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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.

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**FAITH - Keynote Address - Conference, July 2019 - General Conference
of the New Church. Rev David Gaffney (The Spiritual Leader)**

Key Quotation: “... Take heart ... your faith has healed you. ...” (Matthew 9:22. NIV)

The key quotation for the Conference was taken from the story of Jesus healing a Leader’s daughter from Matthew 9:18-26. Here is the Key Quotation in context:

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

“18 While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, “My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.”

19 Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

20 Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak.

21 She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.”

22 Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.

23 When Jesus entered the synagogue leader’s house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes,

24 he said, “Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.” But they laughed at him.

25 After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up.

26 News of this spread through all that region.” (Matthew 9:18 - 26 NIV)

In the story, a certain synagogue-leader came and knelt before the Lord, and asked Him to bring his daughter back to life, at which point the Lord and His disciples rose and followed the Leader. The Leader was a Civil Judge or Magistrate who would have worked away from the Synagogue. Jesus was disliked by the Pharisees and the Sadducees, they were generally hypocrites who were twisted in mind and utterance, lacking charity; so this man would probably have taken a risk in terms of his reputation, to be seen seeking Jesus’ help. He had great faith that the Lord could bring his daughter back to life.

This story, is repeated in both Mark’s Gospel and Luke’s. The details in each Gospel are slightly different because each is meant to impart spiritual knowledge to the reader; both at the subconscious level for those who have no awareness or knowledge of an internal spiritual meaning, and more consciously, for those who have this from Swedenborg’s Writings. Faith is at the centre of the story. Like all of Jesus’ miracles, it is a beautiful account which demonstrated our Lord’s love, compassion, and power acted out in this physical plane of life. However, what is perhaps not so obvious and just as

miraculous is that the account also demonstrates the Lord's ability to effect spiritual miracles then, now and to eternity; since those days, He has had the power to regenerate ordinary men and women through His Divine Human.

There is a strong sense in this account that the Leader, the woman and the girl are 'born again', born to the reality of Jesus in their lives:

'Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."' (John 3:3)

Today, in this day and age, the Leader represents you or me and our own faith journeys. And the different elements of the sequence of the story can represent a sequence of spiritual events in the process of being born again to a new spiritual awareness and regenerated by the Lord to eternity.

If we take the Leader to represent ourselves, then Jesus and His disciples' arising and following the Leader represents - in spiritual terms - the Lord's love being stirred within us by our plea to Him when we are in very significant difficulty. His love - and His goodness and truth, represented by the disciples - then begin to make a descent from 'above', by way of the inner into the outer parts of the mind, in order to bring to life our entire spirit, right down to the most external part of the mind which is represented by the dead daughter. [Note also, that in Swedenborg's Writings, the *mind* and the *spirit* are exactly the same thing; the common concept of 'Spirit, Mind and Body' or 'Mind Body and Spirit', being misconceptions which really should read: 'Soul, Spirit and Body', or what is the same, Soul, Mind and Body'.]

En-route to bringing the daughter back to life, Jesus heals a woman with a twelve-year bleed. It may well occur to you to ask the question as to whether all this really happened, and according to the Writings of our Church the answer is "yes" it really did happen in the physical plane of life. But at the same time the whole story represents 'spiritual' healings of the inner parts and outer parts of any person's spirit or mind.

The woman with the bleed approaches the Lord, and this seems like an incidental happening, but as already hinted at, in the spiritual sequence of events it represents an important stage in the spiritual healing of any person - which the leader represents - who wishes to enter into a full and dependent relationship with the Lord.

She touches the hem of the Lord's garment from behind; perhaps she is afraid to face Him; He turns and faces her and "sees" her. To "see" her means that He knew and understood everything about her. He would also have known the very significant risk she would have taken to do this in that society; as she would probably have been an outcast. Jesus tells her that her faith has healed

her. From what she had seen and heard about Jesus, she *knew* that He could and would heal her. In the spiritual sense, this first healing represents a healing of our inner life [Swedenborg's 'Internal Man(homo)' or Internal Person] which must happen first in the process of healing the whole person.

In a spiritual sense, the woman with the bleed whom Jesus encounters represents an aspect of the inner life of the Leader or any person. This aspect is an *inner affection for truth* which has been *bleeding away* to the extent that all aspects of this affection had all but died (twelve represents the full spectrum). Without an affection for truth we have no interest in it or in learning it. I assume that even though this Leader was fundamentally a good man his constant companions at his workplace - the Pharisees and the Sadducees with their hypocrisy and falseness - had possibly ground down his beliefs to such an extent that, in his confusion, he had almost totally lost his affection for truth. He was not really aware of this; hence the Lord's healing of 'the woman' seemed to come as a happenstance occurrence.

He was however, fully aware that his *daughter* had died. A daughter in a spiritual sense represents an *affection for good works*. Incidentally, Jesus favourite disciple John represents good works; which to me at least implies that good works from genuine motives and from a sense of the Divine, are the 'summum bonum' of life. I am going to make an assumption that both the daughter and the corresponding spiritual quality within the Leader had both died. In our own spiritual life, if our spiritual 'daughter' dies then we have lost any desire to do good works. *[Note, that in real life the loss of a daughter does not necessarily mean that a parent has lost an affection for good work.]*

If you or I had no desire whatsoever to do good works except from motives of self-interest, and this pricked our conscience, then this would hopefully, move us to the feet of our Lord. Hence the Leader visited Jesus; which in the spiritual sense would mean that a person would pray earnestly to the Lord for help.

So Jesus then carries on to heal at the next stage, the outer life or [External Person] as represented by the daughter.

As Jesus approaches the Leader's house, the noisy crowd of professional mourners and wailers are there; and Jesus puts them out, and they laugh at Him. He and the three disciples, Peter, James and John (not named in this Gospel account) and the parents went in to the dead girl. Jesus took the girl by the hand and she was raised.

"I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right-hand and says to you, do not fear, I will help you." (Isaiah 41:13).

"The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand." (Psalm 37:23,24)

The hand represents the Lord's power. In another account, Jesus says to the girl, "Talitha coumi", which means something like "arise innocent little girl"; and she is twelve years old. This age is significant because it is the age when a Jewish girl was/is at the 'age of majority' when she was expected to start moving into her adulthood. The equivalent for a boy was thirteen. The word 'innocent' spiritually refers to a desire to be doing good work from child-like innocence, or what is the same, doing good work from pure motive devoid of self-interest. *As Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matt.18:3).* Little children are in the innocence of ignorance whereas adults should be in the innocence of wisdom. That the girl is twelve and moving into womanhood - and women in general **represent an affection in you or me for taking on true teachings** from the Word, leading us to wisdom by applying these teachings to life – would support this principle.

A person who has lost any affection for doing good and seeks the Lord's help will be helped first to heal a problem at a more internal level as signified by the woman with the bleed who touched the hem of the Lord's garment. Remember that she represents a loss of affection for truth. His garment represents the literal meaning of the Word (in the Bible) and the *hem* being the lowest part, represented the most basic fundamental precepts of the Church as stated in the Word, such as: the Ten Commandments, the Law of Moses in general from the Five Books of the Pentateuch, and the Prophets. All of these speak of Love to the Lord and the neighbour and **how to love them**. The woman touching the hem means that we need to read and meditate prayerfully upon the fundamental precepts of the Word in order to inform or re-orientate ourselves with the Lord's help and unscramble any 'confused' thinking we may have. From this, should spring a new affection and direction, for doing good work; but with wisdom (see also TCR 428).

The Lord encountering the noisy crowd and putting them out signifies the tumultuous and noisy worldliness and materialism which surrounds most of us, and that we must reject it first if the Lord is to be able to enter in and heal us.

This story is not only about the Leader and a wonderful story about the compassion, perception and healing power of the Lord at the literal level 2000 years ago; it is also about vivifying (bringing to life) the stages in a process of spiritual healing or regeneration which all those who approach the Lord in sincerity, faith and humility can experience.

Notes and Quotes (for those who want to delve deeper):

REMAINS

Underpinning the whole story is the concept of ‘remains’. Remains are an essential gift from the Lord to all of us, without which no-one could be saved. **Everyone** receives them. It is remains which the leader and the woman drew on which led them to the Lord. The following quote from the Writings is - I think - fairly self-explanatory:

“Remains are all the states of love and charity, and consequently all the states of love and peace, with which a person is gifted. These states are bestowed on a person from infancy [by the Lord], but less, by degrees as a person advances to adult age; but, during regeneration, a person receives new remains besides the former, thus new life.” (AC 1738)

NATURAL GOOD

“Natural good is not really good, unless made spiritual good.” (AE 619)

“Natural (domestic) good is that which a person receives from their parents, or into which he is born, it is very different from the good of the natural which flows in from the Lord.” (AC 3518)

NATURAL ‘PERSON’ (Natural Man)

“There are three kinds of Natural Person, one kind consists of those who know nothing of divine commandments; the second consists of those that do know that there are such commandments, but think nothing of a life according to them; and the third consists of those who despise and deny them.” (DLW 249)

SPIRITUAL GOOD

“Spiritual good has its quality from the truths of faith (true teachings from the Word), their abundance and connection; but natural good is connate (inherited from family and environmental influence), and also comes into existence by means of things that happen, such as misfortune, disease and the like. Natural good saves no-one; but spiritual love saves all.” (AC 7761)

“Spiritual goodness is of the spirit, being received by a new birth from the Lord.” (TCR 537)

EXTERNAL or NATURAL PEOPLE

External people may take in the Word but don’t live a life according to true teachings from it, either from ignorance or intention. Their developing loves are love of self and worldly things. Their delights are leaning towards loving power over others, sensuality and materialism. The need is for the spiritual to flow into the natural and make it aligned with it. This is achieved by doing genuine good work from true (not twisted) interpretations of the Word.

BORN AGAIN

‘Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."' (John 3:3)

‘INTERNAL’ OR SPIRITUAL PEOPLE

Spiritual people take in the Word from their senses - eyes and ears - and they look towards the Lord and heaven for enlightenment and live life accordingly. Their developing loves are: Love of the Lord and the neighbour; their delights are joy and peace

DAUGHTER

Daughter signifies affection in general; Young Woman signifies affection in which is charity; and Damsel (or maiden or girl), affection in which is innocence. AC 3067

WOMAN

A woman: “Woman signifies the church from the *affection for truth*,” (AR 620). Remember: The Lord’s bride is the Church, and the Lord is the Word incarnate.

BLEEDING

“Having an issue of blood signifies those who are in natural love, separate from spiritual love ...” (AE 163/9). (Note: Goodness within Natural Love bleeds away if not guided by true teachings from the Word.)

“What follows talks about people (the seduced) who allow themselves to be seduced by others who make up false teachings from a delight in a love of self and the world. Those who allow themselves to be seduced, are not like those whom they have followed (who have falsified truth and adulterated goodness), for these (the seducers) have seen the truth and changed it to favour their own selfishness and worldliness, thus perverting it; and afterwards these people (the seducers) are unable to turn themselves back to truth and acknowledge it (see AE 162). But those who have not done this (the seduced) but have allowed themselves to be led away by those who have (the seducers), have not so much closed the internal or spiritual life within themselves; for they have not themselves falsified truth, but have put faith in those who have, because these false teachings sound like truth. For these (the seduced) think no more deeply than that their leaders must be believed because they are intelligent and wise; thus they hang upon the lips of a master. ...” (AE 163, Paraphrased)

FAITH

“Faith is an internal acknowledgement of truth.” (DF 1)

“Faith is an affection for truth from willing the truth because it is true; and

willing the truth because it is true constitutes the very Spiritual of a person (or man).” (NJHD 112)

“ ... The Lord healed this person and others according to their faith, because the first and primary thing of the church then to be established was to believe that the Lord is God Almighty, for without that faith, no church could have been established. For the Lord was (is) the God of heaven and earth, with whom no conjunction is possible except by an acknowledgement of His Divinity which acknowledgement is faith. But there must always be this **historical faith** before it becomes a **saving faith** with man by his learning truths from the Word, and living according to them.”

AE 815 /3,4 (relating to Matt 9: 18 - 25 and other quotes)

A **living or saving Faith** is that through believing that The Lord is the Divine Human, the Word incarnate, and that through His Word and true teachings from it, and a life lived accordingly, we can regenerate. He does - for ever - real spiritual miracles. He came that we “*may have life and have it more abundantly*” (John 10:10).

