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**INCLUDING THE MINUTES
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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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* In the meantime, queries should be addressed to the Chairman.

SPIRITUAL LEADER'S ADDRESS
Revd Jack Dunion General Conference AGM 2022
Rediscovering Our Purpose

Introduction:

Back in 2007 I gave a talk here at the Hayes, during which I spoke on how the world was on a certain trajectory which would eventually and inevitably bring it to the very brink of disaster. There would then need to be a point where the world would utter the words "What have we done?". My talk was partly influenced by a series of lectures given at the Royal Society in London that year, by the leading economist Jeffrey Sachs. In the first in a series of 5 lectures, titled "Bursting at the seams", Sachs outlined the future challenges facing mankind, and argued that we must adapt to the new age. My aim was to highlight how the world would one day come to regret having created a future without the guiding light of the Lord's Word through his church, and how we should prepare for a day when the world would come to realise what the Lord Himself told us in John 15:5 "*I am the vine, you are the branches.....apart from me you can do nothing*".

At the time of giving the talk I was young and a bit "wet behind the ears", so I don't expect people would have taken my words very seriously. After my talk was finished, I was approached by the Revd Leslie Chambers who, in his usual supportive and wise way, firstly, congratulated me on a great talk, before going on to encourage me by saying that I had an ability, and if I was to make the most of that ability, I should put aside my notes, hold my head up and speak straight from the heart! It has taken me all of 15 years to find the confidence to do just that, and, thanks to Leslie's helpful feedback all those years ago, that is exactly what I intend to do here today.

I will break up this talk into 3 parts, allowing for questions between each part. I will talk on:

- A potted history of what Swedenborg refers to as the 4 churches (or ages) on earth.
- The future direction for our church
- A possible vision and roadmap for moving into the future

Potted History

The first church on earth

I want to begin by explaining what Swedenborg meant by the word Church. According to many ancient texts, there have been 4 ages on this earth. Swedenborg refers to these ages as churches. So, it's not meaning churches in the sense of a building or any organisation, but more an age involving a shift in human consciousness and the way in which the human race relates to God

our creator. Each of these 4 ages, Swedenborg says, is founded by God the creator, who is pure love and wisdom. It therefore has his love and wisdom at its centre. From that standpoint people are able to understand the purpose of creation, because at such a time the Lord's love is in what they will, and therefore it produces wisdom, or truth, in their understanding. This is because it is our own will which influences how we understand things. For example, if I desired or wished to move to a new location, I would form a way to do that in my understanding. My will to relocate and my understanding of how to do it would work together in achieving what my will wants. So, we can see from this principle how a good understanding is dependent on a good will. During the first age on earth, men and women had a will which was aligned perfectly with God the creator's will, which is love itself, and so they also had a true understanding of the world and the purpose of creation.

A shift in the human will

The reason the first age or church declined, giving way to a second age, was because the people began to will or desire to do things from themselves, instead of directly from the love of God our creator. Once the desire to live from self entered the will, this also changed the way in which people understood life in terms of how they relate to God the creator. In other words, falsity entered their understanding from their corrupted will. Gradually, over time, their will grew to have less and less of God's love in it, and so their understanding had less and less truth in it about God's true purpose. This is how each of the 4 churches or ages were born from love and then began to decline due to lack of love, eventually coming to an end. Once an age comes to an end, having nothing of God's love left in it, then God raises a New Church, or new age, which is once again founded on His love.

These 4 churches all died out, due to this lacking in God's love. The Christian church was the last of these 4 Churches, out of which a new 5th age was to arise, one which is spiritual and which therefore will never again need to come to an end. This is what Swedenborg means by a "New Church" on earth. Swedenborg tells us that this New Church is what is meant in the book of Revelation 21:2 by the Holy City New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. Not from the physical sky, as some have thought, but descending within the human spirit into the conscious human mind.

The end of the Christian church was what was meant by Jesus when He said to His disciples in Matthew 24:14 *"This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."* That is, the end of the Christian Church. Today the Gospels are indeed known in all the world. It's incredible to note that Jesus said these words before the Gospels were even written down, and yet they are clearly being fulfilled in our world at this time. This means that a New Church, or a 5th age, is even now descending into human consciousness.

Ref: True Christian Religion 786 *“From the beginning there have been, generally speaking, four churches on this earth; one before the flood, one after the flood, a third the Israelite, and the fourth that named Christian. Since all churches depend upon the knowledge and acknowledgment of one God, with whom a member of the church can be linked, and since all four churches lacked that truth, it follows that a church will take the place of those four, which will know and acknowledge one God.”*

Apocalypse Revealed 52 *“The end of the age is the final period of the church.”*

AR 24: *“Behold He comes with the clouds of heaven, signifies that the Lord will reveal Himself in the literal sense of the Word, and will open its spiritual sense in the end of the church.”*

Why are we experiencing so much trouble in the world today?

Swedenborg makes it clear that the New Church descending will happen only to the extent that the new heaven, established when the Lord founded the Christian church, continues to expand due to people passing from this world and entering it. However, he also tells us that this descending will only take place to the extent that the falsities of the former church are removed. The question may be asked then, in which way will these be removed, and what will be the effects of such removal? Our answer comes from what Swedenborg says regarding the way in which evils are removed. In order for evils to be removed they must appear or manifest, where they can be seen and rejected. The obvious conclusion here is that as the new heaven expands, the New Church descends, and the evils, once concealed, will begin to manifest in the world. This is bound to make it look as if the world is getting more and more evil and also less rational, but, in reality, it is the evils which were previously kept hidden within human hearts, manifesting in the world where they can be seen and acknowledged. To illustrate: whenever abuses, which may have been happening in secret for many years, are exposed and people see them for what they are, our instinct then is to focus on how terrible the situation is. However, in reality, the situation ‘has been terrible’ but will now no longer be terrible because it will no longer be allowed to continue.

Ref: TCR 784 *“Just so far as this new heaven, which constitutes the internal of the church with man, increases, does the New Jerusalem, that is, the New Church, descend from it.... but it takes place to the extent that the falsities of the former church are set aside”.*

The Future Direction

Change is coming

As the evils of the old church (age) manifest and the human race begins to

desire to have these removed, the church on earth can play a vital role, if, that is, it is prepared ahead of time to provide what the world will need and what it will then seek. The writings for a New Church are already with us. As the evils of the old church emerge, it is becoming increasingly obvious that those who are currently running the affairs of the world are unable to find solutions to the problems the world faces today. Many people today are already beginning to recognise that the current trajectory the world is on needs to change if the human race is to survive at all. However, despite knowing this, the world is proving powerless when it comes to making the necessary changes. No one knows how far and to what extent the old evils will need to manifest before the world builds a sufficient desire to begin seeking change. I believe that we, that is, those who have the Word and the Writings for a New Church, can play a vital role when the world finally does seek that fundamental change to human behaviours that it will need to survive.

Emerging technologies

One of the many moral dilemmas facing our world today is, how will we regulate and keep tabs on Artificial Intelligence (AI) as it becomes more and more sophisticated and “self-learning”. Most people think of AI as something coming in the future, perhaps robots in the human form. However, AI is already here and heavily influencing our day to day lives already. Take social media, for example. Basically, three different interoperable strands of AI are used in the development of social media platforms. These 3, which are called algorithms, interact with one another to form a “self-learning” mechanism used for meeting the objectives of the programmer, which objective is, of course, to make money. These interoperable algorithms function as follows. They:

- a) gather and store information about individual users;
- b) use such information to hold the person on a screen (e.g. phone or tablet etc.)
- c) present advertising products according to the individual user’s preferences.

All the data collected about each person is collated and processed via AI (computer algorithms) to maximise profits. As the algorithms are designed to “self-learn”, they become increasingly more efficient in meeting the intended aims and objectives. One example of the problems this new technology presents is that the algorithms have learned that false information (e.g. conspiracy theories) get shared online six times faster than true factual information. The algorithm, for the sake of keeping the person on the screen, then shows each individual information, true or false, that will retain their interest, hence persuading them to spend more time on the screen and potentially buy more selectively advertised products. In short, our time on screen has become what the various social media platforms compete for with

no regard to the person themselves.

What has this all got to do with the future of the church?

On the face of it, we could say that the world is becoming more and more selfish and greedy. On the other hand, we could say that this situation is simply manifesting or highlighting problems which have already existed within the collective human will. That is, we humans have essentially become self-centred and therefore our understanding is not capable of seeing what is true. One thing that all those who know and see the destructive potential of AI can agreed on, is that it would take a 'collective will' to put a stop to this kind of activity. Unfortunately, none of them express any confidence that such a collective will currently exists. So, rather alarmingly, despite knowing the dangers, no-one can see a way in which these future problems could be stopped from developing. Therefore, it is the Lord alone who can stop this! Or what is the same, the world doing the Lord's will instead of our own.

In the garden of Gethsemane, the Lord Jesus is recorded as facing the most agonising dilemma, one which, for you or me, would be simply unimaginable. The Lord had to choose whether to go on living in this world by doing His own will, or do the will of the Father instead, which meant going through the pain and torture of crucifixion. He went through with this even while fighting off the combined and sustained assault from the hells, which were attacking Him from within, while facing the same from all those around Him. Having a full awareness of what was at stake, namely, the future of the entire human race, the Lord submitted His will to the Father, or the Divine love within Him. He knew that if He didn't go through with this battle, humankind would never have access to, nor therefore be able to obtain, a will strong enough to resist the hells. And, they would therefore otherwise perish! Faced with this unthinkable dilemma, the Lord then prayed to the Father: *"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet, not my will, but yours be done."* (Luke 22:42). The Lord alone has a will of pure love which He can use to fight for us, right down to our level. Because, by means of the human He took on in this world, He is now in last things as well as first things.

