

Unitarian

ANNUAL MEETINGS

2015 HANDBOOK



Birmingham

Hilton Metropole



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF UNITARIAN AND FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETINGS

Birmingham Hilton Metropole Hotel, 29 March - 01 April 2015

VENUE

The Meetings will be held at the Birmingham Hilton Metropole. Plenary sessions will be held in The Queen's Suite with other meetings taking place in breakout rooms. All meeting rooms are within the same building. The Anniversary Service will be held in The Queen's Suite.

PARKING

Parking is available on site, on a first-come first-served basis, for £6 for the duration of the conference. On arrival, please purchase a parking permit from the Hotel's main desk.

If you need a disabled parking space, we strongly recommend that you book this in advance directly with the hotel. For those with mobility difficulties, we would recommend that you unload your luggage at the main entrance and then park your car in the car parks provided. Cars should be left at the main entrance for the minimum amount of time possible to avoid congestion.

ARRIVALS & REGISTRATION

This year, the venue will be handing out room keys rather than GA Staff. This will be from the main hotel desk in the main entrance. **You may check in to your room from 15:00** on your day of arrival. For earlier arrivals, the venue will store your luggage and arrange for it to be taken to your room.

Participants register for the Meetings and collect their arrival packages from the GA registration desk in the main entrance on the first day. GA staff and / or volunteers will be on hand here to help with registration and directions. The registration will open at 11:00. Name badges will be issued at registration – please remember to use them. People who registered too late to receive their materials in the post will be able to collect their materials at registration. Those arriving after the first day are advised to contact a member of GA Staff to arrange to collect their arrivals packages.

EXTRAS

If you wish to book additional items, such as room service, you will need to leave credit card details with Reception.

CASH

There is a cash machine on site, but please notice there is a £1.75 charge for withdrawing cash. Alternatively, there are regular cash machines without fees in the nearby National Exhibition Centre.

SPA TREATMENTS

Use of the pool and saunas is included in your delegate rate. There is a 20% discounted rate for spa treatments. Pre-booking is advised for spa treatments - email birmingham@theoceanrooms.com or phone 0141 222 2780. Please state that you are attending the Unitarian Annual Meetings. Further details of treatments are available at the spa or from their website (www.theoceanroomsbirmingham.com/).

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Participants will be accommodated in the main building – all rooms are under one roof. Be careful to keep your room locked when you are not in it. Those participants who have booked meals will take lunch and dinner in the Prince's Suite and breakfast in the Boulevard Restaurant.

Breakfast: 07:00 – 08:45

Lunch: 12:35 – 13:45

Dinner: 18:20 – 19:30

DEPARTURES

Rooms must have been vacated, with keys returned, by **12.00** on the day of departure. **Please note** that there may be a charge for the late return of keys due to the problems caused when their staff are unable to prepare rooms for the next visitors. Luggage may be left, at the owner's risk, on the final day with the venue's Reception Desk.

GA CONFERENCE OFFICE

The GA Office will be in The Hampton Room on the ground floor.

BAR

The Lounge Bar will be open 24-hours. For day delegates, who cannot book the conference dinner, there is a food menu available here.

ACCESS FOR THOSE WITH MOBILITY ISSUES

The venue benefits from all meeting rooms being in the same building. Floors are flat and there are lifts to all floors.

BANNERS

During the Evening Celebration on the second day there will be a parade of banners. Congregations, Districts, and affiliated societies with banners are requested to bring them and to take part. Each banner should have a designated carrier and it is asked that these people assemble at the room 15 minutes beforehand, so that instructions may be given.

DISPLAYS AND STALLS

The GA Bookstall will be in the Colonial Room. Various activity/goods stalls will be in The Library Suite. Coffee and tea breaks will be taken in the Prince's Suite, across the corridor.

QUIET ROOM

The Quiet Room, prepared by the Kingswood congregation, will be in the Henley Room.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Important note: All parents are reminded that the conference's youth programme ends at dinner time each day. During the evenings parents are responsible for their children and teenagers.

