

It is significant to note the difference between the northern and the southern Districts. The latter show a gain of 1,258 over the 1984-1986 period, if one includes the joint members in LEP's. The northern Districts show a loss of 9,479. If one takes into account the LEP adjustment, the actual loss in the southern Districts is 7,334 compared with 11,663 in the north. There are 12,593 joint members in the south compared to only 3,769 in the north. The ecumenical movement appears to be more developed in the south.

The number of baptisms has risen from 28,512 in 1984; 30,636 in 1985 to 30,801 in 1986. This may be in line with the trends in the birth rate. A disturbing feature is the rise in the number of lapsed members from 6,868 in 1984; 7,225 in 1985 to 7,697 in 1986. However, if this trend is seen in terms of triennial returns, it reads as follows:

1975-77	33,277	lapsed members	
1978-80	27,769	"	"
1981-83	25,814	"	"
1984-86	21,790	"	"

The number of members restored is consistent (2,066 in 1984; 2,076 in 1985 and 2,043 in 1986) and the number of new members (9,612 in 1984; 10,067 in 1985 and 9,986 in 1986) maintains the trends of the 1975-81 period.

1975-77	34,086	new members	
1978-80	36,777	"	"
1981-83	35,772	"	"
1984-86	35,850	"	"

(figures include those restored to membership)
5,003 out of 7,389 churches made no new members during 1985/6.

We pray that this growth will not only continue, but increase. We look forward to the day when we shall be able to show an INCREASE in membership.

PUBLICATIONS AND TRAINING

"Exploring; Deciding; Joining", written by Dorothy Graham, £5 from MPH, continues to be used as standard training material for preparation for church membership.

Comments are invited on the discussion document "Church Membership and Christian Nurture". These may be sent to the Church Membership Secretary, Rev. Maurice Staton, up to December 1987. The Church Membership Committee awaits with interest the Faith and Order Report 1987 on Christian Initiation.

"Leading Groups" by Margaret Parker is being published by Epworth on the 1st April, priced £3.95. This will be a useful training resource for all group leaders. Church members need to be nurtured in the faith.

In response to Memorial 25 (1984) and Conference 1985 request (p.61 Agenda 1985) that "the Church Membership Committee consider what further material is needed for the training of Class Leaders", the Church Membership Committee reports that

D. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The membership total including all joint members registered in LEP's (Local Ecumenical Projects) was 450,406. Without the 12,616 LEP correction, the Methodist total is 437,790. The incorporation of the LEP's had caused an exceptional increase in the membership over the two years 1985 and 1986. This increase has been identified and has been defined as 11,775 for 1985 and 841 for 1986. The realistic loss for 1985 should have been 6,372 in 1985 and 7,262 in 1986. The three year loss (1984-86) should have been 20,802. Taking this latter figure as being more representative, the position can be tabulated as follows:

1972-74	loss	43,819	(7.2%)
1975-77	loss	39,642	(7.1%)
1978-80	loss	28,826	(5.6%)
1981-83	loss	29,517	(6.02%)
1984-86	loss	20,802	(4.54%)

With the inclusion of 12,616 ^{additional} joint members in LEP's the loss in 1984-86 is 8,186 or 1.78%. The next triennial (1987-89) will show a more accurate record.

In an ecumenical age where there are over 400 LEP churches, it is increasingly difficult to talk about the Methodist Church statistics. In 1984 it was agreed that for LEP's, joint members should be counted in the membership total. In order to transfer these members into the total membership, the column 'Received from other denominations' was used.

Margaret Parker's book is being used in several Districts this year as a pilot training programme, and she is undertaking these training seminars.

The Committee is developing video material relating to church membership, and has experimented in this field on a very small budget. It is hoped that we might link with the Home Mission Division in developing a series of related videos. A sound and vision unit is needed in Methodism to co-ordinate the production of video material, and it hoped that CTVC will meet this need.

MEMBERSHIP IN TWO METHODIST CHURCHES

Memorial 45 (1986)

"The Leeds Mission (16/1) Circuit Meeting asks the Conference to allow and encourage students and other young people away from home for most or all of the year, to hold dual membership of their 'home church' and of another church in their place of study, work or residence, and be thus better enabled to find a full place in the Church and its leadership."

