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Joan Cook

The Manchester District Association

The MDA was initially a body of “gentleman subscribers”, formed in 1859 as a successor to the Lancashire and Cheshire Missionary Society (1821). It was reformed on its present democratic basis, with ministerial and lay representation of its member congregations, in 1891.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 119th Annual Meeting was held at Oldham Unitarian Chapel on Saturday, 24th April, 2010.

The President, Alex Bradley was absent due to illness, and so the meeting was taken by Ann Peart who offered a warm welcome to those present, and in particular to those who had travelled long distances: Joan and Harry Wylie from Christchurch, Joan Cook from Edinburgh, Ann and Arthur Latham from Halesowen, Eunice Smith from Rochdale and Dawn and Roy Buckle from the East Cheshire Union, and Martin West, our Treasurer, who had arrived home from his holiday abroad only the day before, due to flight delays caused by the volcanic eruption. She made reference to particular members of the District Association who deserved our thoughts: Alex Bradley, Wynne Simister, Dennis Crompton and Liz Shaw.

Present

Marian Nuttall, (Vice President), Ken Johnson (President Elect), Martin West, (Treasurer), Penny Johnson (General Secretary), Joan Wylie, Harry Wylie, Joan Cook, Ann Latham, Arthur Latham, Geoffrey Head, Celia Midgley, John Midgley, Aled Jones, Maureen Bode, Larry Bode, Bob Pounder, Sheila Jones, Mair Strachan, Mary Horne, Nicky Jenkins, Peter Sampson, Danny Crosby, Lucy Gough, Mike Cuerden, Vince McCully, Cath Hall, Dawn Buckle and Roy Buckle, visitors from the East Cheshire Union and Eunice Smith from Rochdale.

Apologies were received from Alex Bradley (President), Jean Bradley, Eila Forrester, Michael Dadson, Dennis Crompton, Judith Crompton, Andrew Parker, Frances Teagle, Jane Barraclough, Margaret Smith, Jean Finlay, Vernon Marshall, Wynne Simister, Charles VanDenBroeder, Geoff Levermore, Angela Fowler, Liz Shaw, and Janet Ford, Jack Hines and Vivienne Hines (East Cheshire Union).

Minutes

It was proposed by Geoffrey Head and seconded by Celia Midgley that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

Financial Report

The Treasurer, Martin West, presented the Financial Report for 2009. He first commented on the fact that he had been delayed in Las Palmas by the ban on flights due to the volcanic ash cloud for five days. During the whole of that time he had been well looked after by Thompsons Holidays, who had also kept him aware of what was happening. He would now travel with no other company.

The main change to the Directors' Report from that of previous years was the public benefit statement, which appears at paragraph 2. He read to the meeting the whole of paragraph 6 of the Report which covered the activities in the year of the four funds. All four had net incoming resources amounting in total to £15,010. This year there was a gain on the investment assets held of £65,439 which compares with a loss, in the previous year, of £268,122.

During questions on the accounts John Midgley noted that no payment had been made in the year to Five Days Away with the money given to the MDA by the Trustees of Flagg Chapel on its dissolution. The Treasurer said that this had already been dealt with and that this year £1,000 had been given to two causes suggested by John Harley. The capital sum had been added, when received, to the capital of the Manchester Unitarian Congregational Fund.

Ann Peart thanked both Martin West and Ken Johnson for their work on the accounts.

It was proposed by John Midgley and seconded by Sheila Jones that the Report and Accounts be adopted. They were formally approved.

Election of Treasurer

Martin West said he thoroughly enjoyed being Treasurer of the Manchester District Association. His re-election was unanimously approved, with acclamation.

Election of Secretary

Penny Johnson was re-elected as Secretary.

Election of Executive Committee

As the Constitution only permits members to serve on the Executive Committee for three years, Andrew Parker and Michael Dadson stood down and Charles VanDenBroeder and Bob Pounder, having been formally proposed and seconded, were elected to serve for three years.

The Executive Committee is as listed below:

President: Alex Bradley
Vice President: Marian Nuttall,
President Elect: Ken Johnson
General Secretary: Penny Johnson
Treasurer: Martin G. West
Superintendent of Lay Preachers' Fellowship: Ann Peart
Secretary of the Lay Preachers' Fellowship: Geoffrey Head
Committee: Vernon Marshall, Aled Jones, Charles VanDenBroeder,
Bob Pounder

Bob Pounder was elected to be the second Publicity Officer and Danny Crosby to represent the MDA on Churches Together in Manchester.

The present arrangement, approved by the AGM, with regard to appointments is as follows:

Manchester Churches Together – Danny Crosby
Unitarian College – Alex Bradley
Council for Christians and Jews – Ann Peart
Provincial Assembly - Sheila Jones, Marian Nuttall, Ann Peart

Domestic Mission Fund
Marian Nuttall, Aled Jones, Sheila Jones, Ken Johnson, Penny Johnson
Publicity Coordinators - Dennis Crompton and Bob Pounder
Religious Education Co-ordinators - Vernon Marshall and Eloise Williamson

"The Unitarian" Magazine Editor – Yvonne Aburrow
"The Unitarian" Magazine Business Manager – Elizabeth Shaw
Representative to SACRE in Chester East – Vernon Marshall
Representative to SACRE in Manchester - Ann Peart
Website Manager – Michael Cuerden

Celia Midgley said that she had found acting as a link between the MDA and the Churches Together in Manchester very rewarding.

Congregational Highlights

Celia Midgley reported that Dunham Road Chapel had given its power point presentation at the General Assembly Meetings at Nottingham, and suggested that we invite Lizzie Roper to present it again at one of our Council Meetings.

The MDA has been delighted to learn of three new ministerial appointments: Jean Bradley has been appointed as part time minister of Brook Street Chapel Knutsford, Danny Crosby to Dunham Road Chapel Altrincham and Queens Road Church Urmston and Bob Pounder to Oldham Chapel.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Annual General Meeting was provisionally fixed for Saturday, April 30th, to be confirmed at the next MDA Meeting on May 25th.

The Website

Mike Cuerden offered thanks to John Wilkinson for his help and advice and to Maureen Bode for taking photographs. He had based the new MDA website on that of South East Wales, and during the next few weeks would email the website to members of the MDA. Nicky Jenkins thanked Mike Cuerden for his efforts on our behalf.

Votes of thanks

Penny Johnson offered the following votes of thanks to Ann Peart for conducting the meeting, Marian Nuttall and Cath Hall for preparing refreshments, Sheila Jones for playing the piano for the service, Danny Crosby and Aled Jones for their reports on the meeting to The Unitarian and The Inquirer respectively, to Liz Shaw for editing an issue of The Unitarian, and possibly an additional issue, to Danny Crosby for his most appropriate Devotions for the 150th anniversary of our beginnings, to Ann Peart, Geoffrey Head, Nicky Jenkins and Maureen Bode for their involvement in producing the service to follow the meeting, and to Geoffrey Head and Frances Teagle for producing the short history of the beginnings of the MDA, to the Officers, Executive and Council of Manchester District Association, and all Congregational Secretaries for their reports. Aled Jones thanked the Secretary for her efforts, and wondered whether some part of her work could be undertaken by someone else. This would be discussed at the next meeting of Council.

Ken Johnson proposed a toast to John and Celia Midgley,

“I am particularly pleased, in Alex’s absence, to propose the health of our good friends, John and Celia.

It will mark the end of two exemplary ministries in our District, John’s dating back to 1968 – some 40 years of service and Celia’s of 25 years.

At the opening devotions they conducted at their last MDA council meeting, both stressed a concept not widely practiced in society today – the idea of duty to a cause and to a calling.

We see how they have valued and served their people, their congregations, their district and their denomination. In return, they have been valued and loved by all who have known them.

They have both served as President of this district and of the General Assembly – what more demanding an honorary position is there than President of the GA!

Theirs is a well earned retirement. They are to move to the delightful town of Skipton, where, I am sure, they will easily settle into the life of the community.”

People

During the year we welcomed to Council Jean Bradley, Bob Pounder and Danny Crosby in their capacity as ministers, Margaret Smith (Brookfield), Jean Findlay (Brookfield), and Hon. Member Yvonne Aburrow (Editor of The Unitarian).