6 - 11 years, GA Kids (Junior Programme):

Parents: please come to a meeting for parents and children at 2pm on Sunday in the Junior Base.

Our popular Junior Programme will once again be welcoming 6 to 11 year olds each day of the Meetings. Sessions run between 08:45 and 12:35 and between 13:45 and dinner time, with trained leaders. Activities will be varied and lively, including trips out and possibly a swim (so please bring swimming costumes). It is hoped that children and their parents will be clustered close to each other and the Seniors.

12 - 17 years, GA Teens (Senior Programme):

Parents: please attend a meeting with the youth leaders at 2pm on Sunday in the Seniors Base.

The Seniors follow an exciting programme of their own, meeting up with parents / guardians for the evening meal and joining some of the Annual Meetings' evening activities. There may be opportunities to join in with debating a motion with the main meetings. The Seniors' sessions follow similar timings as the Juniors. The Seniors will need some spending

money for a day out and may possibly go for a swim (so please bring swimming costumes).

GA Zette (Youth Participation)

In the evenings Seniors are encouraged to get involved with the production of the GA Zette. Please note that this is an activity of the FOY Society rather than the GA. FOY cannot undertake to supervise any children, young people and vulnerable adults who wish to participate. Children and young people remain the responsibility of their parents if they choose to assist with GA Zette.

GA ZETTE

This year's GA Zette Editors will be Tilly Pugh and George King. Any emails intended for submission to the GA Zette should be sent to: **rubber_boots@hotmail.co.uk** and emails can be sent before the Meetings for inclusion in the first edition. There will be a collection box for articles & messages in the stalls area during the day. The Zette Office will be in The York Room on the ground floor.

WORSHIP

- (1) Morning worship will take place at 07:30 in the Terrace Room. Those attending are asked to be in their seats five minutes before the start, i.e. by 07:25.
- (2) The Communion Service will be on Wednesday morning in the Terrace Room led by Rev Kate Whyman.
- (3) The Anniversary Service will take place in The Queen's Suite.
- (4) Plenary Sessions 2, 4 & 6 will start with a few minutes of devotions.
- (5) The Closing Devotions will be held immediately at the end of the final Plenary Session, led by incoming President, Rev John Clifford.

MEDICAL ATTENTION

If you have a medical condition that could possibly require attention during the Meetings it would be very helpful if you carried, in your wallet, handbag or other item that would usually be with you, a sheet of paper stating:-

1. The diagnosis
2. A list of your medicines
3. The name and telephone number of your own GP.

Participants are also asked to inform the conference Manager of these matters when registering to enable us to have this on record during the Meetings.

HEARING LOOP SYSTEMS

Hearing loops will be fitted to selected areas in the Main auditorium and the breakout rooms. The areas covered by the loop system will be marked on the floor. If you require the assistance of the loop system, please sit in these areas. Those who do not require the loop system, please ensure there is plenty of space in these areas for those who do.

CHOIR

As the Anniversary Service will be on the first evening, there will not be a Choir this year.

POSTAL ADDRESS

If you expect to receive post during the Meetings, please ensure that it is addressed appropriately: Unitarian Meetings, c/o Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, National Exhibition Centre, BIRMINGHAM, B40 1PP.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

The telephone number of the venue is (0121) 780 3923 and there is a 24-hour switchboard service.

BUSINESS MATTERS

We draw your attention to the following requests and hope that, if everyone notes and acts in accordance with them, the business will proceed with fairness, interest and efficiency.

Please therefore:

- * be in your seat in good time before each meeting is due to start.
- * have with you all your documents, ballot papers and voting card; and please note that ballot papers and voting cards are not transferable.
- * acquaint yourself with Standing Orders (Document **AGM12/15**); they are designed to help us all cope with our AGM business procedures.
- * try not to leave during or before the end of plenary sessions; YOUR participation and vote are important.
- * note the use of "for" and "against" microphones and quietly line up at the appropriate microphone if you wish to speak. This will give the Chair an idea of the level of interest in continuing the debate.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

GA staff and volunteers will be available to help. You will usually find assistance at the registration desk.

