



Annual Report 2010

ABOUT MODERN CHURCH

Modern Church was known, until July 2010, as the Modern Churchpeople's Union. It is a theological society which seeks to promote a liberal approach to Christian believing. Founded in 1898, its liberalism is expressed in affirming a balance of Scripture, reason and tradition, accepting that all are fallible and new insights are always possible. It therefore affirms

- open exploration of religious questions
- critical scholarship to keep up to date with good research and examine the implications of new insights, and
- willingness to change so that current understandings can be expressed in doctrines, liturgies and ethics.

Modern Church is a registered charity, operating under a constitution and managed by trustees. A new constitution was agreed at the 2010 Annual General Meeting and came into effect on 1 August. This provides for the election by the membership of a treasurer and a Council of up to 30 members, none of whom serves for more than 3 years before re-election. The Council elects the Trustees, one-third of whom retire each year but are eligible for re-election. There are no selection or training procedures for Trustees but they are kept informed of any relevant guidance from the Charity Commission.

The duties of the Council include, amongst others: to represent the membership, to maintain good working relationships with other groups which are in sympathy with Modern Church, to advise the Trustees on direction and priorities and to consider the budget and significant policy proposals in consultation with the Trustees. The Trustees of Modern Church have responsibility for the financial management of the charity and for doing all that is necessary for the achievement of its objects. Modern Church is mindful of its duty to provide a public benefit and does this through its conferences and publications. It offers Christians the tools for constructive dialogue and working relationships with other Christians, unbelievers and adherents of other faiths, grounded on informed understanding. Those same tools also serve individuals in their personal lives. It holds an annual conference addressing a contemporary issue through theological reflection. Its publications include the journal *Modern Believing* and the newsletter *Signs of the Times*, both quarterly.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1998 : A Decade of Evangelism drawing to a close just as Callum Brown puts the finishing touches to his **Death of Christian Britain**.

- : Celebrants of the Secular Society still trying to make sense of Princess Diana's funeral.
- : Tentative moves by General Synod and the House of Bishops in the direction of more liberal attitudes towards women, divorce, cohabitation, abortion and homosexuality seen as good (Church coming of age) or bad (Church colluding with the spirit of the age) according to taste...
- : and the Modern Churchpeople's Union marking its Centenary.

In that year I gladly accepted an invitation to become President of the Union, and as I now step down following my recent retirement from full-time ministry, I reflect with satisfaction on how liberal Anglicanism has continued to contribute positively to the ecclesiastical landscape as the third Christian Millennium gets into its stride.

This most recent phase in our story has coincided with what has become known as postmodernism. This is now being exposed as an intellectual and cultural *cul de sac* so that either return to a pre-modern world view, or the embrace of some kind of desperate nihilism, are the only games in town. But as Modern Church our title-deeds tell us that "Back to Modernity" might well be a more appropriate and sustainable rallying cry in these exciting but uncertain times.

In his recently published history of the Church in the British Isles 1900 - 2000, Keith Robbins suggests that in 1998 "another of pluralism's puzzles had presented itself. Just how much difference could one Church accommodate?" Whilst members of Modern Church would

almost certainly opt for a good deal of difference being tolerated, it is sadly still the case that there is no one more intolerant than a tolerant liberal when it comes to accommodating other points of view! So we cannot be smug or complacent in relation to, for example, the proposed Anglican Covenant. But we can and must continue to stand up for a Church which foreswears the introduction of border controls, inquisitions and sanctions when it comes to how we deal with difference. These are pre-modern palliatives when modernity calls us to do difference differently.

For 113 years the MCU (now MC) has been a force for good in both Church and Society, contributing important theological substance to liberal causes which have flourished and borne fruit. There is much still to be done, but the estimable Officers, members and supporters of MC have good reason to be proud of what has been achieved - and I am proud to have been given the opportunity to be your President during the first decade of our second century.

Thank you for your friendship, support and encouragement over the years, and may we all be richly blessed as God's future unfolds ahead of us.