The following members retired: Celia Midgley (Minister of Dunham Road and Queens Road), Lizzie Roper (Dunham Road), Glenys Waterfield (Brookfield), Colin Wyatt (Brookfield).

Obituary – the Rev. Trevor Howarth Jones

Trevor’s father was the Unitarian minister in Stockport. It was here that he was born on 21st May in 1932.

His time in National Service saw him as a medic in the RAF. With that over he studied at Loughborough Teacher Training College and then went to Birmingham Art College. It was during this time that he sought out Waverley Road Unitarian Church and met the Rev. Ron McGraw, who was to be quite an influence and role model for Trevor, and he decided that he would leave teaching and train for the ministry.

He entered Unitarian College in Manchester, and was now serving at Underbank Chapel, Stannington. He had married Sheila and it was here that Ruth and Cathie were born. There was a branch of the Young People's League at Underbank, and young folk gathered, or rather crowded, into the cellar of the Parsonage where Trevor and his family lived. The great Pennine Way walk was organised and there were many links with other Unitarian youth groups.

Trevor then moved to Wythenshawe. There was much to be done and it was a time when Trevor and Sheila did much writing and singing together.

Trevor had a way with young people of all ages. He would laugh and chuckle his way through many activities, organised in his casual way and he had a great way of linking everybody and everything together using his fiddle, his guitar, his songs and his humour.

It was a time of the Folk Club, 'Friday gatherings' on the stage. Trevor was known as the 'Rocking Vicar' and the Sixties were a-swinging. Trevor inspired and influenced many people, especially young people at this time.

Trevor's way, always to be his way, was to see any difficulties not so much as a 'youth problem' but as an 'adult problem'. Trevor was on the side of the young folk and they knew it. He worked with people as their equal.

By now, baby Daniel had arrived and Trevor had become the minister at the Chorlton Church. He then decided to return to teaching to be responsible for RE and General Studies as Head of Moral Education at Burnage High School. He then took up the post of Head of RE at Burley High.

In 1982 he became GA Religious Education and Youth Officer, retiring in 1997. It was a time of immeasurable activity and travel. Trevor lived in Manchester and he travelled just about here there and everywhere. There were bikes – with and without engines and vehicles of assorted shapes, sizes, colours and states of repair.

He searched for new RE and worship material and brought much back to this side of the Atlantic from the United States. He was much stirred by the experience of attending an RE Summer School on Starr Island off the Coast of New Hampshire. He was at the cutting edge of the idea that it is the process that matters and that it is the activity which is the vehicle for change.

Trevor started the annual RE Summer school in Great Hucklow which continues today. He devised the programme 'Growing Unitarians', 'The President's Award Scheme', and 'Awakenings'. He contributed to 'Songs for Living', 'Unisons', and a whole series of booklets for work with Juniors and Seniors.

Trevor devised the National Youth Programme – it is still in operation today – some would say our crowning glory.

There was one occasion when money was needed and Trevor announced that he would get his son Daniel to ride a tandem with him from Land's End to John O'Groats. The thinking was simple - get people to sponsor – money raised – job done.

Trevor's way was to inspire. It is a credit to Trevor that as time has progressed it has been the participants of the youth and the adult events who have themselves become today's leaders.

Retirement did not come easy for Trevor. He missed his contacts and it would be true to say that these years became a time of decline.

He leaves us with much for he leaves many transformed souls.

David Shaw

It would help us considerably if every church would contribute to the life of the Association by sending their delegates to meetings of the Council, to assist the President, the Officers, and the Executive in their decision-making. We put a great deal of effort into the preparation of our Annual General meetings and would value the support of all our congregations.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS

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The congregational number at Brook Street has remained steady. We have had a very memorable year in 2010, especially welcoming Rev. Jean Bradley as our part-time Minister. Jean takes three Sunday services a month and has settled in very well. The remaining Sunday is taken by the Rev. David Westhead who is a retired United Reformed church Minister. Any fifth Sunday is taken by a lay preacher.

The building project, which incorporated a lift to enable those not able to manage steps to access our chapel, was completed and the opening ceremony in June was performed by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire. The lift was "christened" the Glass-mobile to commemorate Jimmie & Mary Glass who had been generous donors to the fund.

2010 was the bicentenary of Elizabeth Gaskell's birth and the Chapel together with the Knutsford Flower Arrangers put on a floral display in the chapel in May depicting the titles of Mrs Gaskell's novels. Teas were served in the Schoolroom, and we had many visitors, thus making our chapel more widely known in the area. A Victorian themed concert was given by Opus 5 in December and again provided further funds for the Chapel.

We now have a new efficient boiler in the chapel and are much warmer during winter services.

The Women's league is still very active with monthly talks and organising the stall for the Lion's Street Fair and a Christmas Fair in the Schoolroom as well as hosting a summer lunch and Christmas lunch. The Tuesday coffee mornings continue to be well attended.

We now possess a lovely wooden Chalice whose candle is lit at the beginning of the service. All together we as a congregation are in good heart, with a warm welcoming greeting to any visitors at Sunday services.

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During 2010 we have held services twice a month on the first and third Sunday conducted by visiting ministers and lay people. Going forward due to illness, injury and diminishing numbers in the congregation we intend to reduce services to once a month on the first Sunday.

The NCUSSU held their annual carol service at Brookfield, the service was well attended and followed by refreshments, giving people the chance to catch up with friends.

The repair work to the stained glass windows and steeple, supported by an English Heritage grant, has been completed and we now hope to move to the next phase of our refurbishment project in our aim to maintain the fine architectural building for future generations.

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We were very glad to have had Bob Pounder as our student minister; he was an inspiring and attentive leader and support to our Congregation. We were happy to congratulate him at his valedictory service. We attended Bob's induction at Oldham and have enjoyed two joint services. We hope this informal partnership with Oldham will continue. One of Bob's last services at Chorlton was the welcoming for Jacob, son of Sheryl and Dave Hogg, who, along with Adria Smiley and Chris Bateman, have been accepted into membership of our community.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Diane Rutter, but we wish her well in her new post at Kingswood Meeting House as Congregational Support Worker for Rev. Ant Howe.

We are fortunate at Chorlton in having excellent in-house service leaders, but we feel the need for focussed and professional leadership; therefore, since forming our new Committee in April chaired by Sheila Jones, we decided upon a project for our Church community to enable us to develop and grow. A letter asking for financial support towards the cost of a Church leader was sent to the MDA; after meeting with representatives of the MDA they agreed to assist us from September 2011, and we look forward to our project's commencement.

Most of the last four months has been busy with extensive repairs and improvements to our building. We are grateful to all those individuals and groups who supported our fundraising and sent us letters of support for our future.

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2010 has seen a bewildering kaleidoscope of activity at Cross St, comings and goings, responsibilities undertaken and contributions financial and material.

Roundelay performed at Danny Crosby's Induction at Altrincham; two more CD's of hymns from "Sing Your Faith" were recorded; Margaret Eddershaw's performed her own poems about Florence Nightingale, Ann Peart gave a Garden Party; Ann Peart, assisted by Peter Sampson, gave a talk celebrating Elizabeth Gaskell. Other events were the Pride concert and party, congregational lunches, and Peter Sampson's Remembrance Poetry Reading.

Regular events have been the lunchtime recitals (piano, chamber music, jazz, guitar) culminating in the ever popular 'Anthems for Advent,' Roundelay rehearsals, the Film Club, Earth Spirit (thanks to Wynne Simister and her supporters from around the District and beyond), the Minister's Building Your Own Theology study course and informal meditation group, not forgetting the services and her challenging and stimulating addresses.

Thanks are due to all those who conducted services when Jane was on holiday: the Hughes family, Tim, Cody, David Grundy, Trish , Wynne, Trevor, me, Alan Gerrard and the Rev Jeff Gould.

Thanks also to Alan Myerscough, our organist and musical director for the wealth of music he regularly brings to us.

As well as welcoming fifteen new members, we had to say good-bye and Godspeed to David Hughes (newsletter editor) and Annie and Elliot, to Rich Daley, secretary and web-site creator, to David Grundy, off to work with Voluntary Services Overseas in Papua New Guinea.

We mourned the death of a stalwart old member of the congregation, Billy Fitzgerald.