Some ideas on the effects of the quality of faith on the Church:

The Lord’s love is unchangeable but the loves of human beings will very slowly mutate into evil without the constant guidance of the Lord’s truth. Human ideas are completely fallible. We need Divine Revelation. The fall of the churches across history bears witness to this:

“*O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.*” (Ps 43:3). Also

“**Faith** is an internal acknowledgement of **truth**.” (DF 1)

“... Take heart ... **your faith** has healed you. ...” (Matthew 9: 22.)

- not enough compassion = church degenerates (‘hard’ church)
- not enough truth = church degenerates (‘soft’ church)
- genuine good work is compatible with a balanced church. (genuine = devoid of vested interest except the desire to serve God and the neighbour and thus enter into states of peace and joy (heaven)). It sees the neighbour’s interests in eternity; not just in this world.
- judgement moderated by compassion = justice or righteousness (rightness)

BED

It is assumed that the girl is on a bed before she gets up.

“ ... This is evident from the signification of a ‘bed’ as being the [faith of a] ‘natural’ person, also the teachings of false beliefs ...” (AE 163) [There is nothing of the ‘spiritual’ mind within the completely natural mind. The spiritual mind is fed by the Word. The natural mind on its own is fed by the

world. We ‘sleep’ on beds]

A SUMMARY: On what main characters represent?

- The LORD = The Divine Love and Wisdom of His Divine Human
- DISCIPLES = The Goods & Truths which come forth from the Lord’s Love
- SYNAGOGUE LEADER = you or I
- THE DEAD DAUGHTER = Death of affection for good works in general (at the natural level - in life)
- WOMAN with a twelve year bleed = Loss of affection for true teachings from the Word (Twelve year = the full spectrum).
- NOISY CROWD = Worldliness and tumultuous feelings (from promiscuity, greed, power-mongering, razzmatazz etc.) must be shut out *first*, if a cure (regeneration of the spirit) is to be effected.
- THE GIRL = An affection for good works but with particular stress on ‘innocence’ (adult good works must be done from innocence, but ‘innocence of wisdom’).
- HISTORICAL FAITH = the faith that Jehovah God did come down to Earth in an earthly body, Glorified it and became the risen Lord Jesus Christ, the Divine Human for ever; and that He carried out physical miracles whilst on Earth.
- **SAVING or LIVING FAITH** = that he can perform spiritual miracles (regeneration) for ever.

Bibliography and key to the Writings of Swedenborg:

Swedenborg’s Writings used: AR Apocalypse Revealed. AE Apocalypse Explained. AC Arcana Caelestia. TCR True Christian Religion. DLW Divine Love and Wisdom. DF Doctrine of Faith. NJHD New Jerusalem and its Heavenly Doctrine.

Other works used:

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

Company Number 00006039

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

1 In accordance with Minute 42 of the last Annual Meeting, the Conference assembled, as arranged by the Council, at 3.00 p.m. at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, on Tuesday, 23rd July 2019.

2 The Revd Becky Jarratt 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 Mrs Judith Wilson, the Chairman of the Council, took the chair and welcomed Members to the 212th Annual Meeting of The General Conference of the New Church.

4 The Chairman announced that she had invited Mrs Erica Cunningham and Mrs Sally Field to check the credentials of Voting Members and to supervise the signing of the Conference Roll.

5 The roll, when completed, contained the following names:

COUNCIL

Chairman	J M Wilson
Members	J Z Brooks
	R H Cunningham
	L K Nicholls
Officer	S G Field

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

M Clubb
D R A Friend
G S Kuphal
A C Misson

MINISTERS

Spiritual Leader D E Gaffney
 C A Bank
 H T Brown
 G Clarkson
 C Curry
 M E Duckworth
 J Dunion
 R M Jarratt
 B R Jarvis
 I Russell
 A C Southcombe
 B M Talbot

AREA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Yorkshire and North-East P Blomfield, J Mrozek

SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES

Accrington	A Walton, J Walton
Bournemouth	L Pierpoint, S Thomas
Bradford	J E Millar
Dalton	W Richardson
Derby	G Bentley, J Stopher-Clark
Kearsley	J Ford, S Kennion
Keighley	A E Clarkson, L Raistrick
Paisley	M Cowie
Seaburn Dene	L Griffiths, N Ramsay
West Wickham	D Brooks, C Skinner

SOCIETY VOTERS WHO ARE NOT REPRESENTATIVES

Bournemouth	M Curry, R Russell,
Bradford	G Rowe
Derby	B Clubb, J Jones, S Jones, R Kennion
Kearsley	C Kennion, A J Presland, M Presland
Seaburn Dene	T Jarvis
West Wickham	M Misson, A Skinner

CENTRAL REGISTER MEMBERS

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E S Cunningham
L Differ
F Fisher
K S Fitzgerald
S L Fitzgerald
B Friend
S Friend
A Gaffney
C Goalen
I Hindley
M Morgan
P Morgan
L Wells

6 The Company Secretary read messages received from Mrs Mary Burnley, Mrs Pauline Grimshaw, Mr Trevor Millar, Mr Geoff Nicholls, Mrs Hazel Nicholls and Miss Eve Nicholls and the Revd Michael Stanley and drew attention to the fact that these messages were displayed on the noticeboard.

The Company Secretary stated that she had also received apologies from Mr John Cunningham, who wished us a very inspiring Conference, and from Mr David Haseler, who wished us a successful and stimulating meeting.

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

7 The Revd Christine Bank spoke about the contribution to Conference made by Mrs Jean Chambers and the Revd Norman Ryder who had both passed into the spiritual world.

8 *Resolved:* That the Conference expresses its high regard for these friends and their various services to the Lord's Church, and requests that a copy of the Memorial Notice be forwarded to the families, with the sympathy and goodwill of the Members of Conference.

9 The Revd Christine Bank presented the Report of the Ministers' Committee. She drew attention to the following anniversaries of ordination: Revd John Elliott and Revd John Teed, 65 years; Revd Brian Talbot and Revd Geoffrey Clarkson 30 years; Revd David Gaffney 15 years; and Revd Helen Brown and Revd Jack Dunion 10 years.

- 10 *Resolved:* That the Report of the Ministers' Committee be adopted.
- 11 *Resolved:* That Miss Lynne Griffiths be declared to be an Accredited Worship Leader.
- 12 Mrs Jan Millar gave a report on behalf of the Committee for Auxiliary Ministry.
- 13 Miss Gemma McLean spoke about *E-News* and *E-Read*, which have replaced *Lifeline*.
- 14 At 8.00 p.m. there was a choice of an Art Workshop or Circle Dancing.

Wednesday 24th July 2019

- 15 The morning session was opened at 9.30 a.m. with music and singing.
- 16 At 9.45 a.m. a Family Holy Supper service was conducted by the Revd Bruce Jarvis and the Revd Alison Southcombe.
- 17 The Revd David Gaffney delivered the keynote address based on the Conference theme 'Faith', during which he encouraged discussion.
- 18 At 2.30 p.m. there were choice sessions on the theme of Faith:
- Forest Church
 - Faith Walk
 - Circle Dancing
 - Any Spiritual or Theological Questions
 - Faith Study
- 19 Ms Karen Nolan gave the Conference news from the Swedenborg Open Learning Centre.
- 20 The Revd David Gaffney introduced Mr Paul Morgan, a sponsored ordination student.
- 21 The Revd David Gaffney presented two certificates, Diploma in Swedenborgian Studies and Graduate in Swedenborgian Studies, to Mr Lee Differ, a sponsored ordination student. Mr Differ spoke about his further studies prior to ordination.
- 22 An appeal was made by the Revd Jack Dunion for funding for New Christian Bible Study website.
- 23 At 8.00 p.m. the following special interest groups were held in parallel:

- Any Spiritual or Theological Questions.
- Annual General Meeting of the New Church Historical Society
- Evening of Singing and Playing

Thursday 25th July 2019

24 The morning session was opened at 9.30 a.m. with family worship led by Mr Alan Misson.

25 Mrs Sally Field presented the Report of the Company Accountant.

26 *Resolved:* That the Company Accountant's Report, the Balance Sheet and Accounts be adopted.

27 Mrs Judith Wilson presented the Report of the Council.

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

29 *Resolved:* That the Report of the Council be adopted.

30 Following a ballot Mrs Judith Wilson was declared to be Chairman until 2023, Mr Richard Cunningham was declared to be Vice-chairman until 2021 and Mrs Margaret Cowie and Miss Shannon Fitzgerald were declared to be members of the Council until 2022.

31 There was a session of news from the New Church Youth Association and the Youth and Family Team, during which Mrs Carolyn Kennion presented a small gift to Mr Clive Goalen, who was stepping down, to mark their thanks for his many years of service to the Association.

32 The results of the Purley Chase Photograph Competition were revealed.

33 At 4.30 p.m. the Conference Service was conducted by the Revd Jack Dunion and the Revd Christine Bank. The theme of Faith was continued, using the story of Noah's ark.

The offertory for the Conference funds amounted to £851.25 (inclusive of Gift Aid).

34 At 8.00 p.m. a social entitled 'Party Time for Everyone' was held, compered by Mr Steve Jones and Mrs Jenny Jones.

Friday 26th July 2019

35 At 9.45 a.m. the morning began with a session in which the children and young people presented the work they had undertaken during the Conference.

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

37 *Resolved:* That, in accordance with the Council's proposal, the 213th Annual Meeting be held at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, starting on Tuesday 28th July 2020.

38 *Resolved:* That the warm thanks of the Conference be conveyed to all those responsible for making arrangements for the meeting, in particular Mr John Ford (the Conference Organiser); Mrs Margaret Presland (the Bookings Secretary); Mrs Lara Nicholls, for the planning of Conference; Miss Gemma McLean, for Information Communication Technology arrangements; Mrs Jenny Jones and all those involved in enabling and planning for families to be present at the Meeting; Mrs Erica Cunningham and Mrs Sally Field for acting as the Credentials Committee; Mrs Lynda Pierpoint and Mr Colin Skinner for acting as scrutineers; Mr David Friend, Mrs Hazel Nicholls, Mr Michael Clubb and Mrs Betty Clubb for arrangements for the Holy Supper service; Mrs Ruth Friend (Music Director), the musicians and the choir; Mrs Jenny and Mr Steve Jones for the Social and Mrs Erica Cunningham for the beautiful floral arrangements.

39 *Resolved:* That the warm thanks of the Conference be accorded to all those unsung volunteers and church workers whose dedication to the Conference fills the 362 days of the year when the Annual Meeting is not happening. These include the members of the Conference Council, the Spiritual Leader and the other members of the Ministry, both active and retired, the Purley Management Team and the Company Accountant, plus many others who keep the Societies and institutions of the church running.

40 *Resolved:* That the warm thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Chairman of the Council, Mrs Judith Wilson, and to the chairmen and vice-chairmen appointed by her, for their conduct of the Annual Meeting. Those who acted in this capacity were Mrs Margaret Cowie, Mr Richard Cunningham, Miss Shannon Fitzgerald and Mrs Lara Nicholls.

41 *Resolved:* That the warm thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Company Secretary, Ms Zoë Brooks, for her work throughout the year.

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

43 At 12:10 p.m. a closing service of family worship was conducted by the Revd Mary Duckworth.

44 The Annual Meeting closed at 12:45 p.m.

Signed

Judith M Wilson, Chairman

J Zoë Brooks, Company Secretary

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2019

1 MEMBERSHIP

1.1 The Council held five meetings during the year, which included one short meeting before the Annual Meeting. Details of attendances are as follows:

Chairman	Mrs J M Wilson	5
Trustees:	Ms J Z Brooks	5
	(Also Company Secretary)	
	Mr R H Cunningham	5
	Mr M D Haseler	5
	Mr M J Hindley	0 (2 possible)
	Mrs L K Nicholls	5

In attendance were:

Company Accountant:	Mrs S Field	5
Ministers' Com. Secretary:	Revd C Bank	5
Spiritual Leader:	Revd D E Gaffney	5

1.2 In July 2018 Mr Richard H Cunningham and Mrs Lara K Nicholls were re-elected as Trustees until 2021.

Mrs Judith M Wilson and Mr David Haseler will complete their terms of office in July 2019. Mrs Wilson will seek re-election but Mr Haseler is not standing for election again. The periods of office of the other Members of the Council in their present roles are: Ms J Zoë Brooks until 2020 and Mrs Lara K Nicholls and Mr Richard H Cunningham until 2021. However, Mr Cunningham is unlikely to complete his term as he is standing for election as vice-Chairman.

