HELP

The NCYA is always ready to offer support and financial help to all schools and was pleased to approve a grant for the installation of projection equipment to a school during the past year.

32.8 THANK YOU

Once more the NCYA wish to extend a big thank you for all those people, worship leaders, camp leaders and teachers who do so much to help in work with children and families. Such work is not usually high profile but usually involves regular and sustained commitment.

33 AREA COUNCILS

33.1 LONDON AND SOUTHERN AREA COUNCIL

Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2010

Six churches continue to hold regular worship and provide a spiritual presence in the Area. They also serve the community by renting their premises and holding coffee mornings, workshops etc. The churches are geographically spread but David Friend's Area inset, distributed to societies and isolated members, helps to bridge the gap. We have one full time minister, Gillian Gordon, supported by part time and retired ministers and recently ordained Helen Brown assisting in a self-employed capacity. Stephen Thomas provides pastoral support to grateful isolated members on the south coast. Much of the routine running of the churches is carried out by willing volunteers. An Area New Church service, based on the five senses, was held at West Wickham on 19 June.

Bournemouth. Clifford Curry led 2 Special Services entitled "Universe of God's Love". The Spiritual Discussion Group meets monthly either in Bournemouth or Southampton. Judith and Mike Wilson's Coffee Morning raised £90 for College Students. Rita Russell and Marion Curry's Circle Dance Evening achieved £80 for abused people. Christmas Coffee Morning donations totalled £112 for a children's hospice. Carols by Candlelight raised £400 for a local Cancer Unit plus £78 for Bournemouth Chesthelp. Instead of exchanging Christmas Cards we donated £84 to SENSE for deafblind people. A month after our New Year Party, Rita led a "Beyond

the Rainbow” Workshop and one evening we played skittles.

Brightlingsea. During the past year, three services at Brightlingsea were conducted by ministers, two by worship leaders from other churches in the area and the remainder by one or other of our five local worship leaders.

Despite the cold winter only one service was cancelled. We continue to be indebted to Geoffrey Cunningham for leading holy supper and funeral services and also for pastoral visiting.

With increasing age and illness the responsibility for maintaining the various activities is falling on fewer shoulders, but we have been pleased to welcome Isabel Hindley to the Church Committee and we also have one new regular attender at Sunday worship.

Greenhill. Sunday Worship continues regularly with an excellent team of leaders both ordained and lay. We welcome Revd. Helen Brown to this team thus reducing travelling by Revd. Gillian Gordon from Bournemouth. Two services were cancelled due to winter conditions. Lettings continue regularly with local organisations. A gentleman, having read Swedenborg for many years, now attends church regularly. Workshops: November 2009 – Colours, Auras, Angelic Communications with Brian Lynch, March 2010 – Beyond The Rainbow facilitated by Helen Brown and Hilda Johnson. Both were very successful. Our newsletter is distributed regularly. We are very grateful to all those who work voluntarily for Greenhill.

Kensington. A church for the capital city, London! A burgeoning, lively church with premises developed to accommodate many local and church group meetings/workshops. Use of premises increasing with new Spiritual Healing group at work. Membership gently on the up and more baptisms reflect an increasing group of families in connection with the church. Visitors keep coming in small numbers and at unexpected times. An organ needing considerable work, but still playable and a new grand piano bought from a recent legacy. Work with Churches Together in Notting Hill and a minister much valued in both congregation and local area.

Southend-on-Sea. Divine Services every Sunday – apart from two snowy interruptions. Our strength is maintained and enriched by recent and most loyal recruits to our congregation. Deep thanks to those at Southend and from other Societies who lead our Services, their themes invariably incisive and stimulating.

Weekday activities are rare due to indifferent health among our members. We mourn the loss of one aged 102; another aged 100 has moved to residential accommodation.

We support local, national and international charities: a women’s refuge, the New Church Children’s Society and Samaritan’s Purse.

A boundary fence excepted, our premises are in respectable order.

West Wickham. A good year with Revd. Gillian Gordon as our leader. Stimulating weekly worship with increasing use of PowerPoint presentations. Monthly family services with major emphasis on young children. Monthly Bible discussion groups. Regular Swedenborg discussion group. Small SOLCe study group. "Beyond the Rainbow workshop". Fund raising coffee mornings for various charities. Weekly coffee mornings for the local community. Monthly circle dancing. Christmas activities including a Christmas Tree Festival with 220 visitors. Enjoyable summer outing to Ightham Mote for members and friends.

A happy and successful year with great support from a small and dedicated congregation.

The Area **Open meeting** was held at Swedenborg House on 20 March 2010 attended by Gillian Gordon, David and Susan Friend, Howard Turner, Pat Johnson and Bryan Brown.

33.2 N.W. (MANCHESTER AREA COUNCIL

1. Two business meetings have been held during the past year with an average attendance of five. Attendances at meetings have seen a steady decline over the past few years.

2. The Heywood friends have had problems both with the state of the premises and with continuing to meet as a society. They have now converted into being a group and meet once a month. The Stockport society is now in the process of converting into a group and continues to meet twice a month.

Circle dance evenings and a Soul Symbols Workshop meet monthly at Kearsley and serve the area.

3. During the year we have arranged three area events where we can meet together for worship and spiritual renewal. The New Church Day service at Kearsley, conducted by Revd. Mary Duckworth, was followed by tea. The Celebration of Christmas was also held at Kearsley where after a shared supper we enjoyed a variety of readings and songs from the Kearsley Music Group. The Swedenborg Birthday meeting was hosted by the Radcliffe Church. Mrs P Grimshaw spoke about Rev Woodville Woodman and the early days of the church in our area.

4. Again we have organised a joint worship plan with North Lancashire and we are very grateful indeed for all our worship leaders both lay and ministerial, who continue to serve the area on Sundays, to run study groups and to offer the rites and ceremonies of the church when needed.

5. During the coming year Mr J D Lomax will continue to be our chairman, Mrs P.A. Grimshaw our secretary and Mr J E Ford our Treasurer.

33.3 SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

This has been a transitional year at Paisley during which Revd Robert A Gill has remained as Minister of the Paisley Church and Leader of the Team Ministry for Scotland. However, as from July 2010 Revd. Jack Dunion will take over these roles, assisted by Revd. Esther Byrne and the Revd. Robert Gill, who plans to continue working but on a limited voluntary basis.

The new “Bridge Project”, having a very strong steering group, continues to make steady progress in allowing the Church building to become more accessible to new community groups.

33.4 YORKSHIRE AND NORTH EAST AREA

Our area meeting was held this year at Bradford and included updating the Area Rules to reflect the current situation in the Area. It was followed in the afternoon by a dramatic presentation of ‘The Three Churches’ with members representing three very different types of church. This stimulated discussion about what we do and don’t want from our church.

All four churches, Bradford, Dalton, Keighley and Seaburn Dene, are in good heart despite some of them experiencing a drop in numbers attending services and having ageing congregations. They all expressed their appreciation of the Ministers, Retired Ministers and Lay Worship Leaders who work so tirelessly on their behalf.

The three Yorkshire churches are very grateful to the Bournemouth Church for providing a projector for them to share. It has already been put to good use in worship and in a presentation made at the Area AGM.

One of the highlights of the year was the Area Residential Weekend that was held at Purley Chase in September 2009 and many of the participants were visiting Purley for the first time. It was deemed to be a great success and another meeting is planned for September 2010.

Despite various problems all the churches remain in good heart.

33.5 The former Midlands & West Area, now disbanded

33.5.1 Birmingham

During the past year the committee and regular attendees have spent time debating the future activities at Oaklands. After August 2011 Ministerial

support will not be available, in consequence traditional formal worship will only be held on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. To maintain weekly services, informal services will be introduced. These measures however do not solve the problem of human resources, or long serving officers being able to continue to carry the work load and responsibility for the total complex, which includes the adjacent Trust properties occupied by elderly tenants. The next year may well decide the future of the New Church in Birmingham.

33.5.2 Derby

Weekly 10.30 a.m. services; monthly Sacrament services; weekly Sunday Club Meetings, Monthly Friendship Lunches; weekly coffee times after service. The average number of adults each Sunday is 35 and the average number of children is 8. This totals 43. Obviously at busier times of the year like Harvest, Christmas etc we have far more in church and fewer at other times of the year.