We welcomed a new secretary, Lucy Gough, and a new newsletter editor, Tim Moore: may we prosper together!

Our thanks to the officers and committee and especially to our Minister and our Chapel-keeper.

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We have had another severe winter this year, but despite this, our Members are very bravely attending Chapel whenever they can. Attendances at Sunday services at Dean Row are an average of 55. We are trying very hard to get used to the new hymn book, Sing Your Faith, but like all things new it is a slow job. Unfortunately, Barry Shaw was unable to continue as our organist, but we are managing with Peter Shaw, assisted by various other organists when Peter is away.

Vernon has been running the 'British Unitarian Journey' course for us which has been attended by members of our own Chapel and two other Chapels. Mike Cuerden continues to hold Friday Meditation sessions. This has proved to be popular and is a good way for friends to get together in a peaceful half hour to ease away the worries of the week and prepare for the weekend.

Our Women's League branch has had a busy year holding a number of popular events, Spring Fair, Christmas Fair and celebratory Chapel Lunches. The contributions gained have made a record sum, the highest for eight years. The Family Group has likewise held a number of events including a Chapel picnic and a Quiz and Fish and Chip Supper night. More events are planned for the coming year, so although our numbers are a little down, we are still, as ever, a busy and friendly community.

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Nothing really changes, unfortunately we have not increased our numbers but neither have any of our members ceased to attend. In February we mourned the death of our organist, Mr. Norman Bradbury. His funeral at Stalybridge church was attended by a large number of our congregation. He was a good friend to us and we miss him. It was decided that we would not look immediately for another organist but would use pre-recorded discs, this has been a great success and we continue to follow this path. We have re-commenced our third Sunday services with the help of retired Ministers, Lay Preachers and members of our own congregation. Our Minister officiated at a Wedding Blessing during the year which saw our Chapel filled to capacity – a lovely sight – and we have a wedding booked for June 2011, the first for a number of years. The congregation was represented at the induction of Rev. Danny Crosby to Altrincham Church, a very happy occasion.

Dunham Road Unitarian Chapel – Altrincham

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The year 2010 was one of change for the congregation. The main task during the early part of the year was looking for and recruiting a new minister for the congregation and we were fortunate to appoint the Reverend Danny Crosby to the Joint Ministry of Dunham Road Chapel and Queens Road Church. In July many members of the congregation attended the Valedictory service of Danny at Unitarian College, Manchester, which informally marked his entry into the Unitarian Ministry and Danny started his ministry on Sunday 1st August.

In the meantime on Sunday 25th April, Celia conducted her last Sunday worship service in the chapel and afterwards a large number of chapel members, friends and guests attended the farewell lunch in the large schoolroom. GA President Neville Kenyon and others spoke, presents were given and received. John and Celia presented the chapel with handsome wooden roll of chapel ministers since 1814. This now hangs at the back of chapel.

In the summer the Chapel house was refurbished to house the new minister. Meanwhile, in mid-summer the large handsome Victorian/Edwardian Parsonage became vacant for the first time in over 40 years after the departure of Celia and John Midgley. Since that time, our buildings warden has been extremely busy planning and supervising the extensive refurbishment required to make it suitable for new tenants,

Up to the beginning of August we were pleased to welcome visiting worship leaders to take our Sunday worship and the congregation was extremely thankful for their help. The year's social activities have been numerous and varied; we have had two successful gift events, we paid an evening visit to Styal congregation and we thank them for their friendly reception.

Trips were made to the Flower Festival to mark the bicentenary of the birth of 'Elizabeth Gaskell at Brook Street Chapel, Knutsford in May and we had an interesting visit to the BBC Studios on Oxford Road, Manchester which we thoroughly enjoyed. In September we held a successful Chapel Market stall on Altrincham market. The congregation continues to support Charities including Water Aid, Send a Child to Hucklow, Christian Aid and Wood Street Mission. It was been a year of transition, we were sad at the departure of Celia Midgley but grateful for her 21 year successful ministry, but on the other hand pleased to welcome Danny. His official welcome was the service of Induction on Saturday, 6th November; this was a joyous occasion when the chapel was filled to capacity. The congregation looks forward to a successful and productive partnership.

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2010 came in the deep snow, ice and burst pipes and, of course, the year ended with deep snow, ice and more burst pipes. Attendance at the Chapel was obviously affected by this weather and by the illnesses and surgical procedures members had to contend with throughout the year. However, almost all have recovered well and are back in the pews.

Hale Chapel had four weddings in the year, the last one at 5 pm on a snowy December afternoon with the Chapel looking quite magical with scores of pots of small white cyclamen and many, many candles. The Chapel looks truly beautiful following the internal decoration in October. On entry we are greeted by the warm glow of the lights as they reflect off the newly painted walls and beams and the light through the wonderful Burne-Jones "Caritas" window. We are very lucky.

We are very proud of our developing Junior Church and are pleased that plans are afoot for the children to enter the Chalice Awards in 2011. Many thanks to Jo Turner and Eloise Williamson. and, of course, the parents who have such a helpful “hands-on” approach.

Our Book Club goes from strength to strength and the deep-freeze weather failed to stop our visit to the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester in January and the Christmas lunch in December.

David Rothwell, our Organist, retired in 2010 and we count ourselves lucky to have found a replacement in Margaret Williams who we share with Dunham Road, Altrincham. She and Peter Shaw are greatly appreciated.

Finally, and very importantly, we must thank Helen Wilson for her many years of hard work as Chairperson of the Committee. Pressure of her professional work meant she needed to retire and she will be missed by all. The new Chairman is Jo Shan.

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Every week of the year this Chapel opens its doors and welcomes in a variety of people....people who come for Sunday worship, to Tao on Tuesday, Frontiers and the Holding Circle on Monday evening. They come to celebrate the birth of their children and for weddings that signal their love and commitment to each other. They bring their tears to mourn the loss of a loved one. People meet here every Wednesday to support each other in their journey to freedom from addiction.

Our Committee meets here. A young member of our Congregation comes in with his teacher for organ lessons. This building has hosted exhibitions, concerts and 'Grand productions' like the Son et Lumiere. Its walls have reverberated to the sound of drums, to visiting choirs, small ensembles and children's music making. Our human rights group meets here; people come alone to talk to the Minister about their struggles and joys and fears. This is the workplace and office of our Minister. Every week a tiny group of people quietly let themselves in and arrange flowers for Sunday Worship. Our cleaner Claire visits twice a month. This place is peered at through closed gates and people stop and look down the passageway and 'wonder'. Its architecture delights a completely different group of people. It is tucked away and has survived for 322 years and its Ministers' board is testament to the passage of time, its history and the legacy of every single person who has worked to keep this place going. Sunday numbers do not reflect this, but this place continues to play a significant part in the lives of a huge number of people.

Monton Church, Eccles

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Monton lost two of its oldest members in 2010, Audrey Butler and William Taylor. Both were regular attenders and keen fund-raisers for Monton church. Our Christmas Fair in November was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Salford and a record amount was raised.

Throughout the year our regular Sunday lunches have been very popular. Our Organist, Peter Collier, gave two summer recitals with all proceeds going to church funds.

The Eccles Borough Band once again played at our Carol Concert in December.

The Women's League is active and holds monthly lunches and fund-raising events. Problems with electric wiring and gas heaters have resulted in a cold church over the winter months. We hope things will improve soon.

Once again we are indebted to the Rev. Charles VanDenBroeder for his support to the congregation with his services and for his unfailing good humour. Thank you also to the members who organise fund-raising events, without whom we could not continue.

Norcliffe Chapel, Styal

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Norcliffe Chapel continued to thrive during the year 2010 with good average attendance at services 35-40+ on many Sunday's and full to capacity over the Christmas period enabling generous donations to be sent to Send a Child to Hucklow, MacMillan Nurses and the Rainbow Trust. Weddings continue to be popular at the chapel, a small number of christenings are conducted for families directly associated as well as funerals as required. This is the first year the chapel has shared its minister with the UCM where he holds the post of Principal on a part-time basis, previously a full time position. This has increased the demands considerably on him but through good teamwork is working. Norcliffe Chapel has enjoyed services from a number of visiting ministers and lay readers over the year and are grateful to them for filling the pulpit. The chapel has a dedicated committee which is functioning well and an active congregation with members contributing to various services including Remembrance Day, Christmas and favourite

Hymns services as well as involvement editing and writing the 'new look' Newsletter and Website. Family services have been re-introduced on the first Sunday of the month, thanks to the Rev. Jean Bradley.