What can we do as a church?

Anyone who truly believes that a New Church is to emerge on this earth must also face the inevitability of what needs to come first. A New Church descending and all the old evils and falsities having to come to light and be cast out, surely signals some difficult times ahead. If, for example, the new heaven was to expand through a sudden and significant influx of people into the next life, then it could perhaps, at that same time, herald a paradigm shift in human consciousness and increased spiritual awareness. The church's role in all this is surely to be watchful and to be ready, willing and able, to present an alternative to the path the world is currently on. If and when the world

finally reaches a point where the desire for change overtakes the need for the things of self and the world, then we must be ready to offer that alternative. Where else could it come from? Where else, but from those in possession of the new revelation for a New Church on earth? And, instead of programming the algorithms to do the will of the world, such could then be programmed to do the will of the Lord. We might think of these words from Luke's gospel 16:8 *"He commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."* The world, through the pursuit of material gain, has taken us to extraordinary technological discoveries. The church can surely make use of these too. The Writings tell us that the end of creation is that *"a heaven of angels be formed from the human race"*. Having already told us so, the Lord will now need to allow the world to reach a point of knowing and acknowledging that without Him, we can do nothing! Our role, when that day arrives, will surely be to offer the structured alternative, one which the Lord has already revealed through the opening of the internal sense of His Word. To achieve such a goal, it will, I believe, require a global effort and a coming together of the whole international Swedenborgian community. However, in order to help bring this about, we, as a church, need first to overcome and put aside our own will and rise above our own differences and disagreements. At the same time, we must strive to continue to both do and help bring to this earth, the will of Him who sent us.

Preparing our own church for this future

The proposal I wish to make may involve some difficult adjustments. But I do think such changes are vital if we are to be able to do our bit in facilitating the development of the Lord's New Church in a world that so badly needs us to do so. Therefore, before putting forward this proposal, I wish here to briefly say why I think these changes are necessary. Swedenborg tells us that a New Church is founded with the Lord's love at its centre. In other words, the people of the church start out by doing the Lord's will and thereby see everything in the light of His truth. Such a church, though, soon falls into decline, until, at last, it has nothing of the Lord's love in it and it therefore sees only in the dim light of this world. The obvious conclusion here is that the Christian church, now at its end, and being void of the Lord's love, largely sees falsity as truth and vice versa. As we, as New Church members in the UK, have affiliated ourselves with the old Christian church, and also adopted many of its traditions, we inevitably fell into the same decline as the old church. One of the old church traditions we adopted, was one which clearly contradicts the heavenly doctrines of our church. It is a doctrine of conformity. We, like the old Christian church, have insisted that people embrace our own prescribed interpretation of the Writings seen largely in the same light as the old church. We have insisted, as they do, that if people wish to become part of our church community, they must think and believe as we do. This, I believe, has

promoted sameness and stifled diversity within our organisation and within the church as a whole. Yet, in the Writings of our church, in Heaven & Hell 56 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.” We can take our example from the very form of heaven. All in heaven have their own particular use, where all societies are as varied as the parts of the body. Despite their differences and various uses, they nevertheless work together in perfect harmony in doing the Lord’s will, instead of their own. It is, therefore, I think, a mistake to expect everyone to conform to the same ways of thinking when we are all created to be different.*

A Possible Vision and Roadmap

Practical ways forward

All of the above having been said, wouldn’t people work better together if each individual within the church was able to act from their own conscience? At least when it comes to the different views on how we should each “do church”. As we are all different, and therefore see things in different ways, it is inevitable that we won’t ever be able to agree on everything. For me, the trouble only begins whenever one person begins to insist that another does things the same way they do. Surely, it is everyone’s right to act according to their conscience? After all, we all think that what we think is right, and we can’t all be right! Unless, that is, we can see it as right for us without necessarily needing it to be right for everyone else. As long as we are all acting from love and charity we can have different ways of seeing how things should be done. This too is consistent with the doctrines of our church. As we read in Arcana Caelestia (see par. 1285) *“Doctrine is one when all possess mutual love, or charity. Mutual love or charity causes things, though varied, to be one, for it makes one out of varied things.”* I have previously asked the question: “If we are all to conform to the same way of thinking, whose form of thinking are we to conform to?” The answer came back “Emanuel Swedenborg’s”. The trouble is that we are all so different that everyone has a different way of interpreting even the Writings. The reason, I think, is that we can’t ever all agree, because we are not supposed to! As we read in Heaven & Hell 56: *“Heaven is where the Lord is acknowledged, believed in and loved. Variety in worship of the Lord resulting from the variety of good in one society and another is not harmful but beneficial, for the perfection of heaven is therefrom”.*

Facilitated roadmap

As the numbers have declined within the church and various societies have had to close, we find ourselves with no real vision for the future. During this decline and the gradual transition away from the society model, we have, perhaps understandably, been so preoccupied in the struggle to hang on to

what the church has been in the past, that we have not given sufficient time and thought to planning what it could become in the future. No one sets a ship on a course without first deciding on a destination, plotting a course, forming a crew and placing someone at the helm. Now, I believe, is the time for a new vision. Time for our church to plot a course for our journey into the future. Thanks to our forefathers and predecessors, we already have the solid basis and foundations to build on. Any future planning should include consultations with all groups and stakeholders within the church. To this end, I propose that a facilitation day be arranged, attended by representatives of all the various groups within the church, to help create a roadmap and form a vision for the future. A vision with stated aims and objectives, including how we will reach our destination through a series of determined milestones. The representatives should then meet regularly (say, every 6 months) to check that we have met the stated aims and objectives for that particular leg of the journey. New objectives should then be set, including who will do what, and within what time frame. Our ultimate aim will of course be one which aligns with the Lord's very purpose of creation, which is that *"a heaven of angels be formed from the human race"*.

Global co-operation

If and when we in the UK can demonstrate a working model for the future, which will enable us to demonstrate a significant contribution towards the establishment of the Lord's New Church here on this earth, then we may be able to begin taking that model out in forming a global alliance or a "Global Council of Swedenborgians" consisting of representatives from around the world, in preparation for what is to come; being watchful and ready, as and when required, to provide the world with the basis for a New Church. A model that both makes sense and provides a relevance, a meaning and a purpose to all of our lives.

As Swedenborg writes in Doctrine of Life 1: *"All religion has relation to life, and the life of religion is to do good"*. We all know, or at least sense, that the world is on a course which is simply unsustainable. The governments of the world continue to try and do what they can, on their own. But, without the Lord's help, the situation will only keep getting worse, until, at last, the time will come, when the world will finally need to accept the Lord's words from John's gospel: *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing"*. Let us begin now to prepare for that day. Let those of us who long for the Lord's day rise above the mundane and seek, with all our hearts, that the Lord's Kingdom will come; as in heaven, so upon the earth.

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

Company Number 00006039

Tuesday 26th July 2022

1. In accordance with Minute 40 of the last Annual Meeting, the Conference assembled, as arranged by the Council, at 3.00pm at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, on Tuesday 26th July 2022.

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

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

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

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

3. Mrs Margaret Cowie, the Chairman of the Council, took the chair and welcomed members to the 215th Annual Meeting of the Conference. She announced that she had invited Mrs Jan Millar and Miss Gwendolen Rowe to check the credentials of voting members and to supervise the signing of the Conference Roll. The Roll when completed contained the following names

4. COUNCIL

Chairman	M L Cowie
Members	Revd B R Jarvis
	S Chesworth
	P A Grimshaw
	N K Sutton
Officer	R J Jaggs

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

M Clubb
G Kuphal
A Misson

MINISTERS

C A Bank
H T Brown Joint Spiritual Leader

C Curry
M Duckworth
J Dunion Joint Spiritual Leader
R M Jarratt
B M Talbot
R Wooldridge

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Yorkshire and North-East G Rowe, J Millar

SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES

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Bournemouth	M Curry
Bradford	P Blomfield
Dalton	J Mrozek
Derby	G Bentley
Kearsley	C Kennion
Seaburn Dene	L Griffiths, N Ramsay
West Wickham	D Brooks

SOCIETY MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT REPRESENTATIVES

Bradford	S Fitzgerald
Dalton	T Millar
Derby	E Clubb, J Jones, S Jones, V Sutton
Kearsley	A Presland, M Presland, J Ford
Keighley	A Clarkson, K Brooks, P Brooks
Seaburn Dene	T Jarvis
West Wickham	M Misson

CENTRAL REGISTER MEMBERS

C Chambers
J Cunningham
B Friend
C Goalen
D Hasler
M Hawkins
L Jones
M Morgan
P Morgan
L Wells

5. The Acting Company Secretary, Mrs Margaret Cowie, read out greetings received from Mr David Friend, Revd John and Mrs Jenny Sutton, Revd Robert Gill, Mrs Isabel Hindley and Mrs Linda Habgood, pointing out that their messages were displayed on the notice board. She stated that she had

received apologies from Revd Robert Gill.