This was referred to the Division of Ministries for consideration, with the Division of Education and Youth, and report to Conference 1987.

Reply

The Division of Ministries, in conjunction with the Division of Education and Youth has given careful consideration to the Memorial of the Leeds Mission, that students be allowed and encouraged to hold membership in two churches - one at home, the other in their place of study or work. In this reply we are describing this proposed status as 'Double Membership' since the phrase 'Dual Membership' is normally applied to membership held in two denominations at the same time.

The Division affirms our established practice that membership in the Methodist Church should be held in the local congregation where a member actively participates. When students and young people actively participate in a church away from their home base, they should be encouraged to show their commitment to that church by having their membership transferred. In all cases the pastoral role of the home church is important and should be maintained.

The Division recommends that the Memorial be declined.

APPRECIATION

The Church Membership Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of the work of Mr. Richard Smith who for the past 12 years has handled the membership statistics for the Connexion. From the 1st September 1987 all membership returns will be retained at Westminster along with the Connexional Register. It is hoped to have a standard computer base for all Methodist Statistics.

RESOLUTIONS

- D1 The Conference adopts the report on Church Membership.
- D2 The Conference adopts the reply to Memorial 45 (1986).
- D3 The Conference expresses its thanks to Mr. Richard Smith for his work in connection with the membership statistics.

METHODIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP 1986

SUMMARY AND COMPARISON

	1983	1984	1985	1986	3 year gain/ loss
COMMUNITY ROLL	1,329,365	1,323,285	1,346,877	1,345,701	16,336
MEMBERSHIP ROLL	458,592	451,424	456,827 (445,052)	450,406 (437,790)	-8,186 (-20,802)
GAINS					3 year total
NEW MEMBERS	9,453	9,612	10,067	9,986	29,665
RESTORED TO MEMBERSHIP	2,037	2,066	2,076	2,043	6,185
Balance of Transfers:					
Other Denominations	-1,376	-219	12,393 (618)	1,379 (538)	13,553 (937)
Other Countries	-100	70	52	-3	119
Garrisons	26	20	-8	1	13
LOSSES					
Deaths	11,648	11,202	11,412	11,347	33,961
Ceased to be Members	8,574	6,868	7,225	7,697	21,790
Balance of Transfers:					
In Circuit	-3	52	25	-48	29
Other Circuits	923	502	426	829	1,757
Ministers, Students	94	93	89	2	184
NETT LOSS	11,196	7,168	-5,403 (6,372)	6,421 (7,262)	8,186 (20,802)
Baptisms	28,889	28,512	30,636	30,801	89,949
CHURCHES	7,659	7,573	7,491	7,389	-270
MINISTERS AND STUDENTS	3,583	3,490	3,401	3,399	184

In 1984 it was decided that for LEPs, joint members should be counted in the membership total. In order to transfer these members into the total membership, the column 'RECEIVED FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS' was used. As the LEPs were incorporated, this caused an exceptional increase in membership over the two years 1985 and 1986. This increase has been identified and has been defined as 11775 for 1985 and 841 for 1986.

Thus the realistic loss for 1985 should have been 6,372
and for 1986 should have been 7,262

The 3 year loss should have been 20,802

The figures in brackets are given for direct comparison over the three years as if the exceptional increase due to LEPs had not been included.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE DISTRICTS, 1983 - 1986