+John Saxbee

CHAIR'S REPORT

As reported in last year's annual report our desire to expand our membership identified an opportunity and a challenge. The opportunity was to have a presence at the 2010 Greenbelt Festival and the challenge was to rebrand MCU. Consistent feedback from those who appeared to share the aims and ethos of MCU but were not members was that the name itself was a discouragement to joining. As you will know following widespread consultations, last year's AGM voted for the new title to be Modern Church. We retained the option to use the acronym MCU to help those already familiar with us to make the transition but in

the last 12 months have used Modern Church as our title.

Our first real opportunity to use the new name was at the Greenbelt Festival itself and the feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. This was true of our presence in general and there was no doubt that we were very welcome. We had a stall with material and information throughout the festival and a steady stream of interested inquiries. Thanks to Christine Alker's imaginative idea of a give away carrier bag with our name and logo on it that festival goers could use to put the other free gifts they collected in the Market Space, the name Modern Church received as much exposure as we could have hoped. This together with the premier of a song written for the occasion by Tim Stead and performed live attracted attention. Our overall impression was that we had been successful in increasing awareness of our organization among a new constituency.

In regard to our key objective of expanding our membership it has proved more complicated to assess our impact. We certainly did not achieve a flood of new people signing up as members however this year's conference is sold out. On further reflection after Greenbelt one of the issues we identified is the difficulty of registering support for Modern Church without becoming a full member and the associated cost. How might someone for example support a particular campaign, such as the one against the Covenant, or access on line material without committing themselves further financially? Our conclusion has been to propose the possibility of being an Associate Member and developing our website to be able to receive online payments and donations.

The process of rebranding has clearly raised wider questions for Modern Church as we consider what we have to offer potential supporters and how those resources are delivered in a timely and attractive way. Questions about the formation of local regional groups remain current as well as how we might develop Signs of the Times, the webpages and Modern Believing. These are now issues under active consideration by Council.

I would like to thank Tim Stead and the Rebranding group as well as Rosalind Lund and the Communications group for their work on these issues. Also thanks are due to all the members of Standing Committee and Council for their active support over the past 12 months. The range of activities we now achieve would be impossible without the considerable time that officers of the Council are willing to commit, especially Richard Hall as treasurer, Paul Badham as editor of *Modern Believing*, Anthony Woollard as editor of *Signs of the Times* and Jonathan Clatworthy as General Secretary who has been excellent especially in relation to the campaign against the Covenant. We have appreciated the work of Dave Marshall on the website and membership and Christine Alker as administrator.

In particular I would like to thank our President, John Saxbee for his tireless advocacy of liberal theology and warm support for Modern Church. As a voice of quiet reason he will be greatly missed in the House of Bishops and by Modern Church also; we are very pleased that he has accepted the invitation to become a Vice-President in recognition of his many years of support.

John Plant

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

With great relief, last year's Annual General Meeting brought to an end two processes which had occupied considerable attention over many years. The more obvious of the two was the change of name. The other was our new constitution. This was needed primarily because of charities legislation, but in any case the old one was out of date. Although it was necessary to make some changes to the way we do things, for the most part we aimed to express the way we work already.

Independently of the constitution, though, we have agreed an additional change which we hope will facilitate our discussions on future directions. Until now we have had three Council meetings a year. The

first has been immediately after the AGM, just to elect officers. The other two have been in autumn and spring respectively. The costs of travel and room hire have been increasing substantially, and most members have done a lot of travelling for only a few hours' worth of meeting. In future we plan to replace these two meetings with one, but make it a longer event with an overnight stay. The first of these is planned for March 2012.

SPCK has agreed to publish a series of short books on our behalf in a series 'Making Sense of Christianity'. The aim is to offer readable responses, from a liberal perspectives, to the main stumbling blocks which put people off Christianity. The first two, by Helen-Ann Hartley and Lorraine Cavanagh, were published last month and are available on the bookstall. The others are due to be published over the next two years.

Much of our attention over the past year has been focused on two church controversies, women bishops and the Anglican Covenant. In the case of women bishops we have supported WATCH and provided some resources. On the Anglican Covenant we have played a leading role in presenting the case against. This is largely because it is central to our defence of open, enquiring theology that matters of controversy should be publicly debated in their own terms, in the interests of seeking truth, and not suppressed by decrees of church leaders. There is now a substantial amount of material available, on other websites as well as ours. Paul Bagshaw's analyses have proved very influential, and Jean Mayland is to be congratulated on doing all she can to ensure that our literature is made available to the dioceses as they debate the matter.

