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**INCLUDING THE MINUTES
OF THE 213th ANNUAL MEETING**

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from Wednesday 29th July to Thursday 30th July 2020**

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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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Change

I want to begin by thanking each and every one of you for joining us here so we can all be Together Online during these extraordinary times. I also want to thank Conference Council as well as colleagues and friends for their extremely hard work in looking after us all throughout the lockdown and also for making all this possible. I know you will be mindful that much unseen work goes on behind the scenes and although it is I who have the privilege of speaking here today, the Revd Alison Southcombe, as deputy spiritual leader, and my other colleagues in the ministry, have demonstrated through their service how they love and care deeply about all the people of this church.

I also want to say thank you to Dave Gaffney, my predecessor, who has been more than a spiritual leader and a colleague to me over the years; he has also been a great friend. As Dave and everyone else who has taken on a role such as this would no doubt tell you, it brings with it a great responsibility. I would expect that it will continue to pose many great challenges. Challenges perhaps coming at me from out there as well as from within but, perhaps equally so, challenges coming from me and going out to some of you.

As well as existing colleagues and friends, we also owe a great debt of gratitude to those who down the centuries have struggled and toiled to get us to where we are and on whose shoulders we all firmly stand today.

The theme of Together Online 2020 is "Change". Change is coming, no doubt about it. So rather than spend all our energy resisting change, perhaps we need to focus instead on directing these coming changes towards our preferred goals. In today's rapidly changing world our church is becoming and perhaps needs to become even more diverse. This is something which is very much in accord with the writings of our church, something which is made crystal clear in the book Heaven and Hell, where we read:

Every unity has its existence from diversity, for a unity that is not the result of diversity is not anything; it has no form and therefore no quality. HH 56

Diversity then, rather than being something that is to be resisted, should be something we should actively encourage. I think we need to be honest and admit that diversity isn't something that we have been good at and which we have perhaps not allowed to freely emerge in the past. I fear that all churches are guilty of the same pattern. Perhaps here we can see one example of the way in which the church needs to change. If unity exists from diversity, then surely division will be the result of resisting it.

Key Principles

One thing down the centuries that we have all shared as our aim is to seek out and do the Lord's will. But when we develop a resistance to change, some of

us more than others, change can give rise to disagreement. I think it is useful then to create and promote key principles against which we can measure any proposed changes. One of the things for example that we can all agree on is the Lord's reason for creating our world in the first place and establishing His church in it. We read this in Divine Love & Wisdom Par. 330 "*the end of creation is an angelic heaven out of the human race*". This then should surely be a top priority for any church.

As our appointed spiritual leader going forward, there are 3 key principles I would wish to encourage and ask people to strive towards as a priority for our church. Key things which we can use to measure any changes against. These are:

1. A true love of the Lord.
2. A true love of the neighbour.
3. The willingness and the courage to seek out and let go of whatever is not in that vein.

There are many excesses in all church organisations which have been brought into the church, or even imposed upon it, which have nothing to do with the Lord's teaching. Yet He is the "Christ" in the Christian name of the church. The Rev. Becky Jarratt highlighted for us in a recent online service the meaning of the Lord's parable of the vine (John 15). Any branch that doesn't bear fruit should be cut off, rather than allowing it to deprive other more fruitful branches of the opportunity to flourish. Things which are not from the Lord should be easier to let go of than others, and measuring things against these 3 key principles will help to highlight such branches.

If you ask me in what way I intend to lead the church spiritually, the simple answer would be, by example! Having mentioned the 3 key priorities that I wish to encourage us to focus on, and the importance of continually reflecting on these before making any desired changes, it may be useful to elaborate on the practical application of these as we move forward together as a church:

1. A true love of the Lord

In Arcana Caelestia 10683[4] we read: "*Those who love to do truth for its own sake love the Lord*".

There are different reasons why a person may love to do truth, though on the outside we cannot usually see the difference. We can love to do truth, for example, because it helps us maintain a good reputation. Or we can love doing truth because it gets us what we want in life. But people who love truth for its own sake are those who are willing to lay down everything else in order for it to be upheld and made visible to others. There is only one way in which the truth can be loved by us and that is for us, in regard to our inherent nature, to get out of the way and allow truth to work in us and be seen through us. The

Lord alone is truth and there is no shortage of the Lord! It is we who prevent His working in us and through us. The Lord said, *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me*, Rev.3:20. We need to open the door and allow Him in. We change what the Lord gives us into different forms unless we put aside what is from ourselves to allow what is from the Lord to go out from us with the same quality as it is given to us. For example, by forgiving others as He has forgiven us. This is why the Lord tells us in John 15:13:

Greater love has no-one than this, that they lay down their lives for their friends.

It's not our physical life but the love of self that the Lord is talking about. The human proprium, our ego, and the need to maintain our worldly reputation or acquire power and material wealth, are the things (the life) that need to be put to one side or laid down. We must lay down our life of self which would place such things as our priority.

I want to present this idea in the form of personal application through the telling of a short story which for me shows what this letting go and allowing the Lord to work through us means, and what true leadership should look like. Part of the reason I like to use anecdotes, analogy, and stories to get a point across is that you can hear a thousand words and forget them in a day, but a story is something that sticks in your head. It's like a suitcase which we can take with us in life and endlessly unpack it as we grow and develop our faith. A story is something that makes truth accessible to all, and not just the few. The Lord's parables were of course the supreme example, as they create a direct route to the Lord on every level.

So, I want to use the following wee story that I heard to describe the type of leadership I would like to offer and encourage in others, as we move forward into a rapidly changing world and a church needing to adapt and diversify. It's a story about an army sergeant in charge of a group of men.

The 4-ton truck they were travelling in got stuck as they were trying to get to the top of a muddy embankment. The sergeant ordered his men to get out the truck and help push it up the hill. He bellowed out orders aggressively: "Get your backs into it, you lazy bunch." They would get a few feet from the top only for the truck to roll back down the hill. They were short on manpower. One of the young inexperienced recruits shouted from behind the truck, "Can't you help, sergeant?" The sergeant was furious. "I'm your superior, don't ever question me; now get your backs into it."

Well, just as that a man came running down the hill, throwing off his jacket and rolling up his sleeves, he joined the ranks and began to shout: "Come on, my friends, let's do this." Inspired and strengthened by the extra help, they gave it one more mighty push and the lorry got over the hill, accompanied by

great cheers from the men. As the man that had helped rolled down his sleeves, he approached the sergeant and said, "Why didn't you help?"

"You mean why didn't you help, sergeant" he replied, showing him his rank. "And who are you anyway jumping in to help without permission?" The man explained that he had just arrived in the camp this morning, and was their new Commanding Officer.

That story to me expresses what true leadership is. Not trying to be up there telling people what to do, but down there leading by example. That's what the Lord did after all. He who is first also became the last. We read: *Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the last of all and the servant of all."* Mark 9:35

It is such an awesome thing the Lord has done for us. But how easily we forget that the greatest lesson He gave us was the example of His life on earth. I want to read a short poem which some people might have heard during my recent radio broadcast. It was written in 1926 by Rev. Dr James Allen Francis. It gives just a glimpse of the example the Lord gave us. It's called:

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman.

*He grew up in still another village,
where he worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty.*

Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book.

He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college.

He never visited a big city.

He only ever travelled two hundred miles from the place where he was born.

He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He had no credentials but himself.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him.

His friends ran away.

He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

*While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing,
the only property he had on earth.*

When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a

friend.

*Twenty centuries have come and gone,
and today he is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of
mankind's progress.*

*All the armies that ever marched,
all the navies that ever sailed,
all the parliaments that ever sat,
all the kings that ever reigned,
put together...*

...have not affected the life of people on earth as much as that one solitary life.

He who created and sustains the whole universe was born on earth out of pure love, He lived the perfect life as an example to us, out of pure love. And no matter who we are or what we might have done in life, He walks alongside each one of us with total empathy and compassion, on our journey of faith, out of pure love. If we truly want to love the Lord we need to be striving to be like Him, and do as He did. If we were truly striving to be like the Lord, and if someone was trying to harm us, we would be striving to use their attempts to harm us to help them get to heaven and asking how can I use this person's aggression towards me to lead them to a more heavenly life? It could be a frown or a rebuke that's needed, or it could be openly-declared forgiveness. Whatever it is, if we love the Lord, it should be done with a view to their betterment, because that is what the Lord did, and goes on doing for us!

2. A true love of the neighbour.

We read in: New Jerusalem & its Heavenly Doctrine 106:

The distinction in the neighbour is according to the quality of good, thus according to the Lord's presenc".