Special services have been held including Easter, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Mothers Day Service; Christmas Services, including Nativity and Pantomime performance by Sunday School children and Christmas party; Sunday School picnic; a Hallowe'en Get together with games etc.; A New Church Day BBQ ; Derby Weekend at Purley Chase; Study Groups at Derby, Nottingham and Melbourne; Carol Singing collections; monthly Friendship lunches; an annual Spring Banquet.

The Manse has been rented out again after a few months of the premises being vacant last year.

The rental of the church premises has increased significantly over the past year and we now have 10 weekly users of the church hall compared to 7 regular users this time last year!

34 REPORT OF THE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE 2009 - 2010

Four meetings have been held this year. Routine work of caring for the Conference Library and Archives and answering genealogical enquiries has been carried out by the members of the committee: Revd. Norman Ryder, Mrs Frances Fisher, Mrs Maeve Hawkins, Mr Patrick Johnson, Mr Gordon Kuphal and Mr Howard Turner. In addition:

- Mrs Hawkins has been researching the history of Purley Chase.
- Plans have been discussed for the 19th June 2010 Exhibition to be organised by the Swedenborg Society in conjunction with London church societies.

- Mr Johnson has been compiling records concerning the early Swedenborgian Karl Berners Wadström.
- We now have a photocopy of the transcript of the Great Eastcheap Minute Book (containing names of William Blake and his wife Catherine) so it can more easily accessed by researchers.
- Mr Kuphal has made a collection of all the Memorial Notices presented to Conference since 1976, when they ceased to be published in the Year Book.
- We continue to add relevant publications to the Conference Library as they become available to us.

Some societies have never responded to the Committee's request to provide a list of the registers which they hold. A full response is necessary to ensure that Conference's records are as comprehensive as possible.

On behalf of the Council:

David Sharrock, Chairman

Michael Hindley, Chief Executive

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' COMMITTEE 2009/10

1 Meetings

Three meetings were held during the year. The Committee met on 28th and 29th July 2009 at Swanwick during the Annual Meeting of Conference, with sixteen members, two ordination students and Mr G S Kuphal (minutes' secretary) present. An autumn meeting was held from 1st to 3rd December 2009 at Purley Chase Centre, with thirteen members and Mr G S Kuphal (minutes' secretary) present. The annual meeting was held from 23rd to 25th March 2010 at Purley Chase Centre, with fourteen members and Mr G S Kuphal (minutes' secretary) present; Mr M D Haseler (of the Governing Council) also attended part of this meeting by invitation.

2 Committee Members

We were pleased to welcome Revd Helen Brown and Revd Jack Dunion as full members of the Committee, following their ordinations in July 2009.

We also heard with regret that Mr Ian Johnson has resigned as a Conference minister, because he has come to the view that the distinction between clergy and laity is unhelpful. Ian now believes that he can best continue to serve the Conference as a layman and we respect his views in this matter. At this time we wish to thank Ian for his long years of service to the Church, including his terms as Director of Studies at the New Church College, Secretary of the Ministers' Committee, and Secretary of the Ministerial Advisory Council.

The Committee was also informed of the transition of Mr Bryan Trobridge in February 2010; Mr Trobridge served as a minister of Conference and member of our Committee from 1951 to 1959.

3 Senior Minister

The Revd Mary Duckworth reports:

I feel it will be good for the Church in the next couple of years to focus on essentials and gain renewed energy and vision. With this in mind, it is a joy to be bringing into being a programme, 'Five Essentials – Aspects of Loving', enabling people to sense the Lord's compassionate, deep and constant love and tender mercy, and to engage in the same towards others and themselves. It feels like a culmination of my leadership, which has tended to be much involved with administration leaving little time for true spiritual guidance.

As a Church we seem to be looking for a way forward, trying to get a sense of where we all are and how we can move on and grow together. At the same time we need to be aware of the spiritual poverty around and how we might share the riches of the Church with others.

In July I shall complete my four-year contract as Senior Minister, having also had a preliminary year to prepare for the role. During the current year I have been preparing to hand over various duties to several colleagues to whom I am most grateful. I have agreed to continue as Senior Minister for a further year with a limited remit: that of spiritual leadership, pastoral guidance and co-ordination. It may be that the role will be fulfilled in this way in the future with shared responsibilities.

4 Five Essentials

Under the leadership of our Senior Minister, the Committee has identified and agreed five essentials that will form the basis of a two year programme of study, discussion, and action for our Church. The five essentials are:

1. We are loved.
2. Relating to God's love.
3. Loving others.
4. Loving ourselves.
5. Loving the Lord.

A small group, including the Senior Minister, Revd Helen Brown, Mr Alan Misson, and Mrs Judith Wilson, has been working with these five essentials to produce the detailed two year programme. Each essential will be studied over a four month period, which will then be followed by a one month break before the programme continues with the next essential. The scheme will be launched in the September 2010 issue of Lifeline and will end in November 2012. The material will be available online and users will be able to develop it to suit their own individual or group needs. It is hoped that the scheme will reach young families and there is to be a Facebook link for young people. The writers of Home Worship material will be asked if they can focus on the appropriate theme on the first Sunday of each month. It is also hoped that some Area workshops might be held at certain stages of the programme.

5 Sexual Orientation

The Ministry continues its study and discussion of sexual orientation together with a number of related issues that have implications for Church practice. Significant amounts of time have been set aside for these discussions

at the Ministers' Seminar and also at the autumn and spring meetings of the Ministers' Committee.

A doctrinal study paper, "Spiritual Origin and Nature of the Sexes", prepared by Revd Michael Stanley has been circulated to the Ministry and discussed at length at our December meeting. Individual members of the Committee have had articles or letters published in Lifeline in which they have kept the wider Church informed of the progress of these discussions. Further discussions of these matters are planned for the 2010 Ministers' Seminar and future meetings of the Ministers' Committee. Updates will continue to be published in Lifeline.

6 New Church College

The College Principal, Revd David Lomax, has presented the Committee with regular reports on the work of the New Church College and the progress of the two ordination students, Mrs Helen Newton and Mrs Becky Jarratt.

The Committee was delighted to welcome Mrs Becky Jarratt to its December meeting. Mrs Jarratt talked to the Committee about a questionnaire on people's vision of the Church, which she had circulated widely during the autumn. She also presented the Committee with a summary of the many responses that she had received; these highlighted the importance in people's vision of love, fellowship, the Word, New Church teachings, and sharing with others. Mrs Jarratt was thanked for her work and for her stimulating presentation.

7 Committee for Auxiliary Ministry [CAM]

Once again we have maintained a close working relationship with CAM. We are delighted to hear that CAM is also seeking a closer involvement of SOLCe in the training of auxiliary ministers for the increasing and more varied workload that is now falling on them.

We were pleased to hear that approval had been given to the appointment of Mr Stephen Thomas as lay pastor of the East Sussex Study Group. The Senior Minister inducted Mr Thomas into this office at a Service held in the Bournemouth Church. It is hoped that further appointments of lay pastors may follow in the near future.

We extend our warm thanks to Revd Ian Russell and Revd Mary Duckworth who are both standing down this year from their positions as ministerial representatives on CAM.

8 Vision and Structure

The Committee recognises that it is becoming increasingly difficult to staff some of the key positions and committees in our Church. Furthermore, it does appear that our Church's organisational structure is too slow and cumbersome for many of the tasks that the Lord is calling us to do. Is too much of the time and energy of our key workers being used up in maintaining and running this organisation? Ought we to be putting more of that time and energy directly into serving the Lord and meeting the spiritual needs around us? Might it be possible to improve our organisational communication and efficiency by having a combined lay/ministerial body? Whatever the answer to these questions, circumstances do seem to be dictating that we seek to do things in a different way. At the same time we recognise the danger of allowing too much energy to be absorbed in a re-structuring exercise.

The Committee has appointed Revd Mary Duckworth, Revd Michael Stanley, Revd Clifford Curry, and Revd David Gaffney to take forward these discussions on a vision for the Church and how it might relate to our organisation. The Committee will keep the Governing Council informed of how these discussions progress.