A short service on Good Friday morning was introduced for the first time and proved popular and poignant, and will be repeated. The new Purple hymn book has been purchased and will be introduced during the coming year.

The chapel was pleased to receive visits from our friends from Kidderminster and Dunham Road during 2010 and was open to a large number of visitors over Heritage weekend. Other social events have included the annual summer barbeque and chapel tidy-ups around the grounds, with more events planned for the coming year.

On a sadder note, the chapel lost its 100 year old monkey puzzle tree which had always been rather a landmark. As tenants of the National Trust, good relations are being forged with the new management at Quarry Bank Mill over issues concerning maintenance of the chapel and grounds, with further work still to be achieved.

Oldham Unitarian Chapel

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The last twelve months have, as usual, been a busy time at Oldham. We were very pleased to have Danny Crosby as our student minister and enjoyed his services and the full role that he took in Chapel life. We now have Bob Pounder as a half time minister and we feel that a very exciting time is beginning. We have continued to refurbish the building and have recently redecorated the hall and toilet areas and fitted blinds throughout the building.

We now have a Sunday School teacher who comes once a month and an organist who is able to play for some of our services. Our congregation remains loyal and we now have two new people who have joined us. We have many events organised for the coming months. Some that have already taken place are a Taize workshop led by Jeff Gould and Cathy Fozzard, the showing of a film about Martin Luther King entitled 'At the River I Stand' and a theological reflection group.

We are very pleased with our website which continues to generate a lot of interest. We are looking forward to the next twelve months with great anticipation.

Queens Road Unitarian Free Church, Urmston

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As I write this review of the last year at Queens Road, we are still trying to come to terms with the recent death of long time member and stalwart of the congregation, Phyl Rees. We are shattered by the loss, over decades Phyl was active in every aspect of life at Queens Road; she is irreplaceable both as a member and a good friend. Only two months ago we bade farewell to another long term member Johnny Williams, it has not been a good winter at Queens Road.

I am sure that Phyl and Johnny would not want to cast a shadow over what had otherwise been a good year for Urmston. After a deal of uncertainty and a few false dawns, in September we were able to welcome our new minister, Rev Danny Crosby. Danny has certainly hit the ground running! It feels as though he has been with us for years rather than months and I am confident that this sentiment is shared by our friends at Dunham Road.

Our building is looking better than it has for some time. The front porch, once a rather unwelcoming sight to visitors and the congregation, has been repaired and revitalized, and work on the roof and the kitchen block is now complete.

Rivington Unitarian Chapel

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Rivington is a small, beautiful Chapel with services held twice a month. Our attendance at service is only small (twenty average), but we feel that anyone who joins us enjoys a friendly and happy atmosphere.

We held six weddings and two naming ceremonies during the year. which were all happy and joyous occasions.

The guttering to the outside of the building was replaced this year. We have purchased a new Display/Bookcase, which is made of oak, designed by one of our committee members, Leyton Jones. It is a vast improvement on our old one, and will last for years to come.

This year's anniversary service was led by the Rev. Stephen Lingwood. In the evening we went for a meal at the Millstone Restaurant, enjoyed by all.

In conjunction with English Heritage, we held our Open Day, where visitors could learn a little more about the history of our Chapel. Our Spring/Summer Fayre was a great success, with lots of visitors buying our home-made products. In July we had our annual Strawberry Tea, which was, once again, a great success.

Our Christmas Carol Service was again affected by the snow, but seventy members of the congregation turned out and braved the ice and snow, as did Father Christmas, who handed out presents to the children. We were visited by twelve members of Bolton Mountain Rescue Team, who gave a presentation of the work they carry out, and yes, their bleeps did go off during the service (all twelve of them) but they stayed with us, as it was an administration and not an operational call.

We look forward to 2011 with confidence that the success of 2010 will continue and progress.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Publicity Co-ordinator's Report

I write reports and articles as the need arises.

I have sounded out the local radio station about publicity for the Friday concerts; they seem interested. Lindsey Press is hoping in future to assemble material for involving young people in services. So I would welcome information about improvisations, scripts or simply suggestions.

Dennis Crompton

Religious Education Co-ordinator's Report (Adults)

Adult Religious Education has not been the popular preoccupation that it could be. Nevertheless, there is an interest in the MDA and I will continue to seek to explore how it can be satisfactorily delivered. One initiative held at Dean Row Chapel that has been appreciated, although it has yet to be completed, is the British Unitarian Journey. It is pleasing to report that there has been attendance from three congregations other than Dean Row Chapel. At the time of writing, five more sessions are yet to be held, and, as each session is a stand alone session, more attenders would be welcome.

I am always looking for ideas at how best RE can be delivered to the MDA. Input and advice from anyone in the district would be much appreciated. Should any congregation seek my advice on how RE could be approached in their situation then I would be only too pleased to be of help.

Vernon Marshall

Religious Education Co-ordinator's Report (Children and Young People)

As I am a newcomer to this post I have spent time this year establishing the numbers of children we have in the District. Just over half the congregations have some sort of Junior Chapel, mostly on a monthly basis. Most of these chapels have quite a reasonable number of children, albeit with some infrequent or irregular attendees, and enthusiastic volunteer leaders. A number are successfully pursuing the Chalice Award scheme, and others are considering starting it. I am working with several chapels to review their children's provision and decide upon the way forward. Plans for a District-wide event at Dunham Road Chapel on 21st May are underway to give the District's children, parents and leaders chance to get together, meet each other, have fun and perhaps discuss and share ideas. I am available and willing to help any chapel with their children and young people's provision.

Eloise Williamson

Manchester Domestic Mission Society Trust

Sub-committee: Marian Nuttall, Aled Jones, Sheila Jones, Ken Johnson, Penny Johnson

2010 has been a very difficult year for charities in the continuing uncertain financial climate which we fear will not be alleviated in the near future. We met early in the year and recommended grants to our well established client list. In addition we added the Wood Street Mission and Methodist Great Hall (“Befrienders Services”). They each received £500 as we appreciate they both do vital work in the city.

It would be heartening to think we could return to the days when we were able to disburse around £17,000 per annum but I think we will have to be patient for quite a while longer.

Our thanks as always to Council for valued support.

Marian Nuttall

Greater Manchester Churches Together

I am sorry to report that I was unable to attend the “One in Christ” event that was held at the Whitworth Hall on Monday 11th October in the Whitworth Hall, at Manchester University. This was the only District-wide event that I was invited to since I took up this position within the MDA. As you are aware this is my first ministerial position and therefore my time and energy has been focused on settling in with Urmston and Altrincham. I will endeavour to be more active in my role as MDA representative to Churches Together in Manchester in the next twelve months.

I did attend several prayer events and the combined service held in Altrincham, during the week of prayer for Christian Unity 16 -24th January 2011. I have an interesting relationship with regards to Churches Together with both of the congregations that I serve. Urmston are full members and our chairman, Derek Brown was elected as chair to Churches Together in Urmston; where as in Altrincham we are merely attending members of Altrincham Christians Together. I suspect that similar experiences are shared by other congregations throughout the Manchester District.

Danny Crosby

The Unitarian

In 2009, Martin West the MDA Treasurer and I put in place a pricing structure to ensure the long term viability of the magazine, following two years of the magazine making a loss. I am delighted to report that this has paid dividends this year with the magazine making a very good profit.

This year has also seen two Editors in post. The start of the year continued with Jim Corrigan who was appointed during 2009. Unfortunately Jim found the job too onerous because of his commitment to his training as a Lay Pastor, and so again I had to step in as temporary Editor whilst a replacement was secured. We were delighted when Yvonne Aburrow agreed to take up the position and under Yvonne's careful eye, the paper, and its content has gone from strength to strength, with Yvonne commissioning some new and interesting articles whilst still keeping the more 'newsy' items that our readers enjoy.