In other word's they are only the neighbour if the Lord is present in what they are doing. In the outermost sense, which is the most obvious one, a person who does good is the neighbour, and similarly with a group of people, a town or country, and so on. etc. But in a deeper sense, the neighbour is the individual good things themselves, which are in the person. This is very important, and it's something we lose sight of all too easily. If we just say that anyone who does wrong isn't the neighbour, then let's be honest, there wouldn't be many neighbours! This is what the Lord pointed out in John 8:7 when he said *"Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her"*. We are all sinners in that regard, we all get things wrong occasionally. But sometimes we also get things right, we manage to do some good things. It can't be said that we are not the neighbour because we get it wrong now and then. And neither can it be said that we are the neighbour because we get it right now and then. We are all a mix of both. Sometimes we

get it right and other times we get it wrong. In fact, very often it takes us to get it wrong many times, before we eventually begin to get it right.

So, what is the neighbour? Surely it is the good itself that is the neighbour to be loved, that one thing which we do occasionally manage to get right. Not you or me or the other person themselves, but the individual things you or I do right. So, on a practical level, if someone comes to me and says, "Can you give me wee Jock's phone number so I can shout at him down the phone and bring him down", I would say, "No, sorry, I won't give you his number because shouting at wee Jock down the phone isn't the neighbour which I have to love. If you want to congratulate him and build him up, certainly I will give you his number because building him up is the neighbour."

So, today I may not give him the number, but maybe tomorrow I will. Because building him up is the neighbour and I am loving the neighbour by doing so. Surely in using this approach amongst ourselves, we encourage the good in people, and discourage the wrong in them. But this only works if we give one another the room to make a mistake, and the opportunity not to do the same a second time, or a third time, second or 7 times, or, as the Lord says in Matt. 18:22, 77 times! What I am saying may seem obvious; but it's apparently its implications aren't so obvious. I have seen people in our church who have made mistakes and got something wrong, and have almost been rejected as a person because of it, even though the vast majority of other things they have done have been good, and have been very useful to us all. It's not the whole person we should be rejecting, it's the individual behaviours themselves we should be rejecting. Of course, we should be discerning and be careful where we place people, but not because we dislike them or condemn them, but for their own sake, and in order to continue to encourage the good in one another. We know all these things to be true, they are in the Word and the Writings for all to see. If what we are doing doesn't reflect the teachings of the Word and the Writings, where are we? What is the point of our existence? How can we ever hope to lead the world out there to the Lord if we can't do that for one another here? Didn't the Lord warn us of this in Matthew 15:14 – *If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into the pit*".

So, having talked about the Lord's purpose in creating all this, thinking about what a true love of the Lord is, and what a true love of the neighbour is, and the need to pursue these in our own lives and for the life of our church, let us move on to

3. Having a willingness to identify and let go of whatever is not in that vein, and having the courage to change things (perhaps the most challenging part).

It doesn't matter whether we say change things within ourselves or change things within our church, because the latter will be the result of the former.

So where can we look in the Word of God for assistance in bringing new

truths into the church and making the changes needed? For this we can look to Exodus 1:15-17, as illuminated through the Writings. We read:

Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, “When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birth stools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.”¹⁷ But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.

The important thing to point out here is that the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them. So what are these midwives that don't do as the king of Egypt tells them?

In Arcana Caelestia 4588 we read: *“The midwife' here means the natural because when anyone undergoes interior temptations, that is, when the interior person undergoes temptations, the natural is like a midwife. For unless the natural assists, no birth of interior truth is possible”.*

So for the birth of interior truths to take place in the church, there needs to be a midwife, or what is the same, a receptive natural.

Again from Arcana Caelestia 4588 – *‘The daughters and sons’ to whom the Hebrew women gave birth represent the goods and truths of a new Church; ‘the midwives’ represent the natural, inasmuch as this is the recipient of goods and truths.*

So the natural is represented by the midwives, who assist the birth of the goods and truths being born into the new church.

But what is important to note is that the midwives don't do as the king of Egypt tells them. Arcana Caelestia 1163 – *Egypt means knowledge, or the various facts by which they wish to probe into the arcana of faith and in so doing confirm assumptions that are false. And we read further, this cannot take place in a moment, but it takes place to the extent that the falsities of the former church are set aside When a person is being regenerated, the natural is first of all made ready to receive, and to the extent it is then able to receive, interior truths and goods are able to emerge and multiply.*

So, in summary, what I feel we need to do as a church is to consolidate whatever is in the vein of these 3 key elements, while working towards the Lord's end of creation and always keeping that in view, which is to form a heaven of angels from the human race. We should then take everything we do or any changes that are proposed, and measure them against these 3 key elements. That there will be resistance only indicates that the birthing of new truths is happening in the church and being assisted by the natural, meant by the midwife assisting the birth.

So let's not allow change to divide us, but stay together using the 3 key principles mentioned above. Because it is only when we are truly loving the

Lord, and truly loving our neighbour, that we can ever hope to gain the new truths required for us to lead those out there to the Lord. In case there is any doubt about this, I will finish with the words of the Lord Himself, which none of us can deny - *By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.* John 13:35

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

Company Number 00006039

Wednesday 29th July 2020

1 Because of the Coronavirus pandemic the Conference did not assemble at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire in accordance with Minute 42 of the last Annual Meeting but instead met using Zoom, calling the meeting Together Online.

2 The Revd Bruce Jarvis led celebratory opening 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.”

Following a request on behalf of the Members of Conference made by the Chairman, Mrs Judith Wilson, the Revd Mary Duckworth inducted the Revd Jack Dunion as Spiritual Leader during this service.

3 The Revd Jack Dunion delivered the keynote address based on the Conference theme ‘Change’, after which he answered questions and led a moment of prayer.

4 Mrs Judith Wilson, the Chairman of the Council, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

5 *Resolved:* That Rules C1, C4(b), C5 and C6 be suspended.

6 The Revd Christine Bank, Mr Alan Misson, Mrs Margaret Cowie and Mr Phillip Brooks spoke about the contribution to Conference made by Mrs Barbara Bentley, Mr Patrick Johnson, Mr Neil Laidlaw and Mrs Doreen Merrall who had all passed into the spiritual world and the Revd Christine Bank read Isaiah 41: 10.

7 *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.

8 The Revd Christine Bank gave information about Ministerial activities.

9 Mrs Jan Millar spoke about the work of the Committee for Auxiliary Ministry.

10 Mrs Carolyn Kennion reported on the activities of the New Church Youth Association.

11 Mrs Lara Nicholls spoke about the Youth and Family Team and its work.

12 The Revd Christine Bank provided news about the Ministry and drew attention to the following anniversaries of ordination:

Revd Bruce Jarvis and Revd Becky Jarratt (father and daughter) 35 years and 5 years respectively; Revd Gillian Gordon 20 years; Revd Julian Duckworth 40 years; Revd Robert Gill and Revd John Sutton 50 years and Revd Ian Arnold 55 years.

13 *Resolved:* That Mrs Jenny Jones be declared to be a Recognised Worship Leader.

14 *Resolved:* That Mr Lee Differ be ordained as a Minister.

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

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

17 A fun quiz was led by the Youth and Family Team.

18 The afternoon session ended with a spiritual moment led by Miss Gwendolen Rowe.

19 In the evening the Revd Clifford Curry, the Revd Mary Duckworth, the Revd Bruce Jarvis and the Revd Michael Stanley held a session entitled Revelation Online in which they asked for contributions to a new website.

Thursday 30th July 2020

20 The morning session was opened at 10.00 a.m. with a short service of

worship led by the Revd Clifford Curry.

21 Mrs Judith Wilson presented the Report of the Council and introduced a session she entitled 'News from the Council' to which the Revd Alison Southcombe and Miss Shannon Fitzgerald contributed.

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

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

24 There was a moment of prayer led by the Revd Clifford Curry.

25 There was a session of Bible Study for all ages using break-out rooms.

26 The Chairman's closing remarks followed.

27 *Resolved:* That, in accordance with the Council's proposal, the 214th Annual General Meeting and Conference be held at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, starting on Tuesday 27th July 2021.