MEETINGS PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 29 MARCH

13:45 – 15:15 John Relly Beard Performance

“The Gospel According to Jesus Queen of Heaven”, Written and Performed by Jo Clifford.

Jo Clifford is one of Scotland’s most respected playwrights, producing work for the last three decades. The Gospel According to Jesus Queen of Heaven, which portrays Jesus as a transsexual woman is “about rescuing Jesus from the fundamentalists.” But it's also about Jo Clifford's pride in being transgendered. Jo says, “what I had meant to do with this play was to look at the fact that Christianity is often used as a weapon against LGBT people to deny us our rights. I wanted to see how this could be justified by the source texts; and in Jesus Queen of Heaven I make the simple point that Jesus never attacked us, and I assert our human rights to justice and respect”.

Pavilion Room

15:15 – 15:45 Newcomers’ Welcome

A chance for first-timers to meet members of the EC and learn how the Meetings work.

Terrace Room

15:15 – 15:45 Tea

15:45 – 15:55 Opening Welcome

Queen’s Suite

15:55 – 17:15 Plenary I

Queen’s Suite

17:15 – 17:30 Break

17:30 – 18:10 Motions Workshop

Churchill Room

17:30 – 18:10 Peace Fellowship

“How can we witness for peace during the First World War commemorations?”

Speakers: Rev Bill Darlison and Rev Celia Cartwright

Salisbury Room

17:30 – 18:10 Unitarian Renewal Group (URG)

“Any Questions?”

Your questions to four of our new Ministers.

Panel: Kate Whyman, Jo James, Maria Curtis, & Matthew Smith

Pavilion Room

17:30 – 18:10 Youth Strategy Group
Terrace Room
18:10 – 18:20 Break
18:20 – 19:30 Dinner
19:30 – 19:45 Break
19:45 – 21:15 Anniversary Service
Queen's Suite
21:15 – 21:20 Break
21:20 – 21:50 Peace Vespers
Led by: Rev John Carter
Queen's Suite
21:15 Social Time

MONDAY 30 MARCH

07:00 – 08:45 Breakfast

07:30 – 08:00 Morning Worship
Led by: Rev Cliff Reed
Terrace Room

08:45 – 10:00 Plenary II
Queen's Suite

10:00 – 10:45 Coffee

10:45 – 11:40 Plenary III
Queen's Suite

11:40 – 11:55 Break

11:55 – 12:35 Visibility Strategy Group

“Our Achilles’ Heel – the Outreach Checklist.”

A workshop explaining the very simple, easy and cheap ways for churches can make themselves more visible - essential for congregations wishing to maintain their numbers.

Speakers: James Barry and Diane Bennett

Pavilion Room

11:55 – 12:35 Unitarian Christian Association (UCA)

Please join us for a pre-lunch glass of wine to celebrate the launch of our new book *Our Christian Faith* which will be launched at the GA. It includes the personal responses of more than 25 writers to the impact of Christianity in their lives and spiritual development.

Salisbury Room

11:55 – 12:35 Simple Gifts

“The Road Ahead”

One year in, find out what’s been happening on ‘The Road Ahead’. Learn more about this dynamic social action/social justice

training programme for small to medium sized congregations whose bywords are 'sustainability, creativity, and collaboration. This year, given recent events that have caused tensions between faith (and secular) communities, we are offering a focus on interfaith work with the Muslim community. Our work in Bethnal Green, East London - with a thriving Anglo-Bangladeshi Muslim population - has allowed us to interact with Muslim families on a regular basis, and we offer a unique perspective on how to develop effective interfaith programming. Come learn more, find out if it might be of interest in your community and find out what's in the store on the larger Unitarian front in the coming year.

Led by: Rob Gregson and Ann Howell

Terrace Room

11:55 – 12:35 Study Motion Workshop by the Executive Committee
This will be an opportunity to look at how the General Assembly deals with Motions on matters of concern and how congregations might be more involved in studying issues to be raised in motions before they are presented for approval.