The difficulty during 2010 has also been with the printing company that we use, and as the year drew to an end, following months of disruption in printing and distributing the magazine, the decision was made to find a replacement. This has also enabled us to look more closely at costs and we were able to find a local company in Sheffield who will now print the magazine at a very reasonable price. It has meant though, that Yvonne as Editor now deals with the layout and design of the magazine, and as we go to print with this annual report, she is looking for a Desk Top Publishing package to make the job easier. As I live near the new printing company, I am now dealing with the distribution, which should also reap benefits as Yvonne and I are now totally in control of the timescales that we need to work to. We are both excited to see how the new look Unitarian will be received!

I have previously mentioned that the magazine made a profit this year, and with being able to negotiate an advantageous pricing structure with the new printing company, I am delighted to say that there will be no increase in the basic price of the magazine, which will remain at £6.00 per copy plus postage and packing. The only increase will be for postage, which will be increased in line with the Post Office pricing structure.

We look forward to a good and financially healthy 2011 for the magazine.

Liz Shaw, Manager

Manchester Unitarian Lay Preachers' Fellowship

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Members have continued to provide pulpit supply for congregations without settled ministers or requiring cover for ministerial holidays or other absences. It is pleasing that a number of congregations are now able to provide for such needs from their own resources.

A meeting will be held in February between the Minister Superintendent (Rev. Dr. Ann Peart) Secretary (Geoffrey Head) and the MDA General Secretary (Rev. Penny Johnson) to establish a definitive list of the names and addresses of lay preachers and leaders in the MDA and adjacent areas, with appropriate notes as to availability. This should help in assessing requirements for the Provincial Assembly in arranging future training courses for aspirants, and refresher courses for the more experienced hands. It is hoped that this initiative might also bear fruit in finding a volunteer for initiating a resumption of the educational and social evenings found so useful and enjoyable some years ago. The Secretary would welcome offers from lay preachers in such initiatives.

Geoffrey Head

Provincial Assembly of Presbyterian and Unitarian Ministers And Congregations of Lancashire and Cheshire

Secretary, Pat Webster
Treasurer, Marian Nuttall
President 2010, Sylvia Spencer
President designate for 2011 Granville Leather.
All districts are now represented on Provincial Assembly Committee as follows:-
MDA: Ann Peart
ECU: Shammy & Pat Webster
MDMA: Sylvia Spencer
NELUM: Granville Leather

The 2010 annual meeting was held at Bank Street Chapel, Bolton, with Shammy Webster leading the worship and Dawn Buckle giving an afternoon workshop on Revolution: new ideas and training for religious education. At this meeting Peter Sampson stood down as secretary, and Pat Webster took on the role. Pat also edits the PAN newsletter.

The annual fun day at Hucklow was held in July.

The 2011 annual meeting is to be at Denton New Chapel on 12 February, when the ministry students at Unitarian College will lead a session on ministry in the 21st century.

Ann Peart

Manchester Council of Christians and Jews

The Manchester Branch of the CCJ stands for three things:

(1) To promote religious and cultural understanding between Christians and Jews

(2) To work for the elimination of religious and racial prejudice, hatred and discrimination, particularly anti-Semitism

(3) To promote religious and racial harmony on the basis of ethical and social teachings common to Christianity and Judaism

The meetings this year have had two main purposes, to promote relationships and to enable good discussions. Events included an evening with Jewish food prepared by David Arnold, the Brunner Memorial lecture by Dr Ed Kessler on Jewish Christian Relations, and a talk and discussion led by Professor Bernard Jackson on admission policies for Jewish schools, as well as several annual events such as the Friendship week including the coffee morning put on by the League of Jewish Women and the Holocaust study day led by Rabbi Brian Fox.

Ann Peart

The Manchester Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

The Council meets three times a year, and is currently chaired by Councillor Afzal Khan. During 2009 it resumed meetings after a break caused by the departure of the last convenor. It has revised its constitution and has agreed to part of a pilot project to revise the RE curriculum.

Ann Peart

Report of the Representative on the Cheshire East Standing Council for Religious Education

SACRE East Cheshire: The British Humanist Association has written to all SACRES concerning the admission of humanists. The SACRE committee meeting in Macclesfield on 26th May considered the matter, and further discussion took place on September 30th. I organized a course at Dean Row Chapel, "The British Unitarian Journey" which I had also written.

I thoroughly enjoy my work with Cheshire East SACRE and will gladly share my experience with any member congregation.

Vernon Marshall

Grateful thanks

The Manchester District Association is most grateful to the Minister, Trustees and members of Cross Street Chapel for their kind permission to use their excellent premises. We would also wish to thank Alan Myerscough, the Chapel Keeper for his cheerful assistance and welcome refreshments, and also members of Hale, Dean Row and Dunham Road Chapels for their hospitality when the MDA held meetings in those Chapels.

To every one who undertakes responsibilities on behalf of the Manchester District Association in whatever capacity they assume them, thank you.

Financial Assistance

The MDA provides financial assistance to members of affiliated congregations in the following circumstances:

1. Council approves, from time to time, certain conferences of denominational interest. Subject to certain conditions, including prior approval, expenses are defrayed as follows: one-third conference charge plus public transport costs in full.
2. Expenses of attending full or part-time courses at the Unitarian College will be subsidised, subject to certain conditions, from the Congregational Fund. A similar subsidy may be available to members taking courses in Religious Studies or Philosophy at other local institutions. Full details on request from the General Secretary.

Survey of Churches

For many years this valuable service has been provided by the MDA (free of cost) to its member churches. Regular reports on property, together with routine maintenance, avoid the necessity for major repairs, which can prove to be beyond the financial ability of a congregation. By resolution of Council (31st July 1987) the MDA will feel free to restrict grants in aid of building repairs where a survey has not been carried out within the last five years. Congregations may also request surveys to be carried out for special purposes, e.g. to ascertain a recommended value for insurance purposes, to confirm the development potential of land, or to locate the cause of troublesome damp.

Memoranda

1. General Account

This includes all the Association's Funds other than those specified below: The General Account Funds were derived from various sources, including legacies given by the late E.Cooke, A.Burgess, R.Royle, S.I.Robinson, F H Wilkinson and B.Hodkinson, proceeds from sales of properties at Strangeways, Longsight, Bradford, Moss Side and Middleton and Funds formerly held for the Willert Street Endowment Fund,(established by a Resolution of the Council in 1953, and incorporated in the General Account by resolution of the Council in 1959). The funds are now all vested in the Incorporated Association (Companies Registration 1029607).

2. Manchester Unitarian Congregational Fund.

The Fund was approved by the Charity Commission by a scheme reference CS (Liv 1) 150373A/2 dated 14th June 1993. The clear income shall be applied in or towards the upkeep, repair and improvement of chapels whose congregations are members of the Manchester District Association and in or towards the maintenance of services in the said chapels and otherwise in furthering the religious, educational and charitable work of said Association. The whole or part of the property may be applied at any time in or towards providing land or buildings in the area of the said Association to be settled upon trust for use as a chapel for a congregation of protestants dissenting from the Church of England and adhering to the principles of Unitarian Christianity. Registered number, 1032203.

The Fund was created by the amalgamation of seven existing charities together with the clear proceeds and other assets of our former Pendleton Unitarian Free Church. These charities were as follows:

- (i) Upper Brook Street Free Church Fund (1922)
- (ii) Sale Unitarian Church Trust Fund (1972)
- (iii) Blackley Unitarian Chapel Trust Fund (1974)

(iv) Platt Chapel Trust (1977)

(v) Swinton Unitarian Free Church Fund (1987)

All the above are derived from the proceeds of the sale of the respective churches or chapels.

(vi) Unitarian and Free Christian Church School Fund (1978)

This Fund itself derived from an amalgamation of several of its smaller funds, that is to say:

(a) The former Lower Mosley Street Schools Fund, the endowments of which were increased in 1963 by the transfer of Chief Rents from the family of the late J.M.Eaton.

(b) The Institute Fund, which derived from the proceeds of the sale of premises in Poland Street, Oldham Road, Manchester, which were used as a non-denominational Christian Sunday School from 1892 to 1961.

(c) The Taylor Charity Account, the endowment of which is derived from the will of Richard Taylor, who died in 1737. After being administered by private trustees for over 200 years it was taken over by the Manchester District Association in 1968 under an order of the Secretary of State for Education and Science.