1.3 On 26 July 2018 Mr Michael J Hindley resigned as a Trustee on health grounds. The Council was saddened by this and wishes to record its thanks to Mr Hindley for his many years of service on the Council as both the Chief Executive and as a Trustee.

1.4 At the Conference in 2018 no Vice-Chairman was elected and only two of the four possible Trustees were appointed, so the Council was reduced to only five voting members, making it the tenth year during which it has been without its full complement. This year, therefore, assuming Mr Cunningham

becomes vice-Chairman, it is possible to appoint two Trustees for a period of three years, one for a period of two years and one for a period of one year. Two new people, Mrs Margaret Cowie and Miss Shannon Fitzgerald are going to stand for election in July 2019 and the Council is delighted by this. They have been attending meetings to prepare themselves for this work.

The Council particularly needs people with legal and accountancy skills to join its membership.

2 GENERAL REVIEW

In order to continue to encourage young people to attend Conference the Council has agreed that Mrs Jenny Jones be authorised to invite 16-19 year olds and those aged 20 and 21 who are undergoing full-time education to attend Conference 2018 as a free event.

As it is not only young families that sometimes have difficulty meeting the costs of attending Conference, the Council has also decided to continue to offer to reduce the price for all members to 75% of the actual cost for Conference 2019. Those who can afford to do so have been asked to make up the balance of 25% by donation, in addition to any donation they might wish to make towards the costs of young families. As a result of this reduction, young families are being offered attendance at only half of 75% but they are being asked to make this up to 50% by donation if they can afford to do so.

3 LINK MEMBERS

Details of the links between the Council and those engaged in ministerial work are:

Web Development	Mr R H Cunningham and Revd J Dunion
Purley Chase	Mrs S G Field and Revd A Southcombe
Finance	Mrs S G Field and Revd C Curry
Youth	Mrs L K Nicholls and Revd J Dunion
Human Resources	Mrs J Wilson and Revd C Bank
Training and Development	Mrs J Wilson and Revd R Jarratt
CAM	Mrs J Wilson and Revd C Bank

4 STAFF & REMUNERATION

In 2018/19 the total of stipends, telephone and broadband paid to ministers was £122,817. In the same year the total of salaries, wages, telephone and broadband paid to lay employees was £191,832. These figures include people employed for part of the year.

The Council approved a 3% increase from 1 April 2018 for all employees, except those paid hourly, who are treated individually. This is slightly above what was shown by the Average Weekly Earnings index, which gave a figure of 2.8%.

Miss Gemma McLean took on the additional role of Data Protection Manager from 1 April 2018.

Mr Geoffrey Nicholls resigned as Manager of the Purley Chase Centre on 8 August 2018. The reason for his resignation was that many aspects of the job proved to be different from his expectations.

Mrs Rachel Gilsenan was appointed Deputy Manager of the Purley Chase Centre on 4 April 2018. Upon the resignation of Mr Nicholls she was appointed as Manager. There has been a slight change in the organisation of work at Purley and as a result Mrs Dawn Scaife became Assistant Manager.

5 MINISTRY

Mr Lee Differ's ordination will not take place until July 2020, to allow further time for study.

The Revd David Gaffney has agreed to continue as Spiritual Leader for a further two years from July 2019.

Mr Paul Morgan became a sponsored ordination student on 1 January 2019.

6 VOLUNTEERS

The Council again wishes to express its gratitude to all those who have taken on voluntary roles.

7 SOCIETIES AND AREA COUNCILS

This has been yet another sad year. Kensington Society closed on 30 September 2018. Greenhill Society closed on 30 June 2018. Its final service was held on 24 June 2018.

Seaburn Dene considered closure when the Revd Bruce Jarvis indicated that he wished to withdraw from active participation in the Society's affairs but the Council is delighted to report that the Society decided that it was able to continue. The Revd Bruce Jarvis conducted the service on Sunday 16 September 2018 as his final service for the time being as a voluntary worker. His actual retirement was some years ago and the Council wishes to thank him for all that he has done for Seaburn Dene and for Conference since then.

At a meeting on 17 February 2019 The Scottish Association took the decision to close.

8 CONFERENCE PROPERTIES

General

A small amount of work in connection with electrical checks is still to be

completed.

Lightning Conductors

Conference's insurance company has drawn attention to the need to check lightning conductors. As a result our Health and Safety Policy has been amended to include the following additional item:

'Where a building has a lightning conductor installed, it shall be inspected and tested every eleven months by a qualified person.'

Burnley

The sale of the freehold of the flats for £10,000 was completed on 28 September 2018.

The Conference has at last received the Charity Commission Scheme that removes the time restriction on the use of the sale proceeds of the Burnley church and the freehold of the flats.

Dicksons Drive Chester

There has been some delay in marketing this property because the Chester Society wishes to sell the church to the Baptists without offering it on the open market. The question of whether this is permissible has been referred to the Charity Commission.

5 Pembridge Villas, Kensington

Contracts for sale at £5,085,000 were exchanged on 3 January 2019 but completion will not be until 17 May 2019.

177 Leicester Road, New Barnet

Unfortunately, as the Trust Deed of the Greenhill Society said nothing about the sale of the church, permission to sell had to be obtained from the Charity Commission. This was received on 6 October 2018. The property was sold on 6 December 2018 for £2,100,000.

Paisley Church

With the agreement of the Conference Council the Paisley Society decided to sell its church building and hire a room to hold services. The purpose is to remove from the shoulders of the members all the work involved in maintaining a building. An offer of £170,000 has been informally accepted.

6 Dunkirk Avenue

The sale of this property for £147,000 was completed on 24 August 2018. Conference's share is 77.74%.

6 Atwater Court

The sale of this property for £297,500 was completed on 29 October 2018.

126 Mercer Crescent

An offer of £217,500 has been accepted but contracts have not yet been exchanged. Conference owns 80% of this property.

101 Tuckton Road, Southbourne

An offer of £480,000 has been accepted but contracts have not yet been exchanged.

31 Barlavington Way, Midhurst

This property was purchased for £310,000 on 3 May 2018. The purchase was a joint one between Conference and Mr H W Turner.

9 LIFELINE

Mr Alan Misson, the editor, and Mr Howard Turner, the Distributor, resigned after the publication of the November/December 2018 issue. Mr Misson had served for 19 years as editor and Mr Turner had served for 7 years as distributor. The Council wishes to thank them both for their work.

At Conference last year there was a choice session in which the future of this publication was discussed. Nobody was willing to take on the editorial role. As a result two online publications, E-News and E-Read, are being produced by Miss Gemma McLean. One contains news items and the other articles. They are distributed to subscribers at appropriate intervals rather than on fixed dates. Miss McLean will be talking about this new initiative at Conference.

10 MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

Since the last Annual Meeting Mrs Jean Chambers and the Revd Norman Ryder have passed into the spiritual world.

11 NOMINATIONS

The Council proposes that Messrs BW Business Services Ltd of Derby be re-appointed auditors for the Conference.

12 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The company accountant, Mrs Sally Field, reports on the Income and Expenditure accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019 and the Balance Sheet as at that date, subject to audit:

Overall Summary

The operational surplus in 2018/19 has decreased to only £5,000.

Income

Society income has decreased further this year to £122,000, which is a decrease of 16% compared with last year. This decrease of £23,000 is as in previous years, due to closure of societies and some societies reducing or

ceasing their contributions to Conference. This trend is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. Donations increased by £1,000 (6%) to £16,000 compared with the previous year. Investment income continues to be the largest source of income to Conference. This year it makes up over 52% of the total income and with no new sources of income and society contributions decreasing, this percentage is only going to increase.

Expenditure

There has been a decrease in expenditure of 5% compared to the previous year. This decrease is mainly due to a higher than normal professional fees costs in the previous year. The human resources costs have actually increased by over 6% (£9,000) compared with last year.

Exceptional Items

There have been no legacies received this year but a number of properties sold. Closed society funds of over £2,068,000, the sale proceeds of Greenhill church being included here as church properties are not shown in the balance sheet, and property sales of £364,000 have been received in the year. The largest receipt is from the sale of Greenhill church at the end of 2018.

Future Forecast

The trend over the next 5 years is an operational surplus due mainly to the investment of sale proceeds from the sale of Greenhill and Kensington churches. Although this is promising, looking at things over a 10 year forecast period the surpluses will decrease and again fall to an operational deficit for 2025/26 onwards. Conference does have a large amount of funds in investments of which only some can be used due to restrictions placed on them. We hold investments to create an income on which we are heavily reliant. If we spend the money invested then we will have less income putting us deeper into operational deficit going forward. These deficits cannot be withstood forever and unless action is taken to find new income streams then Conference will run out of money in the future.

13 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PURLEY MANAGEMENT TEAM 2018 – 2019

(Mr Grant Brackley, Chair, reports)

1 The Team

Grant Brackley

Rachel Gilsonan

Alison Southcombe

Sally Field

Vivien Stewart-Wood

Chris Woodhouse

Chair

Manager

Programme Leader

Company Accountant

Committee Member

Committee Member

This has been a year of yet more change. Regrettably Mr Geoff Nicholls left in August 2018, and so Mrs Rachel Gilsenan stepped in to manage on her own temporarily. It has since been agreed that Mrs Dawn Scaife will be her assistant on a day to day basis and as of 3rd April 2019 the Council agreed to make Mrs Gilsenan's appointment permanent.

In September Mr David Haseler resigned from the PMT. Mr Haseler has been involved with Purley for over 40 years and has been Secretary for much of that time. He has put in an enormous amount of hard work and dedication and we thank him immensely for his service to Purley

With Mr Haseler leaving, we have also had two new members to add to the team this year. Mrs Vivien Stewart-Wood joined us, as she has been involved in helping at Purley for a couple of years, and we thought her knowledge would be of benefit to the PMT. Mr Chris Woodhouse has also joined us and his vast knowledge of Purley and his experience will be a great help to us. We have decided as a group not to have a full time secretary so this job will be done by rotation. This is working well and any formal communication will go to Mr Grant Brackley.

2 The Future

The Revd Alison Southcombe and Mrs Rachel Gilsenan have worked on a number of things in the last year.

Afternoon teas are now a regular event, tied in with a talk discussing the history of the house, Swedenborg and an overview of what goes on at Purley.

The Revd Alison Southcombe has established a painting group that meets monthly at Purley and numbers are increasing and Mrs Gilsenan has a steady income from women's institute groups and walking groups during the week.

3 Events

We are not analysing the events list now. However we can see from the activity that the number of visitors is increasing slightly. We are limited by the amount we can earn as a charity (below the VAT limit) and also by staff numbers. Therefore we have to be creative about expanding our work, trying not to create an increased workload and so increasing staff.

The Revd Alison Southcombe has taken over the running of the Sunday service and the Arcana Caelestia study group and these continue to be held monthly. She has added two new events to the Church events calendar - one art based and the other, Bread Church, a fellowship weekend.

4 Finance

There was a net deficit of £60,960 compared with a deficit of £73,261 in the

previous year. Staff changes throughout the year have affected the finances this year and also the increased fundraising efforts for ‘Painting Purley’, including decorating the games room, which have so far raised £4,020.67. This has made it not directly comparable with previous or forecast year’s finances.

5 Staff

Mrs Rachel Gilsenan is now the permanent manager and Dawn Scaife is her deputy. They now have one additional part time member of staff.

6 Building and Grounds

(a) General

We have been running a programme of “Painting Purley” supported through fundraising and this work is continuing. We have also had the games room decorated, and had a mural added to finish it off with fund raising from Purley over Christmas and an additional donation of £500 from NCYA which was greatly appreciated. This can now be used as a teaching tool with the Revd Alison Southcombe organising a key of symbolism to all pictures

(b) Health and Safety

All statutory checks and inspections are carried out at the specified intervals. The Team recognises its responsibility for the health and safety of our guests. All staff have received first aid training and Mrs Gilsenan now has a log of this and all other relevant training for staff.