	1983	1984	1985	1986	3 year gain/ loss
Southern Districts:					
1. London N.E.	16721	16372	16885	16755	34
2. London N.W.	18040	17826	18614	18327	287
3. London S.W.	20757	20781	21007	20837	80
4. London S.E.	14567	14489	15218	15141	574
5. Birmingham	18044	17905	18041	17960	-84
7. Bristol	17016	16783	18143	17980	964
8. Cardiff/Swansea	11051	10658	10853	10877	-174
12. Cornwall	13342	13102	12810	12594	-748
14. East Anglia	12330	12210	12347	12285	-45
23. Oxford/Leicester	17177	16987	17295	17149	-28
24. Plymouth/Exeter	17503	17442	18042	17683	180
26. Southampton	19547	19466	19967	19748	201
28. Wolverhampton	19568	19209	19809	19585	17
Southern Total:	215663	213230	219031	216921	1258
Northern Districts:					
6. Bolton/Rochdale	11051	10700	10543	10361	-690
9. Cumbria	7872	7717	7596	7412	-460
11. Chester/Stoke	20908	20754	20791	20557	-351
13. Darlington	14882	14672	14363	14156	-726
16. Leeds	16157	15654	15487	15124	-1033
17. Lincoln/Grimsby	12079	11897	11697	11412	-667
18. Liverpool	15984	15772	15786	15671	-313
19. Manchester	18972	18652	19062	18678	-294
20. Newcastle	19900	19337	19084	18608	-1292
21. North Lancashire	15474	15328	15210	15057	-417
22. Nottingham/Derby	17126	16648	16397	16125	-1001
25. Sheffield	16917	16355	16209	16070	-847
27. West Yorkshire	15372	15289	15040	14581	-791
29. York/Hull	17123	16874	16705	16526	-597
Northern Total:	219817	215649	213970	210338	-9479
30. Cymru	7196	6978	7141	6779	-417
31. Scotland	6765	6569	7790	7518	753
32. Shetland	609	598	550	549	-60
10. Channel Isles	2834	2767	2812	2785	-49
15. Isle of Man	1841	1839	1836	1820	-21
Garrisons	284	304	296	297	13
Ministers	3583	3490	3401	3399	-184
Total:	458592	451424	456827	450406	-8186

BAPTISMS AND NEW AND REINSTATED MEMBERS, 1984 - 1986

Southern Districts:

	Baptisms			New Members			Reinstated		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
1. London N.E.	1289	1499	1382	423	468	419	85	78	86
2. London N.W.	1301	1365	1282	512	494	433	89	48	64
3. London S.W.	1081	1157	1114	491	584	512	97	139	110
4. London S.E.	883	942	914	376	408	374	82	59	82
5. Birmingham	1335	1404	1381	401	388	483	83	88	108
7. Bristol	964	1181	1362	274	463	405	105	85	70
8. Cardiff/Swansea	608	700	664	213	252	285	39	50	46
12. Cornwall	584	589	649	252	237	250	54	44	41
14. East Anglia	565	723	689	241	237	275	57	55	62
23. Oxford/Leicester	991	977	973	322	358	383	54	67	49
24. Plymouth/Exeter	623	689	768	357	306	313	94	91	62
26. Southampton	819	901	823	435	422	440	96	67	111
28. Wolverhampton	1726	1738	1917	527	560	441	67	79	61
Southern Total:	12769	13865	13918	4824	5177	5013	1002	950	952

Northern Districts:

6. Bolton/Rochdale	550	614	598	286	253	223	42	36	45
9. Cumbria	406	458	439	96	134	84	38	27	40
11. Chester/Stoke	1737	1820	1876	512	539	573	97	150	112
13. Darlington	1362	1390	1392	338	334	280	66	57	77
16. Leeds	1010	989	1106	273	296	346	75	68	78
17. Lincoln/Grimsby	555	584	610	211	187	215	57	65	44
18. Liverpool	1029	1115	972	352	454	345	70	76	62
19. Manchester	1137	1266	1338	406	403	465	78	106	97
20. Newcastle	1865	2137	2038	260	421	359	102	86	87
21. North Lancashire	637	708	745	460	428	372	95	101	114
22. Nottingham/Derby	1072	1099	1074	215	337	401	65	70	74
25. Sheffield	1835	1954	2024	408	321	540	66	67	99
27. West Yorkshire	795	821	807	286	270	260	71	83	52
29. York/Hull	1253	1345	1434	363	312	282	81	75	71
Northern Total:	15243	16300	16453	4466	4689	4745	1003	1067	1052
30. Cymru	118	91	86	102	39	52	10	16	9
31. Scotland	181	156	170	89	77	85	32	22	5
32. Shetland	15	23	8	3	1	8	0	0	3
10. Channel Isles	99	103	90	84	44	46	8	15	10
15. Isle of Man	87	98	76	44	40	37	11	6	12
Total:	28512	30636	30801	9612	10067	9986	2066	2076	2043

DEATHS AND LAPSED MEMBERS IN DISTRICTS, 1984 - 1986

Southern Districts:

	Deaths			Lapsed Members		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
1. London N.E.	408	392	375	343	228	269
2. London N.W.	360	382	400	283	349	323
3. London S.W.	423	463	442	296	500	402
4. London S.E.	333	358	320	313	404	251
5. Birmingham	365	366	402	258	297	274
7. Bristol	384	389	424	230	248	348
8. Cardiff/Swansea	255	283	319	187	231	224
12. Cornwall	372	369	374	140	167	201
14. East Anglia	308	316	334	213	177	126
23. Oxford/Leicester	362	401	394	251	229	266
24. Plymouth/Exeter	426	453	494	167	196	313
26. Southampton	482	532	492	307	270	408
28. Wolverhampton	437	426	460	311	279	298
Southern Total:	4915	5130	5230	3299	3575	3703
Northern Districts:						
6. Bolton/Rochdale	254	285	245	167	174	191
9. Cumbria	210	193	215	101	100	122
11. Chester/Stoke	514	514	536	294	359	387
13. Darlington	364	441	378	196	245	200
16. Leeds	418	439	384	317	225	287
17. Lincoln/Grimsby	319	321	307	166	138	223
18. Liverpool	402	368	395	247	366	318
19. Manchester	482	504	485	289	223	375
20. Newcastle	523	566	541	287	349	229
21. North Lancashire	413	438	411	251	228	290
22. Nottingham/Derby	449	444	422	240	274	300
25. Sheffield	502	467	445	328	301	318
27. West Yorkshire	446	425	394	201	249	254
29. York/Hull	491	411	435	210	219	134
Northern Total:	5787	5816	5593	3294	3450	3628
30. Cymru	197	207	239	89	65	172
31. Scotland	177	150	169	116	77	146
32. Shetland	15	14	13	0	32	1
10. Channel Isles	55	48	56	52	17	29
15. Isle of Man	56	47	47	18	9	18
Total:	11202	11412	11347	6868	7225	7697

THE COMMUNITY ROLL - 1983 - 1986

Southern Districts:	Three Year				Gain/Loss
	1983	1984	1985	1986	
1. London N.E.	59656	61454	62457	62676	3020
2. London N.W.	56354	55455	56865	56477	123
3. London S.W.	65055	65066	66093	66788	1733
4. London S.E.	51157	51623	52236	51734	577
5. Birmingham	58912	56985	57598	57887	-1025
7. Bristol	52410	51905	53569	53947	1537
8. Cardiff/Swansea	29133	28627	29511	29020	-113
12. Cornwall	35809	36108	35259	35467	-342
14. East Anglia	34835	34275	36330	35717	882
23. Oxford/Leicester	51409	53210	50871	50823	-586
24. Plymouth/Exeter	41030	40880	43488	43644	2614
26. Southampton	52562	52063	53232	53004	442
28. Wolverhampton	51441	52618	55233	56142	4701
Southern Total:	639763	640269	652742	653326	13563
Northern Districts:					
6. Bolton/Rochdale	28784	30114	30523	31642	2858
9. Cumbria	19802	18799	19702	19290	-512
11. Chester/Stoke	60607	61073	63864	64147	3540
13. Darlington	43524	41392	41654	42422	-1102
16. Leeds	49801	48783	48510	48366	-1435
17. Lincoln/Grimsby	35010	33972	34526	33183	-1827
18. Liverpool	47037	47662	51241	54427	7390
19. Manchester	61933	62028	62098	61153	-780
20. Newcastle	63459	64015	61487	62332	-1127
21. North Lancashire	41892	41208	41764	42627	735
22. Nottingham/Derby	52606	51436	50385	49942	-2664
25. Sheffield	57070	57016	58971	58612	1542
27. West Yorkshire	42399	42281	42505	41357	-1042
29. York/Hull	46376	45935	46287	45864	-512
Northern Total:	650300	645714	653517	655364	5064
30. Cymru	9944	9745	9590	8887	-1057
31. Scotland	16248	15012	18007	14901	-1347
32. Shetland	1523	1431	1471	1440	-83
10. Channel Isles	7104	6818	6872	6997	-107
15. Isle of Man	4483	4296	4678	4786	303
Total:	1329365	1323285	1346877	1345701	16336

ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP, OCTOBER 1986

Southern Districts:	Morning	Aft'n	Evening	Principal Service	Total Attend	Total Att 83	Memshp
1. London N.E.	12551	298	4110	12883	16959	16291	16755
2. London N.W.	13127	405	4430	13689	17962	17850	18327
3. London S.W.	14445	110	4797	14707	19352	19524	20837
4. London S.E.	10751	437	3527	11346	14715	14420	15141
5. Birmingham	11648	618	4863	12590	17129	16444	17960
7. Bristol	12344	483	5754	13524	18581	18133	17980
8. Cardiff/Swansea	5857	563	3826	7345	10246	9503	10877
12. Cornwall	9145	527	4627	10362	14299	14705	12594
14. East Anglia	9166	1411	3327	10705	13904	13633	12285
23. Oxford/Leicester	11344	637	4888	12705	16869	16694	17149
24. Plymouth/Exeter	12433	922	5088	13922	18443	18233	17683
26. Southampton	14572	455	5071	15262	20098	19902	19748
28. Wolverhampton	11855	1025	7252	13992	20132	20246	19585
Southern Total:	149238	7891	61560	163032	218689	215578	216921
Northern Districts:							
6. Bolton/Rochdale	6902	410	2032	7089	9344	9924	10361
9. Cumbria	3579	948	2048	5018	6575	6791	7412
11. Chester/Stoke	12280	1479	7287	14596	21046	20727	20557
13. Darlington	7554	903	4873	9500	13330	13114	14156
16. Leeds	10045	550	3679	10780	14274	14391	15124
17. Lincoln/Grimsby	7215	992	3671	8648	11878	11744	11412
18. Liverpool	9598	353	3534	9911	13485	13146	15671
19. Manchester	12562	622	4347	13312	17531	17023	18678
20. Newcastle	9613	227	7013	11447	16853	17611	18608
21. North Lancashire	10457	667	3687	10967	14811	14594	15057
22. Nottingham/Derby	10020	701	6594	12062	17315	17111	16125
25. Sheffield	10621	768	6269	12593	17658	17004	16070
27. West Yorkshire	9728	669	3644	10510	14041	13966	14581
29. York/Hull	10853	1312	4888	12906	17053	16538	16526
Northern Total:	131027	10601	63566	149339	205194	203684	210338
30. Cymru	1601	1028	1423	2930	4052	4695	6779
31. Scotland	3204	39	678	3240	3921	4153	7518
32. Shetland	250	68	199	449	517	486	549
10. Channel Isles	1957	33	807	2060	2797	2655	2785
15. Isle of Man	929	164	543	1207	1636	1308	1820
Total:	288206	19824	128776	322257	436806	432559	446710

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS

Southern Districts:	No. of Churches	Sunday Schools	Youth Groups	SS Attendance		Young People	
				1983	1986	1983	1986
1. London N.E.	237	185	128	5326	5033	3880	3498
2. London N.W.	252	201	137	7056	5806	3660	3259
3. London S.W.	207	177	146	5997	5490	3853	4064
4. London S.E.	208	152	116	4676	3810	3372	3133
5. Birmingham	236	180	125	5887	4833	3336	2945
7. Bristol	330	219	124	5900	5398	3551	3562
8. Cardiff/Swansea	208	148	72	4371	3890	1536	1735
12. Cornwall	365	247	84	5119	4481	1447	1330
14. East Anglia	358	213	133	4513	3829	1843	1515
23. Oxford/Leicester	304	209	127	6396	5397	2727	2705
24. Plymouth/Exeter	370	246	154	5043	4658	2676	2565
26. Southampton	303	204	130	5714	5121	2856	2571
28. Wolverhampton	325	221	153	7410	5929	2764	2659
Southern Total:	3703	2602	1629	73408	63675	37501	35541
Northern Districts:							
6. Bolton/Rochdale	120	107	83	3639	3078	2140	1833
9. Cumbria	188	106	75	2188	1969	955	814
11. Chester/Stoke	334	253	152	6943	6013	3032	2940
13. Darlington	263	170	113	4797	4027	2659	2440
16. Leeds	191	152	111	4592	4348	2689	2091
17. Lincoln/Grimsby	309	194	104	4793	4008	1398	1656
18. Liverpool	148	131	107	4972	4445	3597	3070
19. Manchester	208	175	119	6138	5630	3745	2988
20. Newcastle	243	192	133	6563	5464	2881	2839
21. North Lancashire	150	132	103	4337	3824	2403	2115
22. Nottingham/Derby	331	239	137	7200	5928	2530	2211
25. Sheffield	310	227	141	6308	5349	2691	2632
27. West Yorkshire	206	172	105	4614	3877	2492	2315
29. York/Hull	334	210	143	6014	5082	2156	1988
Northern Total:	3335	2460	1626	73098	63042	35368	31932
30. Cymru	194	52	79	936	816	568	402
31. Scotland	56	45	29	1130	873	551	590
32. Shetland	23	15	6	160	253	45	51
10. Channel Isles	39	35	20	1040	914	285	709
15. Isle of Man	39	33	14	765	761	97	123
Total:	7389	5242	3403	150537	130334	74415	69348