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

6. The Revd Brian Talbot spoke about the contribution to Conference made by Revd Alison Southcombe, Mr Michael J. Hindley, Revd Dick Keyworth, Mr Roland Smith and Mrs Mary Bell, all of whom had passed into the spiritual world during the past year.

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.

7. The Revd Brian Talbot presented the Report of the Ministers' Committee.

Resolved: That the Report of the Minister's Committee be adopted

8. Mrs Jan Millar gave a report on behalf of the Committee for Auxiliary Ministry.

9. Revd Robin Wooldridge gave a report on behalf of the Swedenborg Open Learning Centre.

10. At 8.00pm there were choice sessions:

- Circle Dancing led by Mrs Marion Curry
- "Spirituality and Sexuality" with Revd Brian Talbot
- Annual General Meeting of the New Church Children's Society.

Wednesday 27th July 2022

11. At 9.30am, a Family Holy Supper Service was conducted by the Revd Jack Dunion assisted by Mr Alan Misson.

12. The Revd Jack Dunion delivered the keynote address entitled "*Rediscovering Our Purpose*" urging Conference members to think about what direction the Church might take in the future

13. In the afternoon, two presentations were made by Revd Helen Brown on "The Universal Human: How to be Useful" and Logopraxis. Revd Becky Jarratt and Revd Jack Dunion presented developments on the Apocalypse Awakening website, a successor to the work done by the former Apocalypse Study Group.

14. Revd Helen Brown and Mrs Muriel Morgan presented news on

developments at Purley Chase New Church Centre.

15. At 8.00pm there were choice sessions:

- An evening of singing and playing with Mrs Ruth Friend
- Any questions hosted by Reverends Jack Dunion, Bruce Jarvis, Brian Talbot and Robin Wooldridge
- Annual General Meeting of the New Church Historical Society.

Thursday 28th July 2022

16. The morning session was opened at 9.30am with family worship led by Mrs Jenny Jones.

17. Mrs Rachael Jaggs and Mr Nigel Sutton presented the Report of the Company Accountant.

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

18. Mrs Margaret Cowie presented the Report of the Council.

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

Resolved: That the Report of the Council be adopted.

19. The Chairman announced that she had appointed Mr Gordon Kuphal and Mr Alan Misson to be the Scrutineers to supervise ballots.

20. Following a ballot, it was declared that:

- Mrs Margaret Cowie was elected as Chairman of the Council until 2026
- Mr Nigel Sutton was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council until 2024
- Mrs Sue Chesworth was elected as Council Member until 2025
- Mrs Pauline Grimshaw was elected as Council Member until 2025
- Mr Rob Taylor was elected as Council Member until 2024
- Revd Bruce Jarvis was elected as Council Member until 2024
- Revd Robert Gill was elected as Council Member until 2023

21. The reports of the activities of the Youth and Family Team and the New Church Youth Association were presented in a novel fashion- via video.

22. The Conference Service was led by Revd Mary Duckworth, assisted by Revd Helen Brown and Revd Jack Dunion. The Service included the induction of the Revd Helen Brown and Revd Jack Dunion as Spiritual

Leaders and Ordaining Ministers.

The offertory for the Conference funds amounted to £1,577 (inclusive of Gift Aid).

23. At 8.00pm, a social evening entitled “Party time for everyone” was prepared and hosted by Mr Steve and Mrs Jenny Jones.

Friday 29th July 2022

24. The children, under the guidance of their leaders, presented the work they had undertaken during the Conference.

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

Resolved: That, in accordance with the Council’s proposal, the 216th Annual Meeting be held at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, starting on Tuesday 25th July 2023.

Resolved: That the warm thanks of the Conference be conveyed to all those responsible for making arrangements for the meeting, in particular Mr John Ford (the Conference Organiser); Mrs Margaret Presland (the Bookings Secretary); Revd Becky Jarratt and Revd Jack Dunion, for the planning of Conference; Miss Gemma McLean, for Information Technology arrangements; Mrs Jenny Jones and all those involved in enabling and planning for families to be present at the meeting; Miss Gwendolen Rowe and Mrs Jan Millar for acting as the Credentials Committee; Mr Gordon Kuphal and Mr Alan Misson for acting as Scrutineers; Mr John Ford, Mrs Hazel Nicholls, Mr Michael and Mrs Betty Clubb for arrangements for the Holy Supper Service; Mrs Ruth Friend (Music Director), the musicians and the choir; Mrs Jenny Jones and Mr Steve Jones for the Social.

Resolved: That the warm thanks of the Conference be accorded to all those unsung volunteers and church workers whose dedication to the Conference fills the 362 days of the year when the Annual Meeting is not happening. These include the members of the Conference Council, the Ministry, both active and retired, the Purley Management Team and the Company Accountant, plus many others who keep the Societies and institutions of the church running. The session concluded with Chairman’s closing remarks.

26. The closing Service of family worship was conducted by Revd Becky Jarratt.

27. The Annual Meeting closed at 12.45.

Signed

Margaret L Cowie Chairman

Margaret L Cowie Acting Company Secretary

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL – YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2022

1 Membership

At the 2021 Annual Meeting of The General Conference one trustee retired and another two were not re-elected, leaving in office only the chairperson, Mrs Judith Wilson, and one other elected trustee, Miss Shannon Fitzgerald. No new trustees were elected during the Annual Meeting.

A meeting of this remaining Conference Council was held on the 20th August 2021. At this meeting Mrs J Wilson and Miss K S Fitzgerald resigned from office as chairperson and trustee respectively, but before doing so and in accordance with the provisions of Articles 33(e) and (f), they appointed in their stead Mrs Margaret Cowie as chairperson and Mr Nigel Sutton as trustee.

The two new trustees met on 1st October 2021. In accordance with Articles 33 (e) and (f) and following legal advice obtained from the Conference solicitor, they appointed Revd Robert A Gill as vice-chairperson, together with a further five trustees, namely Mrs Sue Chesworth, Revd Bruce R Jarvis, Mrs Pauline Grimshaw, Mrs Muriel Morgan, and Mr Robert Taylor. Unfortunately, because of the exceptional circumstances in which the new Council had to be formed, the usual democratic election could not be held. Company law did not permit the holding of a postal or online ballot. Nevertheless, these appointments were made in accordance with the Articles and in full consultation with the Conference solicitor. In this way a new Conference Council of eight voting members was appointed for a term of one year only, with all appointments due to expire at the 2022 Conference AGM.

Early in the year, prior to the appointed Council taking office, the previously elected Council met three times. Details of attendance were:

Chairman:	Mrs J M Wilson	3
Vice-Chairman:	Mr R H Cunningham	2 (2 possible)
Trustees:	Ms J Z Brooks (Company Secretary)	3
	Mrs Margaret Cowie	1 (1 possible)
	Miss K S Fitzgerald	3
	Mrs L K Nicholls	2 (2 possible)

Also in attendance were:

Company Accountant:	Mrs S G Field	3
Ministers' Committee Secretary:	Revd C A Bank	3
Leader of Education (SOLCe):	Revd R Wooldridge	1

Following the resignation of the previous Council, the newly appointed Council held seven meetings during the year, mainly on Zoom but with one

meeting in person at Purley Chase. Details of attendance were:

Chairman:	Mrs Margaret Cowie	7
Vice-chairman:	Revd Robert A Gill	7
Trustees:	Mrs Susan Chesworth	7
	Mrs Pauline Grimshaw	4
	Revd Bruce R Jarvis	7
	Mrs Muriel Morgan	6 (6 possible)
	Mr Nigel Sutton	6
	Mr Robert Taylor	7

Also attending the meetings, by invitation, were:

Revd Helen Brown (Interim Spiritual Leader)	6
Mr Chris Chambers (SOLCe Representative)	3

Mrs Muriel Morgan resigned as a trustee in February 2022 for personal reasons. However, she has continued to attend Council meetings for the purpose of recording the minutes and we thank her for her willingness to do this.

2 Company Secretary

The Company Secretary, Ms Zoe Brooks, resigned from office in August 2021. The Council would like to express its appreciation to Ms Brooks for her full co-operation in the handover of responsibilities from the previous Council to the new one. She has given long service, having been elected to the Council in 2003 and appointed as Company Secretary in 2011, and has been diligent in her attention to detail. Even though the work of Company Secretary is very demanding and involves an average of 20 hours work per week, Ms Brooks worked without remuneration. The Council records its thanks to Ms Brooks for this record of service.

The need for a new Company Secretary is clearly an urgent priority but the Council considered it wise to leave this appointment in abeyance until after the 2022 Conference AGM when an elected Council will have taken office. In the meantime, we must thank our chairman, Mrs Margaret Cowie, for attending to many of the tasks normally dealt with by the Secretary. Other trustees have also taken on extra tasks to ensure that the responsibilities of the Company Secretary were met.

3 Company Accountant

Mrs Sally Field submitted her resignation as Company Accountant and ceased her employment with the Conference on 14th January 2022. The Council wishes to express thanks to Mrs Field for her 14 years of service in Conference employment.

Following Mrs Field's resignation, the Conference was left for a short period without a Company Accountant. During this time the finances were handled by our Chartered Accountants, Messrs Bates Weston, together with Mr Nigel Sutton. The Council expresses its thanks to them for stepping into the breach. At the same time the position of Company Accountant was advertised and a number of applications were received. After subsequent interviews, the Council was pleased to appoint Mrs Rachael Jaggs as the new Company Accountant. Mrs Jaggs, who is working from her home near Tamworth, commenced her employment with Conference on 1st April 2022. We extend a very warm welcome to her and we hope that she will find the work both fulfilling and enjoyable.