7 Thanks

Purley continues to depend on the enthusiasm and dedication of our hard-working staff and volunteers. We thank everyone for the hard work over the last 12 months, and their patience in giving us time to re-organise. We would also like to thank the Council for their support and help in working through this period of difficulty. Final thanks are reserved for all those who help and support Purley financially. We depend on this help to make us successful. So thank you all for another good year.

On behalf of the Council:

Judith M Wilson, Chairman

J Zoë Brooks, Company Secretary

REPORTS FROM AROUND THE CHURCH YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2019

1 AREA COUNCILS

1.1 SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION (Mrs H Laidlaw reports)

The Scottish Association met three times between May 2018 and February 2019.

The numbers attending the “Open Doors Day” in September were slightly down on previous years. However, the Memory Sticks, prepared by Rev. Jack Dunion were very popular and all but two were taken by the visitors.

Due to a number of factors, the decision had to finally be taken, that we would wind-up the Scottish Association and at an Extraordinary Meeting on 17th February 2019 it was unanimously agreed that The Scottish Association of the New Church would be wound up and a formal Resolution was passed. In accordance with the Constitution of the Association any moneys are to be transferred to The General Conference of the New Church to be used for the purposes set out in the Constitution of The Scottish Association as agreed in 1976.

1.2 YORKSHIRE AND NORTH EAST AREA COUNCIL (Miss Gwendolen Rowe reports)

The AGM was held on a Sunday as part of a day of worship and activities to which all 4 churches in the area were invited, as well as families and individuals.

Our Treasurer, Mr Roger Jessop, has had ill health and has now stepped down as Treasurer but we are delighted to welcome Mr Trevor Millar as our new Treasurer.

Despite the drop of numbers in members attending worship there has been some optimism in our churches. Bradford and Seaburn Dene Churches have both enjoyed services led by young people which were extremely well received. Dalton has started a Fellowship Circle, holding an Ecumenical service twice a month, to which members of other churches have been coming. This has proved very beneficial and they are getting between 8-10 attending regularly.

Bradford, Dalton and Keighley continue to hold weekly services whilst Seaburn Dene meets about once every fortnight. Bradford and Dalton

continue to hold joint services four times a year. Seaburn Dene has seen a real regeneration with a group of younger members working to keep the church alive. They have been doing a lot of work involving the younger element of their congregation and in outreach in the community.

We are, as ever, very grateful to the Ministers, Retired Ministers and Worship Leaders who lead our services and to all those who work hard to maintain the life of our churches.

1.3 NORTH WEST (MANCHESTER) AREA COUNCIL

(Mrs Pauline Grimshaw reports)

One meeting was held during the past year in which the future of our Council was discussed. At this meeting events for the coming year were arranged. These are the Swedenborg Birthday meeting, the New Church Day service and the Celebration of Christmas.

We are especially grateful to Mr Christopher Chambers for leading the Birthday meeting and the New Church day service.

A very comprehensive report of the AGM was given by our representative Mr Lomax who drew the attention of the Conference AGM to the need for ministerial help in our Area. Mr Lomax who has been a member of our Council since 1983 and our chairman for many years has now moved to the London area. His presence in the area and particularly his worship leading will be very much missed.

It was decided that the Council would meet on an 'ad hoc' basis for the present time and would communicate by phone and media to arrange our future programme.

2 KILDWICK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(Mr Keith Sandiford, the Secretary, reports)

Bookings this year were almost identical to those of the previous year. Total bookings were 18 on 60 days (18 on 61). New Church bookings amounted to 11 on 43 days (11 on 43) and outside groups were 7 on 17 days (7 on 18). Again the type of bookings followed a similar pattern to last year but the outside parties included children from a junior cycling club who came to watch the Tour De Yorkshire go by.

During the year a fairly extensive maintenance programme was carried out. The improved financial situation plus a £700 donation from the Friends of Kildwick allowed us to undertake work which had needed doing for a number of years. The outside of the building was painted, the large privet hedge was

lowered and reduced in width and the trees in the grounds were pruned. Sections of the dry stone wall were rebuilt. As a result the external appearance of the Centre was definitely improved.

The Centre is maintained in good order but there are still issues that require attention. The main one is decorating, which will be dealt with before the next season starts. Fortunately in spite of one close call there was no flooding during the winter.

3 HOME WORSHIP

(The Revd Becky Jarratt reports)

Home Worship is continuing to be distributed each month. At the time of writing, there are 44 email recipients, and 10 postal, of which 2 are international. People are also accessing Home Worship through the link on the Conference website. It is added to the site each month. The new data protection laws have reduced our postal costs as we did not hear back from a number of recipients.

Gemma McLean has been responsible for the collation, editing and distribution of Home Worship each quarter. The postal copies have continued to be sent out through a company called DocMail, which reduces the need to print it out and address envelopes.

We have been pleased to hear reports of the material being used in worship and prayer groups. We would be pleased for any requests to receive Home Worship. There are currently 15 people writing for Home Worship. If anyone else would like to contribute, or to suggest new ways of developing this work, we would be delighted to hear from them.

4 THE EDWARD JEGGINS TRUST

(The Secretary, the Revd Christine Bank, reports)

As a matter of courtesy the trustees report that there were no requests received during the year 2018/2019. Any request from a Society for financial help towards projects to repair or improve premises will be sympathetically considered.

5 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR AUXILIARY MINISTRY

(The CAM Coordinator, Mrs Jan Millar, reports)

General

It has been another quiet year for CAM with my main role being one of supporting all those people who work so hard to maintain the life of our remaining churches and groups.

Worship Leader Training

Worship leaders attended the Worship Leader Event that was held midweek at Purley Chase in April 2018. Our guest tutor was Revd Mary Duckworth and the theme was the 'The Joy of Being'. This was as always an insightful, helpful and spiritually uplifting event. This was the last such event that will be open to worship leaders only as future events will be open to lay people who work for the church in a variety of capacities. I would like to thank all the ministers and lay people who have led these events over the years and who have given so much support to our worship leaders.

Leaders United

Following the plea made by Gwendolen Rowe at Conference 2018, Conference Council reconsidered its earlier decision and agreed to CAM's request to allow other lay people working within the Church to attend training and support events at Purley Chase which had previously only been open to worship leaders. These are now called 'Leaders United' and the first of these was a weekend in October led by Revd Clifford Curry. The theme was 'Encountering the Risen Christ' and in addition to worship leaders we were joined by someone who works with children and young people for what proved to be an informative and uplifting weekend. I hope more people will take advantage of the study, support and practical training that these events have to offer.

Resources

CAM has a wide variety of resources to assist lay people in their ministry and these are available to all.

Future Training

CAM is willing to set up training and support on a variety of topics whenever churches, groups or individuals request it. Please do not hesitate to ask if we are able to help in any way.

Finally CAM would like to thank the Conference Council and the Committee of Ministers for their continuing support for the work of lay people in all aspects of church life. The committee would also like to thank all the Auxiliary Ministers who work so tirelessly and who give generously of their time, skills and enthusiasm in service to the Church. Their contribution is invaluable.

6 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH YOUTH ASSOCIATION

(Miss Gwendolen Rowe, the Secretary, reports)

Council Meetings: Two Council Meetings have been held during the last year.

NCYA Conference: Our AGM in 2018 was held at Dalton New Church. This was a worthwhile meeting although we were only a small group. We shared resources and viewed the pictures children had sent in for our Colouring Exhibition. Tributes were paid to Revd Leslie Chambers, a long-standing Trustee and supporter of the NCYA and work with children.

Purley Chase: We continue to support Summer Camp 1 and Family Weekends by contributing resources and staffing and financing activities such as Forest School, outings and a circus skills workshop. It is always a delight to hear how well these events are attended and enjoyed. Summer Camp 1 in 2018 was on the theme of 'The Plagues' and went really well.

Home Sunday Club: Home Sunday Club is currently sent to 61 children each month, including two in Australia and one in the Czech Republic. The Starters leaflets continue to be updated by Carolyn Kennion and Pauline Grimshaw. We value the support we receive from Mrs Lara Nicholls and Miss Alison Presland who write letters to go out with the packs.

Colouring Exhibition: This year the children were sent varying designs based on the Conference theme of 'Faith' plus the challenge of learning 'The Faith of the New Church'. Their work will be on display at Conference. Each child received a small prize for their efforts.

Sunrise Magazine: 150 Sunrise Magazines are sent out 3 times a year. With the increasing number of activities for children our Editor has had plenty of material but would always welcome new ideas. Thanks to Jenny Jones who has produced some interesting articles which have added a meaningful message to the magazine.

Children's Day: This was held on the third Sunday in January and Ministers, Worship Leaders and HSC families were invited to focus on children & young people. Our President, Mrs Carolyn Kennion, produced a useful leaflet with a short talk and some prayers as a handy guide for those who wanted it. Unfortunately we had little feedback this year from doing this.

Youth Training Day: Four council members attended a Youth Training Day led by Revd Jack Dunion and felt it was a worthwhile activity. We look forward to seeing further developments over the next year.

Grants: We continue to offer financial assistance when needed. Grants have been made for the purchase of a store for outdoor games equipment at Purley and towards the refurbishment of the games room there. The printer/copier jointly owned by the NCYA and the Kearsley Society has been replaced.

Store Cupboard at Purley Chase: We continue to provide a resources store cupboard at Purley Chase and this is available to all leaders working with children and young people. All we ask is that everyone puts things back where they came from and lets us know when materials need replacing.

Website: Mrs Carolyn Kennion & Miss Gwendolen Rowe had a very useful session with Mr Keith Dunbar looking at designing an NCYA page as a sub domain of the Conference Website. We are now refining the wording and layout for this and hope it will be up and running soon.

Finally our thanks and appreciation go to all those who work so hard with the children and young people in our organisation.

7 YOUTH AND FAMILIES

(Mrs Jenny Jones Reports)

The Youth and Family Team consisting of Robert Clark, Jenny Jones, Revd Becky Jarratt and Revd Jack Dunion continues to work to spread the teachings of our church and a sense of community and fellowship to the children, young adults and families who attend our events and receive the information we produce. We are also supported by Lara Nicholls, who is our link to the Council, and the Council which continues to provide ongoing training for the youth leaders through SOLCe.

We organise and run residential weekends, family walks and get-togethers and activity adventure days across the country for a range of age groups. A “calendar of events is sent to all our contacts at the start of the year and events are also advertised and reported on in Sunrise, E-news and in church newsletters. We also have a successful Facebook page, Purley People, which is used regularly by the youth leaders to share information and photographs of our events. It is also used by other church members to share activities taking place at churches, Purley Chase and Wellspring House and as a means of communication.

We have a small, but fantastic team of volunteers who support us by leading children’s groups at residential weekends and we are pleased to have been able to welcome some of our young adults who have “graduated” to our 18 plus events and become leaders themselves. We are keen to explore new ways of working and one of our volunteers, Shannon Fitzgerald, has been instrumental in setting up an Instagram account for us which we also use to advertise events and share quotes from the Writings. Whilst our Facebook page remains a closed group for members of Purley People only, our Instagram account can be accessed by anyone and we have “followers” who are new to our church and group.

8 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE 2018-2019

(Mrs Maeve Hawkins, the Secretary, reports)

The Members of the Committee are Mr Gordon Kuphal, Chairman; Mrs Maeve Hawkins, Secretary; Messrs Patrick Johnson, Howard Turner and Mrs Pauline Grimshaw. Three meetings have been held during the year. Mr Johnson is unable to attend but he continues his interest in its work. Mrs Grimshaw as an associate member does not attend meetings

Early in 2019 two large collections of archives were deposited at Swedenborg House by Mr Kuphal and Mrs Hawkins. They included documents relating to the former New Church Developments, the Brightlingsea Society Archives and various items from a number of now closed Societies.

Help and advice has been given to the Paisley Society and the Scottish Association members during the year as they worked through the sorting of material belonging to both organisations stored at the Paisley Church. This was necessary prior to the sale of the Church building and the Society's move to a rented room in which to hold Church services. Important archive material will be sent to Swedenborg House.

Work on cataloguing and identifying photographs in the Conference Photographic collection continues.

The Swedenborg Society Librarian and staff are now cataloguing the Conference Collection and help is given as queries arise during this process. Mr Kuphal has made additional visits to Swedenborg House to sort newly deposited material making it easier to access. We also endeavour to pass on our knowledge of important aspects of the Collection.