Finally I would like to thank John Plant for chairing our meetings so ably over the last year. We have had some very long agendas but he has steered us through them with great skill, always ensuring that we conclude in time for the cup of tea and sticky bun provided by our hosts at St Katharine's Foundation.

Jonathan Clatworthy

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

There is little to report this year beyond what is shown in the figures. The modest fall in membership of just over 3% suggests that what Modern Church does and stands for is important to members even in the current economic climate. The correspondence I have received over the year has included letters and notes from members reluctantly unable to continue – I am rarely able to reply appropriately but I have appreciated the time taken to explain these decisions.

The number of individual subscribers at the dates of the last two annual reports and 29 April this year are:

Subscription type	2009	2010	2011	
Individual member	531	470	449	[1]
Joint member	52	52	54	[2]
Life member	7	10	10	
Honorary member	9	6	7	
Total members	599	538	520	[3]
Institution	121	101	96	
Journal exchange	14	14	9	

Notes

1. Of which 238 paid the concessionary rate.
2. Of which 39 paid the concessionary rate.
3. Since 29 May 2010 a total of 31 members have joined, with 49 either cancelling or not renewing their subscription. A further 9 subscriptions are more than one month overdue.

David Marshall, 29 April 2011

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2010 accounts and their explanatory notes appear on the following pages. They have, as previously, been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, not on the full accruals basis required for companies and larger charities. The main effects of not using an accruals basis are on accounting for Gift Aid and life membership (Note 1) and the annual conference (Note 7).

The surplus for the year was £2,495, superficially little different from 2009's £2,379. The underlying result was however far worse. Had it not been for the quite exceptional receipt of over £11,000 in legacies and donations (Note 5) there would have been a deficit of over £9,000. This was caused by several factors of which the main ones were a drop of over 15% in subscription income, despite the increase in subscription rates from September 2009, and our first deficit for some years on the conference. Expenditure on events and projects was also much higher but it is right for it to be significant as it represents one of our core activities. The decline in membership is regularly discussed by the trustees and the council. There is more information in David Marshall's Membership Report.

The largest single expenditure heading is for Modern Believing and Signs of the Times, particularly the former. We continue to produce the paper edition because we think it is wanted by some of our members and, importantly, the institutional subscribers who not only contribute significantly to our income but also help to broadcast our message to professional theologians.

Looking ahead to the likely result for 2011, there is little or no hope of avoiding a substantial deficit, probably over £9,000. We badly need some more members or regular donors. It is hoped that the facility, currently being introduced, to make payments from our website by credit or debit card via PayPal will appeal to those who expect as a matter of course to be able to make online payments.

Richard Hall, Hon. Treasurer

REPORT FROM THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

MODERN CHURCH

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 2010 together with the Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2010 incorporating the Conference Account, in conjunction with the supporting books, vouchers and banking records.

I confirm that I have received all the information and explanations which were required.

In my opinion the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet agree with the books, vouchers and banking records and show a True and Fair View of the transactions during the year ended 31st December 2010 and the affairs of Modern Church as at that date.

[Signed] David Parker

Certified Accountant

29th April, 2011

Income and Expenditure account

Year ended 31 December 2010

2009 £	INCOME	£
22,954	Subscriptions (note 3)	19,369
7,192	Dividends	7,408
269	Deposit interest	113
1,118	Books, publications (note 4)	2,361
—	Donations and legacies (note 5)	11,435
1,639	Miscellaneous (note 6)	1,065
1,922	Surplus from conference account	—
<u>35,094</u>		<u>41,751</u>
	EXPENDITURE	
15,353	<i>Modern Believing</i> , newsletter, etc. (note 4)	15,648
5,925	Employment costs (includes insurance)	5,315
4,231	Office expenses	4,372
—	Advertising	170
5,887	Meetings	4,369
380	Books, publications (except <i>Modern Believing</i>)	304
754	Events and projects (note 6)	5,764
27	Sundry expenses	22
158	Accountant's fees and postage	158
—	Deficit from conference account	3,134
<u>2,379</u>	Excess of income over expenditure	<u>2,495</u>
<u>35,094</u>		<u>41,751</u>