4 Ministry

The Council is sad to report that the Revd Alison Southcombe passed into the spiritual world on 30th September 2021 following a long and brave battle with cancer. Although her ministry lasted only a short time, she will be remembered with great affection. Her devoted service as the minister at Purley Chase has touched the lives of many and we express our thanks for it.

Following the resignation of Revd Jack Dunion as Spiritual Leader on 14th May 2021 no immediate successor could be found for this office. The urgent need for a new Spiritual Leader was discussed by the Committee of Ministers at its September 2021 meeting. The Committee decided to make temporary provision and nominated the Revd Helen Brown as Interim Spiritual Leader until March 2022. The Conference Council, at its October 2021 meeting, was happy to approve this interim appointment and we wish to thank Helen Brown for all the work which she did over her six-month term of office.

The Committee of Ministers, at its November 2021 meeting, further proposed that the role of Spiritual Leader beyond March 2022 should be shared between Revd Helen Brown and Revd Jack Dunion. The Conference Council, at its next meeting, was pleased to approve these appointments and the new Joint Spiritual Leaders assumed office at the Committee of Ministers Annual Meeting in March 2022. Arrangements have been put in hand to affirm and welcome the new Spiritual Leaders with an Induction Service during the Conference Annual Meeting in July 2022.

The Revd Christine Bank resigned from the office of Secretary to the Committee of Ministers on 6th September 2021. At its meeting on 20th September 2021 the Committee of Ministers nominated Revd Becky Jarratt as its temporary Secretary until March 2022 and the Conference Council confirmed this appointment at its October meeting. At the November 2021 meeting of the Committee of Ministers the Revd Brian Talbot was nominated as Secretary to assume office at the Committee's AGM in March 2022. The Conference Council confirmed the appointment at its November 2021 meeting

and Revd Brian Talbot will serve on a part-time self-employed basis.

Ordination Students

Mr Lee Differ. Following his MA studies, Mr Differ had been due to be ordained as a Minister of the General Conference at the 2021 Annual Meeting. In the event he decided that he did not wish to go ahead with the ceremony. The Council agreed to give him time to consider his future, and has retained contact with him. He no longer wished to receive financial support from the Conference. The Council wishes Lee well, particularly as he recovers from the death of his fiancée, Alison Southcombe.

Paul Morgan has continued with his studies and preparation for ordination. It has been a very difficult time for him, as for so many people, during the time of the Covid pandemic. He has also needed to develop a working relationship with the new Director of Education at New Church College, Revd Robin Wooldridge. The Student Monitoring Group has met with Mr Morgan, and the Council has agreed to their request for his training to be extended for one year to enable the opportunities missed during the pandemic to be taken up, and for some courses to be completed. The Council looks forward to liaising with him over the coming months over his first appointment after ordination in 2023. We warmly support Paul and his family in his training, and look forward to him joining the Ministry.

Future Ordinands

The Council wishes it to be known that it regards the training of Ministers to serve the Lord and His New Church as an urgent priority. Resources must be provided, and it is the intention to recommend to the incoming Council that the Conference should once again be looking for candidates who wish to offer themselves for training and ordination.

5 Financial Matters

The resignation of the previous Company Accountant, Mrs Sally Field, has had significant repercussions for the management of the Conference finances. Mrs Field's last working day was the 14th January 2022, but over the last few weeks of her employment she took a significant amount of unused holiday entitlement and for much of the time was therefore unavailable for work. The Council is very grateful to one of its trustees, Mr Nigel Sutton, who stepped into the breach in order to supervise the management of the Conference finances. As a temporary measure the Council approved the employment of a chartered accountant from the non-audit staff of Bates Weston Business Services Ltd to oversee the Conference's accounting until such time as a new Company Accountant was appointed. This arrangement continued until the 1st April 2022 when Mrs Rachael Jaggs commenced employment with Conference as the Company Accountant.

Following the resignation of the previous trustees, the signatories on the

Conference accounts with Santander Bank have been changed. The new signatories are Mrs Margaret Cowie and Mr Nigel Sutton. The new Company Accountant, Mrs Rachael Jaggs, was added to the list of signatories following her appointment on 1st April 2022.

Changes in banking practice have this year caused major problems for the Conference as well as for the Broadfield Benevolent Fund and the Edward Jiggins Trust. These changes are the result of all banks now requiring much more paperwork from account holders, together with evidence of authorisation and several proofs of identity for all trustees and signatories. In addition, some high street banks are now closing their Trust Account offerings which means that new accounts with different banks are needed. The amount of work and the time involved in dealing with these matters is quite excessive and is having a negative impact on the financial operations of our church and its associated bodies.

Membership of the Finance Advisory Committee was approved by the Council, namely: Mr Andrew Bentley, Mrs Charlotte Rowlands, Mr David Haseler, and Mr Nigel Sutton (representing the Council). We are grateful to these friends for their vital work on behalf of the Conference.

The Council wishes to thank Mr Colin Skinner for his dedicated and efficient work as Payroll Manager.

Because of the significant disruption caused by the resignation of the previous Company Accountant and the emergency arrangements to cover the interregnum, the Council has at times had to work with provisional figures.

The Company Accountant Ms Rachael Jaggs reports on the Income and Expenditure accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 and the Balance Sheet as at that date, subject to audit:

Overall Summary

The operational surplus in 2021/22 has increased by £24,000 compared to last year - to £70,000.

Income

Society income has remained the same as last year at £106,000.

Donations to Conference decreased slightly to £15,000.

Investment income continues to be the largest source of income. This has increased by £73,000, an increase of 18% when compared to last year.

Expenditure

There has been a small increase of £36,000 in total expenditure of 7% compared to the previous year. Human resource costs have actually decreased by £26,000 or 8%. The larger increase of £62,000 or 38% on last year's total

related to administrative costs. The increase can be seen in the rising travelling costs, AGM accommodation and professional fees. Purley Chase's costs have increased by £28,000 or 30% on previous year's total.

Exceptional Items

There have been fewer exceptional items this year. There is a profit on a property sale of £29,000.

As already mentioned the annual audit is awaited. This will provide us with an accurate account of the Conference finances and will enable effective financial management once again. The Council intends that a full report with the accounts will be presented at the Annual Meeting of Conference in July.

6 Staff and Remuneration

The Council approved a 6.6% pay increase from 1st April 2022 for all employees, except those paid hourly who are treated individually. This figure is based on the latest increase in the National Minimum Wage and also reflects the steep rise in the Consumer Prices Index.

The resignation of Mrs Sally Field left the Council with an urgent need to find someone to take on her work of handling bookings at Purley Chase. This was not a position that could be left in abeyance and so as a short-term measure the Council appointed Ms Charlotte Gilsenan as Bookings Manager for a period of four months. At the end of this period the Council agreed that the position of Bookings Manager should become a permanent post, paid on an hourly basis, and the position was advertised in E-News. Two applications were received and both applicants were interviewed, following which Ms Charlotte Gilsenan was appointed.

7 Volunteers

The Council wishes to express its gratitude to the many people who have willingly taken on voluntary roles. Year after year they give generously of their time and energy, helping to maintain the church and its uses. We recognise that the Conference would be unable to continue its work without their contribution.

8 Conference Properties

Following the Annual Meeting in July 2021, Mr Mike Wilson resigned as Property Manager South. The Council wishes to thank him for his valuable service in this role since 2011. The efficient management of Conference properties is essential if buildings are to be kept safe and in good repair. The Council is therefore delighted to announce that Mr Phillip Brooks has taken on the role of Property Manager South. Meanwhile, Mr John Ford has continued to serve as Property Manager North. Both managers have had a busy year and their skills and commitment are greatly appreciated.

31 Barlavington Way

This property was no longer needed as the occupant, Mr Howard W Turner, recently moved into residential care. The sale of the property for £360,000 was completed on 25th January 2022. Conference's share was 61.29%.

Chester

The Chester society closed in 2017 but the building remains in Conference ownership. As reported last year, it is being used as a food bank; this was meant to be a temporary measure but so far it has not been possible to make any progress with the disposal of the property. It was hoped that it might be sold to another religious group but it is thought unlikely that any such group would be able to afford the purchase price. It is a requirement of the Charities Commission that property must be sold at the market price. The site is large enough to build a number of new houses but this possibility would first require legal checks by the solicitor as well as approval by the Charities Commission. For the moment the solicitor, our Property Manager North, and the Council have their hands full dealing with other properties. In the meantime, the Council is taking informal soundings among former members of the Chester Society to see if a possible way forward can be found

Clayton-le-Moors

This society closed about five years ago but the building remained unsold and unused for a long period. The property is not held in Conference Trust and therefore the Council had no authority to act. There are, however, two individual trustees, both of whom live locally and with whom our Property Manager North has been in contact to offer advice. We are pleased to report that the building has recently been sold although land attached to it has not. It will be the responsibility of the local trustees to dispose of the sum raised by the sale in accordance with the provisions of the trust deed.