News of the death of the Rev Norman Ryder in the summer of 2018 was received with great sadness. Mr Ryder joined the Committee in 1990 and was its Chairman for many years. Despite his illness he maintained a great interest in the work of the Committee and contributed usefully. He is greatly missed.

9 REPORT OF THE MARKETING AND RESOURCES GROUP

(Mr Stephen Russell-Lacy, Chairman, Reports)

We are continuing to explore ways of supporting the promotion of our teachings. One focus is at Purley Chase Centre where visitors can be found enjoying its nurturing sphere, practical activity and quietness. These tend to be interested in a range of ideas in alternative spirituality and deeper aspects of personal growth. We need more materials that tailor what we have to offer to their perspective and needs. As was reported last year, as the likely future focus for growth, the Centre needs investment in marketing and networking to

attract new people to our movement.

The Group was disappointed in the tailing off in business of the on-line shop which is now closed. This had been offering books mainly to a New Church market.

If anyone is interested in helping with our work of commissioning writers and designers please contact me.

10 BROADFIELD MEMORIAL BENEVOLENT FUND

(The Treasurer, Mrs Erica Cunningham, reports)

Following on from a prudent first year when some substantive requests did not materialise, the committee concluded that it would be possible to pay out larger sums to those expressing a need.

All those who were believed to be entitled to request assistance were contacted mainly by email but some by post. All payments are now made by electronic bank transfer which is much more efficient.

Donations received totalled £17,000 and the Broadfield fund holds £64,363* in the Common Investment Fund as at 31st March 2019. Initial pre-Christmas grants of £16,080 were made.

The balance in the fund currently stands at £13,605. The committee decided it would be useful to send out further communications to ask those entitled if they had any further needs.

*Pre Audited figure

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' COMMITTEE 2018/19

1. Meetings

The Committee meeting took place from 6th - 7th November 2018 and the Annual Meeting from 5th - 7th March 2019. Ten members were present at the November meeting and nine members in March. Both meetings took place at Purley Chase.

2. Spiritual Leader's Report

During April 2018 I had the pleasure of officiating at the Revd Jack Dunion's Wedding to Suzie at the Paisley Church in Glasgow and the reception afterwards; a good time was had by all. I prepared and led a weekend course at Purley Chase from 20th - 22nd April 2018 called "The Lord, Scripture, Faith, Life, and You"; about the New Church teachings in these areas. In May 2018 I attended the Revd Leslie Chambers' Resurrection Service at Accrington to say goodbye for now to this wonderful man. On the 2nd June 2019 I held a meeting at the Seaburn Dene Church around the issues of training for the incoming leaders of the Church. A Closing Service was held at the Greenhill Church on the 24th June 2018. The Revd John Elliott and I jointly officiated and the service included the Holy Supper; it was an enjoyable but also, inevitably sad experience. As usual it has been an interesting and progressive year since Conference 2018. In August I attended both Norman Ryder's and Jean Chambers' Resurrection Services to say goodbye to these dear friends who served the Church so well for so many years. Throughout the year, I have taken various services: at Seaburn Dene, Derby and Kearsley Churches; including Remembrance, Holy Supper and Epiphany services.

I have also been to a number of other Church services including Dalton and Keighley to catch up with people. It's been a pleasure to meet people on their own turf but also, we have been blessed with visits here at Glossop by many people including Susan and David Friend, Jen and David Key, Viv Stewart-Wood, Maeve and Peter Hawkins, Lee Differ and Paul Morgan. Peter fixed my metronome - one of his many talents! Dealings with Students have been ongoing with Sponsored Student Monitoring Group Meetings and other meetings at Purley Chase and at the College. On the Weekend of the 12th April 2019, I led an event at Purley Chase entitled "Created Anew" which turned out to be a well-received experience and which I will run again next year on the weekend of 24th to 26th April. I have attended Conference Council meetings, Committee of Ministers' meetings, and the Ministers' Seminar. These meetings as always have generated a significant amount of follow up work. I thank my colleagues - many of whom work voluntarily - for all the work they do on these Committees without which the organisation could not function.

I wish you all a blessed and productive Conference 2019, and may the Lord be with you.

Revd David Gaffney, Spiritual Leader of Conference.

3. Lee Differ

The Ministry are delighted that Lee Differ is approaching the end of his college based studies. His Ordination into our Ministry is intended to take place at Conference 2020 to allow him the time to continue in-depth studies for an additional year under the guidance of the Spiritual Leader.

4. Committee for Auxiliary Ministry (CAM)

The separate CAM report will provide fuller updates of the Leaders United (Worship Leader) meetings. Whatever name is used the volunteers who lead Worship or other activities around the Church still struggle with the fact of diminishing numbers in many congregations and their dedication is valued by those who benefit directly from their work. The Ministry appreciates the contribution of lay leaders and celebrants to the life of the Church in so many ways, and continues to be grateful for all those who offer their time and energy so generously.

5. Paisley Church move.

We are particularly aware of the courageous decisions of the Paisley congregation in deciding to move from their church building in recent months. The church needed a considerable amount of work to maintain the fabric and the stairs made access problematic. The transition to using a local hall has given energy to those who have made the move. Following the deaths of some members a salutary message is that there are now insufficient members to legally make the decisions which were needed to arrange this move.

6. Youth and Family.

The work of the youth and family team is reported on elsewhere, but the Ministry takes an active interest in this and their programme of events, and is involved in leading sessions or events for young people and family groups through the year.

7. Apocalypse Study Group (ASG) Revd Bruce Jarvis reports:

The remaining members of the group set up in 2000 (Michael Stanley, Mary Duckworth, Clifford Curry and Bruce Jarvis) are in the process of winding up our work. A number of the different elements of our project need refining, adapting and completion. They all require time and energy, but other calls on us mean that we make slower progress than we would like. We had just one workshop at Purley Chase during the year, which is when, gathered together and able to focus, we are most productive and efficient.

We were pleased to welcome Alison Southcombe in her role as Programme Leader to the workshop in November, when we showed her our materials, some of which she may be able to use at Purley Chase.

We continue to liaise with Steve David, director of the New Christian Bible Study website, over introducing more of our resources into their programmes.

We remain ready to assist anyone who wishes to mount the Apocalypse of John Exhibition in their local area. The catalogue accompanying the Exhibition with illustrations and explanatory texts of all the paintings can be viewed on its own website: www.apocalypse-of-john.org.uk
Enquiries about the Exhibition can be made via the following email address: asg@gcnc.org.uk

8. Safeguarding.

The Ministers' Committee joins with the Council to affirm their commitment to this process and thanks Mrs Rita Russell and Mrs Lara Nicholls for their work to ensure appropriate checks for all those working with children are completed and renewed as necessary.

9. Overseas.

The late Revd Norman Ryder was for many years the Overseas Secretary for the General Conference. He knew many ministers around the world personally as friends and colleagues; a number of these contacts have ceased their active roles in recent years or have already entered the spiritual world. During the period of Revd Ryder's ill health it was apparent the workload associated with overseas matters had diminished. The records have now passed to the Secretary to the Ministers' Committee who will act as the point of contact for future enquiries.

The Ministers' Committee reluctantly agreed the position should be discontinued and that it is another reflection of how things have changed over the years. Colleagues were deeply appreciative of the unique contribution of the Revd Norman Ryder in supporting ministers and groups and making his knowledge and expertise freely available to those who enquired.

10. New Christian Bible Study website.

For those attending the Conference a presentation will provide an update on the recent developments on this website together with an opportunity to donate towards their ongoing work. Conference Council has agreed to match funds raised to the value of £5,000 and we are very appreciative of this support. The website is continuing to develop and is well worth exploring or visiting for those not already familiar with it. www.newchristianbiblestudy.org

11. Retired Ministers

The Committee wishes to acknowledge the work of ministers who do so much in retirement to support and lead congregations or groups and who continue to research, translate and write new material. Not all colleagues attend our Committee meetings or the Conference AGM but we all benefit from their continued service to the Church in their own ways.

12. Salary rates

Once again the Committee agreed that the standard salary rate for ministers should be published in this report, and to record our thanks to the Council for their decision to increase the salaries of employed ministers and the fees of self-employed retired ministers by 3.5% from April 2019.

The full time salary (gross) for an ordained minister for the years 2019/20 including telephone and broadband is £33,709.

13. The Council

Maintaining good communication between the Council and the Ministry continues to be a priority and the established pattern of having both the Spiritual Leader and Secretary of the Ministers' Committee attending the Council meetings continues. The Trustees take immense care in their work of managing the business and charitable affairs of Conference, so maintaining strong links and keeping in communication between formal meetings continues to bring benefits.

14. Appointments and nominations

In addition to the Spiritual Leader and Secretary attending Council meetings we maintain links between the Council and the Ministry as below:

Youth	Mrs L Nicholls and Revd J Dunion
Purley Chase	Mrs S Field and Revd A Southcombe
Finance	Mrs S Field and Revd C Curry
Human Resources	Mrs J Wilson and Revd C Bank
CAM and Local Churches	Mrs J Wilson and Revd C Bank
Training and Development	Mrs J Wilson and Revd R Jarratt

We have appointed Revd Christine Bank as our representative on the Committee for Auxiliary Ministry

David Gaffney [Spiritual Leader]
Christine Bank [Secretary]
May 2019

REPORT OF THE COMPANY ACCOUNTANT YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2019

During the year Greenhill church was sold for £2,100,000, 6 Atwater Court for £297,500 and Burnley land for £10,000. Also 6 Dunkirk Avenue was also sold. Conference's share of the proceeds from this sale was £114,224.48.

Income decreased by over 5% due to the decrease in society contributions of £23,000. Donations did increase slightly, by £1,000, and investment income increased by £18,000. Investment income remains the largest form of income, making up 52% of the total income received.

Expenditure decreased by 5% compared with the previous year. Human Resources costs increased by £9,000, Administration costs decreased by £31,000 and Purley Chase Centre's cost decreased by £12,000. The large decrease in Administration costs is due to higher than normal professional fees in the previous financial year.

There has been an overall operational surplus of £5,000.

Investments in the common investment fund have increased in unit value to £8.745 and the split between capital growth and income received from the investments remains at a 50/50 split.

Due to the large property sales this year and looking at other receipts in the future an operational surplus is forecast for the next 6/7 years. After this, we are likely to see small operational deficits start to appear again. We hold high levels of investments to create the investment income, upon which we are so heavily reliant. If we were to spend the investment capital then we would lose income, which would have to be found from somewhere. As mentioned in previous years, new income streams need to be found to reduce our reliance on investment income and take us into the future.