9 Apocalypse Study Group

The Revd Bruce Jarvis reports:

Following our well-established custom, the Group has met for workshops immediately prior to the two main meetings of the Ministers' Committee. These continue to be an absolutely vital forum for us, where we can focus all our energies for a brief period. It is extraordinary how we feel the Holy Spirit moving amongst us, energizing and illuminating us. We feel privileged and blessed.

Our main concern has been to make progress with the production of materials relating to the series of twenty-five Apocalypse Illustrations drawn by Roland Smith. At the time of writing in April, Roland's work is all but complete, and the expectation is that the original drawings will be exhibited for the first time at this year's annual meeting of Conference at Swanwick. The Group is intensely excited that this aspect of our work is about to reach fruition. Plans are in hand for the exhibition to be mounted at New Church College/SOLCe during October as part of a special fortnight focussing on the Book of Revelation, after which they will travel to the USA for a major exhibition lasting several months during 2011 at Glencairn Museum in Bryn Athyn, the headquarters of the General Church of the New Jerusalem. On their return, it is anticipated that the exhibition will be available for display at

locations in the UK. This series of dramatic and arresting illustrations provides our Church with the opportunity to make more widely known a unique interpretation of Revelation.

Alongside the above, members of ASG have continued to develop materials to support new ways of helping people to become more familiar with Revelation and its more external “story”, and then to explore its depths as they apply to our own spiritual journey. Using decks of cards created out of Roland Smith’s illustrations, and with the provision of support materials, the idea is to use the uniquely visual impact of Revelation to help individuals gain insights into the message of the Book. We believe it vital that the “head knowledge” revealed in the Heavenly Doctrines, and largely applied to the historical context of the Last Judgment, should be converted into our own experience and expectation of the judgment process.

A third strand of work – the preparation of a Bible Study Course on the Seven Churches – awaits further work when time and energy become available.

It is now ten years since the Apocalypse Study Group was formed. The members feel that we are now in the final stages of the project. Not that any of us should stop studying the Book of Revelation and the Heavenly Doctrines – that is an eternal commitment! But we shall celebrate when we hold our final Workshop, and when we can consider that our labours in this field are complete – for the time being.

10 Conference Finances

The Committee recognises the seriousness of the present financial deficit being carried by the Conference. In this situation we are looking to keep our own costs and expenses to a minimum, but at the same time we accept that the most effective way of reducing the deficit is by cutting the total salary bill. This can never be easy, but we do appreciate the Governing Council’s efforts to maintain existing pay rates and to honour current contracts. We have advised that, when contracts cannot be renewed, all the parties involved ought to be contacted face-to-face before the final decision is made.

In the longer term we are concerned that we need to provide an educated and professional ministry for our Church. This will be essential if we are to maintain a full spiritual programme at Purley Chase, the educational work of the New Church College, and inspirational leadership for the Conference. Whilst a volunteer ministry can give much useful service, professional standards are only likely to be achieved in full if we have some ministers who are able to make this work their main love and use in life. We

hope therefore that, once we are through the current financial crisis, it may be possible to find ways of offering full time training and employment to some who feel called to serve in the ordained ministry.

11 Salary Rates

Once again the Committee agreed that the standard salary rates for ministers should be published in this report. We are indebted to the Conference and its members for maintaining ministerial salaries during the current financial difficulties.

The salary [gross] for an Ordained Minister, inclusive of payments towards telephone line rental and broadband, is £27,828. The equivalent salary figure for the Senior Minister is £32,448.

These rates represent the salary of ministers in full-time paid employment. Individual salaries actually vary considerably as some ministers work on a part-time basis and others on a non-stipendiary basis.

12 Annual Conference Service

The Governing Council consulted the Committee regarding Rule C8(b) which provides for a ballot to select “a minister to arrange in consultation with the Senior Minister, and to lead, a public service of worship at the next Annual Meeting”. Feedback from the floor of Conference suggested that some felt uneasy about having to vote in such a ballot. However, the Committee had some unease about depriving the Conference AGM of the right to choose this minister and unanimously resolved “that the Annual Meeting of Conference be asked to decide whether the present practice should continue or whether the nomination and ballot be dropped and, instead, the arrangements for the Conference Service be the responsibility of the Senior Minister in consultation with the Ministers’ Committee”.

13 Internet Church

Following a referral from the Governing Council, the Committee has considered the idea of an Internet Church. We have looked at existing Internet Church sites currently resourced by the New Church in North America, and we are impressed by the possibilities which such sites offer. We have therefore given positive consideration to setting up such a site here in the UK, however we do not wish to use it to replicate traditional Church worship but to offer something new and exciting that will appeal to spiritual seekers from a variety of backgrounds.

In these days of financial constraints the cost of setting up and

resourcing an Internet Church has been recognised as a problem. However, we were pleased to receive an offer of help from the Scottish Association of the New Church. The Scottish Association is willing to finance a trial which will be run as part of the Paisley Church's "Bridge Project". Although the trial will be based in Scotland it will be run in association with the Ministers' Committee and will seek input from a number of ministers and laity from around the UK. The Governing Council has expressed its support for these proposals and work will begin in the coming months.

14 Home Worship

Whilst the development of an Internet Church site will open up exciting new ways of serving people's spiritual needs, we also recognise that there are still many people who have no access to the Internet and who, in any case, prefer more traditional forms of worship material. For such people the Home Worship Scheme has long provided a valuable service, delivering a weekly worship resource to their own home. The Ministers' Committee remains committed to the continued provision of such Home Worship material for the foreseeable future.

The production and delivery of Home Worship material involves many people and the Committee wishes to express its warm thanks to Mrs Sylvia Fay (Home Worship Organiser), Mrs Thelma Wilson (who coordinates the rota of writers), Revd Norman Ryder and the production team at Chester, and the many ministers and worship leaders who regularly write for the Scheme. Without the efforts of all these people we would not be able to maintain the regular appearance and excellent variety of Home Worship material. We are happy to report that the rota of writers is filled for the coming twelve months.

15 Expressions of Thanks

The Committee wishes to express its thanks to the members of the Governing Council for their efforts to reduce the financial deficit and get the Conference finances back on to a sound footing. We appreciate that these have been difficult and stressful times for the Conference trustees and we wish to thank them all for their hard work and dedication to the Church.

The Committee normally holds its meetings at Purley Chase Centre and we wish to express our thanks for this wonderful facility. We appreciate the dedication and hard work of the manager and staff who always provide such a welcoming and comfortable environment for our meetings. We also express our thanks to those behind the scenes, namely the members of the Purley Chase Management Team and the many volunteers who help to maintain the property and grounds. The ministry applauds all involved for the

love, time, and effort which they give to Purley Chase and we pray that their efforts will be crowned with good success.

16 Appointments and Nominations

We have appointed the following ministers to liaise as appropriate with the members of the Governing Council on linked matters:

Revd David Gaffney – Purley Chase;
Revd David Lomax – Training and Development;
Revd Clifford Curry – Finance;
Revd Catherine Lauber – Communications;
Revd Gill Gordon – Human Resources and Youth;
Revd Christine Bank – CAM/local churches.

We have appointed Revd David Lomax and Revd Christine Bank as our representatives on the Committee for Auxiliary Ministry.

We have appointed Mrs Thelma Wilson as Home Worship Coordinator.

We have nominated Revd Mary E Duckworth as Senior Minister for the year 2010/11. This will be Mary's fifth and final year as Senior Minister.

We have nominated Revd Christine Bank to attend meetings of the Governing Council in place of the Senior Minister. We have also nominated Revd Catherine Lauber to attend meetings of the Governing Council as an additional ministerial representative.

The Committee nominated Revd Robert A Gill as its Secretary for the year 2010/11, but he has indicated that he wishes to retire from this office at the end of this term. We are pleased that Revd Christine Bank has agreed to be nominated as the new Secretary from 2011, and that the Revd Robert A Gill has agreed to work with her as Assistant Secretary during her first year in the post.

Mary E Duckworth [Senior Minister]

Robert A Gill [Secretary]

Treasurer's Report **For the year ended March 31st 2010**

The Treasurer introduced his report with a reminder of where the financial year had started from in the spring of 2009 with the factors which had ushered in the last year under review.

