

**Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st December 2011 and 2012**

Churches Together in Lancashire	Accounts 2014	Accounts 2015	
<b>INCOME</b>			
General Denominational Contributions	26944	45299	See Note 2.
Other income			
Donations			
Bank interest	181	188	
FE Chaplaincy contributions from the colleges		1100	
	<b>27125</b>	<b>46587</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Ecumenical Development Officer:	34	161	
-Salary, NI and Pension	12240	16532	
-Travel and home telephone	2614	2202	
Consultations, courses and resources	160	212	19107
Interfaith Development Officer:	35		
-Salary, NI and Pension	9899	2122	
-Travel and home telephone	1394	212	
Consultations, courses and resources	456	80	2414
HMRC payments - PAYE, Tax & NICs	6754		3897
Forums, conferences & local review expenses	350		963
Office' Costs:			
-Equipment	245	104	
-Insurance	194	316	
-Printing, copying, stationery and postage	382	74	
	820		494
FE Chaplaincy Support:			
Coordinating Officer			
-Fees			
-Expenses-travel, telephone, etc			
-Consultations, courses and resources			
-Payments to Chaplains	1000		1134
Lancs Agricultural Show			2227
Newsletter			
Donations			
Other expenses	105	216	
	<b>35861</b>	<b>30451</b>	
Income less expenditure	-8736	16136	
Cleared liabilities from previous year	7306	4186	
<b>Surplus/Loss for the year</b>	<b>-1430</b>	<b>20322</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
HSBC-Current Account	2366	5929	See Note 1 below..
HSBC- Deposit Account	33	33	
CAF-Cash Account	1	1	
CAF-Gold Account	73349	85922	85924
	<b>75749</b>	<b>91886</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Cof E Pensions Board-EDO			
General contributions received in advance	4186	19487	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4186</b>	<b>19487</b>	
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>71563</b>	<b>72399</b>	
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
Last year's general funds	77179	71563	
Balance of Income and expenditure for the year	-1430	20322	
Current liabilities	-4186	-19487	
	<b>71563</b>	<b>72398</b>	

Note - 1

For the purpose of these accounts some 2016 transactions, which apply to 2015, have been brought forward. See Bank Reconciliation sheet. Other accounts are as per bank statements.

Note - 2

An amount of 19487 received in 2015 but applies to 2016.

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**AGENDA**

*The chair welcomed to the meeting Canon Dunstan Cooper, VG for Diocese of Lancaster, representing +Michael Campbell; Fr Peter Hopkinson, Episcopal Vicar for +John Arnold, Diocese of Salford; Revd Dave Coaker, Area Pastoral Convenor for NW Synod representing the Moderator, Revd Andrew Mills*

**10.15am**                      Opening Worship led by Revd Paul Davis

**10.30am**                      Business Meeting

**1                              Apologies**

+Michael Campbell, +John Arnold, +Tom Williams, Revd Andrew Mills, Revd Tim Presswood

**2                              Minutes of Meeting of January 19<sup>th</sup> 2016**

*The minutes of the meeting were accepted as an accurate record of the previous meeting and signed*

**3                              Matters Arising**

i)                      Big Assist progress

*Following the successful application for a £3k voucher for management consultancy, Enterprise Solutions via Dennis Langley has delivered sessions to the Church Leaders meeting, DEO group and will present a session to the Garstang Deanery. The overall purpose of this assistance is to explore how the Churches Together in Lancashire can be more a more effective organisation and how church groups can become more effective in the organisation of their mission and ministry. Church Leaders are invited to have a conversation with Dennis Langley and the ecumenical officer will arrange these. Dennis Langley will take part in the Ecumenical Convention in June.*

*+Philip questioned the application of secular managerialism to the sacred institution of Church.*

ii)                      Knott End with Preesall

*This is still progressing, however it was noted that the financial issues need to be addressed as the cost of ministerial provision is being covered by the Methodist Minister. Ray Borg (Methodist DEO) and Liz Jewitt (URC DEO) will meet with the churches reps and assist with moving this forward.*

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**News from the Churches in Lancashire**

***Diocese of Lancaster***

***Canon Dunstan Cooper***

*Nothing to report at this time*

***Diocese of Salford***

***Fr Peter Hopkinson***

A lot of consultation is taking place as +John leads a process of restructuring. The spirit of Vision 2026 underpins the process, to nurture healthy churches that are fully active and engaging with community. Still going through the written responses; the Deaneries have been approached and the possibilities for moving identified although none will be forced. It is a managing the ministry well with the available resources. Deanery facilitators will be assisting the process. Some closures and re-deployment will be necessary. There is a proposal to create eight Deaneries in Burnley, not by shutting churches, but amalgamating from 150 to 75. Roles of existing priests will vary.

The Diocese of Salford is not pulling out of Christchurch which is an RC/Methodist LEP by shared building agreement. However St Teresa's is not parish and does not relate to a local community. Whilst there are financial and deployment issues the driving factor is missional. The timescale will be open ended and incremental relating in many cases to natural retirement or relocation.