28 The Revd Jack Dunion said a prayer and gave a Benediction.

29 There was a final song 'I Will Follow Him'.

30 The Annual Meeting closed at 12:13 p.m.

Signed

Judith M Wilson, Chairman

J Zoë Brooks, Company Secretary

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL – YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2020

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	4 (5 possible)
Vice-chairman	Mr R H Cunningham	3 (3 possible) (from 25 July)
Trustees:	Ms J Z Brooks	5 (Also Company Secretary)
	Mrs M L Cowie	3 (3 possible) (from 25 July)
	Miss K S Fitzgerald	3 (3 possible) (from 25 July)
	Mrs L K Nicholls	5 (5 possible)
	Mr R H Cunningham	2 (2 possible) (until 25 July)
	Mr M D Haseler	2 (2 possible) (until 25 July)

In attendance were:

Company Accountant:	Mrs S Field	5
Ministers' Com. Secretary:	Revd C Bank	5
Spiritual Leader:	Revd D E Gaffney	4

Attending by invitation were:

Mrs M L Cowie	2 (2 possible)
Miss K S Fitzgerald	2 (2 possible)

1.2 In July 2019 Mrs Judith Wilson was elected Chairman for four years, Mr Richard Cunningham was elected Vice-chairman for two years and Mrs Margaret Cowie and Miss Shannon Fitzgerald were both elected as Trustees for three years.

Ms J Zoë Brooks will complete her term of office in July 2020 and will seek re-election.

1.3 Mr David Haseler did not stand for re-election in July 2019 and the Council wishes to record its thanks to Mr Haseler for his many years of service as a Trustee.

1.4 At the Conference in 2019 only two of the four possible Trustees were appointed, so the Council still has only six voting members, making it the eleventh year during which it has been without its full complement. This year, therefore, it is possible to appoint two Trustees for a period of three years and

one for a period of one year.

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

2 THE COST OF ATTENDING CONFERENCE

In order to continue to encourage young people to attend Conference the Council had 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 2020 as a free event.

As it is not only young families that sometimes have difficulty meeting the costs of attending Conference, the Council had also decided to continue to offer to reduce the price for all members to 75% of the actual cost for Conference 2020. Those who could afford to do so were 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 were being offered attendance at only half of 75% but they were asked to make this up to 50% by donation if they could afford to do so.

3 LINK MEMBERS

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

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 2019/20 the total of stipends, telephone and broadband paid to ministers was £145,914. In the same year the total of salaries, wages, telephone and broadband paid to lay employees was £199,329. These figures include people employed for part of the year.

The Council approved a 3.23% increase from 1 April 2020 for all employees, except those paid hourly, who are treated individually. This is the figure shown by the Average Weekly Earnings index.

Miss Gemma McLean took on the additional role of E-News and E-Read Production Manager from 1 June 2019. She had been doing this work informally prior to that date.

5 MINISTRY

The Revd David Gaffney was expected to continue as Spiritual Leader until July 2021 but retired on 29 February on health grounds. The Council wishes to thank him for his years of service and hopes that his health will improve in the future.

The Revd Jack Dunion has taken over the role of Spiritual Leader, supported by the Revd Alison Southcombe as Deputy Spiritual Leader, taking over the administrative duties. This arrangement is until July 2021.

Mr Lee Differ has been employed as a Research Associate from 1 September 2019, to allow further time for study. His ordination will not take place until July 2021.

6 VOLUNTEERS

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

7 CONFERENCE PROPERTIES

Dicksons Drive, Chester

The Charity Commission has rejected Chester Society's contention that we are able to sell the church to the Baptists, without offering it on the open market, because Conference and the Baptists have similar objectives. Conference's solicitor has written to the solicitor acting for Chester Society suggesting a way forward in accordance with the Charity Commission's directions.

5 Pembridge Villas, Kensington

Contracts for sale at £5,085,000 were exchanged on 3 January 2019 with completion scheduled for 17 May 2019. In the event completion did not take place until 20 May 2019, which meant that the purchasers had to pay £1786.72 interest as compensation for late completion.

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 was accepted and the sale was completed on 26 April 2019.

126 Mercer Crescent, Haslingden

Contracts were exchanged on 30 May 2019 for a sale at £217,500 and completion took place on 31 May 2019. Conference owned 80% of this property.

101 Tuckton Road, Southbourne

Contracts for a sale at £480,000 were exchanged on 30 April 2019 and completion took place on 8 May 2019.

Wellspring House

A request for Conference to fund a major extension to Wellspring House has been rejected by the Council. However, it appears that funding is available from elsewhere and the question of the extension is likely to be discussed again.

8 REVAMPING CONFERENCE WEB SITE

It was felt that the website looked somewhat old fashioned and the Council was pleased to approve the revised website designed by Miss Gemma McLean.

9 BANK ACCOUNTS

The Council has become very dissatisfied with the service provided by RBS, as despite completion of many forms and numerous telephone calls and emails it has proved impossible to get the signatories on the accounts amended. As a result, accounts have been opened at Santander and as soon as one small matter has been sorted out balances will be transferred.

10 POLICIES

Health and Safety

Amendments have been made to the policy regarding electrical installations and equipment and first aid requirements and the need to have an asbestos check done before structural repairs or alterations are made to a church or dwelling.

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding policy has been substantially amended and has also been checked by thirty-one:eight, a specialist organisation in this field.

Bribery

Considerable material has been added to this policy and it has been re-named Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption.

11 CORONAVIRUS

In order to comply with the Government's directions our churches were forced to close at the end of March until further notice.

12 MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

Since the last Annual Meeting Mrs Barbara Bentley, Mr Patrick Johnson, Mr Neil Laidlaw and Mrs Doreen Merrall have passed into the spiritual world.

13 NOMINATIONS AND MOTIONS

a) Nominations

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

b) Motions

- 1) The Council will move that Rules C1, C4(b), C5 and C6 be suspended
- 2) The Council will move that Mr Lee Differ be ordained as a Minister.
- 3) The Council will move that Mrs Jenny Jones be declared to be a Recognised Worship Leader.

14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The company accountant, Mrs Sally Field, reports on the Income and Expenditure accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 and the Balance Sheet as at that date, subject to audit:

Overall Summary

The operational surplus in 2019/20 has increased to £135,000.

Income

Society income has decreased further this year to £119,000, which is a decrease of 2.5% compared with last year. This decrease of £3,000 is, as are decreases 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 remained the same as the previous year at £16,000. Investment income continues to be the largest source of income to Conference. This year it makes up nearly 66% of income which is an increase of 14% compared to last year. With no new sources of income and society contributions decreasing, this percentage is only going to increase.

Expenditure

There has been an increase in expenditure of nearly 17% compared to the previous year. This increase is mainly due to an increase in human resources of nearly 11%, £30,000, and an increase of nearly 61%, £37,000, in the cost of Purley compared to the previous year.

Exceptional Items

There have been no legacies received this year but a couple of properties have been sold. Closed society funds came to over £5,091,000, the sale proceeds of Kensington being included here, as church properties are not shown in the balance sheet.

Future Forecast

Some of the figures this year have already been affected by the COVID-19

outbreak. Especially vulnerable has been Purley Chase Centre, which lost tens of thousands of pounds when events had to be cancelled at the middle and end of March. With the uncertainty we find ourselves in at the moment, it makes it very hard to predict the financial future. We have already seen a significant drop in the investment capital value and for at least the 2020/21 financial year it is predicted that we will see a drop of around 30% in investment income. For a few years now we have relied on investment income as our primary source of income, with Purley Chase Centre being the secondary. As both have been and continue to be so heavily hit, cash flow becomes all the more important. This may mean that we are forced to cash in some of our investments, further reducing the capital value. New income streams have never been so important as now to help sustain us in the short term as well as the long term. We are still heading for operational deficits within the next 10 years but now with significantly lower surpluses in the next 5 years.

15 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PURLEY MANAGEMENT TEAM 2019 – 2020

(Mr Grant Brackley, Chair, reports)

1 The Team

Grant Brackley	Chair
Rachel Gilsonen	Manager
Alison Southcombe	Programme Leader
Sally Field	Company Accountant
Vivien Stewart-Wood	Committee Member
Chris Woodhouse	Committee Member

This has been a year of yet more change. There have been a number of staff changes and we currently have 5 staff plus Rachel. (Before the coronavirus Rachel was looking for an additional cook.) Rachel has continually implemented paperwork systems to ensure that management of Purley is not only visually obvious, but administratively and legally correct. The year has ended with the effects of Covid-19 and this has resulted in the closure of Purley until further notice, and all staff on furlough.

Sharing the secretarial function of the PMT is working well and any formal secretarial communication should go to Grant. Thanks go to Alison and Sally for taking the minutes in a rota with me.

2 The Future

Alison and Rachel are working well together and are constantly looking at different ideas. This year's aim is mainly to consolidate where we are, as the resources are reaching their limit and we do not want to overstretch ourselves.

3 Events

We have (had) a full calendar of events, with many groups booked up for future years.