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2010

2009	FUNDS	
£		£
181,603	Balance at 1 January 2010	199,759
2,379	Surplus for year	2,495
2,250	Adjustment to Gift Aid tax reclaimable	2,750
13,527	Investment appreciation (depreciation)	11,399
<u>199,759</u>	TOTAL FUNDS (note 2)	<u>216,403</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

	Investments	
	CBF for the Church of England Investment Fund – 15,500 Income Shares at at year-end value	
158,469		169,868
	Current Assets (liabilities)	
4,750	Estimate of Gift Aid tax reclaimable	7,500
13,696	Cash at bank: General Account	13,773
5,072	Cash at bank: Conference Account	1,876
17,922	CBF Deposit Fund	23,536
(150)	Provision for accountant's fees	(150)
<u>199,759</u>		<u>216,403</u>

Conference Account

Year ended 31 December 2010

2009		
£	INCOME (Note 7)	£
20,920	Conference fees for current year	11,944
336	Sale of CDs of lectures	105
1,664	Conference fees for following year	3,465
—	Excess of expenditure over income	3,134
<u>22,920</u>		<u>18,648</u>
	EXPENDITURE (Note 7)	
15,643	High Leigh Account	13,147
612	Advertising	549
460	Refunds	—
1,086	Speakers' expenses	782
329	CD production and distribution	224
652	Other conference expenses	163
	Booking deposit and other expense for current year +1	3,433
2,065		
150	Booking deposit for CY+2 & CY+3	350
1,922	Excess of income over expenditure	—
<u>22,920</u>		<u>18,648</u>

Notes to the accounts

1. Balance Sheet

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. Changes in the estimated Gift Aid tax repayments receivable are also taken straight to total funds.

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).

Notes to the accounts (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2010

2. Purposes for which funds are held

All funds are considered to be unrestricted. The Trustees regard the funds as held for the following:

Value of investment fund, to produce income	£170,000
Conference working capital (e.g. to cover losses)	£ 11,000
General working capital and contingencies	£ 16,000
Special projects and events already in train at year-end	£ 5,000
Balance for other special projects and events	<u>£ 14,403</u>
	<u>£216,403</u>

3. Subscriptions

This is the amount after refunds of amounts paid to MC in error.

4. Books, publications

The income heading represents sales of publications, including Forewords booklets, single copies of *Modern Believing*, royalties (£1,874) 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.

5. Donations and legacies

This includes a donation of £500 and legacies totalling nearly £11,000 from the estates of Diana Burrell and Simon Tebbutt. Without them the year's surplus would have become a worrying deficit of over £9,000.

6. Events and projects

The main items are:

Contribution to campaign for Gen. Synod elections	£1,000
Presence at Greenbelt	£1,299
Opposing the Anglican Covenant (to which Inclusive Church and WATCH contributed £1,025 – included in Miscellaneous income)	£3,259

7. Conference income and expenditure

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 2010 conference loss was £3,400 (2009 conference: £3,221 surplus).

MODERN BELIEVING REPORT

In the past year I have continued to develop *Modern Believing* both as the Journal of Modern Church and as a Journal addressing contemporary intellectual challenges by drawing on the wisdom of the liberal inheritance within Anglicanism.

Because 1910 was the Centenary of the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh we had an issue devoted to ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue today to see just what had been achieved in the past century. I am grateful to Dr. Alan Race for serving as Guest Editor to bring this about so successfully.

The proposed Anglican Covenant is a major challenge to the liberal traditions of Anglicanism and so I was delighted to publish articles relating to this from Jonathan Clatworthy and Professor Marilyn Adams. I was also glad to be able to publish an article on Religious Experience in Contemporary Turkey to supplement earlier articles on religious experiences in China and in India. That God has nowhere left himself without witness is a both a biblical insight and a contemporary reality.

The Annual Conference is the most significant activity of Modern Church always attracting papers from the leading authorities on that year's theme. I was glad to continue the policy of having a conference issue to make available the excellent papers presented on the financial crisis and its theological significance.

The Modern Churchman/Modern Believing celebrated its own Centenary in 2011 and so I was glad to have an article on the contribution of Henry Major its founder and for forty-six years its editor. The issue also celebrated *Essays and Reviews 150 years on* as well as the liberal theology of Bishop Colenso, and the classic Modernist perspective on the resurrection of Jesus.