***Diocese of Blackburn and update of Vision 2026/Crossroads + Julian/+Geoff/+Philip***

Vision 2026 is fully into the implementation stage; the key to this programme is that it is grassroots based in Deaneries under the guidance of +Geoff, +Philip and the Archdeacons. So far over 1000 people have attended preparatory events. A Vision Co-ordinator is being funded by the Church Commissioners (Dave Champness who brings strategic/project management experience from his work with United Utilities and Manchester Airport alongside his Christian faith and spiritual maturity). On May 10<sup>th</sup> alongside the commissioning of Church Wardens the Vision Champions for each parish will be commissioned.

The Northern Bishops Mission (Crossroads) will be launched in Blackburn Cathedral on September 8<sup>th</sup> and come together at the close in the Flagmarket on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. Next year is set aside as a 'year of vocation'. Having a Vision helps set the priorities for how to budget and deploy and guide the strategic planning for the mission and ministry.

Rev'd Paul Davis asked about the Ecumenical dimensions. + Julian spoke of the fifty new congregations as being well connected serving churches making use of new opportunities. For example there are 350 Pakistani Christians in Pendle raising the possibility of a new church here. Fr Peter noted that there is an Urdu Mass at Christchurch. + Julian noted that the new Archdeacon of Blackburn speaks Urdu.

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**Lancashire Methodist District**

**Revd Paul Davis**

The “Go” event organised by the Methodist Missioner, Nick Moxon, working with the Dioc Missioner Dave Banbury is ecumenical, seeking to resources all our churches for mission and growth.

“The Main Thing” event invites churches to look at their strengths and weaknesses and identify strategies for improvement on a step by step basis.

Wesley Hall is a strategic mission centre even though it no longer has a viable congregation: its work is mission to Asylum Seekers and Refugees. However, it is necessary to look at what happens with our buildings as we do not want these to hinder the mission work and so new ways of using buildings is being explored. Ecumenical partnerships in shared buildings is just one way.

It was agreed however that buildings do offer a holding place for congregations and a sense of connectedness to God.

**NW Synod**

**Revd Dave Coaker**

New moderator (Andrew Mills) in post and engaging in second round of conversations around deployment. Vocations are down, retirements pending. Most minister gravitate to middle England rather than NW. LEP route offers scope. Opportunity emerging in Blackpool whilst Fleetwood has been offered an old hospital building. (AMM will explore these)

Quaker

Pat Golding

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**Ecumenical Officer's Report**

i) DEO reports/role of DEO: DEO's have met. Now a full complement with the appointment of Liz Jewitt for the URC. It is important the DEOs are a first point of reference in changes to the spiritual landscape so that appointments/deployment is always mindful of the ecumenical dimension

ii) Salesbury and Wilpshire: this is progressing well. The Church Leaders affirmed that the preferred way forward was for a single congregation LEP in shared building at St Peter's.

iii) Hest Bank: following meeting between the congregations led by Revd Andrew Mills Moderator NWSynod and +Geoff the overwhelming desire was forge a way forward. There was one abstention. +Geoff reported considerable pain and hurt on both sides that had been experienced over the years. However, it is moving again and there will be meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> to take this further.

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iv) Appointments to Churches in Ecumenical Partnerships & Covenants: there was agreement that every effort must be made to consult with ecumenical bodies when appointments are made to post within existing LEPs and other partnerships. DEOs should always be contacted in the first instance; The DEO and/or CEO should along with local ecumenical representatives should be included as early as is possible and certainly prior to appointments. It is important that all appointments made to LEP/Covenants have a deep commitment to maintaining and developing such relationships.

v) Ecumenical Convention June 20-25 & launch of Lancashire Theological Society

Anton reported that Elaine Storkey, Dr Philip Lewis, Claire Foster Gilbert have been invited through the Montgomery Trust to speak during this week along with Prof David Cook (R4 Moral Maze). At the time of the meeting availability had not been confirmed but since the meeting all speakers have been confirmed although the dates within the week vary from those originally given.

vi) Royal Lancashire Show 14<sup>th</sup> August: Church Leaders have been asked to note this date. No invitation has been received as yet.

vii) New CTL Individual member Hope: The Church Leaders acknowledged the membership of this group

viii) CTL sponsorship/Grant Parish Nursing Scheme Grant request of £500: the Church Leaders agreed to this request to cover the cost of the Training and Induction.

**6 Dates of next meetings**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June AGM and Ecumenical Gathering and dates for 2017

Jan 17 or 19, April 4 or 7, July 11 or 13, October 17 or 19

The AGM will take place in October. +Julian asked about the deployment of three Bishops at this meeting and whether it could be one to represent all. +Geoff suggested that this was not in keeping with the intent of the meeting. It was agreed to field 2 out of 3.

+ Julian cannot do the Jan dates; April 7 not good, July 11 is General Synod

+ Michael can do: 17 or 19 January, 4 April, 11 or 13 July, 17 or 19 October

**2017 dates available Jan 17 or 19, April 4, July 13, October 17 or 19**

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**Meeting of the Trustees April 2016**

Present: The Rt Revd Geoff Pearson (Chair), The Revd Paul Davies

Apologies: The Rt Revd Michael Campbell.

The meeting recognised that the Vice Chair of Churches Together in Lancashire would service as the chair of Trustees. When the Vice Chair takes on the role of chair of Churches Together in Lancashire then the role of chair of trustees would fall to a.n.other.

It was agreed that more trustees would be identified and that nominations would be presented at the next leaders meeting (October 27<sup>th</sup>).

It was agreed that the Trustees would meet twice a year, or additionally as required.