Alison continues to run the Sunday service and the Arcana Caelestia study group, and the Bread Church fellowship weekend will be a regular event now. Alison ran a series of sessions on “Twelve Rules for Life” by Jordan Peterson, which was also very successful. The art group is on hold at the moment as the “Gathering Leaves” project starts to come to the fore. The carol service was again a major success with a full house.

4 Finance

There was a net deficit of £97,987 compared with a deficit of £60,960 in the previous year. The effects of Covid-19 have skewed the figures for this year and next.

5 Building and Grounds

(a) General

We have continued to run the programme of “Painting Purley” supported through fundraising. Thanks to a donation from Bournemouth Church we have moved on to upgrading the dormitories including adding some murals from the artist who helped with the games room.

The report from the Fire Officers visit has been actioned and is now almost complete. The only outstanding issue is the replacement of the old bedroom doors with new fire doors, which are being fitted as they arrive. There is a plan to update the decking, and this has been agreed in principle but needs final details clarifying by Chris Woodhouse. Thanks to Chris for all his work and support throughout the year.

(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 Rachel now has a log of this and all other relevant training for staff.

6 Thanks

Purley continues to depend on the enthusiasm and dedication of our hard-working staff and volunteers. The feedback generally from those visiting has once again been excellent this year, and so we will continue to try and improve and develop to keep the standards high. Our thanks go to all who continue to visit Purley and contribute to making it a wonderful place to visit.

On behalf of the Council:

Judith M Wilson, Chairman

J Zoë Brooks, Company Secretary

REPORTS FROM AROUND THE CHURCH YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2020

1 AREA COUNCILS

1.1 YORKSHIRE AND NORTH EAST AREA COUNCIL

(Miss Gwendolen Rowe reports)

Sadly, this year our AGM had to be cancelled due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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. Dalton also hold a Fellowship Circle twice a month to which members of other churches have been coming. This is found to be a very valuable experience. They are getting between 8-10 attending regularly.

Seaburn Dene have welcomed a number of junior members into their Church and continue to value the young people attending their Church.

This time of isolation has brought a new way of connecting for 2 of our Churches. Bradford and Dalton have been meeting weekly on social media platforms and are really enjoying the opportunity to stay connected. Bradford also meet mid-week for a more sociable get together. This has encouraged several of our members and friends to take part in worship who wouldn't normally be so involved.

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.

1.2 NORTH WEST (MANCHESTER) AREA COUNCIL

(Mrs Pauline Grimshaw reports)

1. No formal Council meetings have been held during the past year.
2. The Swedenborg Birthday Meeting was held at the Radcliffe Church, being led by Mr Christopher Chambers. There was an attendance of twelve.
3. A New Church day service at Accrington has been planned
4. The Area is very grateful to have received the services of Rev Brian Talbot during the past year at both Radcliffe and Kearsley.

2 KILDWICK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(Mr Keith Sandiford, the Secretary, reports)

As usual, before the first of the bookings at Easter, work had been carried out

to maintain the premises in good order. The main items were the decorating of the hall and back dormitory, repair of the wall at the bottom of the steps and replacement of part of the kitchen extractor fan. The legionella check was carried out and was again satisfactory.

Bookings this year were similar in number and type to those of last year. The total number of bookings was 18 on 59 days (18 on 60). New Church bookings were 13 on 47 days (11 on 43) and outside groups 5 on 12 days (7 on 17). Two bookings in the autumn were lost because of the threat of flooding which became a reality in February but only on a minor scale.

Further maintenance work during the year included trimming the privet hedge and having the grassed area cut professionally at regular intervals. The Friends of Kildwick made a donation of £1300 towards this and other work at the Centre. However, it has been decided that the Friends will cease to operate as their numbers have declined and Kildwick's current financial position is much better than it was previously. Help from the Friends has been greatly appreciated over the years and they have played a large part in enabling the Centre to carry on.

During the year the committee lost the services of Phillip Brooks as a result of his move from the area. Phillip had been on the committee since 1981 and had been a very active member. His help will be greatly missed.

The premises are generally in a satisfactory condition and with the improved financial situation both routine maintenance and improvements should be possible.

3 HOME WORSHIP

(The Revd Becky Jarratt reports)

Home Worship is continuing to be distributed each month. At the time of writing, there are 56 email recipients and 17 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. We have recently had a request from people in the Australian New Church to use Home Worship, which is lovely to hear.

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.

Thanks go to Revd Mary Duckworth, who has been proof-reading Home Worship for a number of years. We are grateful that Revd Gill Gordon has agreed to take on this role.

At the time of submitting this report we were just going into lockdown. Home Worship has become an invaluable source of material for us to use when we are unable to attend churches. Going forward, jumping off points will be provided each week so that discussion groups have a place to start their conversations. 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 they have made three grants totalling £7044 during the year 2019/2020. Any request from a Society for financial help 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 yet another quiet year for CAM with my main role being one of supporting individuals and churches.

Leaders United

Events were held in April and October and were attended by a mixture of experienced worship leaders and others who are serving the church in a variety of ways. In April our theme was 'Old Testament Characters' and in October we explored 'The Spiritual World & The Seven Churches from the Book of Revelation' with our guest tutor Revd Alison Southcombe. Both events were very well received by the participants. I hope more people will take advantage of the study, support and practical training that these events have to offer.

Resources

CAM holds a wide variety of resources to assist lay people in their ministry and these are available to anyone who may find them useful.

Future Training

CAM is willing to set up training and support on a variety of topics. Please do not hesitate to ask if the committee is 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 throughout the Church. The committee would also like to thank all the Auxiliary Ministers who give generously of their time, skills and enthusiasm in service to the Church in a variety of ways.

6 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH YOUTH ASSOCIATION

(Miss Gwendolen Rowe, the Secretary, reports)

Two Council Meetings have been held during the last year.

NCYA Conference: Our AGM in 2019 was held at Kearsley New Church. We were small in number but a worthwhile meeting was held. Rev Alison Southcombe spoke to us about events being planned at Purley Chase and ideas she has to encourage families in the local area to attend.

Purley Chase: We continue to support Summer Camp 1 and Family Weekends by contributing resources and staffing and funding activities such as Forest School and outings. It is always a delight to hear how well these events are attended and enjoyed. Summer Camp 1 in 2019 was on the theme of 'the Five Senses' and went very well.

Home Sunday Club: Currently 48 children are members of HSC (62 last year). In addition to the monthly letter and Bible story activity leaflet, Christmas cards, a letter to parents, a Children's Day leaflet, an information leaflet about the NCYA, the Sunrise magazine and birthday greetings have been sent. Work on creating a new set of Starter leaflets will be completed this August.

Colouring Exhibition: This year the children were sent materials to enter our annual exhibition on the theme of 'Charity'. Despite the difficult times with the pandemic we actively encouraged children to take part in this. Their work will either be displayed at Conference, in E-News or in Sunrise Magazine. Each child received a small prize for their efforts.

Sunrise Magazine: 155 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 go 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 for those who wanted it. We had some wonderful feedback from this event and a report was sent to E-News.

Grants: We continue to offer financial assistance when needed. A grant has been made to Seaburn Dene to help support them with a sleepover event

they have planned for May.

Store Cupboard at Purley Chase: We continue to provide a resource cupboard 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: Work is still being carried out to try and improve our website presence. Keith Dunbar is endeavouring to get this up and running with other members of the council assisting.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks and appreciation 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, Rev Becky Jarratt and Rev Jack Dunion continue 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. Robert and Jenny continue to study SOLCe courses to support their doctrinal knowledge and in December it was decided that a motion would be put at Conference that she become a Recognised Worship Leader.

In March Jack stepped back from his position as line manager allowing him to concentrate on his new role as Spiritual Leader. He will continue to contribute to our exciting work and hopes, as part of his work as our Spiritual Leader, to work more widely in improving communications between the many and varied groups and individuals that our team interact with throughout the year. We are very pleased that Lara Nicholls, who has previously been our link to the Council, has taken over his role as line manager and welcome her to our team.

We continue to organise and run residential weekends, family walks and get-togethers and activity adventure days across the country for a range of age groups. These offer a wide range of spiritual and social opportunities for everyone who joins in.

Last August, the Summer School team alongside members of the Youth and Family team ran a week long “International Summer Camp” at Purley Chase which was attended by fifty young people and their leaders from the UK, the Czech Republic and the USA. This was an amazing experience for everyone involved and we are delighted that the young people remain in touch with each other nearly a year later. We also hope that there will be chances in the future to meet again with our friends from around the world.

