



# **Annual Report of the Trustees for the year 2012**

**to be presented to the Annual General Meeting on**

**16<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 2.15 pm at**

**High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts**

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## **ABOUT MODERN CHURCH**

*Modern Church takes an open-minded and thoughtful approach to Christian faith.*

### **We understand that**

- genuine faith is committed to the search for truth, wherever it comes from
- it is possible to think and talk about God in ways that make sense in our time and culture
- we never have absolute certainty.

### **We encourage**

- open discussion: freedom to explore ideas, ask questions and change our minds without fear of disapproval
- critical scholarship: keeping up to date with good research, examining the implications of new insights and discoveries
- willingness to change: so that what we believe now can be expressed in the things our churches do and say.

### **We expect our theology to be**

- public: talking the language of ordinary people, not that of a religious club
- relevant: engaging with what is going on in society, informing our faith and how we live
- respectful: willing to learn from others, within and outside Christianity, since we accept that we don't have all the answers.

### **Public benefit**

As a charitable organisation we consider that our aims and objects have the following public benefits:

- we have a duty within our present-day society to present Christianity in a way which can be understood by ordinary people
- we encourage all church people, both ordained and lay, to play a full part in the governance and activities of their churches and foster greater engagement with the mission of the churches to support the poor, sick and needy in society
- by engaging in research and study we can help our fellow Christians come to a deeper understanding of their faith and how it has developed
- our approach to theology will encourage people of all faiths to better understand one another thus promoting better relations between the faiths.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

This has been a turbulent year for Modern Church as it has tried to wrestle with the issue of improving its outward facing resources. We have looked again at how we support our main conference and are in the process of developing a 'Conference Secretariat' of volunteers to manage the practical issues of planning and delivering our annual conference. We have also looked at whether other one day or weekend conferences should be offered and used the opportunity of the anniversary of Honest to God to test responses. So far the indications are good and uptake for these events has been positive.

We have also looked at how we might connect more effectively with theological colleges and theology departments. Some of this work has been delayed as our attention has focused on other issues, but we have affirmed our desire to offer subsidised places at conferences to students.

The most substantial amount of time has been devoted to Modern Believing and the excellent work of Adrian Thatcher in working to ensure that our ambition to have a leading journal of liberal theology is properly reflected in the product. This has included Adrian's work to expand and refresh the editorial board which has been very successful and our consideration of how we might expand the readership with a new publisher. That process has turned out to be much more complicated and difficult than we had hoped and is still under consideration. We owe Adrian a great debt of thanks for all his work.

Other publications are developing well albeit at a gentle pace. We have increased the number of short leaflets setting out our thoughts on a range of issues that can be used as introductory material. The Making Sense series, initiated by Modern Church and published by SPCK had two new titles written by Jonathan Clatworthy and Adrian Thatcher and two more coming out in 2013; the Together in Hope series promoted jointly by four liberal organisations including Modern Church published one new title by Jack Spong.

You will note from our treasurer's report that finance continues to be an issue and at the residential Council meeting we began to give attention to how we address the problem we share with other membership organizations, that is falling membership income. We agreed that for the future we would need to generate income by other means as well as membership if we want to maintain the same level of activity.

It was with sadness that we accepted the resignation of John Barton as chair due to ill health.

I would like to thank Christine Alker for her invaluable work and all the officers and members of Council and Standing Committee for their hard work over the past 12 months.

*Rev John Plant*

### **GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Charity Commission states that annual reports should include a brief summary of how the charity's activities during the year have contributed towards its Objects.

Modern Church's Objects were last revised in the 1930s and read as follows.

(1) To affirm the progressive character of God's self-revelation, and the certainty that no truth can lead away from Him.

(2) To proclaim Christ and His Gospel in the light of modern knowledge, endeavouring to give clear meaning to all phrases which are open to ambiguous treatment.

(3) To maintain the right and duty of the Church of England to reject what is false and to restate what is true in her traditional dogmas.

(4) To defend the freedom of responsible students, clerical as well as lay, in their work of criticism and research.