MINISTERS AND THOSE IN PASTORAL CHARGE AND LOCAL PREACHERS

Southern Districts:	Mini-sters	Dea- con-ess	Active Super-numies	Rec Lay and PA			Mmbrs per P.chg	Chchs per P.chg	Mbrs per Chch	LP on	
				Reg	Oth	PA				LP	Trial
1. London N.E.	91	2	4	0	4	1	165	2.3	70	460	97
2. London N.W.	82	1	3	3	4	3	192	2.7	72	557	91
3. London S.W.	97	0	4	2	3	2	192	1.9	100	514	90
4. London S.E.	78	1	4	0	4	1	174	2.4	72	442	51
5. Birmingham	76	1	2	2	3	2	211	2.8	76	508	80
7. Bristol	77	1	4	0	5	4	199	3.7	54	631	56
8. Cardiff/Swansea	50	0	2	0	1	4	194	3.7	52	283	44
12. Cornwall	52	0	3	5	1	0	209	6.1	34	510	83
14. East Anglia	57	1	3	4	0	2	186	5.4	34	615	63
23. Oxford/Leicester	68	0	6	2	2	2	217	3.8	56	597	82
24. Plymouth/Exeter	72	0	4	4	1	2	215	4.5	47	679	72
26. Southampton	78	1	9	3	4	0	210	3.2	65	635	77
28. Wolverhampton	75	1	2	2	7	2	222	3.7	60	506	93
Southern Total:	953	9	50	27	39	25	198	3.4	58	6937	979
Northern Districts:											
6. Bolton/Rochdale	46	1	0	0	0	0	225	2.6	86	204	50
9. Cumbria	35	0	1	0	0	0	211	5.4	39	324	34
11. Chester/Stoke	78	0	1	0	2	0	256	4.2	61	585	96
13. Darlington	66	0	1	0	2	0	208	3.9	53	466	40
16. Leeds	62	2	2	3	2	0	216	2.7	79	385	51
17. Lincoln/Grimsby	51	0	1	2	0	2	207	5.6	36	503	47
18. Liverpool	60	0	2	2	5	2	223	2.1	105	293	58
19. Manchester	74	0	1	1	1	6	227	2.5	89	459	79
20. Newcastle	79	1	0	1	2	1	224	2.9	76	484	62
21. North Lancashire	60	1	0	0	0	0	250	2.5	100	331	54
22. Nottingham/Derby	75	1	2	3	0	3	194	4.0	48	559	79
25. Sheffield	71	1	0	5	1	0	208	4.0	51	522	68
27. West Yorkshire	64	1	1	1	4	2	202	2.9	70	422	63
29. York/Hull	72	1	1	3	0	0	217	4.4	49	596	68
Northern Total:	893	9	13	21	19	16	219	3.5	63	6133	849
30. Cymru	20	0	4	0	2	0	271	7.8	34	85	2
31. Scotland	32	1	1	0	0	2	214	1.6	134	109	12
32. Shetland	2	0	0	2	0	0	137	5.8	23	12	0
10. Channel Isles	12	1	0	1	0	0	198	2.8	71	63	4
15. Isle of Man	9	0	0	0	0	0	202	4.3	46	39	3
Total:	1921	20	68	51	60	43	209	3.5	60	13378	1849

The total of all those in Pastoral Charge has been used to calculate the two relevant columns above. As well as Ministers and Probationers, Deaconesses, Active Supernumeraries, Lay Pastoral Assistants, Recognised and Regarded ministers and Others (Authorised Ministers, Ministers without appointment and those from overseas) are reported as taking pastoral charge.