Modern Believing seeks to be receptive to pastoral and intellectual concerns. I was glad to publish an article relating to Chaplaincy in the new Anglia Ruskin University, to explore again whether Christology rests on a mistake, and to publish a critique from both a medical and theological position of the evidential value of Near-death experiences.

It has been a great privilege to serve as Editor of *Modern Believing* for the past five years. I think it right that I should now hand on the baton to Professor Adrian Thatcher, a scholar committed to liberal values and to the life of the Modern Church. As I retire from this post I thank those who have supported me in this role and in particular Rosalind Lund and Abi Hyde who have served as Editorial Assistants and to Michael Brierley who continues in the very important role of Reviews Editor.

Professor Paul Badham

REPORT ON THE 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Shifting Paradigms: Theology and Economics in the 21st Century

MC members will appreciate that planning the annual conference has to begin very early to ensure the successful booking of desired speakers. Nevertheless, it might come as a surprise that the choice of the conference theme was actually made before the financial crisis hit us and the rest of the world in 2008. How topical the conference therefore proved to be, especially as the consequences of that crisis are likely to remain with us for some time yet.

We were extremely fortunate to have Ed Newell for the Conference Chair, both as a theologian and economic historian and also blessed with excellent speakers. Some of the conference papers have appeared in the January 2011 issue of *Modern Believing*. As Paul Badham remarked in his editorial, differences of opinion in religious circles seemed ‘mild compared with the evaluations of the financial crisis by our authors’, and it isn’t always easy for us to assess which evaluation

comes closest to the truth. However, economics should have relevance for anyone concerned with ‘faith’ and ‘belief’, and all the speakers succeeded in showing this to be true. One of the most rewarding sessions was an interfaith discussion on ‘usury in the 21st Century’ between Catherine Cowley, Peter Oppenheimer and Tarek El Diwany, respectfully representing the Christian, Jewish and Islamic traditions. Mention should also be made of the excellent worship prepared by our chaplain, Frances Eccleston, who brilliantly created the right liturgical framework for a conference which might otherwise have become too cerebral.

We are reminded by the writer of I Timothy that ‘the love of money is the root of all evil’, but neither can we escape the fact that money has a profound effect on all our personal and corporate lives. This conference provided us with tools for the ongoing quest of making the important connections between economics and faith.

David Driscoll

SIGNS OF THE TIMES REPORT

Our popular newsletter continues to go from strength to strength, thanks to increasing contributions from the membership. During 2010 it inevitably concentrated on the issues raised by changes in Modern Church itself, such as the change of name and the extension of our activities through such initiatives as the presence at Greenbelt. However, it also provided opportunities for continued comment on current matters of controversy such as women bishops and the Anglican Covenant, and for some very diverse observations on the many wider theological issues with which we are concerned. One highlight was the inclusion of different perspectives from members on the 2010 Annual Conference on theology and economics and the questions which it raised. It seems, too, that religious publishers have woken up to the newsletter’s significance, and are beginning to send a number of less academic books for review which would not be so suitable for *Modern*

Believing. Most importantly of all, it is providing a forum for members who are not in the “inner circle” of Council and Standing Committee but who have valuable contributions to make.

Such contributions, of a less academic kind than would be appropriate for our learned journal, are always welcomed. The formal deadlines are normally around the 20th 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 website now consists of over 400 pages with a consistent style and easy to use navigation. Content includes the main features from *Signs of the Times* since 2005 and editorials and books reviewed in *Modern Believing* since 2008. The full text of *Modern Believing* is archived in the ATLA Religion Database used by academic institutions, with access available to Modern Church members on request. 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 our publications, a list of 120+ links to other sites, bookshop pages showing 200+ titles with purchase links to Amazon UK, and a section about Modern Church and its history.

The number of recorded visitors has again averaged around 300 per week who together viewed an average of 93 pages each day. Site traffic increased significantly in July 2010 when we published *The Covenant Pages*, a comprehensive set of linked pages about the proposed

Anglican Covenant. Various other resources have also been added during the year including a copy of the full-page advertisement opposing the Covenant in the church press, papers supporting the case for women bishops, and downloadable leaflets and a paper presenting the case against the Covenant for use in Church of England dioceses.