(5) To promote the study of the Bible according to modern critical methods, and to interpret its message in the light of such study.

(6) To secure more regard for beauty and truth in Church Services and the use of language and customs in harmony with modern thought.

(7) To promote the application of Christian principles in public as well as private life.

(8) To assert the right and duty of the laity to take a due share in the government and work of the Church.

(9) To maintain the historic comprehensiveness of the Church of England and to foster fellowship and co-operation both in Word and Sacrament with other Christian Societies.

2012 was a year of responses to a succession of public relations misfortunes by the leadership of the Church of England.

As the year began the first few diocesan votes on the Anglican Covenant had already been held, and on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012 the number of dioceses voting against it reached a majority. The Covenant had been proposed (in the Windsor Report) to provide a means for the Anglican Communion as a whole to respond to the controversy about gay bishops. In order to achieve this it would have centralised decision-making power in the Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion, in consultation with the Primates' Meeting and the Anglican Consultative Council. Our Objects encouraged us to oppose it for a number of reasons. Most obviously we believe it would have reduced 'the historic comprehensiveness of the Church of England' (Object 9). It would also have given power to objectors to suppress our claims for 'the progressive character of God's self-revelation' (Object 1), for proclaiming the Gospel in the light of modern knowledge (Object 2), and for rejecting what is false and restating what is true in traditional dogmas (Object 3). The centralisation of power would have reduced the role of the laity in church government (Object 8).

Later in the year our attention turned to women bishops. We have supported them in principle because the first five of our Objects require openness to changes of this type, and the arguments against them are characteristically rejections of this openness. There was an ongoing saga throughout the year: after the diocesan votes the addition of the controversial Clause 5(1)(c) by the House of Bishops, then the General Synod meetings in July and November, neither of which produced sufficient

majorities. With regard to the campaigning we have followed the lead of WATCH, many of whom are in any case Modern Church members.

The third controversy was about gay marriages. Once again the House of Bishops saw it as their role to defend a restrictive tradition against public pressure to accept greater equality and diversity.

The overall effect of these three controversies was that the Church of England's leadership, particularly the House of Bishops, was increasingly perceived as out of touch not only with public opinion but even with committed churchgoers. Our response has been to offer more open, enquiring approaches to Christian faith, accepting diversity of belief and innovation as normal.

We have done this in a number of ways. The main growth area is our website, which has grown considerably over the course of the year, especially with regard to material on the Anglican Covenant and women bishops.

*Modern Believing* has also developed under our new Editor Adrian Thatcher. It now besports on its front page the claim to be '*The Journal of Liberal Theology*'.

We have produced a number of leaflets for free distribution. New leaflets include one on 'Sex & God' and one on 'Evolution'.

I continue to receive invitations to give talks about Modern Church and liberal theology. In addition I have debated the Anglican Covenant – altogether four times, three with Gregory Cameron and one with Elizabeth Paver.

Overall, then, 2012 was a year of responding to ecclesiastical events. Perhaps in the long run it may prove to have been a turning-point, reducing the credibility of hardline versions of Christianity and enabling a revival of liberalism. If so, we would like to think that we played a significant part.

***Rev Jonathan Clatworthy***

## MODERN BELIEVING

The 2011 conference 'Can these bones live? – Reading the Bible Today' generated 7 fine papers, spread over 2 editions. Our swift response to the death of John Hick resulted in our publishing (in 53:3) an appreciation of his life and his contribution to liberal thought, by one of our members, Alan Race.

The guidance notes for authors were fully updated, re-written, and put on the Modern Church website.

A system of peer review was introduced, specifying the criteria which articles successfully submitted would be expected to pass (together with reviewer response forms), and put on the website.

In order to attract and expedite on-line searching of the journal, authors became required to produce abstracts and key-words which are published at the head of each article, and made available in the ATLA database.

The October edition published the papers of an important conference hosted by the Lincoln Theological Institute in the University of Manchester. The papers discussed how far the Christian faith is able to advocate nationalism and patriotism. The editor attended the conference, and in an attempt to attract new readers, enabled conference members to sign up for a free conference edition of Modern Believing (53:4).