Pessimism was the undisguised concern contained in all political statements ahead of the forthcoming general election. Financial markets had reached 'rock bottom' in the aftermath of the recession, which had proved deeper than had been anticipated, and bank rate had fallen in March 2009 to its lowest level for 300 years.

However, although the **Income and Expenditure Account** showed an Operational Deficit of £82,782 this was significantly less than in previous years, and he was able to report a number of positives that had emerged in the year.

Income had increased by £17,836; Donations were over £20,000 more than in the previous year, and group **Expenditure** had fallen by the significant amount of £76,612., represented by lower costs of; Staff; Student Grants (two students having been ordained); Housing and Central Administration expenses.

These savings were complimented by a reduction of nearly £20,000 in the cost of Purley Chase, due to increased usage and donations specifically given to the Centre, often by 'non-church' residents and visitors.

The Treasurer then turned to the **Balance Sheet** and highlighted the particularly satisfactory performance of the Capital Growth and Income achieved during the year from the two Investment Portfolios.

Market values of Conference Investments (excluding the units in the Common Investment Fund held by Societies and Church Institutions) produced a growth of 24% on cost with a closing valuation of £2,262,378. Even more impressive, with Bank Rate at 0.05% was the return of 4.7% on the investments. He pointed out however, that with investments providing 25% of Conference's basic income, the reducing numbers of Societies and Members year on year, would inevitably mean that Conference will become more and more dependent on its investment income in the future.

There were **Exceptional Receipts** of £163,948 affecting Balance Sheet Capital and Reserves, including; Preston Society Funds (which will be ‘ring fenced’) for possible future use; a specific donation for Student training and the Transfer to Conference of the book cost of the Accrington premises, following the transfer of the trusteeship from individual Trustees to General Conference as Corporate Trustee.

In conclusion the Treasurer pointed out that all charities have to provide, not only ‘for today but also for tomorrow’. In summary, he said that Conference must invest in the future, by maintaining and growing its Investment Reserves and could not develop and grow its spiritual influence unless the ‘deficit leak could be capped’.

Finally, he paid tribute to the continued significant voluntary contribution provided by Colin Skinner and David Friend, and also thanked Kenneth Eadie, who at 88, not surprisingly did not feel able to continue on the Finance Advisory Committee. His wise input would be missed.

Nigel Sutton - Treasurer

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
For the year ended March 31st 2010

Expenditure	2010	2009
Stipends/Salaries/Grants & Wages	394,360	441,391
Pensions	33,531	35,634
Housing	22,510	37,684
	450,401	514,709
Administration	87,243	96,591
Other Central Costs	15,682	29,037
Purley Chase Costs (Excl Salaries & Wages)	81,917	71,518
Total Expenditure	635,243	711,855
Income		
Societies	182,950	187,949
Donations	38,296	42,378
Trust Funds	79,773	80,982
Investment Income	103,439	105,502
Purley Chase Income	130,911	98,851
Legacies	1,500	3,000
Other	15,592	15,963
Total Income	552,461	534,625
Operating Deficit	- 82,782	-177,230
Depreciation	- 88,313	- 91,628
Exceptional Receipts re Capital/Reserves	163,948	167,521
<u>Net Transfer to Balance Sheet</u>	7,147	101,337

BALANCE SHEET
As at March 31st 2010

	2010	2009
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Tangible Assets for Operational use	3,044,276	3,037,869
Investments	3,364,619	2,524,132
	6,408,895	5,562,001
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Stocks	3,694	2,816
Debtors	20,374	24,496
Cash at Bank and in Hand	644,906	500,465
Less Creditors	-517,282	-326,165
Net Current Assets	151,692	201,612
Less Creditors falling due after one	-375,000	-400,000
<u>Net Assets</u>	6,185,587	5,363,613

Represented by:-

Funds

Unrestricted	3,091,104	2,923,592
Restricted	493,689	499,698
Endowment	857,130	709,373
Revaluation Reserve	1,743,664	1,230,950
	6,185,587	5,363,613

STATISTICAL TABLE as at 31st March 2009

	Society Members	Non-resident	Total new members	Deceased	Removed	Increase	Decrease	Members of Conference
Accrington	55	19	0	1	0	0	1	47
Birmingham	63	36	0	0	0	0	0	40
Blackpool	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	15
Bournemouth	45	9	0	1	0	0	1	43
Bradford	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Brightlingsea	29	10	0	3	0	0	3	18
Bristol	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Burnley	29	6	0	1	0	0	1	18
Chester & Wallasey	42	17	1	1	0	0	0	36
Clayton	20	7	0	0	0	0	0	13
Dalton	40	2	0	5	0	0	5	31
Derby	63	20	0	0	0	0	0	45
Heywood	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kearsley	64	19	1	5	0	0	4	31
Keighley	47	7	0	1	3	0	4	34
Greenhill	19	8	0	0	0	0	0	10
Kensington	13	5	2	0	0	2	0	10
West Wickham	29	12	0	4	0	0	4	24
Paisley	57	7	1	0	0	1	0	32
Radcliffe	19	2	0	1	0	0	1	7
Seaburn Dene	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Southend	18	6	0	0	0	0	0	11
Stockport	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Central members								148
Total 2009/10	728	196	5	23	3	3	24	665
Totals 2008/09	760	210	7	28	5	7	31	678
Auckland	58	20	2	1	4	0	3	7
*Mauritius	35	6	0	1	0	0	0	10

* 2008/09 figures

	Baptisms	Marriages	Funerals	Sunday School No. of children	Avg. attend. 13+	Holy Supper Administrations	Holy Supper Average Attendance	Overall Average Attendance
Accrington	0	0	1	8	1	4	27	29
Birmingham	1	0	0	0	0	10	19	11
Blackpool	0	0	0	6	0	6	7	7
Bournemouth	3	0	4	8	0	11	24	27
Bradford	1	0	0	5	0	12	15	18
Brightlingsea	0	0	3	0	0	6	9	11
Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	5
Burnley	0	0	0	0	0	10	12	13
Chester & Wallasey	0	0	9	9	1	12	15	30
Clayton	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	7
Dalton	1	0	1	0	2	10	19	19
Derby	0	0	0	34	3	13	25	43
Heywood	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	4
Kearsley	0	0	6	3	0	5	18	30
Keighley	0	3	1	10	0	10	17	34
Greenhill	0	0	0	0	0	10	11	11
Kensington	1	0	0	0	0	12	8	9
West Wickham	0	0	1	2	0	13	13	13
Paisley	0	0	0	3	16	6	16	17
Radcliffe	0	0	1	1	0	5	15	18
Seaburn Dene	2	1	7	8	0	12	17	27
Southend	1	0	1	0	2	9	12	13
Stockport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Totals 2009/10	10	4	35	97	25	18	31	401
Totals 2008/09	14	1	40	10	25	20	34	412
Auckland	2	1	2	7	17	6	17	20
*Mauritius	0	0	1	2	2	3	12	13

Comparative Cost of the AGM in 2009 with 2010

		2009		2010
<u>The Hayes Invoice</u>		£		£
Inclusive of VAT of		15%		17.50%
Adults	103	23,097	97	18,162
Children	15	1,570	16	836
Additions/Allowances		777		500
Total Invoice		25,444		19,498
Less Donations		- 3662		- 4730
Total Cost to societies/Conference		21,782		14,768
Less Donation from Bournemouth				- 9,000
Net Cost		<u>21,782</u>		<u>5,768</u>

Please Note;

- (a) Hayes charged 3 child rates in 2009; for 10 to 13 year olds 75% of the full adult rate; 50% for children aged 6 to 9; and 25% for children aged 3 to 5. These compared with only 2 rates this year of 50% for children aged 6 to 13 and NIL for children under 6.
- (b) Additions, and allowances include; visitors, a reduction for no lunch on Monday and B&B for those arriving on Sunday.
- (c) In 2010 the cost to Conference of subsidizing families was £1,120 compared to £1,643 in 2009.
- (d) No account has been taken of Travelling Expenses or AGM admin costs.