Led by Rev John Clifford

Churchill Room

12:35 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 15:15 Women's League

AGM followed by "Looking Ahead to Ministry: What the Future Holds"

Speaker: Rev Alex Bradley, Unitarian College Manchester

Presentation of 2014/2015 Project cheque to The Alzheimer's Society for "Singing for the Brain" project.

Salisbury Room

13:45 – 15:15 National Unitarian Fellowship (NUF)

Short AGM followed by "'The Apostate's Creed: The Fool on the Hill - a Humanist response to the Crucifixion'

Speaker: Ben Whitney, Author and former Baptist Minister

Pavilion Room

13:45 – 15:15 International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF)
"Religious Coexistence: Building Trust"

Terrace Room

13:45 – 15:15 Executive Committee Question & Answer Workshop
The workshop will be an opportunity to discuss the work of the General Assembly in more depth with members of the Executive Committee and the Chief Officer. It takes the form of a question and answer session. There will also be discussion of the new Vision currently being developed.

Churchill Room

15:15 – 15:45 Tea

15:45 – 17:15 Psychical Society

“The Fifth Love: An Exploration of Accounts of the Extraordinary”

This talk draws on a wide range of moving and frequently extraordinary accounts of religious experiences in which something is felt rather than seen: a feeling of overwhelming love that many experiencers typically believe to have emanated from beyond this world. It explores whether such experiences provide proof of life after death and investigates the possibility that they have a common source. It concludes with an analysis of the implications of such experiences for religion today, and includes a consideration of some of the theological and philosophical questions that they raise.

Speaker: Dr Mark Fox, Author

Salisbury Room

15:45 – 17:15 Multiculturalism

“Why the Whole World?”

Multi-culturalism is not just a current politically correct idea – it is a necessity in so many ways. Not a melting pot, not merely live-and-let-live, but real multi-culturalism – the appreciation of and need for many different cultural perspectives and practices. Hard to do? Absolutely. It is not just a matter of good will and good intentions. (Remember what roads those pave.) It takes learning and building skills – and everyone can do it. In this workshop we’ll practice a few. (Note – these skills can help in family relations, neighbor and community relations, congregational relations and international relations too!)

Speaker: Rev Jill McAllister

Churchill Room

15:45 – 17:15 Local Leadership Strategy Group (LLSG)

“Risk: Protection and Reduction”

Speaker: David Edwards, Director, Edwards Insurance Brokers

Pavilion Room

15:45 – 17:15 Welsh Department

“Sharing Our Stories”

A presentation detailing how working together can be an effective way to reach a wider audience, followed by a workshop which will give delegates the opportunity to discover ways to promote and publicise their own story for maximum impact.

Speaker: Christine Moore, Development Officer for Welsh

Religious Buildings Trust

Terrace Room

17:15 – 17:30 Break

- 17:30 – 18:10 Associate Members' Reception
 All Associate Members are invited to this Wine Reception, kindly sponsored by Edwards Insurance Brokers. If you can find it, please wear your badge. Anyone else who would like to join us is welcome – if so, please bring your chequebook!
 Pavilion Room
- 17:30 – 18:10 Lindsey Press
 “Spiritual Growth - The launch of two publications to nurture in radically different ways”
 Author Cliff Reed will share items from *Carnival of Lamps* while **you** will have the chance to taste a session drawing on the new course by David Usher, *Life Spirit*.
 Led by: Kay Millard and Kate Whyman (Panel Members)
 Terrace Room
- 17:30 – 18:10 Ministers Pension Fund (MPF)
 Wine Reception and AGM
 Churchill Room
- 17:30 – 18:10 UKUnitarianTV
 “Working with Congregations”
 The speakers will outline their experiences and lessons learned, when working closely with congregations during 2014. Questions, concerns and possibilities will be addressed.
 Speakers: John & Joan Wilkinson and Bronwyn & Kevin Lowe
 Salisbury Room
- 18:10 – 18:20 Free Time
- 18:20 – 19:30 Dinner**
- 19:30 – 19:45 Free Time
- 19:45 – 21:15 Evening Celebration
 Queen's Suite
- 21:30 – 22:00 Peace Vespers
 Led by: Rev Cody Coyne
 Churchill Room
- 21:15 – Social Time