Sally Field - Company Accountant

Income and Expenditure Accounts

For year ended March 31st 2019

	£,000	£,000
	2018/19	2017/18
Societies	122	145
Donations - Conference	16	15
Investment Income	246	228
Trust Income	78	78
Bursary Grant	10	10
Other Income	1	23
Total Receipts	473	499
Human Resources		
Ministry	131	125
Laity	79	72
Student grants	28	36
Self Employed Fees	4	6
Employment Allowance	-3	-3
Pensions	17	15
Housing	20	16
	276	267
Administration		
Travelling Expenses	26	25
Professional fees	18	48
Insurance	16	8
Office	14	14
Marketing /Resources	0	1
Central Costs	25	22
Education & Training	24	23
Youth Leading	5	6
Purley Chase	61	73
Kildwick	3	3
	192	223
Total Payments	468	490
Operational Surplus/(-Deficit)	5	9

Other Receipts and Costs

	£,000	£,000
Depreciation	-66	-69
Legacies		31
Closed Society Funds	2068	740
Women's League	364	
Homelands Waived Fees		10
Non Conference - CIF (Common Investment Fund)	0	0
Net Surplus/(-Deficit)	2371	721

Note. The market value for the CIF per unit

2019	2018
£8.745	£8.099

Balance Sheet as at March 31st 2019

	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	2019	2018
Tangible Assets	2,387,262	2,550,381
Investment Assets	19,878,763	15,825,404
	22,266,025	18,375,785
CURRENT ASSETS		
Net Current Assets	232,670	371,279
Less Creditors		
NET ASSETS	22,498,695	18,747,064
Represented by:-		
Endowment funds	1,479,174	1,363,252
Restricted funds	13,296,235	10,254,988
Unrestricted funds	7,723,286	7,128,824
	22,498,695	18,747,064

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Society Members	Non-resident	Total new members	Deceased	Removed	Increase	Decrease	Members of Conference
Accrington	35	15	0	1	0	0	1	33
Bournemouth	27	6	1	3	0	0	2	26
Bradford	14	0	0	0	3	0	3	10
Dalton	33	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
Derby	50	24	0	0	0	0	0	32
Kearsley	38	10	1	0	0	1	0	19
Keighley	36	11	0	0	0	0	0	22
Paisley	28	0	0	2	0	0	2	16
Radcliffe	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
Seaburn Dene	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	22
West Wickham	26	10	1	0	0	1	0	21
Other members								234
Total 2018/19	332	84	3	6	3	2	8	448
Totals 2017/18	356	92	3	11	17	0	27	477

	Baptisms	Marriages	Funerals	Sunday School No. of children	Avg. attend. 16-	Holy Supper Administrations	Holy Supper Average Attendance	Overall Average Attendance
Accrington	0	0	1	1	1	3	13	13
Bournemouth	2	0	4	4	4	11	17	19
Bradford	0	0	0	2	3	12	9	10
Dalton	1	0	0	7	7	10	4	15
Derby	1	0	1	2	2	6	16	18
Kearsley	0	0	5	3	2	4	17	20
Keighley	2	1	1	0	1	12	16	21
Paisley	0	1	2	0	3	4	11	12
Radcliffe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Seaburn Dene	1	0	3	7	6	5	22	23
West Wickham	0	0	0	5	1	12	12	12
Totals 2018/19	7	2	17	31	30	79	137	168
Totals 2017/18	10	7	23	35	23	97	144	181

THE NEW CHURCH COLLEGE REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL 2018 - 2019

Below is a summary of the full report which is available on request from the Treasurer of the New Church College.

This Report covers the work of the College Council for the year ended 31 March 2019. The New Church College uses the working name of The Swedenborg Open Learning Centre [SOLCe] and is based at Wellspring House.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the College's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

A COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

1 Attendance at Council Meetings

The Council met for full Council meetings on 3 occasions during the year (April 2018, October 2018 and January 2019) and there was a short Council meeting following the AGM on 14th July 2018. Membership and attendance at meetings were as follows:

	3 Council mtgs	AGM (July)
Mr C Chambers (President)	3	1
Mr RJ Nicholls, Treasurer	3	1
Mrs C Mahmood, Secretary	2	1
Revd MW Stanley	1	1
Mr R Kennion	3	1
Mrs D Lewin	2	1
Revd M Duckworth	3	1
Mr S Kennion	3	1
Ms Gwendolen Rowe	3	1

The Administrator, Ms Melanie Bennett, attended 2 Council meetings (3 possible) by invitation and the AGM.

The Leader of Education, Revd Helen Brown attended 3 full Council meetings (3 possible) by standing invitation and the AGM.

The Centre Leader for Wellspring House, Karen Nolan, attended 3 full Council meetings (3 possible) by standing invitation and the AGM.

2 Attendance at the Annual Meeting

The 154th Annual Meeting of Governors was held at New Church College (commonly known as SOLCe, Swedenborg Open Learning Centre) on Saturday 14th July 2018 with an attendance of 17 Governors and 4 guests/friends.

3 Membership of the Council

Cathy Mahmood gave her notice of resignation in January 2019 to the Council with the intention of stepping down in May 2019. No other resignations occurred during the year.

Richard Nicholls was formally re-appointed as the Treasurer at the AGM in July 2018 and Diane Lewin was also reappointed to the Council according to our rotational requirements.

B EMPLOYEES

Revd Helen Brown	Leader of Education (20 hrs)
Karen Nolan	Wellspring House Centre Leader (30 hrs)
Melanie Bennett	Administrator (25 hours per week, Mon, Wed and Fri)
Linda Stoney	House keeper (ad hoc hours, generally 5-7 hours a week)

C EMPLOYEE REMUNERATION

In line with the current policy of the Council to follow the lead of General Conference, the salaries of the Leader of Education, Leader of Wellspring House and the Administrator were increased by 3.5% in April 2018.

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 2018-2019, in line with our charitable objectives.

Key milestones this year:

- all the modules have been uploaded onto the new website (www.swedenborg-openlearning.org.uk).
- the first Tutor Development Skills module is underway, with Lee Differ and 3 tutors enrolled. This was launched following the successful tutor event in October.
- SOLCe have been collaborating with the Youth team to provide

training.

- The Swedenborg Society held their book launch of Malcolm Peet's book *Medicine, Mysticism and Mythology* at Wellspring House in November 2018, followed by their AGM.
- The February 2019 weekend at Purley Chase and a follow up seminar to Malcolm Peet's book launch have both had positive feedback.

Workshops and events in 2018/19

Education Committee x 3 Council Meeting x 3

x Journey to Lower Earth Day workshops

Journey to Lower Earth 2 day workshop

Joy Workshop 17 attended

Summer School 12 attended

Summer Gathering and Workshop 28 attended

Coffee and Book Sale

Tutor event 8 attended

Malcolm Peet Book Launch 22 attended

Christmas Gathering 17 attended

Youth and Family weekend

Healing in Harmony workshop 18 attended

Regular Groups and other users of the building 2018/19

Meditation

Mindfulness

Tutorials

Art Group – Art and Minds Independent Counsellors

Consensus /Caring Homes – we are used as their training premises in the North west.

Journey to Lower Earth Group

Child Action North West Lumos Therapy

New Church Easter Rally

Overnight stays for workshops and meetings

New Church Youth Association

Shorecliffe Rise AGM

2 Future Development

We continue to work towards our vision to make Wellspring House a vibrant and inspirational Spiritual Centre, providing an educational resources centre and meeting place for New Church Members and students of Swedenborg. We aim to serve as a beacon and place of support, contemplation, guidance and encouragement for spiritual seekers of all faiths and none.

Following detailed consideration of our future needs and the space available to us, including consultation with building users and Council members, we are liaising with General Conference prior to appointing a Project Manager to oversee the creation of drawings for the extension and the original building; produce technical specifications; carry out surveys and site investigations and prepare and submit the necessary planning application. The extension project requires a short-term focus of our energies to ensure we gain the knowledge and experience within our small staff team and volunteers to carry out this major project. Ideas have been evolving for some years, and we feel positive that with a commitment to this positive change, and acceptance of some disruption in 2019/20; we will eventually reap the rewards by having building that is fit for purpose, welcoming and adaptable to a range of uses.

We are preparing ahead over the next 18 months for a time when our Leader of Education, Helen Brown, will wish to step down. We anticipate Helen's departure being December 2020 and therefore will begin recruiting for a new Leader of Education in early 2020, to ensure a 6 month handover period.

3 Staff

a) The Leader of Education

The focus of the Leader of Education role is needs-led education, facilitating spiritual understanding and reflection, mainly within the context of Swedenborgian teachings, and supporting students and tutors, especially those who are called to reach out to others e.g. in ministry, leadership, writing, workshops and worship leading. Rev Helen Brown is an ordained New Church minister. She liaises with the Committee of Ministers, the Council (Conference), the Sponsored Student Monitoring Group (SSMG) and the Education Committee. Helen continues to organise Tutor events which give our network of tutors an opportunity to share skills and interests.

b) Wellspring House Centre Leader

Karen Nolan is the Wellspring House Centre Leader. Her role is to coordinate a programme of events and workshops to facilitate personal spiritual reflection and learning at Wellspring House and to manage the development of the centre's role within the community it serves – locally and nationally.

Karen Nolan provides strategic leadership for the development of Wellspring House as well as ensuring the practical day-to-day smooth-running of the building and its programme. The role covers marketing, an emphasis on partnership working and line management of the

Administrator.

Over the past 2 years, Karen has made a tremendous impact on the energy and professionalism of our work at Wellspring House.

Karen's leadership has enabled Wellspring House to become a thriving and busy place.

Over the last year, Karen has successfully updated a range of insurance, health and safety, data protection and fire management procedures. She has overhauled the room booking systems, introduced new and regular users to the building, and put in place training for volunteers and staff. Working with contractors and workmen has uncovered one job after another, and Karen has handled these challenges with patience!

A new mailchimp newsletter has been developed and the marketing materials for activities, both printed and online, present a refreshing and welcoming centre to all that come into contact with Wellspring House. The Council would like to sincerely thank Karen for her dedication, focus to detail and creativity.

Peter Isherwood has been line-managing Karen and the Council would also like to express their thanks to him for his continued support and encouragement of Karen and the work at Wellspring House.

As of 1st May 2019, Karen Nolan's hours of work will reduce to 20 hours a week as per her original contract and in line with her wishes.

c) Website Designer and Website Management support

We have a continuing relationship with Leonie Winson, a freelance website developer who began working with us in October 2015. She works on an adhoc basis as and when required.

d) Administrator

The Council would like to thank Melanie Bennett for maintaining and developing the administrative, financial and communication systems which ensure the day-to-day smooth running of SOLCe. Melanie will be increasing her hours to full time in summer 2019, to support the daily needs of the building users and tasks required of a busy centre.

e) Housekeeper

Linda Stoney is the Housekeeper at Wellspring House. She cleans the building, prepares food and the rooms for visitors and launders the bedding and towels. She generally works 5 – 7 hours a week.

f) Freelance support staff

It has been wonderful to have Caroline Thompson on board in a temporary capacity. She has updated the copyright of modules and supported administrative systems.

Sue Chesworth has been invaluable in her work supporting students and getting involved in youth leader training. We thank her for all her encouragement and support over the years.

We appreciate the input of Rob Taylor as our webmaster who as a volunteer ensures that new students have access to our website.

The need for additional caretaking and reception support was identified and it was agreed that Ray Kennion be remunerated for his time spent in this capacity now that the building is busier.

g) Volunteers

We expect this area of our work to increase and would like to better capture and celebrate the contribution of volunteers to the life of SOLCe.

4 SOLCe

a) Sponsored Students

During the past year, SOLCe has had one full time sponsored student, Lee Differ, who has been completing his third year of training, and is due to graduate in July 2019. He is facilitating the Arcana group at Purley Chase and being observed as part of the Advanced Group Leading Module. From September 2019, for a year, he will be doing a masters degree in philosophy/theology. We anticipate that Lee will be ordained in the Summer of 2020.

A second ordination student, Paul Morgan, began his studies in January 2019. Paul attended the Worship Leading event in January 2019 and will begin Worship Leading 1 with Jan Millar as tutor. He is also getting involved with services at Purley Chase.

b) SOLCe Students

There have been three new students, one from Ireland, one from Italy and one from the UK.

Courses April 2018 - March 2019:

Correspondences 2. - 1 student

Divine in Intimate Relationships - 1 student

Synoptics - 1 student

Pastoral Communication and Awareness -1 student

Introduction to Swedenborgian Thought. - 3 students
Themes in World Religions - 1 student
Divine Providence - 1 student
Old Testament Themes 1 - 1 student
Survey of Christian Doctrine - 1 student
Insights into the Bible - 1 student

These are past courses started over the last year, some students have completed, others are still studying.

c) Education Committee

The Committee meets regularly throughout the year and plays a major role in developing the educational work of SOLCe and benefits from the experience and expertise of its members. Mrs Sue Chesworth has provided invaluable support in her volunteer role to provide student liaison and support; but due to family illness has been taking a break from this during 2019.

E PUBLIC BENEFIT

The College advertises its open learning courses and the Wellspring House programme on the website www.swedenborg-openlearning.org.uk. Events and courses are available to the general public as well as to our church members, who can access sponsorship support towards the costs of fees. We are considering how to increase the sponsorship programme to the wider Wellspring House Community to provide access to further courses and experiences (such as weekends at Purley).

We endeavour to create a welcoming spiritual centre with open doors to the local, regional and national community – building on existing networks and establishing new relationships to widen our reach and impact.

The College building, Wellspring House, is used by local groups and there is a developing network of volunteers who support the smooth running of events and workshops, as well as the upkeep of the building.

F THE FABRIC

The fabric and grounds continue to be kept in good condition by the Facilities Management team, chaired by Ray Kennion. There have been several improvements and repairs during the year. The Principal's Office is now cleared and ready for decoration.