THE NEW CHURCH COLLEGE
EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL
2009 – 2010

This Report covers the work of the College Council for the year ended 31st March 2010.

A COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

The Council met at the College on 3 occasions during the year. Membership and attendance at meetings were as follows:

Mr CJ Chambers, President	3	Mr P Leather	2
Mr RJ Nicholls, Treasurer	3	Rev MW Stanley	3
Mr MD Haseler, Secretary	3	Mrs MMJ Taylor	2
Mr JE Ford	3	Mrs CT Wilson	2
Mr SR Lacy	3		

The Principal, Rev David Lomax, attended 3 meetings by standing invitation (3 possible).

The Administrator, Ms Melanie Bennett, attended 3 meetings by invitation (3 possible)

The 145th Annual Meeting of Governors was held at The New Church College, Radcliffe on Saturday, 4th July 2009 with an attendance of 27 Governors and 11 friends.

B EMPLOYEES

The Principal, Rev David Lomax has been supported by a strong team comprising:

Rev RM Russell	Assistant to the Principal.
Mr JA Bowie	Assistant to the Principal and WebMaster
Ms MJ Bennett	Administrator

C EMPLOYEE REMUNERATION

In line with the current policy of the Council to follow the lead of General Conference in the level of increases, no adjustment in salary was made for Mr Lomax as from April 2009. As the Administrator had not been eligible for an increase on 1st April 2008, she was given an increase of 2% as from 1st April 2009 in recognition of her work during her first 13 months.

D GENERAL REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE COLLEGE

1 Performance of the Charity

The Council considers that the Charity has performed well in the year 2009-2010 in line with its charitable objects.

A new curriculum, with more emphasis on skills training, has been introduced, and will benefit the training of the current two ordination students, as well as that of the other students. There is increasing cooperation with Conference, particularly CAM (Committee for Auxiliary Ministry) to develop a joint programme of education for the church. A formal meeting with representatives of the Governing Council is planned for July 2010 to agree the way forward.

The College building is increasingly being used as a centre for other activities, both local and national.

2 Staff

(a) Principal

The Council agreed to change the Principal's original 5 year contract to a permanent one, mirroring the position of most ministers serving within Conference. Previous Principals have been on secondment from other church bodies, which made a fixed-term contract desirable, but Mr Lomax was employed directly by The College. In addition, recent legislation strongly directs employers to agree permanent contracts to ensure that employees can enjoy the full benefits of employment legislation.

The Council hopes that the new contract will enable the Principal to develop his vision without the restrictions imposed by a looming time-horizon.

(b) Assistants to the Principal

Mr Alan Bowie continues to use his expertise and experience to maintain and develop The College web-site.

Alan has also tutored 1 module.

Rev Rita Russell acted as a consultant on a one year's contract terminating in February 2010. Mrs Russell's work as Assistant to the Principal during the last 4 years has made an invaluable contribution to the smooth running of The College during a period of transition.

(c) Administrator

Ms Melanie Bennett has rapidly picked up all the routine parts of her work and is increasingly using her initiative to develop The College and to help the Principal in his work.

In view of her excellent progress, the Council has agreed to change her initial 3 year contract to a permanent one. In line with the Council's policy to provide similar terms of employment to those offered by General Conference, Melanie has been offered a non-contributory pension.

The Council has supported Melanie in her NVQ studies; she is about to complete Level 2 in Business and Administration and is hoping to move to Level 3.

(d) Oversight of Employees

The Council have appointed members, one each for the Principal and Administrator, to meet with them regularly to discuss confidentially any matters of concern and to ensure that there are no excessive pressures.

3 SOLCe

(a) Ordination Students

The Council was delighted that Mrs Helen Brown and Mr Jack Dunion were both ordained at the 2009 Conference and wishes them success as they begin their ministries.

Mrs Rebecca Jarratt was able to recommence her studies during the year, though at a reduced intensity.

Mrs Helen Newton became a full-time ordination student in January 2010.

(b) SOLCe Students

In addition to the 2 ordination students, there are currently 14 students, 2 of whom are from overseas, studying 12 different modules tutored by 9 different tutors including 2 lay people. 1 new student enrolled during the year. There is also 1 'supporter'.

(c) Modules

There are now 29 modules available on the web-site.

(d) Bursaries

There have been no applications for bursaries during the year, and so the Council has decided to publicise again the availability of these.

(e) Education Committee

The Committee continues to play an important role in the development of the educational work of the Council, benefiting from the wide range of expertise and experience of its members.

4 Future of the College

The refurbished Reception Area was formally opened by Mrs Madeleine Taylor at the Open Day in June 2009. This will help to make the building more welcoming to visitors.

The Open Day helped to make The College better known in the neighbourhood, and both the Principal and Administrator are working to develop further links.

A planned exhibition in October of the original paintings by Roland Smith to complement the work of the Apocalypse Study Group will be a good opportunity to attract people in the local area as well as church members.

E PUBLIC BENEFIT

The College has continued to advertise its open learning courses on the web-site; these courses are available to the general public as well as to our church members and a limited number of bursaries are available towards their cost. It is encouraging that responses are received to these advertisements.

The College is also exploring ways of making the building available to people in the North Manchester area. An Open Day, widely advertised in the neighbourhood, attracted people of all ages to attend the formal opening of the new Reception in June 2009, to learn about the history of the building, and to find out about the work of The College. Some contacts have been established in the local community.

A successful event for young people was held over the Easter holiday, and it is hoped that this can be repeated in future years. A one-day massage workshop took place in November 2009 and an exhibition of original paintings illustrating the message within the Book of Revelation is being planned for October 2010.

F THE FABRIC

Routine work has been carried out during the year to maintain the fabric and also to improve the facilities.

Further action has been taken to improve the security of the building; the Council was mindful that the Administrator is often working alone in the building.

The York stone slabs at the bottom of the bank were stolen during the year and have been replaced under insurance by concrete slabs. The possibility of erecting a telescopic barrier at the bottom of the drive is being investigated; this would prevent the entry of vehicles at night and would make any that were parked there visible from the road.

In summary, the building is in good condition with the inevitable minor items awaiting attention.

G RELATED PARTY

The Trustee, The General Conference of the New Church, is a registered charity. The General Conference is entitled to a proportion of the net incoming resources from the Jersey Fund and provides payroll facilities for which The College pays a service charge.

H GOVERNORS

There are currently 8 Honorary Governors (0), 16 Life Governors(-1), and 62 Annual Governors(+1) ; in total 86 (0). The numbers in brackets show the changes during the year. There was no overall change in the number of Governors.

I FINANCE

The Treasurer reported a net decrease in resources of £21,969 before capital movements for the year to 31st March 2010. (Increase of £1,742 in 2008-2009).

During the year, gains on the disposal of investments of £32,533 were realised and notional gains of £265,654 arise on the revaluation of the investments.

The budget for 2009 – 2010 projected a deficit of £9,700. The actual deficit for the year was £21,969. Over the last 5 years, the College has shown an overall surplus of £8,426. The budgeted deficit was due to one-off costs for planned building work; this was paid in full from a legacy that The College had received several years ago. The sole reason for the increased deficit was a large drop in investment income arising from the economic downturn. A further visit is planned to our investment managers to review their investment strategy.

A budget for 2010-2011 projects a deficit of £5,500 before any adjustments arising on the real and notional gains and losses on investments. This planned deficit is based on a continuing squeeze on our investment income compared with 2008 - 2009 with the hope that a change in investment strategy and an improved economic situation will result in a reduction in the planned deficit. The Council is continuing with our core charitable work during the coming year while tightly controlling discretionary spending. The performance against budget will be monitored closely to ensure that there is no further deterioration in performance. The intention is that the deficit will be eliminated in future years.

J ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

To achieve its objectives, The College needs the input of a large number of people, ordained and lay, paid and voluntary, female and male, and the Council thanks them all for their varied contributions.

Thanks are also due to the students, an essential component of The College.