A calendar of events is sent to all our contacts at the start of the year. These 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. Our Instagram page, which Shannon Fitzgerald and Libby Jones help to run, is open to everyone and contains adverts for upcoming events and quotations from our teachings.

We have a small, but fantastic team of volunteers who support us by leading children's groups at residential weekends including many of our young adults who have "graduated" to 18 plus events and become leaders themselves.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have some uncertainty about when our activities and events will be able to run again. In the meantime, we continue to provide opportunities for our young people and families to meet via regular Zoom get-togethers.

8 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE 2019-2020

(Mrs Maeve Hawkins, the Secretary, reports)

The Members of the Committee are Mr Gordon Kuphal, Chairman; Mrs Maeve Hawkins, Secretary; Mr Howard Turner and Mrs Pauline Grimshaw.

We were very sad to hear of the death of Mr Patrick Johnson in August 2019. Although he had been unable to attend meetings since December 2017 he always maintained his interest in the work of the Committee. He was very glad to see the future of the Collection being secured by its transfer to the care of the Swedenborg Society in 2017. During recent years Patrick made a number of excellent indexes without which it would be much more difficult to answer many of the enquiries we receive. They are also very helpful to the Swedenborg Society Librarian, Mr Alex Murray, in cataloguing the Collection. We thank Patrick for his enthusiasm and interest in the history of the Church over many years.

Four meetings were held during the year and Mr Gordon Kuphal made additional visits to Swedenborg House to sort through newly deposited material and the archives being removed from the overcrowded strong room. These are placed in the additional storage area in the Swedenborg Society basement. The archives of the Paisley Society and the Scottish Association were sent to Swedenborg House following the sale of the Paisley Church building in April 2019. Additional items and photographs have also been deposited by a number of church members. The sorting of the photograph

collection and the identifying people, places and events continues. This is work with which Mrs Pauline Grimshaw has helped considerably. We have also answered a considerable number of enquiries.

We remind members of our Societies and Church organisations we can give help with any concerns they may have relating to archive and memorabilia items.

We continue to support the Swedenborg Society Librarian and staff as they work to catalogue the Collection.

9 REPORT OF THE MARKETING AND RESOURCES GROUP

(Mr Stephen Russell-Lacy, Chairman, Reports)

Purley Chase has been recently closed because of the pandemic but the project making the library and bookshop more accessible to visitors will be resumed when it re-opens. In promoting our teachings, the Group has been moving away from publishing books towards presenting material in the form of leaflets and on websites such as www.spiritualquestions.org.uk. The plan is to update the www.spiritualwisdom.org.uk site. We are now exploring the use of podcasts and webcasting which are quickly growing media.

If anyone is interested in helping with our work of commissioning producers, writers and designers please email me russell_lacy@hotmail.com.

10 BROADFIELD MEMORIAL BENEVOLENT FUND

(The Treasurer, Mrs Erica Cunningham, reports)

All those who were believed to be entitled to request assistance were contacted, the majority 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 7360 units in the Common Investment Fund at a pre audit value of £9.528 per unit as at 31st March 2020.

Initial pre-Christmas grants of **£14,000** were made to all those who expressed a need. Further payments of **£566** have been made since to those who expressed a need.

The Broadfield Fund currently has adequate funds to assist all those who might express a need.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' COMMITTEE 2019/20

1. Meetings

The Committee meeting took place from 5th – 6th November 2019 and the Annual Meeting from 10th - 12th March 2020. Ten members were present at the November meeting and 9 members in March. Mr. Lee Differ was present at both meetings by invitation. Both meetings took place at Purley Chase.

2. The Spiritual Leader

Revd David Gaffney resigned in February 2020 on health grounds and at the March meeting colleagues had the opportunity to formally record their thanks for his leadership during his term of office.

At that same meeting a nomination that Revd Jack Dunion be appointed as the Spiritual Leader with Revd Alison Southcombe acting as a deputy and taking on some of the administrative aspects of the role was approved. The Conference Council supported this arrangement and it is intended to formally induct Revd Dunion into this office at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Conference.

3. Spiritual Leader and Deputy Spiritual Leader's Report

At the March Ministers' Committee (COM) meeting it became obvious from our discussions that the many responsibilities of the Spiritual Leader role, which had become vacant after the sudden resignation of the Rev. David Gaffney, due to ill health, should not fall to one individual. It was the unanimous decision of the committee then to appoint myself (Rev. Jack Dunion) as Spiritual Leader and the Rev. Alison Southcombe as Deputy Spiritual Leader.

In splitting the role into two appointments the Spiritual Leader role will focus on work relating to ministerial duties, such as, and for example: approving candidates for the ministry, ordinations, attending to any Conference related duties, attending Conference Council and Student Monitoring meetings, dealing with any pastoral issues etc. The Deputy Spiritual Leader's role would be focussed on any administrative tasks involved, such as, and for example: Staff appraisals and actions arising, expenses sign off, attending Conference Council, supporting the Spiritual Leader with Conference related duties and any administration and communications that arise from these duties.

From the outset the role took on an urgency which neither Alison nor myself were entirely prepared for. To begin with, the suddenness of the Rev. David Gaffney's resignation meant that our appointments came unexpectedly. Then we also found ourselves in the midst of the unprecedented and life changing events surrounding the global coronavirus pandemic.

However, from the outset, with the full backing and support of all our colleagues in the ministry, as well as the Conference Council, Alison and I along with Rev Christine Bank and Rev. Becky Jarratt (i.e. current employed ministry) formed a team in order to tackle the pressing issues arising from the effects of the pandemic. Using social media platforms including Zoom, WhatsApp, Facebook and Facebook Messenger, as well as more “traditional” forms such as Email and text, we have been able to maintain good communications and make progress on many fronts.

Our first priority during the current crisis has been to provide ways in which we could continue with Sunday worship and wherever possible be together (virtually) in doing so. Initially, the Rev. John Elliott was helpful and kind enough in providing weekly themed worship material using our online newsletter E-Read. This covered any immediate needs while the ministry team worked on adapting the Home Worship scheme to make it more accessible and also adding some “jumping off” content. Links were created on our online magazine E-News, taking potential recipients to the General Conference web site where the Home Worship material is available for download.

More recently, the team then turned their focus to setting up an online service of worship aiming to have a live stream ready for Palm Sunday and Easter Day. Although there were initial technical challenges, with some very positive feedback and helpful suggestions on how we might further improve the service, we managed to attract some 75 subscriptions which continued to grow in number as people enjoyed being virtually together to worship our Lord and Saviour; singing praises together, praying together and hearing readings and sermons just like in our regular Sunday services. It is an extra delight that many people who have been unable to attend services due to the closure of societies were also able to join. Numbers connecting to the service for Easter Sunday via Zoom were into the 90’s. Despite the difficulties caused by the lockdown situation, the online worship platform looks a positive path to be continued once we get beyond covid-19, as it offers a way of providing fellowship and New Church Christian communion for many not able to attend a church.

The ministerial team continue to have weekly meetings via Zoom and we look forward to serving our church in any way we can and well into the future.

Respectfully submitted by and on behalf of:

Rev. Jack Dunion

Rev. Alison Southcombe

4. Mr. Lee Differ

Mr. Differ’s ordination was planned for the 2020 Annual Meeting of Conference; he is currently studying for a Masters degree in Philosophical

Theology at the University of Nottingham which will continue into 2021. The form of his ministry, in light of these studies, is subject to further discussion, but might comprise communications work, ongoing research, and the delivery of courses, study groups, college modules, spiritual direction and church services, as required.

5. E-Read and E-News

The Ministers' Committee appreciates the way an alternative to Lifeline has been embraced and supported by a variety of contributors sharing their thoughts and news. Particular thanks to Miss Gemma McLean for her energy and enthusiasm in ensuring these reach subscribers in a timely and appropriate way.

6. Committee for Auxiliary Ministry (CAM)

The separate CAM report will provide fuller updates of the Leaders United 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.

7. Safeguarding and DBS checks.

A Safeguarding training session involving Ministry and laity who were local to Purley Chase was held to coincide with our March 2020 meeting. 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.

8. Youth and Family.

The work of the youth and family team is reported on elsewhere, but the Ministry are involved in leading sessions or events for young people and family groups through the year.

9. Apocalypse Study Group (ASG).

As reported last year, the Group is in the process of completing work on some of its projects, but progress is painfully slow. We no longer hold our two workshops a year, and other calls on members' time and energy mean that the remaining business tends to be on back burners.

We were pleased that Mary Duckworth was able to put together complimentary Apocalypse Games Packs for the young people participating in the International Camp at Purley Chase last August. These packs consist of a

deck of cards and a games booklet, which are now available separately (@£10) from the Apocalypse of John Card Set, in which they were originally published.