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

07:00 – 08:45 Breakfast

07:30 – 08:00 Morning Worship
Led by: Rev Matthew Smith
Terrace Room

08:45 – 10:15 Plenary IV
Queen's Suite

10:15 – 11:00 Coffee

11:00 – 11:30 Plenary V
Queen's Suite

11:30 – 12:35 Keynote Speaker
"Living in the Whole World"

Unitarianism is lived and practiced in many different countries and cultural contexts. While we draw nurture and sustenance from our own Unitarian communities, there are also things to learn from others. As a global movement, we need each other, and as we practice with and for each other, all are lifted, all are enlivened and made more whole.

Speaker: Rev Jill McAllister
Queen's Suite

12:35 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 15:15 2020 Group
"10 ways to help your congregation grow"

2020 leadership team members talk about the top 10 lessons learned for congregational growth.

Terrace Room

13:45 – 15:15 Historical Society

AGM and Lecture. This year the lecture will take the form of four short presentations based partly on the *Festschrift* for Alan Ruston which appears in the 2015 issue of the Transactions of the Unitarian Historical Society. All are welcome.

Speakers: Rev Daniel Costley, Rev Dr Ann Peart, Rev Dr Ralph Waller and Dr David Wykes.

Salisbury Room

13:45 – 15:15 Local Leadership Strategy Group – Intergen Launch
INTERGEN. The exciting brand new resource for RE and worship for all ages. Come and find out about this new scheme of work. We will cover: how to use it, a demonstration of some activities and time for questions and answers.

Led by Lindy Latham, John Harley and Kate Dean.

Churchill Room

- 13:45 – 15:15 Penal Affairs Panel
 “Immigration Myths & Reality: Dare You Test What You Know?”
 The flood of information about immigration, movement of citizens and asylum seems endless and it grows as the General Election in May 2015 approaches. Join the discussion with the Penal Affairs Panel and test what you think you know in our electronic survey.
 Pavilion Room
- 15:15 – 15:45 Tea**
- 15:45 – 16:25 Vulnerable Adults Workshop
 Vulnerable adults: UK-wide definitions of vulnerable adult; who within our congregations may be seen as vulnerable; identifying support that we can provide; with a focus on dementia.
 Churchill Room
- 16:25 – 16:35 Break
- 16:35 – 17:15 Volunteering Workshop by the Executive Committee
 Finding sufficient people to fill important positions within the structures of the General Assembly is a problem. This workshop will consider a proposal from the Executive Committee to involve Districts in a Nominating/Volunteering Group.
 Led by Robert Ince, Convenor and Derek McAuley, Chief Officer
 Churchill Room
- 15:45 – 17:15 Youth Panel
 As in previous years, innovative community arts organisation StoneSoup will be leading an interactive and thought-provoking workshop to inspire us all to develop and deepen the religious education we do in our congregations. All welcome.
 Terrace Room
- 15:45 – 17:15 Women’s Group
 “Prevention is Possible: Ending International Violence Against Women & Girls”
 Around the world women come together – often at great personal risk – to challenge discrimination. They work within communities to enable the most marginalised women and girls to understand, and have the confidence, to claim their rights and improve their lives. This work not only takes great courage, it requires resources too. This is the work of women’s rights organisations. Womankind’s role is to deliver the essential support they need to amplify their voice and bring about long-lasting change.
 Speaker: Bethan Cansfield, Policy & Advocacy Manager,
 Womankind
 Salisbury Room

15:45 – 17:15 Ministry Strategy Group

“A word in your ear? Light, sound and action – opening the door for considering a broader understand of men and women being called to service”

Shaykh Muhammad Amin Evans is a Shi'ite and holds Degrees, Shadat Al-Alimiyyah, MA in Arabic and Islamic Studies and BA in Humanities with Religious Studies. He formerly taught at the Al-Mahdi Institute and the Islamic College for Advanced Studies. He currently leads Friday Prayers in Derby, makes regular broadcasts on Islamic TV and reads when not sleeping. A key element in his teaching is that 'British Values' include the rights of assembly and to non-conformity.