Approved by the Council and signed on its behalf by:

CJ Chambers, President

MD Haseler, Secretary

Dated: 10 July 2010

THE NEW CHURCH COLLEGE

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL 2009 - 2010

Introduction

In several of my reports over the last few years, I have talked about change. In thinking about change this year, I am very much aware of how crucial the issue of change is becoming, not just in the life of SOLCe but of the New Church in general. I am also aware of the way in which we continue to have to find answers to more and more new questions. There may indeed be occasions when SOLCe can have a role in asking some of those questions, as well as in helping find answers.

Students

One of the direct manifestations of this for SOLCe is in our training of ordination students. This year has seen the ordination of Helen Brown and Jack Dunion. Although their ministries are of a very different nature, in each case there is a major focus on taking the church out in new ways to people with whom we might have struggled in the past to have contact. Even in the case of people likely to be working through existing structures, we are placing more and more emphasis on how these structures can help us in reaching out beyond our existing congregations.

Both of our current ordination students are studying part-time. In both cases, what else they are doing gives them contact with the wider world. In Becky Jarratt's case, this includes part-time work. Becky returned to study with SOLCe in the late summer of 2009. Helen Newton, who officially became an ordination student in January 2010, is following training with the Interfaith Seminary alongside her SOLCe work. As well as this affecting the nature of training, we are also conscious of the need to train both Becky and Helen Newton for their likely ministries in the future, as took place with Helen Brown and Jack.

We aim to give Becky and Helen a combination of working together and following modules separately and also hope that they can work with other people as much as possible during their training.

We have had a limited number of tutorial groups involving people other than ordination students, as well as students following modules by e-mail.

I was privileged not only to be present at Jack and Helen's ordination at the Annual Meeting of Conference last July but also to be involved in the service. I have also enjoyed seeing and hearing how things have developed for them since.

Modules and Other Training

Some progress has been made with material related to the new curriculum for ordination training, although much still remains. Some of this material is being delivered through Summer or Winter Schools rather than as conventional modules.

Discussion has been taking place between CAM and SOLCe about providing training together in various areas which relate to a practical dimension. We would like to make this available as widely as possible in the church. Some of these discussions have also involved Governing Council as regards training needs and the delivery of training in the church. Further discussions are needed in order to make final decisions about this area.

A number of revisions of modules have been completed. These include expanding the Psychology module into three separate quarter-modules, revising the Mysticism module to enable easier comparison of Swedenborg with various mystical writers and splitting the Swedenborg and His Influence module into Life of Swedenborg and Swedenborg & Modern Thought (although only the former of these has as yet been completed). Some of the material from this original module has also been used in a new module focusing on the history of Swedenborgianism and Swedenborgians.

I am grateful to those on the Education Committee for their help and guidance in dealing with these and other issues.

Staffing and Building

Melanie Bennett has continued to develop her role within SOLCe. I'd like to pay tribute to her keenness to develop various aspects of SOLCe. She has been especially keen for us to make greater contact with the outside world. We haven't made as much progress over the last twelve months as we might have hoped. However, I am grateful for the welcome Melanie provides for all those who come to the College building.

Plans are in hand for an event which brings together the use of our building, local contacts and a hope to act as a contact point between the church and the wider world. An exhibition of the pictures of images from the Book of Revelation produced by Roland Smith to support the work of the Apocalypse Study Group will be held at the College in October. A series of workshops will also be held, primarily with a view to reaching out to the general public to explain something of a Swedenborgian understanding of the Book of Revelation. We are looking forward to this opportunity to make good use of our building and the work done in 2009 will very much help with this.

John Ford's efforts are much appreciated in making our building and its surroundings an attractive venue that works well for those who use it. Linda Stoney's contribution in this respect on the domestic front is also much appreciated.

Rev. Rita Russell has continued to provide useful back-up in her consultancy role, which has now come to an end formally. We are grateful for the varied expertise Rita has contributed to SOLCe and we look forward to her continuing to support the work of SOLCe as a tutor, course-writer and member of the Education Committee.

Alan Bowie's role is similarly multi-faceted, including tutoring and course-writing as well as his work as Webmaster. I am grateful for the contribution that all these individuals make to SOLCe, as well as everyone else who works with students or is otherwise involved with modules.

Liaison with Conference

I commented above on liaising with CAM and Governing Council and there seems to have been a need for such liaison over a number of issues in the last twelve months. Some of this has been made easier by my having been involved in further Governing Council meetings as a representative of the ministry. I led or gave presentations at a number of sessions at the Annual Meeting of Conference 2009.

I have been involved in various aspects of the work of Committee of Ministers and liaised with the Senior Minister to put together the programme for Ministers' Seminar.

As I indicated above, I hope that SOLCe can continue to be both a support to the existing church and an encouragement to new endeavours. To this effect, I hope that we can continue to use our current expertise and to develop further expertise in new areas. My hope, above all, is that the work that we do here at SOLCe can be of use as we move into the future with confidence.

David Lomax

June 2010.

THE NEW CHURCH COLLEGE

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2010

The following pages contain a summary of the financial statements of The New Church College. A full set is available on request from the Treasurer, Mr RJ Nicholls, or from The College itself.

Independent Auditor's report to the Trustee of The New Church College

We have audited the financial statements of The New Church College for the year ended 31 March 2010 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and auditors

The trustee's responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities on pages 6 to 7 (*of the full report*).

We have been appointed as auditors under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the information given in the Trustee's Annual Report is not consistent with those financial statements, if the charity has not kept sufficient accounting records, if the charity's financial statements are not in agreement with these accounting records or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read other information contained in the Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. The other information comprises the Report of the College Council. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to the other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and

disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustee in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

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 statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion

- The financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 March 2010, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended:
- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

Douglass Grange
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Stanley House
Phoenix Park
Blakewater Road
Blackburn BB1 5RW

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2010

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Investments		1,683,840		1,385,590
Current Assets				
Debtors		9,586		11,881
Cash at Bank and in Hand		14,720		49,268
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		24,306		61,149
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		10,249		25,060
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Net Current Assets		14,057		36,089
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Net Assets		1,697,897		1,421,679
		=====		=====
Funds				
Unrestricted Funds;				
General		328,541		281,016
Designated - Jersey Education		293,633		252,219
Restricted Funds;				
Permanent Endowment		1,075,723		888,444
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		1,697,897		1,421,679
		=====		=====

Approved by the Council on 10 July 2010 and signed on its behalf by:

C J Chambers, President

<u>INCOME</u>	2010	2009
	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>		
Subscriptions and Donations	14,246	14,715
Investment Income	57,683	88,522
Fees	811	4,287
Miscellaneous Income	2,398	1,365
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Total Incoming Resources	75,138	108,889
	=====	=====

EXPENDITURE

Direct Charitable Expenditure

	2010	2009
	£	£
Salaries & Consultancy Fees	51,961	56,519
Module & Tutorial Expenses	3,719	7,065
Student Support	71	946
In-Service Training	280	252
Library Books	212	523
Distance Learning Library	70	78
Books, CD-ROMs etc. for Sale (and write offs)	347	-
Office Equipment - purchases	190	1,140
Office Equipment Leasing and Maintenance	3,036	3,200
Property Expenses	22,425	16,173
Catering and Housekeeping	638	1,003
Telephone and Fax	1,226	1,311
Stationery	43	83
Postages	325	341
Council and Staff Expenses	2,390	3,917
General Conference Support Jersey Fund	6,179	10,997
Miscellaneous Expenses	445	159
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	93,557	103,707
	=====	=====

Other Expenditure

	2010	2009
	£	£
Bank and Interest Charges	275	312
Professional Fees	2,701	2,735
Miscellaneous Expenses	574	393
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	3,550	3,440
	=====	=====
TOTAL	97,107	107,147

NEW CHURCH COLLEGE

Names of people who have successfully completed accredited Courses, other than those who have been recognized as Ministers.