We have also been thrilled by a development over the display of the Apocalypse of John Exhibition, which has been stored in crates under the stairs at Purley Chase. A routine inspection by the Fire Service meant that for safety reasons this could no longer be permitted. The original illustrations are now to be displayed on a rolling programme, along with explanatory notes, at Purley Chase Centre, enabling Roland Smith's and ASG's work to be seen by visitors and guests.

The Exhibition remains available for display at churches and centres around the country, and even overseas, and we continue to be ready to assist anyone who wishes to mount the Exhibition in their local area. The Exhibition and accompanying catalogue can be viewed at www.apocalypse-of-john.org.uk That is the situation at the time of writing, but Conference Council is looking to reduce and reorganise the Church's websites. We will inform the Church via E-News when things are resolved. Enquiries about the Exhibition can be made via the following email address: asg@gcnc.org.uk

Mary Duckworth, Clifford Curry, Bruce Jarvis (Coordinator), and Michael Stanley

10. Home Worship

The Home Worship scheme continues to be circulated and the quiet support from those who write the monthly items is deeply appreciated. As reported by the Spiritual Leader, this is finding a renewed use and purpose as from mid-March 2020 the Covid 19 virus prevented our churches from opening as usual.

11. New Christian Bible Study website.

Colleagues continue to receive updates on the progress of this website; Covid 19 has had dramatic effects across the world and one outcome has been a huge growth in all kinds of online activity. The NCBS continues to see growth in traffic and are still expanding their translations of the Writings into many languages as well as providing links to commentaries and articles from a wide variety of contributors.

12. 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.

13. 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 3.23% from April 2020.

The full time salary (gross) for an ordained minister for the year 2020/21 including telephone and broadband is £34,781.

14. The Council

Maintaining good communication between the Council and the Ministry continues to be a priority. The Spiritual Leader and Deputy, together with the Secretary of the Ministers' Committee will attend the Council meetings. 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.

15. Appointments and nominations

In addition to the Ministers' attendance at 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

Jack Dunion [Spiritual Leader]

Christine Bank [Secretary]

1st May 2020

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REPORT OF THE COMPANY ACCOUNTANT YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2020

During the year we received £4,961,149.25 from the sale of Kensington, £141,826.32 from the sale of 126 Mercer Crescent and £130,273.09 from the closure of the Scottish Association.

Income increased by 40% due to the investment of the receipts above and the subsequent dividends received from those investments. Investment income remains the largest form of income now standing at nearly 66% of the total income from 52% in the previous year. Society income has continued to fall, with a reduction of £3,000 compared to the previous financial year.

Expenditure has also increased by over 13% compared with the previous year. Human Resources costs increased again this year by 11% but Administration costs decreased by 4%. The cost of Purley increased by nearly 61% compared to the previous year. This was due in part to essential maintenance and lost income from the closure of the centre due to COVID-19.

There is an overall operational surplus of £131,000.

The capital price per unit of the common investment fund at the end of the financial year decreased to £8.081 from the previous year value of £8.745 due to COVID-19. The split between capital growth and investment income still remains a 50/50 split.

The future is uncertain with the likelihood of a deficit in 2020/21 due to the continuing effects of COVID-19. This has greatly hit investment income, with a prediction of a 30% decrease for 2020/21, and has meant the closure of Purley Chase Centre, which at the moment is not set to re-open till September 2020. Investment income remains our main source of income and, as mentioned in previous years, finding new income streams so as to be less reliant on one thing is so important.

Sally Field – Company Accountant

Income and Expenditure Accounts

For year ended March 31st 2020

	£,000	£,000
	2020	2019
Societies	119	122
Donations - Conference	16	16
Investment Income	437	246
Trust Income	78	78
Bursary Grant	10	10
Other Income	2	1
Total Receipts	662	473
Human Resources		
Ministry	157	131
Laity	86	79
Student grants	32	28
Self Employed Fees	2	4
Employment Allowance	-3	-3
Pensions	19	17
Housing	14	20
	307	276
Administration		
Travelling Expenses	24	26
Professional fees	17	18
Insurance	14	16
Office	18	14
Marketing /Resources	1	0
Central Costs	23	25
Education & Training	21	24
Youth Leading	4	5
Purley Chase	98	61
Kildwick	4	3
	224	192
Total Payments	531	468
Operational Surplus/(-Deficit)	131	5

Other Receipts and Costs

	£,000	£,000
Depreciation	-72	-66
Legacies		
Closed Society Funds	5,091	2068
Property Sales	142	0
Women's League	0	364
Non Conference - CIF (Common Investment Fund)	0	0
<i>Net Surplus/(-Deficit)</i>	5292	2371

Note. The market value for the CIF per unit

2020	2019
£8.08	£8.75

Balance Sheet as at March 31st 2019

	£	£
	2020	2019
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	2,329,477	2,387,262
Investment Assets	23,299,418	19,878,763
	25,628,895	22,266,025
CURRENT ASSETS		
Net Current Assets	185,592	232,670
Less Creditors		
NET ASSETS	25,814,487	22,498,695
Represented by:-		
Endowment funds	1,380,103	1,479,174
Restricted funds	17,523,783	13,296,235
Unrestricted funds	6,910,601	7,723,286
	25,814,487	22,498,695

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Society Members	Non-resident	Total new members	Deceased	Removed	Increase	Decrease	Members of Conference
Accrington	31	8	0	3	0	0	3	26
Bournemouth	30	6	2	0	0	2	0	28
Bradford	13	0	3	0	0	3	0	13
Dalton	33	2	1	0	0	1	0	6
Derby	49	24	0	1	0	0	1	31
Kearsley	38	10	0	0	0	0	0	19
Keighley	32	12	0	3	1	0	4	18
Paisley	24	0	0	4	0	0	4	12
Radcliffe	13	2	0	2	0	0	2	5
Seaburn Dene	26	4	0	4	0	0	0	19
West Wickham	24	10	0	2	0	0	2	19
Other members								226
Total 2019/20	313	78	6	19	1	6	16	422
Totals 2018/19	332	84	3	6	3	2	8	448

	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	0	3	10	12
Bournemouth	1	0	1	4	2	10	17	19
Bradford	0	0	0	1	1	13	10	10
Dalton	3	0	2	4	2	10	4	12
Derby	1	0	1	2	2	6	14	13
Kearsley	4	0	0	4	3	2	14	21
Keighley	1	3	2	0	1	11	16	20
Paisley	0	1	4	0	2	4	9	9
Radcliffe	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
Seaburn Dene	0	0	8	7	4	2	15	16
West Wickham	0	0	2	5	1	12	11	12
Totals 2019/20	10	4	23	28	18	73	120	149
Totals 2018/19	7	2	17	31	30	79	137	168

THE NEW CHURCH COLLEGE REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL 2019 - 2020

**Below is a summary of the full report.
The full report has been sent to all Governors of the New Church College
and copies are 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 2020. 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)

1. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

1.1 Attendance at Council Meetings

The Council met for full Council meetings on 3 occasions during the year in May 2019, September 2019 and January 2020. There was also an AGM in July 2019. Membership and attendance at meetings were as follows:

	3 Council meetings	AGM (July)
Mr C Chambers President	3	1
Mr RJ Nicholls, Treasurer	3	1
Mrs C Mahmood, Secretary	1	0
Ms Gwendolen Rowe, Secretary	3	1
Revd M Duckworth	2	1
Dr P Isherwood	2	1
Mr R Kennion	2	1
Mr S Kennion	3	0
Mrs D Lewin	2	1
Revd MW Stanley	3	1

The Administrator, Melanie Bennett, attended 2 Council meetings (3

possible) by standing invitation.

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

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

1.2 Attendance at the Annual Meeting

The 155th Annual Meeting of Governors of the New Church College was held at Wellspring House, Home of the Swedenborg Open Learning Centre on Saturday 29th July 2019 with an attendance of 17 Governors and 4 guests/friends.

1.3 Membership of the Council

Cathy Mahmood resigned from the Council at the AGM in July 2019. Cathy is a longstanding supporter of the New Church College and served as Secretary for 6 years. She brought great creativity, care and enthusiasm to her work and is warmly thanked for her commitment and energy. We wish her well in the future.

We were delighted to appoint Gwendolen Rowe, an existing member of the Council, to the role of Secretary. Gwendolen takes on the role during a time of change and new developments within our organisation and we are grateful for her skills and experience.