An essay competition, designed to attract new contributors, and offering a cash prize of £250 + attendance at the annual conference where the winner would read a paper, was introduced in July.

The editorial board was revised. Two thirds of the board were either retired, deceased or unaware of their membership. 8 former members continued; 12 new members, some of remarkable theological distinction, joined. Invitations to join the board were accepted with alacrity and enthusiasm.

A series of themed editions, consisting of commissioned articles, was planned. Work on the first of these, *Still Honest to God?*, scheduled for April 2013 (54:2), began in January 2012.

21 articles were published in 2012. 7 were conference papers; 7 articles were commissioned, and 7 were unsolicited and peer reviewed. Peer review is raising standards, but probably increasing the number of rejections. There were 6 rejections of articles and at least 1 withdrawal, as a result of peer review. A majority of those accepted required revision prior to publication. The number of articles offered is in any case decreasing, and there were no entries for the essay competition in 2012. The solution to the problem is to commission more themed editions, probably 2 years or more ahead of publication.

The fast-declining number of institutional subscriptions reported to the Trustees, is catastrophic for the medium-term future of the journal, its outreach, influence, and 'pull' for new writers. Openly expressed doubts among some of the Trustees about the affordability of the journal, about the wisdom of investing further in it, and about its success in furthering the aims of Modern Church, have been disappointing, and undermine the attempt to augment the profile and impact of the journal beyond the static core membership and plummeting institutional subscriptions.

***Prof Adrian Thatcher***  
***Editor***

### **SIGNS OF THE TIMES REPORT**

Our popular newsletter continues to flourish. During 2012, the women bishops debate and related questions about episcopacy and the like have attracted notable contributions from members and others, but other ongoing causes such as the Anglican Covenant and its hopefully final defeat within these shores also figured largely. News of developments within Modern Church itself has also occupied much space, and this has increased as editions have moved into 2013.

An increasingly important issue for the Editor has been how to co-ordinate such contributions with those put up on our increasingly influential website. The latter of course offers opportunities for rapid response in a complex area such as the toings and froings on women bishops, as it did with the Covenant, and is probably read by a wider range of people than *Signs of*

*the Times*. The Trustees are very aware, however, that not all Modern Church members have access to the internet. Moreover they believe that there is still, in any case, a place for a quarterly printed “journal of record” which members appreciate receiving (and which can be passed on to non-members as a recruiting aid). Yet the media overlap, and we have evidence that *Signs* articles are not infrequently accessed on the website, and appreciated there also.

The newsletter continues to carry news of groups and indeed individuals labouring in the same vineyard – where, and only where, such news is notified to us! It has also begun to make a feature of reviewing books which might not be as academically rigorous as those reviewed in *Modern Believing* but which are thought to be of interest to the membership – and our Reviews Editor, Alan Wolfe, would welcome more reviewers to his panel. It would also be good to have nominations of such books which members have found of interest.

Contributions on any issues of potential interest to the membership, of a less academic kind than would be appropriate for our learned journal, are always welcomed. The formal deadlines are normally around the 20<sup>th</sup> of the last month in each quarter (March, June, September and December), though copy is usually closed around 7 December because of possible delays in the Winter mailing due to Christmas, and the amount of material submitted often means that we have to close before the official deadline – so please send in material in really good time! The quality of the material depends on our members, and lively, concise and if possible illustrated contributions are particularly appreciated.

***Anthony Woollard***

## **WEBSITE REPORT**

The Modern Church website consists of over 450 pages with a consistent style and clear navigation. Content includes the main features from *Signs of the Times* since 2005 and editorials and books reviewed in *Modern Believing* since 2008. Conference pages list topics and speakers for

this and previous years' annual conferences as far back as 2002, with audio recordings of talks since 2009. There are also pages describing Modern Church publications, videos from the Modern Church YouTube channel, a list of 130+ links to other sites, bookshop pages showing 400+ titles with purchase links to Amazon UK, an events calendar, and a section about Modern Church and its history.