Certificate holders

Ruth Duckworth	1979
David Fitzjohn	1979
Margaret Presland	1989
Geoffrey Cunningham	1990
Renée James	1999
Alan Bowie	2002
Bev Johnson	2004

Diploma holders

Raymond Kennion	1990
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Swedenborg Open Learning Centre

Certificate in Swedenborgian Studies (Level One)

Marion Curry	2004
Jack Dunion	2004
Bev Johnson	2004
Lenka Machova	2004
Judith Wilson	2004
Thelma Wilson	2006
Peter Wilson	2006
Leslie Hurst	2006
Anna Woofenden	2007
Trevor Millar	2007
Stephen Thomas	2008
Helen Newton	2009
Rebecca Jarratt	2010

Graduate in Swedenborgian Studies (Level Three)

Alan Bowie	2006
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LAST 40 ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Year	Place	President/Senior Minister	Preacher	Members
1971	Accrington	J.V.Ayre	N.Ryder	96
1972	Chester	R.A.Preston	C.V.A.Hasler	81
1973	Derby	L.Chambers	L.P.Russell Lacy	85
1974	Kearsley	C.H.Presland	E.J.Jarmin	88
1975	Bromley	J.O.Booth	M.W.Stanley	81
1976	Stirling	J.O.Booth	B.Kingslake	68
1977	Birmingham	J.O.Booth	J.M.Sutton	94
1978	Chester	J.O.Booth	L.Chambers	86
1979	Clacton-on-Sea	J.O.Booth	R.A.Gill	84
1980	Radcliffe	C.V.A.Hasler	C.V.A.Hasler	93
1981	Leeds	C.V.A.Hasler	T.A.Moffat	97
1982	Swanwick	C.V.A.Hasler	C.H.Presland	92
1983	Southampton	C.V.A.Hasler	I.P.Johnson	86
1984	Swanwick	C.V.A.Hasler	F.Clarkson	95
1985	Clacton-on-Sea	N.Ryder	N.Ryder	91
1986	Swanwick	N.Ryder	J.O.Booth	85
1987	Manchester	N.Ryder	J.C.Duckworth	91
1988	Hoddesdon	N.Ryder	J.E.Elliott	77
1989	Durham	N.Ryder	B.R.Jarvis	82
1990	Swanwick	R.A.Gill	R.A.Gill	86
1991	Birmingham	R.A.Gill	C.V.A.Hasler	82
1992	Swanwick	R.A.Gill/N.Ryder	J.D.Allsopp	80
1993	Glasgow	N.Ryder	J.M.Sutton	72
1994	Hoddesdon	N.Ryder	B.J.Presland	77
1995	Swanwick	N.Ryder	B.M.Talbot	78
1996	Lancaster	J.M.Sutton	J.M.Sutton	83
1997	Hoddesdon	J.M.Sutton	O.C.E.Jackson	81
1998	Swanwick	J.M.Sutton	N.Ryder	72
1999	Swanwick	J.M.Sutton	G.Clarkson	79
2000	Hoddesdon	J.M.Sutton	D.A.Moffat	77
2001	Swanwick	I. Russell	R.P. Brugler	83
2002	Swanwick	I. Russell	I. Russell	68
2003	Swanwick	I. Russell	C. Curry	76
2004	Hoddesdon	I. Russell	M.E. Duckworth	70
2005	Swanwick	I. Russell	R.A. Gill	79
2006	Swanwick	M. Duckworth	G.L. Gordon	86
2007	Swanwick	M. Duckworth	J.C. Duckworth	98
2008	Swanwick	M. Duckworth	R.A. Gill	87
2009	Swanwick	M. Duckworth	D. Lomax	88
2010	Swanwick	M. Duckworth	M.W. Stanley	88

LAND AND BUILDINGS HELD IN TRUST BY CONFERENCE

Insurance of buildings (excluding contents)

A Ansvar	B Conference Block Policy
C Congregational & General	N Norwich Union
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Conference maintains with Ecclesiastical a combined insurance policy for employers, public and products liability on the properties listed below and also for other Societies and associated institutions

In London and the South of England

Bournemouth. Church and rooms at Tuckton Road, Southbourne.	B	£1,116,189	+
House at 101 Tuckton Road, Southbourne.	B	£203,743	+
Brightlingsea. Church and rooms at Queen Street.	B	£791,864	+
Greenhill. Church and rooms at 177 Leicester Road, New Barnet.	B	£1,244,438	+
Kensington. Church and rooms at 5 Pembridge Villas, London, W11.	B	£1,973,006	+
Southend-on-Sea. Church and rooms at Sutton Road.	B	£442,520	+
West Wickham. Church and rooms at High Street.	B	£396,155	+

General Conference.

House at 18 Pollard Road, Whetstone, London N20. Freehold.	B	£401,671	+
House at 112 Kensington Road, Southend-on-Sea. Freehold.	B	£128,019	+
Bungalow at 80 Broadway, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Freehold,	B	£144,586	+
Bungalow at 14 Riverside Lane, Tuckton, Bournemouth. Freehold.	B	£322,771	+

In the Midlands and West

Birmingham. Oaklands New Church Centre, Winleigh Road, Handsworth Wood. Church, rooms and residential accommodation.	B	£562,316	+
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Bristol. Church at Cranbrook Road, Redland.	B	£1,074,235	+
Derby. Church and rooms at Horwood Avenue.	B	£851,650	+
House at 409A Burton Road, Derby.	B	£150,844	+

General Conference.

Bungalow at 215 Coventry Road, Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Freehold.	B	£279,735	+
Purley Chase Centre, Atherstone. Freehold.	B	£4,906,784	+

In North Lancashire

Blackpool. Church and rooms at Reads Avenue.	A	£272,761	
Burnley. Church and rooms at Briercliffe Road.	B	£287,838	+

General Conference.

House at 5 Whittycroft Drive, Barrowford, Nelson. Freehold. #	B	£114,860	+
House at 45 Minehead Avenue, Burnley. Freehold.#	B	£60,472	+
House at 126 Mercer Crescent, Haslingden, Rossendale. Jointly owned freehold.	B	£109,127	+
House at 6 Dunkirk Avenue, Fulwood, Preston. Jointly owned freehold.	B	£125,892	+

In North-West (Manchester) and Cheshire

Chester. Church and rooms at Brook Lane, Newton.	B	£363,183	+
House at 51 Woodlands Drive, Newton.	B	£126,599	+
Heywood. Church and rooms at Hornby Street.	B	£851,650	+
Kearsley. Church and rooms at Bolton Road.	B	£1,177,194	+
Radcliffe. Church and rooms at Stand Lane.	C	£700,090	

General Conference.

House at Church Street, Kearsley. Freehold.	B	£112,625	+
Church and rooms at Charles Street, Whitefield, Manchester. Freehold.	B	£426,325	+
Manchester Old Road, Rhodes, Middleton, Manchester. Leasehold. ("Debris only" cover)	B	£100,000	

In Scotland

Paisley. Church and rooms at 17 George Street, together with library and creche contiguous.	B	£1,421,564	+
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In Yorkshire and the North-East

Bradford. Church and rooms at Ashfield Avenue, Frizinghall.	B	£523,166	+
Dalton. Church and rooms at Grove Place, Dalton, Huddersfield.	B	£980,413	+
Flats at 111 and 113 Long Lane, Dalton, Huddersfield.	B	£711,314	+
Keighley. Church and rooms at Braithwaite Road, Braithwaite.	B	£228,653	+
Seaburn Dene. Church and rooms at Shields Road, Seaburn Dene, Sunderland.	B	£425,646	+

General Conference.