2. EMPLOYEES

The New Church College currently employs 1.87 full time equivalent (FTE) staff:

Name	Job Role	Hours	FTE
Revd Helen Brown	Leader of Education	20	0.5
Karen Nolan	Wellspring House Centre Leader	20	0.5
Melanie Bennett	Administrator	35	0.87

Linda Stoney undertakes housekeeping duties on a casual basis, working on average 5–7 hours per week. An agreement is in place with Ray Kennion, to open up the building for external room bookings, on a casual and occasional basis; for example, where cover is needed for staff holidays or

absence.

The work of the Leader of Education is supported by a team of tutors, who are engaged on a consultancy basis to assist with module writing and delivery.

3. EMPLOYEE REMUNERATION

It is the current policy of the Council to follow the lead of General Conference in determining salaries. In line with this, the Council agreed to increase the salaries of the Leader of Education, Leader of Wellspring House and the Administrator by 3.5% in April 2019.

4. GENERAL REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE COLLEGE

4.1 Performance of the Charity

The college has been very busy with many events held, both national and local, bringing people into the building and making it a very welcoming space for people. These events include:

- Summer School and gathering
- Many Faiths, One Heart Workshop
- Regular Meditation Group
- Book Launch for Malcolm Peet
- Christmas Gathering
- Young people and families group
- Navigating Uncertainty Awareness group led by Stephen Lacy, which has now been moved to Zoom.
- Tutor event to support those wishing to tutor students

Alongside this, the building has hosted meetings for the Education Committee and the College Council. Various students have used the facilities for overnight accommodation before their tutorials.

We have regular clients who book the building for their events; for example, between January and March 2020, we had 23 external bookings. However, with the advice of the government and the charity commission, all bookings have been cancelled until further notice due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

4.2 Highlights of the Year

- SOLCe weekend held at Purley Chase on Compassion has led to two follow-up groups, working on Zoom, looking at Joyce Rupp's book, *Boundless Compassion*.
- Paul Morgan has completed his first year as a student and is working through his second year modules.

- The new Sacred Scriptures module has now been uploaded onto the website and thanks must go to Helen Brown, Mary Duckworth and Clifford Curry for their work on this

4.3 Future Development

The college has been working hard to provide a welcoming space and to be a spiritual centre for those in the area and further afield. It has become well known in the area and is attracting greater and greater use from different groups. We have continued to investigate the feasibility of extending the building to better meet the needs of its users. This has been challenging but exciting work and we are continuing towards this end. We have now appointed a Project Manager to oversee investigative work needed to move this project forward and are in contact with Conference regarding this. The council remains committed to moving this project forward and are positive about the value of this extension in continuing the work we do.

With the Leader of Education, Helen Brown's retirement in December 2020 we have now advertised for a new leader who we hope will be employed to overlap whilst Helen is still in post. We have had to make the decision to continue with online interviews due to the pandemic, but we are hopeful of finding a suitable candidate in the time period.

4.4 Staff

Leader of Education

Helen Brown has continued to support the ordination student as well as facilitate those wanting to learn and reflect on spiritual concepts, supporting students and tutors as they continue their various modules. She has had interest from people overseas wishing to study and has continued to reach out to those wishing to study, to reflect and to participate in group work. She liaises with the Committee of Ministers, The Conference Council, The Sponsored Student Monitoring Group (SSMG) and the Education Committee. With our need to continue to offer modules to students, she has been working with the Tutor Event group to encourage and support those wishing to tutor courses. The college greatly appreciates her dedication to her work and wishes her well in her retirement at the end of the year.

Wellspring House Leader

Karen Nolan, the Centre Leader, has continued to work very hard in her role which has changed to a certain degree this last year. Her main focus has changed to encompass preparing the work for finding a Project Manager and this has taken an enormous amount of effort and time. She has also been successful in reaching out to groups in the area and we are seeing increased interest in the use of the building and people attending

events.

Karen continues to make a real impact in her work, coordinating a programme of events to provide spiritual reflection and learning and we have valued her professionalism in all she does.

She has continued to update some of the college policies and to ensure the centre is a bright and comfortable place to visit.

The college would like to thank Karen for all her hard work, especially given the enormity of her work on the new extension project. This has been truly exceptional work. We would also like to thank Peter Isherwood, her line manager, who has been a great support and advised the council as needed

Administrator

Melanie Bennett has taken on a lot of work supporting Karen with the running and booking of Wellspring House. She provides administrative support to the college, but has also taken on a lot of extra jobs to allow Karen space to work on the project. The college are grateful to have such a dynamic worker working so hard for us.

Facilities Management

The fabric of the building and the grounds continue to flourish under the work carried out by the facilities management team who work tirelessly to ensure our beautiful building is well cared for and that the grounds stay well presented. Ray Kennion, who facilitates this work, has a keen eye for detail and this is clear in how well things are managed. We thank him for all his efforts in this area. We have continued to improve the building preparing a new office for our Centre Manager to work in and carrying out maintenance work as needed. Unfortunately, we had some coping stones stolen from the drive wall. We have been advised that these provide protection to the brick work below so will be getting them replaced once we can return to the building. A large part of the work this year has been involved in the new extension project which is reported on elsewhere.

Support Staff

We have valued from the work of Caroline Thompson whose work is outlined in section 4.5.

The college continues to benefit from the invaluable work Sue Chesworth does as Student Liaison Officer and her commitment to the wellbeing of our students. We sincerely thank her for her continued work in this area.

We cannot forget the amount of work Ray Kennion does as additional work looking after the building and in providing reception support. His work for the college in this way is tireless and we really thank him for this work.

Volunteers

We value greatly the many lay people who volunteer at the college and provide so much support to the team. We warmly thank them all for their commitment and dedication to the college.

4.5 SOLCe

Sponsored Students

During this last year our student Paul Morgan has been continuing his studies. He is in his second year is although he has had to put his work on Worship Leading on hold (due to the present circumstances) he has continued to study college modules.

SOLCe Students

There have been 12 further students, studying eight different modules:

Correspondence 2

Introduction to Swedenborgian Thought

OT Themes 1

Survey in Christian Thought

Insights into the Bible

A Pathway to Wholeness

Tutor Skills

Introduction to the Gospels

Education Committee

There has been a steady number of new enquiries from those interested in studying Swedenborg's teachings. A growing trend is those who have been watching the Swedenborg Foundation's *Off the Left Eye* Youtube clips. In particular, since COVID-19 and people finding they have more time to study, we have had more students start courses.

In March due to the lockdown imposed by the pandemic we had our first Zoom meeting. At that meeting we discussed a paper focused on platforms for webinar seminars and decided to move all our work onto Zoom. The course *Navigating Uncertainty* was offered as an online Zoom group to the 16 people who had already expressed an interest. A maximum number for group work would be between 6 – 8 participants. This course is intended to be bridge for new people and gently introduce them to Swedenborgian ideas and is facilitated by Steve Russell-Lacy.

Helen Brown offered and launched two online follow up groups to the February weekend *At the Heart of Compassion* held at Purley Chase. This is open to those who attended the weekend as well as other students. There was a recognition that situation around the pandemic brings an opportunity to bring people together and show them what we can offer in terms of support and learning.

A new module *Sacred Scripture for the New Era* is now finished and available on the website. We extend our grateful thanks to Revd. C Curry and Revd. M Duckworth for their hard work and inspiration.

We have employed on a temporary basis, Caroline Thompson, who has been working for Wellspring House on copyright issues in connection with our online modules. We have to buy in books that are intensively used as references in our modules to adhere to the parameters of our licence with the Copyright Licence Agency (CLA).

4.6 Outreach

The College advertises its open learning courses and events program on the website www.swedenborg-openlearning.org.uk. These are available to those in the general public and to church members and SOLCe also offers a weekend at Purley Chase which has proved popular. Our endeavour is to provide a welcoming sphere for people to learn, to come together and to share in spiritual matters in a safe environment. We continue to reach out to the wider community to build networks and to establish new relationships.

4.7 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.

4.8 Governors

There are currently:

Honorary Governors - 3

Life Governors – 5

Honorary Life Governors – 4

Annual Governors - 52

Making a total of 64 in all.

5. FINANCE

Annual Accounts

The Treasurer reported a net decrease in resources of £8,335 before capital movements for the year to 31st March 2020. (decrease of £20,369 in 2018-2019).

During the year, profits on the disposal of investments of £28,500 were realised with notional losses of £325,582 arising from the revaluation of investments.

The budget for 2019–2020 projected a deficit of £11,500 (before investment management fees) but the actual surplus for the year was £5,964 before investment management fees and a deficit of £8,335 when these are included. The main reason for the reduction in the budgeted was an increase in fees for hire of the building against the budget plus slightly less expenditure than expected in the areas of office equipment, housekeeping plus council and staff costs.