9 Societies

Bournemouth

A recent inspection by a surveyor revealed a significant number of problems with the fabric of the Bournemouth premises. In view of the seriousness of the surveyor's report, the members are faced with difficult choices as to the best way forward. They have consulted the Property Manager South and the Council to seek advice on possible options. Discussions are ongoing and it is hoped that a practical and acceptable solution will soon be found.

Radcliffe

Sadly, the Radcliffe Society dwindled to such an extent that it became unviable. A point was reached where there was no treasurer or secretary and only a handful of members were left. There was little alternative but to cease all activities, and regular services came to an end in March 2020. The Council is very grateful to a team of volunteers from the area who have since been

working to clear the building and retrieve all relevant documents and items for the archives.

Although the Radcliffe building is in Conference trust, the situation is complicated by the fact that a portion of the extensive grounds is not registered with the Land Registry and is held in the names of other trustees, all of whom are deceased. It is necessary therefore to arrange a transfer of the trusteeship from these deceased trustees to Conference. A further complication is that the grounds contain a graveyard in which there are three war graves and this means that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission will have to give consent to any transfer or change of use of the land. In order to resolve these problems, the matter has been placed in the hands of the Conference solicitor but because of the complexities it is likely to take a year or longer before the property can be placed on the open market. In the meantime, the solicitor has been asked to advise whether or not the church could be let on a short-term basis to another religious group.

10 Policies

A full review of Conference's Policies has been undertaken. These include policies on Anti-Bribery and Corruption, Asbestos, Covid 19, Data Protection, Financial Procedures, Health and Safety, Legionella, Risk Management, and Safeguarding. Amendments have been made where needed.

Mrs Sue Chesworth has been appointed Deputy Safeguarding Officer and she will liaise with Societies to ensure that safeguarding policies are fully implemented.

11 Members of Conference

Since the last Annual Meeting Mrs Marion Burton, Mr Michael Hindley, Revd Richard Keyworth, Mrs Win Page, Mrs Mary Pulsford, Mr G Roland Smith and Revd Alison Southcombe, have passed into the Spiritual World.

12 Nominations

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

On behalf of the Council:

Margaret Cowie, Chairman

Robert A Gill, Vice-Chairman

Annual Report of the Purley Management Team 2021-2022

Mrs Rachel Gilsenan Manager reports

The Team

Chris Woodhouse Chair

Rachel Gilsenan Manager

Dawn Scaife	Deputy Manager
Nigel Sutton	Treasurer
Rachael Jaggs	Accountant
Karin Baynes	Task force Team

This year has seen even more changes than previous years, with Revd. Alison Southcombe sadly passing away and Sally Field moving on to further her career. But Purley Chase has continued through these challenging times. All Purley management meetings are now taking place face to face. Vivian Stewart-Wood resigned from the PMT and Dawn Scaife, Nigel Sutton, Rachael Jaggs, and Karin Baynes are all new names on the team. We thank Vivian for all her years on the Management Team and welcome the new members as a new chapter at Purley Chase begins.

Events

We are very busy catching up with groups that have missed out during lockdown with restrictions being lifted and groups coming back, we seem to be at a point of where we left off before Covid first struck. 2023 dates are full with only week dates available in some months. As of May 2021, we have remained open with only a few cancellations during 2021 and early 2022. The Sunday services are also back with help from the ministers who are taking services on a regular basis. We thank the people involved and hope this carries on. Due to Revd. Alison Southcombe's passing the Arcana Caelestia group has not yet returned to a face-to-face meeting at Purley Chase but will hopefully return in due course.

Staff

All staff have resumed their full working hours with an extra casual worker employed to help through the busy periods during the year.

Buildings and Grounds

As Purley Chase is a large building it requires constant maintenance. One of the more noticeable jobs started in the last twelve months was the repair and painting of the windows. All the ground floor windows are now completed, and the first-floor windows are due to be started.

New boilers were installed last year, and immersion heaters are due to be installed in June this year as most equipment was installed new in 2007 with the opening of the extension, but wear and tear has eventually seen items having to be replaced.

REPORTS FROM AROUND THE CHURCHES - YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2022

1 YORKSHIRE AND NORTH EAST AREA COUNCIL

The Secretary Miss Gwendolen Rowe reports:

It has been a better year for our churches and they have all resumed services as normal.

Bradford continues to support the community project run by the council. It has been very successful and it is clear that is still needed. Bradford has been delighted to see a regular group of children attending services. This meant at Christmas they had a nativity for the first time in many years. They continue to hold services twice a month with an additional service when there are five Sundays in the month. They have been delighted to welcome a new worship leader. Dalton have resumed all their activities including coffee mornings and a Christmas and Spring Fair and they have been pleased to welcome a couple of new members in the last year. They have also held a couple of baptisms which is always a delight. Seaburn Dene have also had two new members who came initially to services held on Zoom and have continued to attend in person. They have held regular worship over the last year and have really valued the use of the conference vault. Several of their young people now attend University but they enjoyed a return visit at Christmas to perform at their Advent Service and they feel blessed that they are still part of their Church life. At Keighley services continue on a weekly basis occasionally lead by Worship Leaders alongside their minister. They have held a Christmas Fair and hope to have another in the summer.

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

2 KILDWICK CENTRE

Secretary's Report 2021

This year was once again affected by Covid 19 resulting in a late start to the season and the loss of early bookings. The first bookings were in May which was better than last year when we did not open until late July.

In total there were 19 bookings on 72 days (11 on 44 in 2020) so this was an encouraging improvement. Of these 14 on 63 days (8 on 35) were church family/friends groups and 5 on 9 days (3 on 9) were outside bookings.

In general the year went smoothly apart from the return of the moles in October.

The premises have been maintained in good order and routine decorating, repairs etc have been carried out even though income has been more limited than usual.

In the present situation it is hard to predict how next season will work out but hopefully it will be no worse than this year and with luck we could even return to being able to open at Easter.

Keith Sandiford
Secretary

3 HOME WORSHIP

The Revd Gillian Gordon reports:

The Home Worship team consists of Gemma McLean who sends out the sessions, Linda Wells who reminds contributors when their home worship is due and myself who checks the theological aspects and asks for people in the church to write the home worship. Without the contributors there would be no home worship so I want to thank all those who take a lot of time, thought and energy to produce this valuable service for church folk.

The whole of 2022 is covered but I will be starting to ask clergy and lay folk alike if they are willing to write again in 2023. The feedback I have received is positive and appreciative so I feel writing the sessions is valuable work for the Lord and His children.

4 THE EDWARD JEGGINS TRUST

The secretary the Revd Robert Gill reports:

As a matter of courtesy, the Trust reports on a year that has seen several changes. One of our trustees, Revd Christine Bank, has resigned and we take this opportunity of thanking her for her seven years of service. We are pleased to announce that two new trustees have recently been appointed, namely Revd Helen Brown and Revd Jack Dunion.

Further change resulted when our bank suddenly informed us that it was withdrawing its services from charitable trusts such as ours. As a result, we have been going through the considerable inconvenience of closing our existing bank accounts and transferring our funds elsewhere.

However, we are pleased to report that the Trust remains active. Grants totalling £5,000 have been distributed during the year 2021/22. The trustees will give sympathetic consideration to applications by Conference societies for grants towards the cost of repairs, renewals and re-development. For further information please contact our Senior Trustee, Revd Robert A Gill.

5 THE COMMITTEE FOR AUXILIARY MINISTRY

The CAM co-ordinator Mrs Jan Millar reports:

General

It has been a very quiet year for CAM but I still endeavor to support everyone who works so hard to maintain the life of our remaining churches as well as keeping in touch with those who have served us so well in the past.

Leaders United

Unfortunately, both the events arranged at Purley Chase this year had to be cancelled due to the ongoing effects of the Covid pandemic. CAM did however arrange a series of seminars on Zoom which were well attended and well received. Many thanks to Revd Christine Bank and Revd Becky Jarratt who led some of these seminars. It is hoped to arrange similar seminars in the future as people can attend these who are normally unable to join us.

Worship Leader Training

Shannon Fitzgerald has successfully completed her training as an Accredited Worship Leader and has begun leading worship on a regular basis. Another Accredited Worship Leader is currently undergoing the training and study required to become a Recognised Worship Leader and also a Holy Supper Celebrant.

Resources

CAM continues to hold a variety of resources which are available to anyone who may find them useful. I am also happy to research resources on any topic that is not currently held in the CAM archive or give advice on potential sources. New material is being made available on the Internet which can be a great source of inspiration from a New Church perspective.

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

6 THE NEW CHURCH YOUTH ASSOCIATION

The secretary Miss Gwendolen Rowe reports:

3 Council Meetings have been held on Zoom during the last year.

NCYA Conference: Due to Covid-19 our AGM in 2021 was conducted via Zoom.

Home Sunday Club: Currently Home Sunday Club is posted or emailed to 46 children and 2 adults every month. Members range in age from 3 to 16 years. Judith Taylor continues to write the Starters letters with Alison Presland writing the Junior letters. In addition to the regular letters and Bible story leaflets, members have also received birthday greetings, Christmas cards and letters to parents, Children's Day leaflets, Sunrise Magazines and exhibition materials.

Creative Exhibition: The conference Bible passage from Micah 6, v8 – 'What does the Lord require of you?' has been used as the exhibition theme this year. We have changed the name to reflect the fact we invite children to be creative as opposed to simply colouring a picture. Children and adults were invited to colour the pictures provided, or create or do something useful to reflect the theme. Entries will be displayed at conference, in E-news and Sunrise Magazine and all children who enter receive a small 'prize'.