House at 22 Wimborne Drive, Keighley. Jointly owned freehold. #	N	£500,000	
Kildwick New Church Centre, Main Road, Kildwick. Freehold. #	B	£399,002	+
House at 6 Park Avenue, Seaburn, Sunderland. Jointly owned freehold. #	S	£500,000	

Property of the New Church College

25 Radcliffe New Road, Radcliffe, Manchester.	B	£530,142	+
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LIST OF SOCIETIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
(For addresses and telephone numbers see Address List)

City, Town, etc.	Situation of Church	Minister or Lay Leader	Treasurer	Secretary
Accrington	Hargreaves Street Accrington BB5 2BB		Mr.D.H.Sharrock	
Birmingham (0121 554 5461)	Winleigh Road, Handsworth B20 2HN	Rev.C.Lauber	Mr.K.F.Eadie	Mr.J.D.Marshall
Blackpool	Reads Avenue Blackpool		Mr.G.W.Hunt	Mrs.E.Morrison
Bournemouth (01202 424831)	Tuckton Road, Southbourne BH6 3HT	Rev.C.Curry	Mrs.M.Waugh	Mrs.P.Booth
Bradford and Saltaire	Ashfield Avenue, Shipley W Yorks BD18 3AL	Contact Secretary	Mr.J.Skaife	Mrs.J.Milar
Brightlingsea	Queen Street Brightlingsea Essex CO7 0PH		Mr.N.A.Skinner	Mr.G.S.Kuphal

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Bristol	Cranbrook Road, Redland Bristol BS6 7BS	Rev.C.Curry **	Mr.R.A.Gilbert	Mr.J.D.Lewin
Burnley	Briercliffe Road Burnley Lancs BB10 1XH	Rev.M.W.Stanley *	Miss D.Metcalf (Acting)	Mrs S Wilson
Chester	Dicksons Drive Newton Park Chester CH2 2BT	Rev.N.Ryder *	Mr.R.Pulsford	Mrs P Ryder
Clayton-le-Moors	Arthur Street Clayton-le-Moors BB5 5NY	Rev.L.Chambers *	Mr.D.Sagar	Mrs C Sagar
Dalton, Huddersfield	Grove Place, Dalton Huddersfield HD5 9LH	Mr T Millar	Mrs.J.Jessop	Mrs J Mrozek
Derby	Horwood Avenue Derby DE23 6AN	Rev.C.Lauber	Ms.Z.Brooks	Mrs R.L.Delderfield

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Greenhill	177 Leicester Road, New Barnet, Herts., EN5 5EB	Rev. G. L. Gordon	Mr. N. K. Sutton / Mr. T. Cook	Mr. J. Shepherd
Kearsley (07913 121119)	Bolton Road Kearsley Lancs BL4 9DD	Contact Mrs. P. A. Grimshaw	Mrs. P. A. Grimshaw	Mr. Grant Brackley
Keighley	Braithwaite Road Braithwaite W Yorks BD21	Rev. C. Bank	Mr. M. Pepper	Mrs. Y. Higgins
Kensington (020 7229 9340)	5 Pembroke Villas Kensington London W11 3EN	Rev. G. L. Gordon	Mrs. L. F. Wells	Mr. D. R. A. Friend
Paisley	17 George Street Paisley PA1 2LB	Rev. J. Dunion	Mr. C. A. Macpherson	Mr. N. R. Laidlaw
Radcliffe	Stand Lane Radcliffe Manchester M26		Mrs. H. Eastwood	Mrs. M. Burton

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Seaburn Dene, Sunderland	Shields Road Seaburn Dene, Sunderland SR6 8ND	Rev. B. R. Jarvis*	Mr. P. G. Schofield	Mr. W. Griffiths
Southend-on-Sea	Sutton Road Southend-on-Sea SS2 5HX	Rev. C. V. A. Hasler*	Mr. B. R. Smith	Mr. P. Cunningham
West Wickham (020 8777 1588)	142 High Street, West Wickham Kent BR4 0LZ	Rev. G. L. Gordon	Mr. C. V. Skinner	Mr. and Mrs D. E. Brooks
Auckland, New Zealand (00 64 9 591767)	5 Ballarat Street, Ellerslie	Rev. R. J. Keyworth Rev J Sutton	Mrs. J. Keal	Mrs. E. Keal
Mauritius	Remono Street, Curepipe Road and 2 Rue Champ de Lort Port Louis			Mr. C. Phanjoo

* Retired Minister ** Supervising Minister

LIST OF GROUPS AND STUDY CIRCLES IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The information given is liable to change, and potential visitors are advised to check with the Secretary or Contact concerned. For addresses and telephone numbers of the Secretaries, Ministers, etc., see the Address List

City, Town, etc.	Usual Meeting Place	Minister or Lay Leader	Secretary or Contact Name	Usual Day and Time of meeting
Dumbarton	Members' homes	Rev.J.Dunion	Rev.J.Dunion	Monthly
East Sussex	Member's 'home (Eastbourne)	Mr S Thomas	Mr.A.Bula	Consult contact
Edinburgh	7 Randolph Crescent	Rev.R.A.Gill	Mrs.H.Laidlaw	Sept-Dec and Feb-June (first Monday of the month 7.30 p.m.)
Heywood			Mrs.A.Clarke	
Morecambe Bay	Members' homes	Rev.M.W.Stanley	Dr.M.Jackson	Consult contact
Nottingham	Members' homes			Bi-monthly
Preston	23/25 Guildhall Arcade, Preston PR1 1HR	Mrs A Whittle	Mrs L Hale	First Sunday of the Month at 10:45 a.m.
Radcliffe	New Church College	Rev. D. Lomax	Contact College	Consult contacts
Southampton	Members' homes	Rev.C.Curry		Consult contact (monthly 2.30 p.m.)
Stockport	Members' homes		Mr.J.D.Lomax	Usually fortnightly

**SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS OF
NEW CHURCH INSTITUTIONS AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

	Secretary	Treasurer
Area Councils:-		
London & Southern	Mr.B.Brown	Mr.B.Brown
North-West (Manchester)	Mrs.P.A.Grimshaw	Mr.J.E.Ford
Scottish Association	Mrs.N.Laidlaw	Mrs.R.Johnstone
Yorkshire & North-East	Mrs.J.E.Millar	Mr.P.G.Schofield
Broadfield Benevolent Fund	Mr.R.G.Pulsford	Mr.R.G.Pulsford
College	Mr.M.D.Haseler	Mr.R.J.Nicholls
Committee for Auxiliary Ministry	Mrs.J.E.Millar	
Examining Board (College Board of Studies)	College Principal	
Home Worship Scheme	Mrs.S.Fay	
Honorary Life Members	Mr.M.J.Hindley	
Library & Archives Committee	Mrs.F.Fisher	
Jeggins Trustees	Mrs.D.Mullock	
Kildwick Committee	Mr.K.Sandiford	Mr.K.Sandiford
Ministers' Committee	Rev.R.A.Gill	
New Church Children's Society	Dr.G.C.Bentley	Mr.D.Thomas
New Church Historical Society	Rev.N.Ryder (Convenor)	Mrs.P.A.Grimshaw (Sec/Treas)
New Church Youth Association	Mrs.P.A.Grimshaw	Mr.P.G.Schofield
North of England New Church House	Miss.D.Metcalf	Ms Z Brooks
Overseas Secretary	Rev.N.Ryder	
Scottish Association of the New Church	Mrs.N.Laidlaw	Mrs.R.Johnstone
Swedenborg Society	Mr.R.Lines	Mr.A.Morley
Women's League	Mrs.M.Liversedge	Mrs.V.Clayton
League Benevolent Fund	Mrs.A.Walton	
Yorkshire Missionary Association	Mrs.J.Millar	Mr.P.G.Schofield

AREA COUNCILS

These Councils comprise a Secretary, a Treasurer and as many Ministers and Lay Members as are deemed necessary.

The numbers in brackets after the names of the Societies denote the number of representatives which the Society is entitled to send to the Annual Meeting of the Conference.

An asterisk indicates that the property of the Society is in Conference Trust.

London and Southern

Ministers: Rev.C.Curry, Rev.G.L.Gordon, Rev.R.Russell, Rev.H.Brown

Secretary: Mr.B.Brown

Treasurer: Mr.B.Brown

*Bournemouth (3); *Brightlingsea (2); *Greenhill (1);* Kensington (1);

*Southend-on-Sea (1); *West Wickham (2)

North-West (Manchester)

Secretary: Mrs.P.A.Grimshaw

Treasurer: Mr.J.E.Ford

*Chester (2); *Kearsley (2); *Radcliffe (1);

Scottish Association

Ministers: Rev.R.A.Gill, Rev.E.Byrne,Rev.J.Dunion

Secretary: Mrs.N.Laidlaw

Treasurer: Mrs.R.Johnstone

Registrar of Isolated: Rev.R.A.Gill

*Paisley (2)

Yorkshire and North-East

Minister: Rev.C.Bank, Rev.B.Jarvis

Secretary: Mrs.J.E.Millar

Treasurer: Mr.P.G.Schofield

*Bradford and Saltaire (2); *Dalton (2); *Keighley (2); *Seaburn Dene (2)