Speaker: Shaykh Muhammad Amin Evins

Pavilion Room

17:15 – 17:30 Break

17:30 – 18:10 Inquirer Reception

The launch and distribution of a service written by the Rev Eric Jones on the theme of ‘Communication’. It’s for congregations to use whenever they like. ‘Wraps’ to be offered to newcomers will be available too. It’s also a chance to meet the Editor and Board of *The Inquirer*, for us to thank our contributors and subscribers, and to share a glass of wine.

Terrace Room

17:30 – 18:10 Unitarian Association for Lay Ministry (UALM)

“Hatches, Matches and Dispatches: The new Rites of Passage course”

Speaker: Dawn Buckle, UALM President

Salisbury Room

17:30 – 18:10 Local Leadership Strategy Group Reorganisation

Come along to help us to develop more ways to support each other - if you need help or if you can provide support - help the LLSG to create their plans and to get involved.

Churchill Room

17:30 – 18:10 Hibbert Trust

“Interfaith Understanding in a Conflicted World”

The Hibbert Trust is looking at the future, supporting and collaborating on projects that seek to deepen understanding of interfaith relations, including the Faith Encounter Programme in Birmingham and Blackburn Cathedral's 'For Life' project. Also, 'Life Spirit' - a spiritual discussion resource that applies to all faiths. Come and find out more about these projects.

Led by: Dot Hewerdine and Rachel Skelton.

Pavilion Room

18:20 – 19:30 Dinner
19:30 – 19:45 Break
19:45 – Social Evening
Queen's Suite

WEDNESDAY 01 APRIL

07:00 – 08:45 Breakfast

07:30 – 08:00 Morning Worship
Led by: Rev Kate Whyman (Communion Service)
Terrace Room

08:00 – 09:00 Key Return and Luggage Storage (Reception)

09:00 – 10:00 Plenary VI
Queen's Suite

10:00 – 10:45 Coffee

10:45 – 11:10 Plenary VII
Queen's Suite

11:10 – 11:20 Break

11:20 – 12:35 Closing session
Queen's Suite

12:35 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – Departures

PLENARY SESSION AGENDA

President: Marion Baker

President-elect: Rev John Clifford

The detailed agenda for the Plenary Sessions will be distributed separately.

MOTIONS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015

The following motions were submitted:

The following motions have been submitted for consideration at the GA Annual Meetings 2015. Amendments may be submitted at any time prior to the final vote on a motion. However, it is in the best interests of clarity for amendments to be advised as far in advance as possible.

1. FROM CROSS STREET UNITARIAN CHAPEL, MANCHESTER

That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, in the spirit of those of our liberal religious tradition who have strived and strive currently to realise social justice in the world, whilst recognising the freedom of all to believe as their consciences dictate,

A: believes that the proposed Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership (TTIP) treaty:

- (1) Poses a threat to many of the hard-won social gains of the 19th and 20th centuries;
- (2) Would hand over uncontested power and influence from democratically elected governments to multi- and transnational corporations and
- (3) Would likely impact unfairly on many of the poorest in societies across the globe.

B: calls upon individual congregations and affiliated bodies of the General Assembly to inform their members of this issue, so that individuals may study it for themselves and, according to their consciences, take action on it, for example if they so wish by contacting their political representatives, and joining their efforts with groups campaigning against this treaty.

2. FROM ST ALBANS UNITARIANS

In light of recent events involving violent extremists, and the range of responses to them in the UK and across Europe, we request the Executive Committee (EC) to develop a programme, initially for three years, in partnership with a functioning and experienced Social Action operation of the EC's choosing, with the aim of fostering stronger community cohesion between ethnic minority groups and Unitarians and different faiths on the local and national levels.