(d) The Portland Grove Fund. This Fund was associated with our former Platt Chapel, (see 2(iv) above), but was administered by separate trustees. The endowment derived from the sale of the former day school founded in the 19th century. When the building was no longer required for its original purpose, owing to the provision of education by the State, it was used for many years for Sunday School and other purposes by Platt Chapel.

(vii) Salford Bible Christian charity (1954) This charity derived from a former non-denominational church and had been administered by independent trustees associated with our Pendleton church since 1961. The charity was augmented by the sum of £286.37, being the capital of the Reverend James Clark Memorial Fund, transferred by the trustees of the former Pendleton Unitarian Church under section 74 of the Charities Act 1993, (Charity Commission reference JAL - 75111 - CS (Liv 3), dated 14th August 1997). This charity also derived from the Salford Bible Christian Church.

3. Leech Fund

This charity derived from the Rev. Comberbach Leech, an eighteenth century Presbyterian Minister, under a Trust Deed dated 7th July, 1730. The MDA became sole Trustee under a Charity Commission scheme dated 19th June, 1979, (Ref: L3 (E)/602094).

This small fund is for the benefit of Ministers in the counties of Northumberland, Lancashire and Cheshire. In practice the income has over the years for the most part been applied to the purchase of books for such Ministers, but it can be used for wider purposes.

4. Manchester Domestic Mission Society Trust

The Society was founded in 1833 to assist in the Ministry to the Poor of Manchester. A missionary was employed to visit the poor in their homes. Later Missions and Sunday Schools were supported in Miles Platting, Rochdale Road, Hulme, and elsewhere in the inner city. The last of these premises was sold in 1977.

The Society was started by Unitarians in Cross Street Chapel and, although the funds were raised almost exclusively by Unitarians, it has from the first been undenominational. Its objects remain those of the Trust Fund of March 1st, 1870: "the diffusion of religious and other elevating influences by ministry amongst the poor in Manchester in such wise that no denominational or sectarian name or test shall at any time be introduced into the management of the Trust." The MDA became manager and sole Trustee under a Charity Commission scheme dated 4th November 1981 (Ref: L3/253, 233, A/1). The Charity Commission registration number is 253233.

5. Trusts and Trustees of Funds and Properties

By virtue of its status as a Trust Corporation the MDA acts as sole Trustee for all Trusts and Funds which it administers. The MDA is also sole Trustee of Oldham Unitarian Church; Wilbraham Road Unitarian Church, Chorlton; Dunham Road Chapel, Altrincham; Hale Chapel, Hale Barns; Queens Road Free Church, Urmston; and Chorley Unitarian Chapel, and acts as custodian Trustee for the Unitarian Chapel, Rivington, and the trust of Sir C.C. Grundy (deceased), a non-charitable trust which benefits Unitarian causes. It is the sole Trustee of the Provincial Assembly of Lancashire and Cheshire. With individual Trustees it is a Trustee of Cross Street Chapel, Manchester and King Edward Street Chapel, Macclesfield.

6. Archives

Manchester Central Library is the designated repository for archives of the Manchester District Association and its member congregations. All congregations are urged to deposit their records, particularly those of historical interest, in this repository. The General Secretary of the MDA is at all times ready to offer advice on the appropriate steps to take.

**MANCHESTER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF UNITARIAN AND FREE CHRISTIAN
CHURCHES INCORPORATED**

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 December 2010

A company limited by guarantee

Company Number 1029607

**MANCHESTER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF UNITARIAN AND FREE CHRISTIAN
CHURCHES INCORPORATED**

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**MANCHESTER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF UNITARIAN AND FREE CHRISTIAN
CHURCHES INCORPORATED**

Legal and Administrative information

as at 31 December 2010

Status

The organization is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 3rd November 1971. It is registered as a charity. It was granted Trust Corporation status on 18th January 1973.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association that established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association.

Directors/Trustees

Alexander Bradley
Dennis Crompton
Michael Dadson
Elsie Deas
Geoffrey Head
Kenneth James Johnson
Penelope Frances Johnson
Aled Wyn Jones
Vernon Marshall
Celia Midgley (Resigned 24th April 2010)
Marion Nuttall
Andrew Parker (Appointed 1st September 2010)
Ann Sonja Peart
Francois Charles Melchoir VanDenBroeder
Martin Graham West

The directors are those members of the parallel unincorporated association who are also members of the company.

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**MANCHESTER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF UNITARIAN AND FREE CHRISTIAN
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Report of the Directors/Trustees

for the year ended 31 December 2010

Report of the Directors/Trustees
for the year ended 31st December 2010

The directors present their report, with the financial statements of the company, for the year ended 31st December 2010.

1. Structure and objects of the company and its constituent trusts.

The company, which is limited by guarantee, whose registered number under the Companies Acts is 1029607, administers and accounts as sole trustee for four charities:

General Fund. (Charity Commission number 503753).

Manchester Unitarian Congregational Fund. (Charity Commission number 1032203)

Manchester Domestic Mission Society Fund. (Charity Commission number 253233)

Leech Fund. (Charity Commission reference L3 (E) 602094)

By virtue of its status as a Trust Corporation, it acts as sole trustee of seven churches in the Manchester District; of the Provincial Assembly of Lancashire and Cheshire; it is custodian trustee for another church, and with other trustees is a trustee of two further churches and is custodian trustee and administrator of the will of Sir C. C. Grundy dec'd.

2. Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees take into account the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and believe that the activities of the Trusts are in line with that guidance

3. Origin and objects of the funds

(a) The General Fund is derived from legacies, sale of Unitarian properties in the Manchester District and other funds which have been vested in it.

(b) The Manchester Unitarian Congregational Fund was created by the amalgamation of seven existing charities, the assets arising on the closure of a church and a grant from the Trustees of Flagg Chapel.

The clear income from both these funds is to be applied "towards the upkeep, repair and improvement of churches whose congregations are members of the Manchester District Association, and in and towards the maintenance of services and otherwise furthering the religious, educational and charitable work of the Association".

(c) The object of the Manchester Domestic Mission Society Fund is "the diffusion of religious and other elevating influences, by Ministry among the poor in Manchester". In the 19th century the Society employed a missionary and set up schools. Nowadays grants are made to charities that operate in deprived parts of Greater Manchester.

(d) The Leech Fund was set up for the benefit of Ministers in the counties of "Northumberland, Lancashire and Cheshire". In practice, it makes grants to ministers and students for the provision of books.

The company invests the financial assets of these Funds in stock exchange securities and deposits at interest. Its portfolio is managed by an investment manager, Newton Investment Management Limited, on a discretionary basis. The company also holds a plot of land, leased for car parking purposes, on behalf of the Manchester Unitarian Congregational Fund.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF UNITARIAN AND FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES INCORPORATED

Report of the Directors/Trustees - continued

for the year ended 31 December 2010

4. Organisational and decision-making structure.

The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice-President, President Elect, Treasurer, General Secretary and eight other members. Members other than the officers serve for three years. They are elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Unincorporated Association and meet six times a year, to decide policy, receive reports, and authorise grants. All are unpaid.

The Company is associated with fourteen Unitarian churches in the Manchester area which send delegates, two per church plus its minister, to meetings of the parallel Unincorporated Association which also meets six times a year. That body, to which the Executive Committee reports, discusses matters of general interest and aims to support the constituent churches in their religious and social activities. The Organisation also elects a Publicity Officer, a Religious Education Co-ordinator and A Religious Education Co-ordinator for Children and Young People, and appoints members to represent it on bodies with which it is associated. It publishes a monthly magazine, The Unitarian, which is distributed to Unitarian Churches throughout the Country. The manager and editor of the magazine receive small honoraria.

5. Association with related parties, charities etc.

The charity is associated with the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, which is the national body, in the United Kingdom, for Unitarians. It is not financially connected, but the company's treasurer collects, on its behalf, cash quotas that are made on a voluntary basis by Congregations in the District. The Association is also represented on Greater Manchester Churches Together, Manchester Council of Christians and Jews, and the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) for East Cheshire and Manchester. The Oldham Congregation continues its work with Traidcraft and third-world concerns.