The number of unique recorded visitors averaged 105 per day during 2012, together viewing an average of 1,350 pages each week. The full text of *Modern Believing* is archived separately in the ATLA (American Theological Library Association) Serials Database, with free access to back issues of both *Modern Believing* and its predecessor *The Modern Churchman* available to Modern Church members on request.

**David Marshall**

### **MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The numbers of individual subscribers at the date of the 2010 annual report and the end of 2011 and 2012 were as follows:

<b>Subscription type</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Individual member	449	448	441[1]
Joint member	54	50	48[2]
Life member	10	10	10
Honorary member	7	8	10
<b>Total members</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>509[3]</b>
Institution	96	94	87
Journal exchange	9	8	8

#### **Notes**

1. Of which 186 paid the concessionary rate (204 in 2011).
2. Of which 23 paid the concessionary rate (29 in 2011).
3. During 2012 a total of 54 new members joined (42 in 2011).

**David Marshall**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2012 accounts which accompany this report have, as before, been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, not on the full accruals basis required for companies and larger charities. Using the accruals basis would require compliance with some rather complex accounting standards and would also I believe involve a more elaborate day-to-day record-keeping system that might be challenging for an amateur treasurer. According to my rough calculation, not part of the accounts checked by the Independent Examiner, the deficit for the year would have been around £4,300 on an accruals basis, but this is after making only straightforward adjustments for which the information was easily to hand.

However one presents the figures, the position is unsatisfactory and ultimately unsustainable. Nevertheless, there are some causes for subdued optimism. The conference speakers' expenses were abnormally high, which will hopefully not be repeated. The non-institutional subscription income has held up reasonably, partly helped by the welcome generosity of some retired members who pay the full rather than the concessional rate of subscription.

In the second half of the year, and continuing into 2013, the Trustees and the Editor of Modern Believing spent much time considering a proposal from Sage Publishing to take over the production and distribution of Modern Believing, with a five-year contract term. There were good grounds for believing that Sage could have raised the profile of the journal significantly among universities and other institutions, but we would have had to surrender to Sage the whole of the subscription income from those institutions; we would have received no financial benefit at all from the increase in institutional readership. We would have had to purchase from Sage copies for our individual members. The proposal as it stood was adjudged unacceptable.

This will be my last report. I mentioned last year that I would want to stand down this year, and I am not standing for re-election.

***Richard Hall***  
***Hon. Treasurer***

# Income and Expenditure account

Year ended 31 December 2012

2011		
£	INCOME	£
20,174	Subscriptions (note 2)	21,337
5,948	Gift Aid tax repayments (for 2 years in 2011)	3,376
7,445	Dividends	7,519
234	Deposit and other interest	274
2,913	Books, publications (note 5)	3,479
219	Donations (unrestricted £15; student sponsorship for conference £5)	20
1,104	Miscellaneous (note 4)	1,972
<u>38,037</u>		<u>37,977</u>
	EXPENDITURE	
16,916	<i>Modern Believing</i> , newsletter, etc. (note 5)	18,599
6,067	Employment – incl. 50% of insurance	5,669
35	PayPal fees	173
5,494	Office and administration expenses	5,324
	Advertising	330
3,246	Meetings (note 4)	5,052
788	Books, other publications (Note 5)	1,423
2,945	Events and projects (note 6)	2,475
79	Sundry expenses	36
<u>35,570</u>		<u>39,081</u>
2,467	Surplus/(deficit) (£39081 - £37977)	(1,104)
(1,500)	Adjustment in reclaimable Gift Aid tax	(1,000)
(824)	Conference deficit	(1,645)
<u>143</u>	<b>Total surplus/(deficit)</b>	<u><b>(3,749)</b></u>

# Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2012

2011 £	FUNDS	£
216,403	Balance at 1 January 2011	206,731
143	Surplus/(deficit) for year	(3,749)
<u>(9,815)</u>	Investment appreciation (depreciation)	<u>15,898</u>
<u>206,731</u>	TOTAL FUNDS (note 3)	<u>218,880</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
Investments		
CBF for the Church of England		
Investment Fund 15,500 Income Shares		
160,053	at year-end value	175,951
Current Assets (liabilities)		
6,000	Estimate of Gift Aid tax reclaimable	5,000
14,304	Cash at bank: General Account	16,144
150	PayPal	317
26,224	CBF Deposit Fund	21,468
<u>206,731</u>		<u>218,880</u>

# Conference Account

Year ended 31 December 2012

2011		£
£	INCOME (Note 7)	£
19,620	Fees for current year (net of refunds)	15,729
219	Other income current year	77
<u>1,575</u>	Fees for following year	<u>1,670</u>
<u>21,414</u>		<u>17,476</u>
	EXPENDITURE (Note 7)	
17,764	High Leigh Account	13,964
150	Advertising	445
756	Speakers' expenses, fees & gifts (current year)	2,114
808	Administration and other (current & earlier)	787
	Advertising for following year	283
1,859	Booking deposits following year and later	1,515
<u>901</u>	Other conference expenses for CY +1	<u>13</u>
<u>22,238</u>		<u>19,121</u>
(824)	Surplus/(deficit) (£19,121 - £17,476)	(1,645)

## 1. Basis of accounts (and see Note 8)

The accounts are on a cash received and paid basis and there is no matching of receipts in one year against expense payments in another.

The balance sheet shows the total assets and liabilities. The investment fund shares are included at their market value, but changes in value from year to year are taken straight to Total Funds in the balance sheet, not to the ordinary income and expenditure account.

No financial provision is carried forward to future years for the cost of continuing to provide publications, etc., to life members in future years (when they will pay no further subscription).

There has been some reclassification between captions in the 2011 comparative figures compared with the original accounts.

## 2. Subscriptions

This amount is after refunds of amounts paid to MC in error, and includes £254 paid by members over and above their required subscriptions.

### 3. Purposes for which funds are held

£5 of the total funds is restricted, being held for sponsorship of students at the annual conference. The Trustees regard the remaining, unrestricted, funds as being held for the following purposes:

Value of investment fund, to produce income	176,000
Conference (fees in advance, reserve for possible loss)	10,000
General working capital, future losses and contingencies	18,000
Special projects and events already in train at year-end	3,500
Balance for other future special projects and events	<u>11,380</u>
	<u>218,880</u>

### 4. Meetings

This includes the cost of the residential council meeting at Hinsley Hall in March, before deducting contributions from council members of £570 in 2012 plus £935 in £2011 (total £1505), which are in miscellaneous income. (Miscellaneous income also contains contributions of £1027 towards the 2013 meeting.)

### 5. Books, publications

The income heading represents sales of publications, single copies of *Modern Believing*, royalties (£2,104) for online viewing of *Modern Believing*, and commission from Amazon on sales arising from the MC's website link to Amazon. The expenditure heading shows the cost of printing or purchasing items for sale. The income heading also includes £860 for sales of *Together in Hope* publications, a venture of which MC is a member. This income is paid over to the venture from time to time and £804 is included in publications expenditure.

### 6. Events and projects

The main items are:

Greenbelt (MC's share only)	1138
Contribution to Jim Kenny conference	300
Share of deposit on Honest to God conference	866

### 7. Conference receipts and payments

This account shows only the receipts and payments during the accounting period, not the overall result for the conference held in the period. Taking account of receipts and expenses in all years, the 2012 conference loss was £2,239 (2011 conference: £694 loss). The large loss was attributable to not filling all booked rooms and high speakers' expenses. Those expenses were high because there were more speakers than usual and some large individual claims from speakers who had long or expensive journeys

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MODERN CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of the Modern Church for the year ended 31 December 2012, which are set out on pages 10 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jonathan H. Rudge FCA,  
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12th June 2013

## **REPORT ON THE 2012 CONFERENCE**

### **By whose authority? An interfaith look at women and religious authority**

The annual conference was held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July, at High Leigh Conference Centre as in past years. It was chaired by the Revd. Dr. Harriet Harris, chaplain at Edinburgh University; the conference chaplain was the Revd Dr. Miranda Threlfall-Holmes.