We are developing our Project brief and specifications in order to appoint a Project Manager to carry forward our ambitions for an extension to Wellspring house.

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. The College also relies on the support of Conference for tutors, examiners and module-writers.

H GOVERNORS

There are currently 3 Honorary Governors, 6 Life Governors (-5), 4 Honorary Life Governors and 53 Annual Governors (+1); in total 66 **(-4)**. (The numbers in brackets show the changes during the year).

At the last Annual Meeting, there were 17 Governors present.

I FINANCE

1 Annual Accounts

The Treasurer reported a net decrease in resources of £20,369 before capital movements for the year to 31st March 2019. (decrease of £8,889 in 2017-2018).

During the year, profits on the disposal of investments of £29,833 were realised with notional profits of £105,059 arising from the revaluation of investments.

The budget for 2018–2019 projected a deficit of £10,000 (before investment management fees) but the actual deficit for the year was £4,395 before investment management fees and a deficit of £20,369 when these are included. The main reason for the reduction in the budgeted deficit was the full year's income received from investments following the merger with North of England New Church House (NENCH). This was greater than anticipated. There was also increased hire income from use of the premises.

A budget for 2019-2020 projects a deficit of £10,000 before any adjustments arising on the real and notional gains and losses or charges for managing our investments. The reason for this deficit is to allow for some ongoing work on the fabric of the building along with additional staff costs as we develop our offering to the church and local community.

2 Investments

The unrestricted funds, including the Jersey Fund, are amalgamated to minimise trading costs and to form a larger portfolio. The funds continue to be separated from an accounting point-of-view.

Following a visit to the investment adviser, Brewin Dolphin, we agreed a minor updated investment policy statement which should provide additional flexibility to the managers slightly reducing the Fixed Interest percentage in this period of low interest rates to hopefully improve income from our investments.

J FUNDING AND RESERVES POLICY AND RISK REVIEW

1 Objective

The objective of the Charity is stated in the Charity Commission Scheme dated 13th July 1977. This states that the Charity shall promote the education of members of the New Church, with emphasis upon the doctrine and life of the New Church. The land and investments belonging to the Charity shall be held in the name of the Trustee (The General Conference of the New Church). The Trustee shall administer and manage the said investments and shall pay the clear income thereof to the Council for application in furthering the Objective of the Charity.

2 Principle

The New Church College operates to a balanced budget, while recognising that, within each individual year, a small operating surplus or deficit may arise. Any deviation from this objective will be agreed with the Trustee in advance.

Monies available to the College are invested to obtain an income but with a focus on capital growth. The income is used to fund the day-to-day activities of the College, while the capital growth ensures the continuing viability of The College, enabling it to meet future commitments and objectives.

Small donations and legacies, which are not given for a specific purpose, will be used at the discretion of the College Council to fund and enhance the day-to-day activities of the College.

Substantial donations and legacies may be added to reserves to fund the future development of The College's Objective. These monies will be added to the Non-Permanent Endowment account at the discretion of the Treasurer of the College, in consultation with the Council and/or the Trustee if appropriate. Donations or legacies that are given for a specific purpose may require the establishment of new endowment funds. When required, these will be set up with the agreement of the Trustees.

The handling of these accounts, the level of reserves, and investment policy are subject to regular review by both the Trustee and the Council at their respective meetings, and as part of the annual budgeting exercise.

This is supplemented by regular discussions between the two Treasurers of these organisations.

To assist in this objective, The New Church College currently operates the following accounts:

- National Westminster Bank account. This is used for meeting day-to-day operating expenses.

Investment accounts are detailed below. In addition, the Council and the Trustee have responsibility for the assets as defined on the Balance Sheet, including the property in which the College currently resides.

- Investment accounts operated by Brewin Dolphin Securities Ltd.
- Deposit accounts. For each of the investment accounts below, Brewin Dolphin hold cash balances from the purchase and sale of investments and to meet transaction expenses.
- Permanent endowment account established under the Charity Commission Scheme. This restricted fund contains the investments as defined in the Scheme. Over time, the detailed investments have changed as the result of sound investment decisions, but the principle of income together with capital growth remains. (These funds fall under the definition of Permanent Endowment as defined in the Charities Reserves booklet CC19, and are therefore not classed as reserves).

In one combined account, the two following funds are maintained with separate records of income kept for the two constituent funds.

- The non-permanent endowment account contains additional non-restricted funds that have been donated to the Charity over time. These have been invested in line with the above principle, thus increasing investment income while allowing additional flexibility for funds as required by the Council. (These funds fall under the definition of Expendable Endowment as defined in the Charities Reserves booklet CC19, and are therefore not classified as reserves).
- The Jersey Educational Fund was established following a substantial donation from the Jersey Society, and the non-restricted fund was established so that the income from the Fund would be allocated to the College for the development of New Church

education. This is administered in line with the ‘Memorandum of Intent’ agreed by the Councils of the General Conference of the New Church and of The New Church College, signed on 8th April 1998. (These funds fall under the definition of Expendable Endowment as defined in the Charities Reserves booklet CC19, and are therefore not classified as reserves).

Note. Included within the funds, which are administered on behalf of the College by Brewin Dolphin, are investments in both the General Conference Pool, which is administered by the General Conference of the New Church, and the COIF Charity Funds administered by CCLA Investment Management Ltd.

This means that The New Church College does not currently hold reserves as defined in the Charities Reserves booklet CC19.

This policy is subject to an annual review as part of the budgeting process to ensure that the reserves still meet the requirements of the Charity, and that the policy is still being followed.

Any variances from the agreed policy, or changes to this policy document will be agreed with the Trustee.

K TRUSTEE’S RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The charity trustee is responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustee is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply these consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed,

subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

- Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

L ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Council thanks its employees for all their work. There are also many other people, both paid and voluntary, without whose contribution The College could not function. The Council expresses its gratitude to the College Governors and to all those who support its work in different ways.

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

Structure, governance and management

C Chambers, C Mahmood, R J Nicholls

No preference dividends were paid. The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

The College Council report was approved on behalf of College Council.

C Chambers R J Nicholls

President Treasurer

Dated: 29 June 2019 Dated: 29 June 2019

Leader of Education - Annual Report 2019

As ever it has been a busy year, with new students starting to study with us and the need to move forward with module development and the service we provide to students.

This year has seen new students coming to us because of their engagement with the Swedenborg Foundation Youtube 'Off the left eye' programmes which reach a new audience quite different from our traditional student community. The spectrum and variety of student is increasingly diverse and it can be both a challenge and an opportunity to provide suitable courses.

We were joined by Paul Morgan as a new ordination student in January 2019. It is a source of joy and delight to see new people making a commitment to train and serve the Lord through ministry.

By contrast, Lee Differ is coming to the end of his training with us. We wish him well in his next year when he will be doing a Master's degree in Philosophy and Theology. We look forward to seeing his ministry evolve and develop.

Four new students have started studying with us this year, two of whom are located overseas.

Summer School took place in July, focusing on the theme of the Spiritual Sun, as the source of spiritual warmth and light that enlightens and connects us; the source of love and wisdom. On a spiritual level the Divine is our Spiritual Sun which angels and humanity turn towards and face.

Over the summer months we employed Caroline Thompson on a temporary basis to focus on getting the required copyright relating to module content into order. This is quite a process and her particular skills for organisation were very much appreciated.

Our annual Tutor event was held in the autumn and focused on the new module in Tutor Skills Development. Four people have subsequently been taking this module. I thank Dr Peter Isherwood for his involvement in writing this module and Sue Chesworth for acting as consultant in its final completion. They both bring a wealth of experience in education and the development of teachers and tutors.

Sue Chesworth, as our Student Liaison Officer is a valuable member of Education Committee and this year has also acted as a link to the Youth and Family Team. Through her input and collaboration with Revd. Jack

Dunion training needs for the youth Leaders have been identified which has focused SOLCe's involvement in their development.

The Swedenborg Society held the book launch of Malcolm Peet's book *Medicine, Mysticism and Mythology* at Wellspring House in November and this was followed by their AGM. As a follow up to this a seminar was held at Wellspring House entitled *Healing within Harmony*. The three speakers, David Lomax, Malcolm Peet and Peter Fraser provided us with a stimulating day by bringing their own unique perspective on this subject, David Lomax from his role as a hospital chaplain, Peter Fraser as a practising homeopath and of course, Malcolm Peet as author and retired psychiatrist.

Our annual SOLCe weekend at Purley was held in February on the theme of *Spiritual Health and Wellbeing*. My thanks go to my fellow presenters Revd. Helen Newton and Carole Lacy in bringing their unique contributions to what was a wonderful weekend.

My personal thanks go to all those who work with and alongside me and without which we could not support and provide for the diversity of needs that come our way.

May the Lord bless you,
Revd. Helen Brown
Leader of Education

The New Church College
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

	Unrestricted funds general
	2019
	£
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>	
Donations and legacies	17,342
Other trading activities	11,071
Investments	80,998
Other income	93
Total income	109,504
<u>Expenditure on:</u>	
Raising funds	12,942
Charitable activities	125,425
Total resources expended	138,367
Net gains/(losses) on investments	57,238
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	28,375
Gross transfers between funds	43,771
Net movement in funds	72,146
Fund balances at 1 April 2018	942,070
Fund balances at 31 March 2019	1,014,216

Unrestricted funds Jersey	Restricted endowment funds	Totals	
2019	2019	2019	2018
£	£	£	£
-	-	17,342	29,392
-	-	11,071	9,970
11,526	-	92,524	86,594
-	-	93	1,641
11,526	-	121,030	127,597
3,032	-	15,974	15,961
-	-	125,425	120,525
3,032	-	141,399	136,486
15,109	62,545	134,892	(813)
23,603	62,545	114,523	(9,702)
(24,686)	(19,085)	-	-
(1,083)	43,460	114,523	(9,702)
397,519	1,452,730	2,792,319	2,802,021
396,436	1,496,190	2,906,842	2,792,319

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2019

	2019	2018
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Investments	2,900,192	2,781,244
Current Assets		
Debtors	16,654	14,588
Cash at Bank and in hand	24,569	32,318
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	41,223	46,906
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(34,573)	(35,831)
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Net Current Assets	6,650	11,075
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Total Assets	2,906,842	2,792,319
less current liabilities	<hr/>	<hr/>
Capital Funds		
Endowment funds	1,496,190	1,452,730
Income Funds		
Unrestricted funds - Jersey Education	396,436	397,519
Unrestricted funds - general	1,014,216	942,070
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Total Charity Funds	2,906,842	2,792,319
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The accounts were approved by the College Council on 29 June 2019.

C Chambers [President]

The accounts have also been subject to an Independent Examination and were signed by Douglas Grange Accountants on the 4th July 2019.