Sunrise Magazine: 130 Sunrise Magazines are sent out 3 times a year. We continued our decision to send out electronic production for adults whilst still posting copies to children and Churches.

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, Carolyn Kennion, produced a useful leaflet with a short talk and some prayers for those who wanted it.

Links with other organisations: We continue to endeavor to improve our connection with other organisations working with children and young people. The Venn diagram produced last year has been useful with this.

Zoom Services: The NCYA were invited to lead a service and so we chose to lead a Christmas Nativity service. A very successful service was held with children pre-recording their parts in the story.

History of the NCYA: Pauline Grimshaw's book has now been completed and we are aiming to have them printed and available at our AGM and at Conference this year.

Grants and Loans: We continue to offer financial assistance where appropriate when needed.

Website: Work is continuing to improve our website presence. Keith Dunbar is being supported in this work by other members of the council.

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 THE YOUTH AND FAMILY TEAM

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.

In Autumn 2021, we were joined by Sue Chesworth who acts as Robert and Jenny's line-manager and is our link to the Council. Due to the pandemic, we were only able to start face to face activities again from August 2021 when we were able to resume the 13 plus Summer Camp at Purley Chase. This was well attended although numbers of attendees continued to be restricted. Due to low numbers having booked initially, the 9-12 camp was moved to Wellspring House, Manchester and was led by members of our team. As a result of the move, we had a group of 12 young people, and the camp was very successful. We thank those at Wellspring House who made the camp possible at short notice. A number of events have been able to take place again in Autumn and Winter 2021 including a family bunkhouse weekend in the New Forest, an outdoor weekend for young people in the Peak District, Family weekend at Purley Chase and an 18 plus weekend event at Wellspring House.

In 2022, we held a Walk and Talk event in North Yorkshire and Easter Rally, again at Wellspring House. We continue to 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.

8 THE LIBRARY & ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Mrs Maevae Hawkins reports:

In December 2021 the Committee Members Gordon Kuphal and Maevae Hawkins met at Swedenborg House in London for the first time since March 2020 and have since met in March and May 2022.

Pauline Grimshaw is an associate member of the Committee and is unable to attend the meetings. Her help with the work of the Committee is much appreciated. At these meetings we liaise with the Mr Alex Murray the Swedenborg Society librarian who is cataloguing the Conference collection.

The Radcliffe Society closed during 2021. One of the oldest New church societies it was founded in 1783. For much of its life it had one of the largest memberships of any Society in this country. A large collection of archive

items including registers, minutes books and other documents was stored in the church. We are very grateful to Mr Chris Chambers for organising the sorting of the records and sending ten boxes of archives to the Conference Collection at Swedenborg House.

During the year collections of Society newsletters and Society Annual reports have been deposited in the Archives. More are welcomed.

In February 2022 Mrs Hawkins visited the Accrington Society at the Society's request and found the archives to be in good condition, well cared for and in safe storage.

In August 2021 Mrs Heather Leonard published the biography of her grandfather, the late Rev Edward John Pulsford, based on the diaries he had kept during the 47 years of his ministry. Heather was most grateful for the help given to her by the Committee and the staff of the Swedenborg Society during her research preparing the biography for publication.

9 NEW CHURCH MARKETING & RESOURCES GROUP

Mr Stephen Russell-Lacy reports:

We continue to promote our teachings to the general public through readable material on the spiritualwisdom.org.uk, and spiritualquestions.org.uk websites, and through audible speech on the spiritualquestions.podbean.com website. We have published two more booklets in the *Great Questions of Life* series available in print and e-book format. The new titles are '*How to link with love and light?*' and '*Suffering: How can life be so unfair?*'

10 BROADFIELD MEMORIAL BENEVOLENT FUND

The Treasurer Nick Skinner reports:

I took over the administration of the Fund at the beginning of the year but identifying the bank account and subsequently trying to set up new signatories has been and continues to be a tortuous process.

All those who it is believed are entitled to request assistance from the Fund have been contacted, mostly by email but some by post. 15 potential beneficiaries have been identified and £21300 has been earmarked for payments to be made by bank transfer in due course.

The balance on the bank account has still to be verified but will be sufficient to make these payments. I very much regret the delay in making payments to the beneficiaries which is outside my control until the Royal Bank of Scotland concludes its procedures for authorising the new signatories to the Bank account. I am working hard to achieve this as soon as possible.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS COMMITTEE 2021-2022

The Secretary Revd Brian Talbot reports:

1. Meetings

The Committee met on 20th September 2021, 9th and 10th November 2021 and for the Annual Meeting on 15th to 17th March 2022, at which 8, 7 and 8 members were present respectively.

2. Spiritual Leadership

Since the resignation of Revd Jack Dunion from the role of Spiritual Leader in May 2021, Revd Helen Brown was thanked for having come out of retirement to stand as our interim Spiritual Leader. We look forward to Helen and Jack being our joint Spiritual Leaders going forward.

3. Spiritual Leaders' report from Revds Helen Brown and Jack Dunion

Helen and Jack presented a diagram of how the Spiritual Leadership of Conference would be divided up. Helen is running a Facebook group *Pray as you go*, which is ministering to over 70 people drawn from across the globe.

A weekly broadcast on lomondradio.co.uk for one hour every Sunday morning from 9 am is helping spread the concepts from the Word and the Writings to an ever-increasing audience. The show, *Rise & Shine* presented by Jack Dunion, has a mix of chat, hymns & mainstream music. It has been described as uplifting and inspirational and reaches those who may not be able to have access to one of our few churches. The station has recently acquired a licence to broadcast on DAB digital radio and expects therefore to be reaching far and wide in the coming months. A link to the station can be found in our E-news digital newsletter and all shows (45 so far) are available 24/7 on mixcloud.com/RevJack.

4. Annus Horribilis

2021 to 2022 has been a challenging year for the Committee of Ministers. The change of personnel on the Conference Council and the underlying issues that have surfaced have had a knock-on effect on the CoM. Revd Christine Bank resigned from the position of the Secretary of the Committee of Ministers on 6th September 2021. We thank Revd Becky Jarratt for filling this position until March 2022, and have appointed Revd Brian Talbot to be their Secretary from March 2022. The Committee have nominated a sub-committee to look at policies and procedures. For personal reasons Mr Lee Differ decided to take a year out for reflection before making any plans for the future.

5. Transitions

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of our colleague, Revd Alison Southcombe, in September 2021. Her contribution to the work of Purley Chase will not be soon forgotten. It was also with sadness that we learnt in November 2021 of the passing of the Revd Dr George Dole, a

Convention Minister and translator of Swedenborg's Writings, especially for the New Century Edition published by the Swedenborg Foundation in the USA. In March 2022 we learnt of the passing of the Revd Richard Keyworth, who trained at our New Church College for service in Australia and New Zealand.

6. Transexuality

In December a request was received from a colleague in the USA, Revd Roslyn Taylor, from the Convention of Swedenborgian Churches, for any New Church perspectives on the topic of Transsexuality. Revd Brian Talbot hurriedly wrote a paper in January 2022, which was circulated and discussed at the March meeting.

7. New Church Overseas

In January 2022 several ministers and lay people attended a Zoom introduction to Logopraxis, a study of the Writings pioneered by Revd David Millar of The New Church in Australia. Several people in the UK have signed up for courses.

8. Safeguarding and DBS checks

This is kept under review.

9. Home Worship

Revd Gillian Gordon reports: The team of Linda Wells, Gemma McLean and Gillian is working well with 2021 home worship now complete and only 2 months outstanding for 2022. Feedback is positive from people unable to attend church. Appreciation was expressed of the team's work.

10. Committee of Auxiliary Ministry

The Ministers work closely with CAM. We appreciate all the work that lay worship leaders and group leaders do for Conference and individual societies.

11. Apocalypse Awakening

Revs Jack Dunion and Becky Jarratt have been working with the now retired Apocalypse Study Group team in producing videos on the book of Revelation to go on the Apocalypse Awakening YouTube channel, and also on a new website. It was with sadness that we heard of the passing of G. Roland Smith, the artist whose work has proved to be such an inspiration in this project, but we are delighted that his legacy goes on through this work.

12. Salary Rates

Once again, the Committee agreed that the standard salary rate for ministers should be published in this report, and to record our thanks to the Council for their decision to increase the salaries of employed ministers and the fees of self-employed retired ministers by 6.6% from 1st April 2022.

The full-time salary (gross) for an ordained minister for the year 2021/2022, including telephone and broadband is £37,076.55.

13. Retired Colleagues

The Committee wishes to acknowledge the work of retired colleagues and thank them.

14. Appointments and Nominations

In addition to the Ministers' attendance at Council meetings we maintain links between the Council and the Ministry as below:

Youth	Becky Jarratt
Purley Chase	Jack Dunion
Finance	Clifford Curry
Human resources	Brian Talbot
CAM and Local Churches	Christine Bank
Training and Development	Becky Jarratt

15. *The Christian Parapsychologist*

Revd Brian Talbot has had an article entitled "A Swedenborgian Perspective on After Death Communications" published in the March 2022 journal of The Churches Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies. This is his third article to appear in this publication. Swedenborg has a lot to offer people who are interested in the after-life and parapsychology.