The General Assembly is requested to ensure the appropriate allocation of resources is made to bring this project to fruition in a timely fashion, in order to develop and run this programme, and to ensure widespread participation across the movement; and also to seek pledges of support collectively and through member congregations to raising the necessary financial and other resources.

3. FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches recognises the considerable contribution of Dawn Buckle, MEd to Unitarians in the United Kingdom by naming her as an Honorary Member.

4. FROM TWELVE FULL MEMBERS AND GOLDERS GREEN UNITARIANS

That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, recognising the universal kinship of all sentient beings affirmed by the world's great religions, philosophers and sages, encourages fellow Unitarians and all people of goodwill to support the Universal Kinship Fund of the Dr Hadwen Trust and other humane research charities in order to advance non-animal medical research and in so doing help save human and animal lives.

5. FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches congratulates the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists (ICUU) on its 20th Anniversary.

6. FROM WESTGATE CHAPEL, WAKEFIELD

That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches asks the Executive Committee to devise, or cause to be devised, recommendations for the payment of the organists/directors of music and others who play for the services of its member congregations in much the same way as it provides guidelines for the payment of ministers and leaders of worship.

FURTHER MOTIONS

- 1) That the Report of the General Assembly Executive Committee and the Accounts of the General Assembly be received and adopted.
- 2) That Shaw Gibbs LLP be reappointed as Auditors.
- 3) That Peter Hanley be appointed Honorary Treasurer for the year 2015-2016.
- 4) That the thanks of the Assembly be given to Robert Ince and Rev Martin Whitell for their service as Acting Treasurer during the year 2013-2014, and to district association and local officers for their invaluable services.
- 5) That greetings be sent to kindred churches and societies abroad.
- 6) That the thanks of the Assembly be given to Rev John Harley for preaching the Assembly Sermon.
- 7) That the thanks of the Assembly be given to Rev Sheena Gabriel, worship leader for the Anniversary Service, and to all those who provided music and other content for the Anniversary Service and on other worship occasions during these Meetings.
- 8) That the thanks of the Assembly be given to the members of the General Assembly staff and to all volunteers for their inestimable help in organising the Meetings.
- 9) That Rev John Clifford be appointed President of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches for the year 2015-2016.
- 10) That this eighty-seventh General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches expresses its gratitude for the services provided by Marion Baker as President during the year 2014-2015.

NOTES

2015 Annual Meetings Schedule

Sunday 29 March	Monday 30 March	Tuesday 31 March	Wednesday 01 April
ARRIVALS	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Worship
	Free time	Free time	Free time, key return & luggage store
	PLENARY II	PLENARY IV	PLENARY VI
	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
	PLENARY III	PLENARY V	PLENARY VII
	Break	Keynote Speaker	Closing Session
	Visibility	UCA	Simple Gifts
	EC Study Motn		
	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
	John Relly Beard Lecture	Women's League	IARF
	NUF	2020 Group	Historical Society
	LLSG (Intergen)	Penal Affairs	DEPARTURES
Newcomers' Welcome	Tea	Tea	Tea
Opening Welcome	Psychical Society	Multiculturalism	LLSG (Risk)
PLENARY I	Welsh Dept	(Vul Adults)	Youth Panel
		Break	Women's Group
		Volunt eers	Ministry
Break	Break	Break	
Motions Workshop	Peace Flwsp	URG	Youth Strgy
Assoc Mbrs	Lindsey Press	MPF	UK Unitarian TV
Inquirer	UALM	LLSG Reorg	Hibbert Trust
Break	Break	Break	
DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	
Break	Break	Break	
ANNIVERSARY SERVICE	EVENING CELEBRATION	SOCIAL EVENING	
SOCIAL TIME	Peace Vespers	SOCIAL TIME	Break
		Peace Vespers	

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