6. Review of activities

- (a) The General Fund provided for the administration costs and independent examination of the Company. The Fund also made grants to three of its churches of £10,587 towards the repair and refurbishment of their buildings. The Fund generated a net income of £4,596 (2009 - Surplus £13,591) and there was a gain in the value of investment assets of £23,979 (2009 –gain- £24,474). The Fund increased in value by £28,575(2009 – increase - £38,065) in the year.
- (b) The Manchester Unitarian Congregational Fund assisted, to the extent of £25,445, in the provision of support for the stipends, of six ministers and a student pastor. General subscriptions and donations amounted to £7,522 (2009 - £7,326). Expenditure in the year exceeded income by £5,707 (2009 - surplus £131). After taking account of a gain on investment assets of £24,779 (2009 – profit £26,712) the Fund increased in value by £19,072 (2009 – increase £26,843) in the year .
- (c) The Manchester Domestic Mission Society Fund provided grants of £10,750 (2009 - £9,000) to charities which assist and advise persons resident in deprived parts of the City. Expenditure exceeded Income by £2,258 (2009 - surplus of £1,202). The gain in the value of investment assets of £13,019 (2009 – gain £13,958) was the principal reason for the increase in the value of the Fund of £10,761 (2009 – increase £ 15,160).
- (d) The Leech Fund made three grants in the year. There was a net deficit of £129 (2009 - surplus of £86). There was an increase in the value of investment assets of £279 (2009 -increase £295) leading to an increase in the Fund of £150 (2009 -increase £381).
- (e) The Association is residual trustee for Swinton Unitarian Church, which was closed over twenty years ago and demolished. The site was sold to the local authority. Because of the existence of graves on the site, most of the area was grassed over. The then trustees inserted a covenant in the sale agreement that the land should not be used for building development. The trustees have appointed a surveyor to represent their interests should the present owners of the site wish to negotiate the removal of the covenant.
- (f) The Association does not undertake fund raising activities.

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**Report of the Trustees - continued
for the year ended 31 December 2010**

Policy relating to reserves

Over many years, income has accumulated which has been invested, in part, to become merged with the capital base from which the Association's income arises. At 31st December 2010 this accumulation amounted to £445,732, arising from income surpluses of most years. These resources, as with the Association's original capital, have been severely eroded by capital losses. In recent years cash surpluses have been placed on deposit to avoid these erosions and to be available for use should the need arise, to the extent of about £30,000.

8. Statement concerning major risks

The main risk to the assets of the charity derives from the uncertain world economic situation and any adverse effect this could have on the capital value of its investments and of the income derived from them. Up to 2008, and particularly in that year, capital erosion has been severe. However, income has not, so far, been greatly affected.

9. Grant-making policy

The General Fund makes grants for building improvements and surveys of its constituent churches.

The Manchester Unitarian Congregational Fund makes grants in aid of the stipends of ministers and for the repair and maintenance of church buildings. Donations are made, mainly to national Unitarian bodies. Grants are considered by the executive committee on their merits, and within the income of the Fund, taking one year with another.

Grants from the Manchester Domestic Mission Society Fund are recommended by a sub-committee of the council. Its members actively monitor and visit the charities to which the grants are made. Grants from this Fund are intended to improve the lot of the poorer and more disadvantaged residents of Greater Manchester.

The Leech Fund now makes grants to students or ministers for the purchase of books.

10. Directors' responsibility for financial statements

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding of the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

11. Independent Examiner

The Independent Examiner, Hanleys, will be proposed for reappointment at the annual general meeting.

On behalf of the board,

22nd February 2011

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Members
for the year ended 31 December 2010**

We report on the Financial Statements of the company for the year ended 31st December 2010.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and the examiner.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report.

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Hanleys
Registered Auditor
Chartered Accountant
Spring Court
Spring Road
Hale
Cheshire

24th February 2011

**MANCHESTER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF UNITARIAN AND FREE CHRISTIAN
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Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

for the year ended 31 December 2010

	Notes	General Fund £	MUC Fund £	MDMS Fund £	Leech Fund £	Total 2010 £	Total 2009 £
Incoming Resources							
Subscriptions from member churches		1,435	0	0	0	1,435	1,175
Investment Income	6	16,354	27,999	8,880	190	53,423	60,502
Total Incoming Resources		17,789	27,999	8,880	190	54,858	61,677
Resources Expended							
Investment Manager's Fee		715	739	388	8	1,850	1,516
Grants		10,587	32,967	10,750	311	54,615	39,681
Clerical/Computer Services		0	0	0	0	0	1,977
Administration		1,891	0	0	0	1,891	3,493
Total Resource Expended		13,193	33,706	11,138	319	58,356	46,667
Net Incoming Resources	7	4,596	(5,707)	(2,258)	(129)	(3,498)	15,010
Profit on Investment Asset		23,979	24,779	13,019	279	62,056	65,439
Net Movement in Funds		28,575	19,072	10,761	150	58,558	80,449
Funds 1st January 2010		406,570	480,985	215,890	4,671	1,108,116	1,027,667
Funds 31st December 2010		435,145	500,057	226,651	4,821	1,166,674	1,108,116

**MANCHESTER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF UNITARIAN AND FREE CHRISTIAN
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Balance Sheet
at 31 December 2010

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
		£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Tangible fixed assets - Investment Land		70,000	70,000
Investments	2	1,010,197	849,364
Loans	3	1,610	1,115
		1,081,807	920,479
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors	4	6,617	13,770
Short term deposits		27,826	127,624
Cash at bank		51,699	48,122
		86,142	189,516
Less liabilities falling due within one year	5	-1,275	-1,879
		84,867	187,637
<u>Net current assets</u>		84,867	187,637
<u>Total net assets</u>		1,166,674	1,108,116
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			
General Fund		435,145	406,570
Manchester Unitarian Congregational Fund		500,057	480,985
Manchester Domestic Mission Society Fund		226,651	215,890
Leech Fund		4,821	4,671
		1,166,674	1,108,116

For the year ended 31st December 2010 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to (1) accounting records and (2) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of and its profit and loss for the financial year and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts were approved by the Directors on 22nd February 2011 and were signed on their behalf by:

Alexander Bradley- President
Martin Graham West – Treasurer

**MANCHESTER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF UNITARIAN AND FREE CHRISTIAN
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Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2010

1. Accounting Policies

(a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed asset investments at market value, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and follow the recommendations in *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice* issued in October 2000.

(b) Investment land is included in the balance sheet at Professional Valuer's estimate of market value at 31st December 1997. It is the Directors' opinion that there has been no material change in value since that date.

(c) Listed investments are included in the balance sheet at their middle market value at the accounting date.

(d) Grants and donations receivable and payable are accounted for when received or paid by the charity.

(e) Rent from investment land is brought into account on a day to day basis as earned

(f) Dividends and interest on securities and bank deposits are brought into account when received by the charity or its investment manager.

2. Investments

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
(a) Quoted investments.		
Balance at 1st January 2010	849,364	749,425
Add acquisitions in the year, at cost	<u>451,966</u>	<u>140,000</u>
	1,231,230	889,425
Less sales	<u>364,461</u>	<u>106,449</u>
	936,869	782,976
Add unrealised profit/(loss in the year)	<u>73,328</u>	<u>66,388</u>
	<u>£1,010,197</u>	<u>£ 849,364</u>

The Portfolio is managed on a discretionary basis by Newton Investment Management Limited. The custodian of the stocks and shares is The Bank of New York Inc. Its Cost value at 31st December 2010 was £1,022,628 (2009 £957,497)

3. Unsecured loans

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Urmston</u>	<u>Charles</u>	<u>Danny</u>
	<u>Loans</u>	<u>Unitarian Church</u>	<u>VanDenBroeder</u>	<u>Crosby</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Balance outstanding at 1 st January 2010	1,115	55	1,060	
<u>Add</u> New Loans	2,000			2,000
<u>Add</u> interest	<u>58</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>35</u>
	3,173	55	1,083	2,035
<u>Less</u> repayments	<u>1,563</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>1,083</u>	<u>425</u>
Balance outstanding at 31 st December 2010	<u>£1,610</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£1,610</u>

4. Debtors

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Dividends and interest	3,386	3,386
Rents due re King Street / Queen Street site	<u>3,231</u>	<u>10,384</u>
	<u>£6,617</u>	<u>£13,770</u>

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5. Liabilities falling due within one year.	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Creditor for Portfolio Management Fee	433	500
Creditor for Independent Examiner's fee	600	600
Creditor for Agents fee	<u>242</u>	<u>779</u>
	<u>£1,275</u>	<u>£1,879</u>