The introduction of new website features continues as time allows. The basic technical work implementing online subscription payments and donations was completed in January 2011. Opening and setting up the account to process payments has taken longer than expected but at the time of writing we hope this facility will soon be available, followed in due course by online purchase options for publications and conference bookings.

David Marshall

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

I have the task of ensuring the smooth running and organisation of council meetings, standing committee meetings, the Greenbelt stall and display, the quarterly mailing, the annual report, responses to enquiries, printing and publicity for special projects such as the anti-covenant campaign, and so on. In addition to the organisation of events, they often need following up, whether in minutes, reports and reviews.

It is rewarding to be able to link up with other organisations promoting a liberal approach to faith. We welcome Hilary Topp, secretary of the Student Christian Movement to our council meetings as an observer. Canon Jane Fraser has represented CSCS on council for a number of years but has now stepped down and so Anthony Woollard as a trustee of CSCS can speak for them. We also exchange journals with a number of national religious organisations.

An important development during 2010 has been the joint publishing project: Together in Hope. Modern Church has been working alongside the Progressive Christianity Network Britain, St Marks Centre for Radical Christianity and Free to Believe to produce the first two books

of a series which we hope will be a resource for Christian faith today. Building on the success of the original Together in Hope produced for the 2008 Lambeth Conference, these books are aiming to resource those in our churches who are on a journey, with accessible material for discussion. Further details are on our website. I have provided administrative support to this group on behalf of Modern Church.

Many members of Modern Church organise or belong to discussion groups across the country. The North West regional group is specifically linked to Modern Church and is still very active under the good leadership of Dick Martin. Enquiries regarding liberal churches and discussion groups come to me frequently; mapping our presence and making local links is an area of work for the future.

Christine Alker

COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED AT THE 2010 AGM

Name	Standing Committee/ Trustees	Posts
Mrs Jean Barnett		
Mrs Pat Boyd		
The Revd Jonathan Clatworthy	Ex-officio Trustee	General Secretary
Mrs Elizabeth Darlington	Elected Trustee	Conference Bookings Sec
Miss Joan Dorrell		
The Revd Canon David Driscoll		
The Revd Catherine Dyer		
The Revd John Goldsmith	Attends	2011 Conference Secretary

The Revd Chris Halliday		
The Revd Peter Law-Jones		
Mr Franklin Lee		
Mr Patrick Lewin		
Mrs Suzanne Long		
Mrs Rosalind Lund	Ex-officio Trustee	Vice Chair
Mr David Marshall	Attends	Membership Administrator/ Website Manager
The Revd Jean Mayland	Trustee until July 2010	
The Revd. Clare Nicholson	Elected Trustee	2012 Conference Secretary
The Revd John Plant	Ex-officio Trustee	Chair
The Revd Alan Race		
Mrs Mary Roe		
The Revd Tim Stead	Elected Trustee	
Mr David Storey		
Prof Adrian Thatcher		
The Revd Dr Richard Warden		<i>Resigned Oct 2010</i>
Mr Anthony Woollard	Elected Trustee	Editor: Signs of the Times

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS

Name	Standing Committee	Posts
The Rt Revd John Saxbee		President (since 1997)
Mr Richard Hall	Ex-officio Trustee	Treasurer
Mrs Christine Alker	Attends	Administrator
Prof Paul Badham	Attends	Editor: Modern Believing Vice President
Prof Elaine Graham		Vice President
Revd Dr Nicholas Henderson		Vice President
Prof. McCord Adams		Vice President
Dr Peter Mills		Vice President
The Most Revd Barry Morgan		Vice President
The Rt Revd Brian Smith		Vice President
The Rt Revd Tim Stevens		Vice President
The Revd Canon Richard Truss		Vice President
The Rt Revd Martin Wharton		Vice President
Ms Hilary Topp		SCM, Observer

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 (2 individuals receiving one set of mailings at the same address):

75% of combined rates

Institutional: £55 (non UK: £62)

Life Membership: Age under 65: £685 (non UK: £780)

Age 65 or over: £460 (non UK: £550)

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