A budget for 2020-2021 projects a deficit of £12,900 before any adjustments arising on the real and notional gains and losses or charges for managing our investments. The reason for this deficit is mainly due to an expected fall in revenue as a result of COVID-19 and related loss of income from both our investments and room hire.

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 around our investment categories to hopefully improve income from our investments.

6. FUNDING AND RESERVES POLICY AND RISK REVIEW

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.

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.

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.

Structure, governance and management

C CChambers

G Rowe

R J Nicholls

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

C Chambers R J Nicholls

President Treasurer

Dated: 9 July 2020 Dated: 9 July 2020

Leader of Education—Annual Report 2020

This is my last report as Leader of Education, so forgive me if I take a moment to look back at the 6 -7 years that I have been in post.

In 2013 when I came into the post of Leader of Education, the role of Principal of the New Church College had been divided into two part-time roles to include a Centre Leader to be responsible for the running and development of Wellspring House. This enabled Wellspring House to be opened up to welcome local people and create links with other local likeminded organisations. Wellspring House is no longer the mystery building up the hill that no one ever goes to. It is now known and integrated into our local community due to Karen Nolan, our Centre Leader, and our community of volunteers.

We created a new website. We have held more events, including workshops, seminars, meditation, art for health and wellbeing to mention a few. The grounds and the building have been lovingly looked after.

On the education front, my colleagues on the Education Committee and I appointed Sue Chesworth as our student liaison officer to support our distance learning students who mostly are learning in isolation. We have held annual tutor events to enable tutors to come together, share and receive training. We have developed a tutor skills module which is now used to train new tutors. If there is anything that I have learnt over the last years it is that learning is best supported within a healthy tutor-student relationship.

We continue to train and support those training for ministry.

All the above is not due to any one person but is the product of a variety of people working together for the common purpose to bring the insights and empowerment contained in Swedenborg's teachings to a wider audience.

Our students come from a broad spectrum of backgrounds including some from overseas. This is a challenge that I have been aware of from the start, because of the need to be accessible and relevant to such a broad spectrum of students. Each student comes with their own expectations and amount of background knowledge of the teachings from a nodding acquaintance to an in-depth engagement.

There was a need to update some existing modules or write completely new ones. To date we have written 7 new modules and updated 4 modules. There is still more to be done.

There are particular challenges associated with distance learning. It is more

difficult to develop a working relationship between the student and their tutor and give them a sense of being part of a student group if studying solo. Because of this the Education Committee, this last year, started discussing the possible use of webinar seminars using platforms such as Zoom and then we were thrust into the pandemic and lockdown. Immediately our tutorials with students and events to be held at Wellspring House went onto Zoom.

The use of online platforms is at best a limited substitute for face to face contact. However, I have found some benefits. It has enabled some students to join in with groups that I normally run in the south. And we are now offering a student meet up online with a view to facilitating a discussion on a topic. We are able to open our Summer School event online to a wider group of people than would normally travel to Wellspring House.

There are so many benefits to gathering students together in terms of exchanging ideas, learning from each other and forming community.

I am grateful and blessed by the group of colleagues, volunteers, SOLCe Council members and staff that I have worked with. Together we have moved forward, faced challenges and persisted in our desire to serve the Lord and people who have come to us.

I know that you can take to heart the words of the Lord in the book of Revelation 21:5 - *Behold, I make all things new*. May the Lord be with you all as you move forward.

Revd. Helen Brown

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The New Church College
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

	Unrestricted funds general
	2020 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>	
Donations and legacies	17,146
Other trading activities	6,726
Investments	84,644
Other income	187
Total income	108,703
<u>Expenditure on:</u>	
Raising funds	11,604
Charitable activities	115,145
Total resources expended	126,749
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(91,147)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	(109,193)
Gross transfers between funds	25,966
Net movement in funds	(83,227)
Fund balances at 1 April 2019	1,014,216
Fund balances at 31 March 2020	930,989

Unrestricted funds Jersey	Restricted endowment funds	Totals	
2020	2020	2020	2019
£	£	£	£
-	-	17,146	17,342
-	-	6,726	11,071
12,406	-	97,050	92,524
-	-	187	93
12,406	-	121,109	121,030
2,695	-	14,299	15,974
-	-	115,145	125,425
2,695	-	129,444	141,399
(43,136)	(162,799)	(297,082)	134,892
(33,425)	(162,799)	(305,417)	114,523
(17,019)	(8,947)	-	-
(50,444)	(171,746)	(305,417)	114,523
396,436	1,496,190	2,906,842	2,792,319
345,992	1,324,444	2,601,425	2,906,842

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 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Investments	2,577,833	2,900,192
Current Assets		
Debtors	12,967	16,654
Cash at Bank and in hand	43,572	24,569
	56,539	41,223
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(32,947)	(34,573)
Net Current Assets	23,592	6,650
Total Assets	2,601,425	2,906,842
less current liabilities		
Capital Funds		
Endowment funds	1,324,444	1,496,190
Income Funds		
Unrestricted funds - Jersey Education	345,992	396,436
Unrestricted funds - general	930,989	1,014,216
Total Charity Funds	2,601,425	2,906,842

The accounts were approved by the College Council on 9 July 2020.

C Chambers [President]

The accounts have also been subject to an Independent Examination and were signed by Douglas Grange Accountants on the 15th July 2020.

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
Paul Morgan	2020

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
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
2020	Via Zoom	J.Dunion	None	-

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
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
Jenny Jones	2020

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 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 £1,788,825	+
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West Wickham. Church and rooms at High Street BR4 0LZ	B £477,279	+
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General Conference.

House at 18 Pollard Road, Whetstone, London N20 0UB Freehold.	B £760,436	+
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Bungalow at 80 Broadway, Southbourne Bournemouth BH6 4EQ Freehold.	B £273,729	+
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31 Barlavington Way, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9TG Jointly owned freehold.	B £369,691	+
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In the Midlands and West

Derby. Church and rooms at Horwood Avenue DE23 6AN	B £1,092,500	+
House at 409A Burton Road, Derby DE23 6AN	B £402,500	+

General Conference.

Bungalow at 215 Coventry Road, Nuneaton, Warwickshire CV10 7AX Freehold.	B £529,593	+
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Purley Chase Centre, Atherstone Freehold.	B £5,859,250	+
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In North Lancashire

Accrington. Church at Hargreaves Street BB5 2BB

B £705,936 +

General Conference.

House at 5 Whittycroft Drive, Barrowford,
Nelson BB9 6AS Freehold. #

B £217,451 +

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 £298,138 +

Kearsley. Church and rooms at
Bolton Road BL4 9DD

B £1,538,390 +

Radcliffe. Church and rooms at Stand Lane.

B £1,551,978 +

General Conference.

House at Church Street,
Kearsley BL4 9DD Freehold.

B £286,885 +

In Yorkshire and the North-East

Bradford. Church and rooms at Ashfield Avenue,
Frizinghall BD18 3AL

B £630,300 +

Dalton. Church and rooms at Grove Place,
Dalton, Huddersfield HD5 9LH

B £1,181,181 +

Flats at 111 and 113 Long Lane,
Dalton, Huddersfield HD5 9LL

B £856,974 +

Keighley. Church and rooms at Braithwaite Road,
Braithwaite BD22 6PX

B £558,116 +

Seaburn Dene. Church and rooms at Shields Road,
Seaburn Dene, Sunderland SR6 8ND

B £512,808 +

General Conference.

House at 22 Wimborne Drive, Keighley
Jointly owned freehold. #

B £327,077 +

Kildwick New Church Centre, Main Road,
Kildwick Freehold. # B £728,433 +

New Zealand

59a Balmain Road, Birkenhead, Auckland, 1310 M NZ\$459,922
(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		Miss.J.Walton	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
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
Kearsley (07913 121119)	Bolton Road Kearsley Lancs BL4 9DD	Contact Mrs.P.A.Grimshaw	Mr.D.Ormes	Mrs.P A Grimshaw

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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.Sookecah	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.G.L.Gordon (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	
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	Miss.S.Fitzgerald
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.T.Millar

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

WEB SITES

General Conference

www.generalconference.org.uk

Purley Chase

www.purleychasecentre.org.uk

Spiritual Wisdom

www.spiritualwisdom.org.uk

Apocalypse of John

www.apocalypse-of-john.org.uk

Spiritual Questions

www.spiritualquestions.org.uk

SOLCe

www.swedenborg-openlearning.org.uk

Swedenborg Society

www.swedenborg.org.uk