6. Investment Income

	<u>Income from</u>	<u>Rents etc</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Investments</u>	<u>less charges</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
General Fund	16,354	-	16,354	18,453
MUC Fund	16,900	11,099	27,999	31,302
MDMS Fund	8,880	-	8,880	10,525
Leech Fund	<u>190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>222</u>
	<u>£42,324</u>	<u>£11,099</u>	<u>£53,423</u>	<u>£60,502</u>

7. Net Incoming Resources for the year are stated after charging:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Depreciation	0	710
Management committee remuneration	-	-
Independent examiner's fee.	589	615

8. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Salary	0	1,267
Social security costs	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>£1,267</u>

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Administration and support	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.1</u>

9. Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

10. Analysis of net assets between funds:

	<u>General</u>	<u>MUC</u>	<u>MDMS</u>	<u>Leech</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Tangible fixed assets	-	70,000	-	-	70,000
Investments	390,340	403,372	211,939	4,546	1,010,197
Loans	1,610	-	-	-	1,610
Short term deposit	10,752	11,111	5,838	125	27,826
Cash at bank	27,101	15,574	8,874	150	51,699
Current assets (debtors)	6,617	-	-	-	6,617
Current liabilities	<u>(1,275)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,275)</u>
	<u>£435,145</u>	<u>£500,057</u>	<u>£226,651</u>	<u>£4,821</u>	<u>£1,166,674</u>

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Portfolio Movements in the twelve months to 31st December 2010

<u>Stock</u>	Quantity	Cost Value	Market Value 31.12.09	Market Value 31.12.10	Unrealised Profit	Income
<u>Equities</u>						
Charifund	16,933	178,772	181,558	194,859	13,301	9,674
Rathbone Income	19,116	147,953	111,544	126,691	15,147	5,126
Newton Higher Incom	159,425	114,977	91,670	92,674	1,004	6,501
		<u>441,702</u>	<u>384,772</u>	<u>414,224</u>	<u>29,452</u>	<u>21,300</u>
<u>Fixed Interest</u>						
M&G Securities	274,576	90,000	90,226	93,191	2,965	3,707
Newton Offshore Sterling	116,337	115,483	89,673	92,418	2,745	4,065
		<u>205,483</u>	<u>179,899</u>	<u>185,609</u>	<u>5,710</u>	<u>7,772</u>
<u>Property</u>						
Charities Property Fund	19,009	24,700	17,436	18,186	750	1,211
UK Commercial Property	0	4,752	4,435	0	0	95
		<u>29,452</u>	<u>21,871</u>	<u>18,186</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>1,306</u>
<u>Overseas</u>						
Global Growth & Income	0	214,584	192,526	0	0	4,914
Newton Global	29,770	31,776	35,796	38,692	2,896	1,865
SRI Fund for Charities	325,467	0	0	350,886	34,520	4,446
		<u>246,360</u>	<u>228,322</u>	<u>389,578</u>	<u>37,416</u>	<u>11,225</u>
<u>Cash Funds</u>						
Universal Liquidity Fund		34,500	34,500	2,600	0	68
		<u>34,500</u>	<u>34,500</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>68</u>
Total Investments		957,497	849,364	1,010,197	73,328	41,672
Cash		128	128	64	0	31
Total Investments and Cash		<u>957,625</u>	<u>849,492</u>	<u>1,010,261</u>	<u>73,328</u>	<u>41,703</u>
Loan Interest						58
COIF Deposit						202
Bank Interest						317
Grundy Estate income						<u>45</u>
			Total Income			<u>42,324</u>

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Manchester Domestic Mission Grants and Subscriptions from member churches

for the year ended 31 December 2010

Manchester Domestic Mission Grants

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Barlow Moor Community Assoc.	2,500	2,250
Broomhouse Centre	250	250
Lifeshare	1,000	1,000
Advice and Community Resources	0	1,000
Oldham Destitution Centre	2,500	1,000
Oldham unity Refugee Support	0	1,000
Trinity House	250	250
Mustard Tree	1,500	1,500
Wythenshawe Community Initiative	1,250	250
Tree of Life	500	500
Methodist Great Hall	500	0
Wood Street Mission	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>10,750</u>	<u>9,000</u>

Contributions from Member Churches

Altrincham	220	200
Brookfield	50	50
Chorlton	50	50
Cross Street	120	115
Dear Row	100	100
Dob Lane	50	30
Hale	50	50
Knutsford	120	100
Macclesfield	75	50
Monton	50	50
Oldham	100	100
Rivington	100	30
Styal	200	150
Urmston	<u>150</u>	<u>100</u>
	<u>1,435</u>	<u>1,175</u>

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Stipend and Other Grants

for the year ended 31 December 2010

Manchester Unitarian Congregational Fund

	2010	2009
<u>Stipend Grants</u>		
Knutsford	1,875	1,820
Monton	5,000	3,590
Macclesfield	4,800	5,150
Dob Lane	5,000	3,500
Queens Road	750	250
Styal	2,650	885
Oldham	<u>2,083</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>22,158</u>	<u>15,195</u>
<u>Bursary</u>		
Bob Pounder	<u>3,287</u>	<u>1,456</u>
<u>Other Grants</u>		
Greater Manchester Churches Together	237	221
IARF British Chapter	15	15
Unitarian College Manchester	1,750	1,750
GA Ministry Students Fund	1,500	1,500
Manchester Academy Fund	600	600
GA General Fund	500	500
Nightingale Centre	250	250
The Inquirer	1,000	1,000
Send a Child to Hucklow	250	200
Gaskell House	100	100
Provincial Assembly	25	25
GA One World Week	0	50
Council for Christians and Jews	60	60
Faith and Freedom	30	30
Gay Pride Parade	55	50
Indian Council of Churches	0	500
Cash for India	0	200
Five Days Away and Unikids	1,000	0
Torquay	50	0
Miscellaneous	<u>100</u>	<u>25</u>
	<u>7,522</u>	<u>7,326</u>
<u>Total Congregational Fund Grants</u>	<u>32,967</u>	<u>23,977</u>
<u>General Fund: Building Improvements</u>		
Brook Street Chapel	5,000	5,000
Monton Building Work	0	1,500
Monton Survey	0	75
Chorlton Survey	587	0
Altrincham Windows	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>10,587</u>	<u>6,575</u>
<u>Leech Fund Grants</u>		
Vernon Marshall	0	128
Bob Pounder	100	0
Danny Crosby	100	0
Jean Bradley	<u>111</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>311</u>	<u>128</u>
<u>Total Grants</u>	<u>43,865</u>	<u>30,680</u>

The Unitarian
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st December 2010

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Magazine Subscriptions	8,098.32		5,723.46	
Donations	406.11		2,314.58	
Interest and dividends	319.62		321.58	
Sales of History of the Unitarian	<u>200.00</u>		<u>-</u>	
		9,024.05		8,359.62
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Printing	4,608.00		4,957.50	
Carriage and Packing	1,746.36		1,613.62	
Honoraria	812.50		1,125.00	
Management Expenditure	<u>68.84</u>		<u>150.13</u>	
		<u>7,235.70</u>		<u>7,846.25</u>
<u>Excess of Income over Expenditure</u>		1,788.35		513.37
Write off stock of Histories	-		- 560.90	
Movement in value of Investment	<u>385.91</u>	385.91	<u>476.12</u>	- 84.78
<u>Total funds at 31 December 2009</u>		<u>11,567.17</u>		<u>11,138.58</u>
<u>Total funds at 31 December 2010</u>		<u>£ 13,741.43</u>		<u>£ 11,567.17</u>

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2010

<u>Investment in COIF income account</u> <u>(Cost £4,000)</u>		6,256.44		5,870.53
<u>Current Assets</u>				
CAF gold account	4,819.31		4,771.41	
CAF current account	3,070.98		126.31	
RBS current account	<u>615.30</u>		<u>1,111.42</u>	
	8,505.59		6,009.14	
Less Creditors	<u>1,020.60</u>		<u>312.50</u>	
		<u>7,484.99</u>		<u>5,696.64</u>
		<u>£ 13,741.43</u>		<u>£ 11,567.17</u>