16. Index to Minutes

The Committee would like to record its thanks again to Mr Gordon Kuphal for indexing our minutes.

REPORT OF THE COMPANY ACCOUNTANT YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2022

The Company Accountant Mrs Rachael Jaggs reports:

The Income and Expenditure accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 and the Balance Sheet as at that date, subject to audit:

Overall Summary

The operational surplus in 2021/22 has increased by £24,000 compared to last year to £70,000.

Income

Society income has remained the same as last year at £106,000.

Donations to Conference decreased slightly to £15,000.

Investment income continues to be the largest source of income. This has increased by £73,000, an increase of 18% when compared to last year.

Expenditure

There has been a small increase of £36,000 in total expenditure of 7% compared to the previous year. Human resource costs have actually decreased by £26,000 or 8%. The larger increase of £62,000 or 38% on last year's total related to administrative costs.

The increase can be seen in the rising travelling costs, AGM accommodation and professional fees.

Purley Chase's costs have increased by £28,000 or 30% or previous year's total.

Exceptional Items

There have been fewer exceptional items this year. There is a profit on a property sale of £29,000.

Income and Expenditure Accounts

For year ended March 31st 2022

	£,000	£,000
	2022	2021
Societies	106	106
Donations - Conference	15	19
Investment Income	459	336
Trust Income	69	74
Bursary Grant	10	10
Other Income	7	11
Total Receipts	666	556
Human Resources		
Ministry	151	167
Laity	84	88
Student grants	24	24
Self Employed Fees	0	1
Employment Allowance	-4	-4
Pensions	19	20
Housing	13	17
	287	313
Administration		
Travelling Expenses	10	2
Professional fees	31	15
Insurance	12	8
Office	8	18
Marketing /Resources	1	1
Central Costs	27	11
Education & Training	7	12
Youth Leading	4	1
Purley Chase	119	91
Kildwick	7	4
	226	163
Total Payments	513	476
Operational Surplus/(-Deficit)	153	80

Other Receipts and Costs

	£,000	£,000
Depreciation	-63	-78
Legacies		41
Closed Society Funds		4
Property Sales	29	
Women's League		
Non Conference - CIF (Common Investment Fund)	-19	0
Net Surplus/(-Deficit)	100	47

Note. The market value for the CIF per unit

2022	2021
£10.733	£9.774

Balance Sheet as at March 31st

	£	
	2022	2021
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	2,028,042	2,263,786
Investment Assets	30,863,396	28,386,805
	32,891,438	30,650,591
CURRENT ASSETS		
Net Current Assets	751,864	412,804
Less Creditors		
NET ASSETS	33,643,302	31,063,395
Represented by:-		
Endowment funds	1,902,084	1,668,965
Restricted funds	23,048,281	21,021,272
Unrestricted funds	8,692,937	8,373,158
	33,643,302	31,063,395

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Society Members	Non-resident	Total new members	Deceased	Removed	Increase	Decrease	Members of Conference
Accrington	30	8	0	0	0	0	0	25
Bournemouth	31	5	1	2	0	1	0	#27
Bradford	11	0	0	1	1	0	2	#13
Dalton	36	2	3	0	0	3	0	10
Derby	49	24	1	1	0	0	1	#32
Kearsley	30	9	0	1	0	0	8	#19
Keighley	32	11	0	0	0	0	0	18
Paisley	23	1	0	1	0	0	1	12
*Radcliffe								
Seaburn Dene	26	4	0	1	1	0	2	#21
West Wickham	23	9	0	0	0	0	0	23
Other members								185
Total 2021/22	291	73	5	7	2	4	14	385
Totals 2020/21	301	75	3	4	0	3	4	411

* No details available

Last year's figures, as no details provided for year to 31 March 2022

	Baptisms	Marriages	Funerals	Sunday School No. of children	Avg. attend. 16-	Holy Supper Administrations	Holy Supper Average Attendance	Overall Average Attendance
Accrington	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	9
Bournemouth	0	0	2	0	0	2	14	17
#Bradford	0	0	2	6	6	13	14	11
Dalton	1	0	0	0	1	11	12	13
Derby	0	0	0	0	2	4	12	14
#Kearsley	1	0	1	3	2	1		13
Keighley	0	1	2	0	1	11	12	17
Paisley	0	0	1	0	0	2	7	7
*Radcliffe								
Seaburn Dene	0	0	1	2	1	2	18	14
West Wickham	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	10
Totals 2021/22	2	1	9	11	13	55	121	125
Totals 2020/21	4	0	9	9	8	35	85	119

THE NEW CHURCH COLLEGE REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COUNCIL 2021 - 2022

**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 2022. 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 in person for two full Council meetings and on Zoom for 1 full Council meeting making a total of 3 occasions during the year in April 2021, September 2021 and January 2022. There was also an AGM in July 2021. This was held on Zoom. Membership and attendance at meetings were as follows:

Council Members	Council Meetings (3)	AGM (July)
Mr C Chambers, President	3	1
Mr RJ Nicholls, Treasurer	3	1
Ms Gwendolen Rowe, Secretary	3	1
Revd M Duckworth	3	1
Dr P Isherwood	3	1
Mr R Kennion	3	1
Mr S Kennion	3	1
Mrs D Lewin	3	1
Revd MW Stanley	3	1
The Administrator, Melanie Bennett, attended 3 Council meetings (3 possible)		

by standing invitation.

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

1.2 Attendance at the Annual Meeting

The 157th Annual Meeting of Governors of the New Church College was held on Zoom, on Saturday 3rd July 2021 with an attendance of 18 Governors and 3 guests/friends.

2. EMPLOYEES

The New Church College currently employs 1.27 full time equivalent (FTE) staff:

- Leader of Education
- Administrator

Linda Stoney undertakes House Keeping duties on a casual basis, working on average 1/2 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 and to keep an eye on the building and facilitating any work that has needed doing on repairs.

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 and the Administrator by 6.6% in April 2022.

4. GENERAL REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE COLLEGE

4.1 Performance of the Charity

Due to Covid-19 the college was closed until March 2022. During this time Wellspring House was not able to have any face to face events. A number of events have taken place on Zoom including:

- Navigating Uncertainty Awareness Group led by Stephen Russell-Lacy.

- Introduction to Swedenborgian Spirituality led by Revd Robin Wooldridge.

4.2 Highlights of the year:

- Paul Morgan has completed his third year as a student and is working slowly but steadily through his studies.
- Revd Robin Wooldridge has continued working on the Stepping Stones courses and around 6 are completed or near completion. He is continuing his work in updating the website.
- Following a meeting with Gayle-Anne Drury who facilitated the council to consider its focus and plans for the future, the council have been busy working on action plans which we hope to use to take the college forward in the future.

4.3 Future Development

The college has continued to provide online courses. Our plans to extend the building have been put on hold at present whilst we consider where we are heading. The council remain committed to ensuring the building remains fit for purpose and will resume consideration of the need for any extension once it is open again and in use.

4.4 Staff

Leader of Education

During Revd Robin Wooldridge's first full year as Leader of Education he has continued his work to produce some stepping stones courses designed for those wishing to find out more about our Church teachings in simpler ways. More advanced courses are also being looked at too. He has done a lot of work to update our website trying to make it more modern and relevant for the new courses being planned.

He has taken over work with Paul Morgan to manage his training.

Administrator

Melanie Bennett has continued to work, on behalf of Wellspring House, from home and in January it was agreed that she split her time between home and Wellspring House. She provides administrative support to the college but as mentioned above has also taken a few extra roles due to the resignation of the Centre Leader. The college are deeply grateful for her tireless work keeping in contact with people and continuing to administer any work needed during this time.

Facilities Management

The Facilities Management team have continued to work hard on the fabric of

the building and the grounds. These continue to flourish and the college is grateful to the team who work tirelessly to ensure our beautiful building is well cared for and that the grounds stay well presented. We have continued to improve the building preparing a new office and carrying out maintenance work as needed. Whilst the college was closed it provided a good opportunity to carry out some remedial work which would be difficult whilst the building is in use. Ray Kennion who facilitates this work has a real talent in this role and nothing gets past his sharp eye. We owe him an enormous debt of gratitude for all his efforts in this area.

Support Staff

The college continues to benefit from the invaluable work Sue Chesworth does within her role supporting students in working with the youth leaders training. We sincerely thank her for her continued work in this area.

We cannot forget the amount of work Ray Kennion does as additional caretaker. 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 making slow but steady progress. He is in his fourth year and 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. He is also participating in Zoom online courses.

SOLCe Students

There have been 11 further students studying 8 different modules:

Tutor Skills

Introduction to the Gospels

Introduction to Swedenborgian thought

Divine Providence

Sacred Scripture

Swedenborg and Psychology

Gospel of John

The Divine Human

4.6 Outreach

The College advertises its open learning courses and events programme on the website www.swedenborg-openlearning.org.uk. These are available to those in the general public and to church members and although they usually hold a weekend at Purley Chase each year, sadly this did not place this year. 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, albeit this has been on Zoom for most of the time. We continue to reach out to the wider community to build networks and to establish new relationships whilst always aiming to reach a wider audience.

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 income 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 – 5

Annual Governors - 46

Making a total of 59 in all.

5. FINANCE

Annual Accounts

The Treasurer reported a net increase in resources of £8,352 before capital movements for the year to 31st March 2022. (decrease of £18,183 in 2021).