The conference aimed to explore the role of women in the context of leadership, looking at

- The difference ‘difference’ makes
- Humility and ambition
- Women as leaders in the early church
- Old and new taboos
- ‘Leadership’ and ‘discipleship’ among the Anglican Divines
- Exemplars, and the art of conversation across faiths and cultures
- Change, loss and failure.

Planning and preparation: The planning of this conference got off to a slow start; our first choice of chairperson (who invites speakers on our behalf) accepted the challenge, but then had to take up a new post in the meantime and felt she could not take on the challenge of the new job and chair our conference. This meant Harriett had less time than usual to plan the conference. In all there were 16 speakers and workshop leaders; as a result of this and lower numbers than usual, the finances suffered .

However, it was an interesting four days, rather different from our normal conferences, being more experiential, and “applicatory” than usual.

The feedback was mostly complimentary, with just one or two commenting on the lack of academic theological content. The workshops were enjoyed and most commented on the chair's skills and the refreshing number of women speakers. Some felt the balance went too far, and we could have done with more men! Personally, I felt the shift in balance a welcome change rather than something for general practice!

On the whole, this was a successful conference, but with some important lessons learnt, particularly in the planning: the chair must be appointed well ahead, there must be clear guidelines for the chair, and a secretary rather more willing to confront overenthusiastic chairs!!

***Rev Clare Nicholson, Conference Secretary***

### **ELECTED MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES DURING 2012**

	<b>Posts</b>	<b>Trustees</b>
Mrs Jean Barnett		
Mrs Pat Boyd		
Rev Dr Lorraine Cavanagh Elected July 2012		
Revd Jonathan Clatworthy	General Secretary	Ex-officio Trustee
Dr Susannah Cornwall		Trustee from July '12
Revd Canon David Driscoll		
Revd Ruth Fitter Elected July 2012		
Revd John Goldsmith		
Revd Chris Halliday		
Revd David Howard Elected July 2012		
Revd David James Elected July 2012		
Revd Peter Law-Jones Elected July 2012		
Revd Franklin Lee		
Revd Jan van der Lely	Conference Booking Sec	
Mr Patrick Lewin		
Mrs Suzanne Long		Trustee until July '12
Mrs Rosalind Lund	Vice Chair	Ex-officio Trustee

Mr David Marshall	Membership / Website	
Revd Jean Mayland		
Revd. Clare Nicholson	2012 Conference Sec.	Trustee
Rev Canon Trevor Pitt		
Revd John Plant	Chair	Ex-officio Trustee
Revd Canon Dr Alan Race		Trustee from July '12
Mrs Mary Roe		Trustee until July '12
Revd Miranda Threlfall-Holmes Elected July 2012		
The Revd Tim Stead		
Mr David Storey		Trustee
Prof Adrian Thatcher	Editor Modern Believing	Trustee from July '12
Mr Anthony Woollard	Editor: Signs of the Times	Trustee

#### Non-elected Council Members

Name	Posts	Trustees
Rev Dr Jeyan Anketell (coopted)		
Prof John Barton	President	
Mr Richard Hall	Treasurer	Ex-officio Trustee
Mrs Christine Alker	Administrator (non-voting)	
Ms Hilary Topp	SCM, Observer	
Prof Elaine Graham	Vice President	Trustee
<p><b>Victive-presidents:</b> Revd Prof Paul Badham, Revd Dr Nicholas Henderson, Prof. McCord Adams, Dr Peter Mills, The Most Revd Barry Morgan, The Rt Revd John Saxbee, The Rt Revd Brian Smith, The Rt Revd Tim Stevens, The Revd Canon Richard Truss, The Rt Revd Martin Wharton</p>		

#### SUBSCRIPTION RATES

**Individual :** Full £35 (non UK: £42)

Without Modern Believing £28 (non UK: £33)

**Concessionary:** Full £25 (UK only)

Without Modern Believing £18

**Joint :** 75% of combined rates **Member organisation:** £55 (non UK: £62)

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