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
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
Bev Johnson	2004
Lenka Machova	2004
Judith Wilson	2004
Thelma Wilson	2006
Peter Wilson	2006
Anna Woofenden	2007
Trevor Millar	2007
Stephen Thomas	2008
Helen Newton	2009
Alan Misson	2015

Graduate in Swedenborgian Studies (Level Three)

Rita Russell	2001
Alan Bowie	2006
Lee Differ	2019

LAST 40 ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Year	Place	President/ Senior Minister/ Spiritual Leader	Preacher	Members
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
2011	Swanwick	M.Duckworth	G.Gordon/D.Gaffney	82
2012	Swanwick	G.Gordon/D.Gaffney	J. Dunion	74
2013	Swanwick	G.Gordon/D.Gaffney	R.Russell	76
2014	Swanwick	D.Gaffney	C.Curry/C.Bank	72
2015	Swanwick	D.Gaffney	C.Bank	76
2016	Swanwick	D.Gaffney	J.Dunion	83
2017	Swanwick	D.Gaffney	H.Brown/J.Dunion	77
2018	Swanwick	D.Gaffney	M.E.Duckworth	69
2019	Swanwick	D.Gaffney	C.Bank/J.Dunion	67

MINISTERS, WORSHIP LEADERS, LAY PREACHERS AND CELEBRANTS

1 MINISTERS

The following are the Ministers recognised by the Conference:

*Retired or not in active service

#Overseas

Ordaining Ministers

	ORDAINED	INDUCTED
* Robert Arthur Gill	June 30,1970	July 25,1990
* Ian Russell	July 22,1983	July 23,2001
* Mary Elizabeth Duckworth, B.A	July 10,1996	July 27,2006

Ministers

	ORDAINED
* John Edward Elliott, B.A., B.D.	June 23,1954
*# John Emanuel Teed	June 23,1954
*# Ian Allan Arnold	June 30,1965
*# John Maitland Sutton, B.Ag.Sc. (served as an Ordaining Minister 1996 to 2001)	June 30,1970
* Michael William Stanley, M.Sc., Ph.D.	June 27,1971
*# Trevor Alexander Moffat, B.A.	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., DipEd., B.Sc.	July 26,1989
* Geoffrey Clarkson, B.A.	July 26,1989
*# David Allan Moffat, B.Mus.	July 23,1997
* Gillian Lindsey Gordon	July 5,2000
David Edward Gaffney, B.Sc	July 29,2004
Christine Anne Bank	July 31,2008
Helen Thelma Brown	July 30,2009
Jack Dunion	July 30,2009
Rebecca Mary Jarratt	July 30,2015
Alison Claire Southcombe	December 9,2017

(Ministers in the following categories are not entitled to vote at General Meetings of Conference by virtue of their office)

MINISTERS ORDAINED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

Ministers Ordained for Service in the Czech Republic

Martin David Krejza	April 3,1994
(Ordained in the Czech Republic)	

Ministers Ordained for Service in the Commonwealth of Independent States

Alexander Gorbenko	July 29,2004
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MINISTERS ORDAINED BY OTHER NEW CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

RECOGNISED

Patrick Duvivier	July 28,1999
(Ordained by the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America on July 2, 1982)	
Catherine Lauber	July 31,2009
(Ordained by the Swedenborgian Church of North America on July 5, 2008)	
Robin Wooldridge	July 25,2017
(Ordained by the Revd D. Gaffney on behalf of The New Church in Australia on August 7, 2016)	

2 WORSHIP LEADERS AND LAY PREACHERS

The following are the Recognised Worship Leaders, Accredited Worship Leaders, and Lay Preachers recognised for service in Mauritius.

*Retired or not in active service

Recognised Worship Leaders

Geoffrey Charlton Bentley	1958
*Bryan Richard Smith	1962
*Patrick Leonard Johnson	1962
Gordon Stanford Kuphal	1968
Stephen Russell-Lacy	1979
*Jeffrey David Lomax	1982
Anne Elizabeth Clarkson	1991
Michael Clubb	1991

*Robert Joseph Kirk	1991
*David Richard Alfred Friend	1992
*Willie Huggins	1992
*Kathryn Mary Brooks	1993
Phillip Nicholas Brooks	1993
Frances Mary Burnley	1993
Maurice Garnett	1993
Alan Christopher Misson	1994
Recognised as a Lay Pastor	2013
*Pamela Joy Moffat	1995
Clive Goalen	1995
*James Alan Bowie	2001
*Constance Thelma Wilson	2001
*Peter Michael Wilson	2001
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
Helen Newton	2007
David Haseler	2007
Gwendolen Rowe	2013
Richard Cunningham	2018

Accredited Worship Leaders

*Derrick Pearce	1999
*Mary Brigg	2000
*Enid Nicholls	2000
Diane Lewin	2002
*Jonathan Armitage	2003
*George Hunt	2003
Janet Benson	2003

*Dorothy Margison	2004
Howard Turner	2004
Linda Wells	2006
Grant Brackley	2006
David Brooks	2006
*Michael Hindley	2006
David Sharrock	2008
Tonia Jarvis	2012
Susan Wilson	2012
Liz Regan	2013
*John Harris	2014
*Philippa Peacock	2014
Christine Mrozek	2018
Lynne Griffiths	2019

Lay Preachers recognised for service in Mauritius

	Authorized
Clifford Phanjoo	1991
Evelyne Eynaud	2005
Yves Radhanauth	2005

3 CELEBRANTS

The following are the Authorised Celebrants for the Sacraments and Ceremonies recognised by the Conference:

*Retired or not in active service

Mr Pat Johnson - Holy Supper and Funerals.

Mr Alan Misson - Baptism, Holy Supper and Funerals.

Mrs Mary Burnley - Holy Supper and Funerals.

Mrs Anne Clarkson - Holy Supper.

Mr Maurice Garnett - Holy Supper.

Mr Phillip Brooks - Holy Supper and Funerals.

Mr Stephen Russell-Lacy - Holy Supper and Funerals.

Mr David Sharrock - Holy Supper and Funerals.

*Mr David Friend - Holy Supper.

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

LAND AND BUILDINGS HELD IN TRUST BY CONFERENCE

Insurance of buildings (excluding contents)

B Conference Block Policy
M AMP

+ Index Linked
Held in trust for the Embsay Fund

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 BH6 3HT B £1,555,500 +
House at 101 Tuckton Road,
Southbourne BH6 3HT B £288,286 +

Kensington. Church and rooms at 5 Pembridge Villas,
London, W11 3EN B £2,675,460 +

West Wickham. Church and rooms at
High Street BR4 0LZ B £415,025 +

General Conference.

House at 18 Pollard Road, Whetstone,
London N20 0UB Freehold. B £661,249 +
Bungalow at 80 Broadway, Southbourne
Bournemouth BH6 4EQ Freehold. B £238,025 +
31 Barlavington Way, Midhurst, West Sussex,
GU29 9TG Jointly owned freehold. B £321,470 +

In the Midlands and West

Derby. Church and rooms at
Horwood Avenue DE23 6AN B £950,000 +
House at 409A Burton Road, Derby DE23 6AN B £350,000 +

General Conference.

Bungalow at 215 Coventry Road, Nuneaton,
Warwickshire CV10 7AX Freehold. B £460,516 +

Purley Chase Centre, Atherstone Freehold.	B	£5,859,250	+
In North Lancashire			
Accrington. Church at Hargreaves Street BB5 2BB	B	£613,857	+
General Conference.			
House at 5 Whittycroft Drive, Barrowford, Nelson BB9 6AS Freehold. #	B	£189,088	+
House at 126 Mercer Crescent, Haslingden, Rossendale BB4 4DH Jointly owned freehold.	B	£179,650	+
In North-West (Manchester) and Cheshire			
Chester. Church and rooms at Brook Lane, Newton CH2 2BT	B	£380,482	+
House at 51 Woodlands Drive, Newton CH2 3QQ	B	£259,250	+
Kearsley. Church and rooms at Bolton Road BL4 9DD	B	£1,337,730	+
Radcliffe. Church and rooms at Stand Lane.	B	£1,349,546	+
General Conference.			
House at Church Street, Kearsley BL4 9DD Freehold.	B	£249,465	+
In Yorkshire and the North-East			
Bradford. Church and rooms at Ashfield Avenue, Frizinghall BD18 3AL	B	£575,000	+
Dalton. Church and rooms at Grove Place, Dalton, Huddersfield HD5 9LH	B	£1,027,114	+
Flats at 111 and 113 Long Lane, Dalton, Huddersfield HD5 9LL	B	£745,195	+
Keighley. Church and rooms at Braithwaite Road, Braithwaite BD22 6PX	B	£485,318	+
Seaburn Dene. Church and rooms at Shields Road, Seaburn Dene, Sunderland SR6 8ND	B	£445,920	+

General Conference.

House at 22 Wimborne Drive, Keighley

Jointly owned freehold. #

B £323,545 +

Kildwick New Church Centre, Main Road,

Kildwick Freehold. #

B £728,433 +

In Scotland

Paisley. Church and rooms at 17 George Street,

with library and creche contiguous PA1 2LB. B £2,914,603 +

New Zealand

59a Balmain Road, Birkenhead, Auckland, 1310 M NZ\$443,940
(Conference share 86.7647%)

Property of the New Church College

25 Radcliffe New Road, Radcliffe, Manchester. B £891,250 +

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	Mrs.A. Walton
Bournemouth	Tuckton Road, Southbourne BH6 3HT	Rev.C.Curry	Mrs.J.Pike	Mrs.L.Pierpoint
Bradford and Saltaire	Ashfield Avenue, Shipley W Yorks BD18 3AL	Contact Secretary	Ms.P.Blomfield	Mrs.J.Millar
Chester	Dicksons Drive Newton Park Chester CH2 2BN		Mr.R.Pulsford	Mrs A Langan
Dalton, Huddersfield	Grove Place, Dalton Huddersfield HD5 9LH	Mr T Millar	Mr.R.Jessop	Mrs J Mrozek
Derby	Horwood Avenue Derby DE23 6AN	Mrs.C.Sutton	Mr.N.K.Sutton	Mrs R.F.Delderfield

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
Kearsley (07913 121119)	Bolton Road Kearsley Lancs BL4 9DD	Contact Mrs.P.A.Grimshaw	Mr.D.Ormes	Mrs.P A Grimshaw
Keighley	Braithwaite Road Braithwaite Village Keighley BD22 6PX	Rev.C.Bank	Mr.M.Pepper	Mrs.K.Higgins
Paisley		Rev.J Dunion	Mr.CA.Macpherson	Mrs.W.Laing
Radcliffe	Stand Lane Radcliffe Manchester M26		Mrs H Eastwood	Mrs.M.Burton
Seaburn Dene, Sunderland	Shields Road Seaburn Dene, Sunderland SR6 8ND		Mr.G.Nicholls	Mr.W.Griffiths
West Wickham (07534 702887)	142 High Street, West Wickham Kent BR4 0LZ	Mr.A.C.Misson	Mr.C.V.Skinner	Mr. D.E.Brooks
Mauritius	Remono Street, Curepipe Road and 2 Rue Champ de Lort Port Louis		Mr.R.Sookeah	Mr.C.Phanjoo

SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS OF NEW CHURCH INSTITUTIONS AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

	Secretary	Treasurer
Area Councils:-		
North-West (Manchester)	Mrs.P.A.Grimshaw	Mr.J.E.Ford
Yorkshire & North-East	Miss.G.Rowe	Mr.T.Millar
Broadfield Benevolent Fund	Mrs.E.Cunningham	Mrs.E.Cunningham
New Church College	Miss.G.Rowe	Mr.R.J.Nicholls
Committee for Auxiliary Ministry	Mrs.J.E.Millar	
Examining Board (College Education Committee)	Leader of Studies	
Home Worship Scheme	Rev.C.A.Bank (Organiser)	
Jeggins Trustees	Rev.C.A.Bank	
Kildwick Committee	Mr.K.Sandiford	Mr.K.Sandiford
Library & Archives Committee	Mrs.M.Hawkins	
Marketing and Resources	Mr.S.Russell-Lacy	Mr.N.K.Sutton
Ministers' Committee	Rev.C.A.Bank	
New Church Children's Society	Mrs.S.Chesworth	Mr.D.Thomas
New Church Historical Society	Mrs.M.Hawkins (Convenor)	Mrs.P.A.Grimshaw (Sec/Treas)
New Church Youth Association	Miss.G.Rowe	Mrs.P.A.Grimshaw
Purley Chase Centre	Mr.G.M.Brackley	Mrs.S.Field
Swedenborg Society	Ms.D.Prentice (Admin)	Mr.A.Morley
Yorkshire Missionary Association	Miss.G.Rowe	

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.

North-West (Manchester)

Secretary: Mrs.P.A.Grimshaw

Treasurer: Mr.J.E.Ford

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

Yorkshire and North-East

Minister: Rev.C.Bank, Rev.B.Jarvis, Rev.R.M.Jarratt

Secretary: Miss.G.Rowe

Treasurer: Mr.R.Jessop

*Bradford and Saltaire (1); *Dalton (1); *Keighley (2); *Seaburn Dene (2)

WEB SITES

General Conference	www.generalconference.org.uk
Lifeline	www.new-church-lifeline.org.uk
Purley Chase	www.purleychasecentre.org.uk
SOLCe	www.swedenborg-openlearning.org.uk
Spiritual Wisdom	www.spiritualwisdom.org.uk
Swedenborg Society	www.swedenborg.org.uk
Apocalypse of John	www.apocalypse-of-john.org.uk
Spiritual Questions	www.spiritualquestions.org.uk
Spiritual Wisdom Publishing	www.spiritualwisdompublishing.co.uk
God is Love	www.god-is-love.org.uk