During the year, profits on the disposal of investments of £2,838 were realised with notional profits of £206,521 arising from the revaluation of investments.

The budget for 2021–2022 projected a deficit of £3,300 (before investment management fees) but the actual surplus for the year was £23,902 before investment management fees and a surplus of £8,352 when these are included. The main reason for the improvement compared with the budgeted figure was a fall in expenditure across many categories often due to Covid related reductions in activity.

A budget for 2022-2023 projects a deficit of £1,150 before any adjustments

arising on the real and notional gains and losses or charges for managing our investments. This figure is based on the College returning to a pre Covid-19 level of activity with a related increase in costs.

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 income from investments held in the name of the Trustee in accordance with the Charity Commission Scheme dated 13th July 1977, is by agreement paid directly to the College.

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 both an income and 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. 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.

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

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.

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). This activity is managed by the Treasurer (whose nomination for the post must be approved by the Trustees) and with the College Council on behalf of the Trustees.

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.

C Chambers
G Rowe
R J Nicholls

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

C Chambers
President
Dated: 2 July 2022

R J Nicholls
Treasurer
Dated: 2 July 2022

LEADER OF EDUCATION - ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Revd Robin Wooldridge reports:

The last year has seen some major changes at SOLCe. The most significant change has been in the way SOLCe courses and modules are now organized. As part of a long-term plan to seek accreditation for our courses, SOLCe has adopted the same structure as courses offered by universities in the UK. Modules are now either 10 credits or 20 credits. The three-year ordination course is now aligned to an undergraduate university course. The first, second and third years of study are now Level 4, 5 and 6. A student who has successfully completed the three-year course will now be awarded the Licentiate of New Church College.

The new SOLCe website continues to be developed. Five new Stepping Stones courses have started to be uploaded onto the Moodle site and are being proof read and made ready for the first students. We are also creating a range of 'introductory courses' which serve as a 'link' between the Stepping Stones courses and the more demanding courses which are also being uploaded. The new website is expected to go live by July and we look forward to welcoming our very first enrolments in September.

SOLCe is also working alongside Conference Council and the Committee of Ministers in developing a new admission process for those who approach Conference to train for ministry. This new process has clear stages that address different aspects of the prospective ordinands' application.

We have begun developing our online courses. The Introduction to Swedenborgian Spirituality course attracted both long term New Church members along with some new faces. This will be offered again in the autumn. 'Navigating Uncertainty' also ran earlier in the year and this will also be offered again in the autumn. We also have two Saturday workshops at Purley Chase next year.

Paul Morgan, our ordination student, has now moved into his third year of studies. His course has been extended by one year to enable him to focus on the more practical elements of his calling.

SOLCe is embracing the new digital age and seeks to find its new home on the world wide web. However, like a rower in a rowing boat, we move forward by looking back – back at those who helped to establish New Church College all those years ago and with whom we share the vision of sharing the Teachings with those eager to discover its treasures.

The New Church College
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds general
	2022 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>	
Donations and legacies	23,055
Other trading activities	3,541
Investments	65,571
Other income	1,128
Total income	93,295
<u>Expenditure on:</u>	
Raising funds	12,627
Charitable activities	79,520
Total resources expended	92,147
Net gains/(losses) on investments	89,552
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	90,700
Gross transfers between funds	19,547
Net movement in funds	110,247
Fund balances at 1 April 2021	1,126,387
Fund balances at 31 March 2022	1,236,634

Unrestricted funds Jersey	Restricted endowment funds	Totals	
2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
-	-	23,055	19,107
-	-	3,541	6,193
10,127	-	75,698	67,434
-	-	1,128	1,356
10,127	-	103,422	94,090
2,923	-	15,550	13,978
-	-	79,520	98,295
2,923	-	95,070	112,273
21,001	98,806	209,359	603,116
28,205	98,806	217,711	584,933
(10,134)	(9,413)	-	-
18,071	89,393	217,711	584,933
425,807	1,634,165	3,186,359	2,601,425
443,878	1,723,558	3,404,070	3,186,358

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 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Investments	3,361,578	3,167,620
Current Assets		
Debtors	22,087	12,088
Cash at Bank and in hand	35,085	24,567
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	57,172	36,655
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(14,680)	(17,917)
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Net Current Assets	42,492	18,738
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Total Assets	3,404,070	3,186,358
less current liabilities	<hr/>	<hr/>
Capital Funds		
Endowment funds	1,723,558	1,634,165
Income Funds		
Unrestricted funds - Jersey Education	443,878	425,806
Unrestricted funds - general	1,236,634	1,126,387
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Total Charity Funds	3,404,070	3,186,358
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The accounts were approved by the College Council on 2 July 2022.

C Chambers [President]

The accounts have also been subject to an Independent Examination and were signed by Douglas Grange Accountants on the 8th July 2022.

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
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	-
2021	Swanwick	-	-	52
2022	Swanwick	H.Brown/J.Dunion	M.E.Duckworth	54

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.	June 30,1970
(served as an Ordaining Minister 1996 to 2001)	
* Michael William Stanley, M.Sc., Ph.D.	June 27,1971
*# Trevor Alexander Moffat, B.A.	July 15,1978
# Julian Clayton Duckworth	July 19,1980
* Clifford Curry, B.Sc	July 22,1983
* Bruce Roger Jarvis	July 30,1985
* Brian Mark Talbot, B.A., DipEd., B.Sc.	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

(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
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
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
Lynne Griffiths	2022

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
David Sharrock	2008
Tonia Jarvis	2012
Susan Wilson	2012
*John Harris	2014
*Philippa Peacock	2014
Christine Mrozek	2018
Lynne Griffiths	2019
Shannon Fitzgerald	2022

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 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.

*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.

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	£2,033,414	+
West Wickham. Church and rooms at High Street BR4 0LZ	B	£542,538	+
General Conference. House at 18 Pollard Road, Whetstone, London N20 0UB Freehold.	B	£864,412	+
Bungalow at 80 Broadway, Southbourne Bournemouth BH6 4EQ Freehold.	B	£311,157	+

In the Midlands and West

Derby. Church and rooms at Horwood Avenue DE23 6AN	B	£1,241,879	+
House at 409A Burton Road, Derby DE23 6AN	B	£457,534	+
General Conference. Bungalow at 215 Coventry Road, Nuneaton, Warwickshire CV10 7AX Freehold.	B	£602,005	+
Purley Chase Centre, Atherstone Freehold.	B	£6,906,747	+

In North Lancashire

Accrington. Church at Hargreaves Street BB5 2BB

B £802,406 +

General Conference.

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

B £247,183 +

In North-West (Manchester) and Cheshire

Chester. Church and rooms at Brook Lane, Newton CH2 2BT

B £432,506 +

House at 51 Woodlands Drive,
Newton CH2 3QQ

B £338,903 +

Kearsley. Church and rooms at Bolton Road BL4 9DD

B £1,748,736 +

Radcliffe. Church and rooms at Stand Lane.

B £1,764,182 +

General Conference.

House at Church Street,
Kearsley BL4 9DD Freehold.

B £326,111 +

In Yorkshire and the North-East

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

B £751,663 +

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

B £1,342,686 +

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

B £974,159 +

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

B £634,429 +

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

B £582,925 +

General Conference.

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

B £422,950 +

Kildwick New Church Centre, Main Road,
Kildwick Freehold. # B £858,659 +

New Zealand

59a Balmain Road, Birkenhead, Auckland, 1310 M NZ\$499,218
(Conference share 86.7647%)

Property of the New Church College

25 Radcliffe New Road, Radcliffe, Manchester. B £1,050,586 +

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	Rev.G.Gordon
Bradford and Saltaire	Ashfield Avenue, Shipley W Yorks BD18 3AL	Contact Secretary	Ms.P.Blomfield	Mrs.D.Nolan
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.C.A.Macpherson	Mrs.W.Laing
Seaburn Dene, Sunderland	Shields Road Seaburn Dene, Sunderland SR6 8ND		Mr.G.Nicholls	Mrs.N.Ramsay
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	

SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS OF NEW CHURCH INSTITUTIONS AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

	Secretary	Treasurer
Broadfield Benevolent Fund	Mr.N.Skinner	Mr.N.Skinner
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.R.A.Gill	Rev.J.Dunion
Kildwick Committee	Mr.K.Sandiford	Mr.K.Sandiford
Library & Archives Committee	Mrs.M.Hawkins	
Marketing and Resources	Mr.S.Russell-Lacy	
Ministers' Committee	Rev.B.M.Talbot	
New Church Children's Society	Mrs.S.Chesworth	Mrs.C.Rowlands
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	Mrs.R.Gilsenan	Mrs.R.J.Jaggs
Swedenborg Society	Ms.D.Prentice (Admin)	Mr.A.Morley
Yorkshire Missionary Association	Miss.G.Rowe	
Yorkshire & North-East Area Council	Miss.G.Rowe	Mr.T.Millar

AREA COUNCIL

This Council comprises 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.

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)

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Purley Chase

www.purleychasecentre.org.uk

Spiritual Wisdom

www.spiritualwisdom.org.uk

Apocalypse Awakening

www.apocalypseawakening.org.uk

Spiritual Questions

www.spiritualquestions.org.uk

SOLCe

www.swedenborg-openlearning.org.uk

Swedenborg Society

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