

**The Merseyside and Region Churches Ecumenical
Assembly**

(charity no 519061)

Report and Accounts

for the Year to 31 December 2000

THE MERSEYSIDE AND REGION CHURCHES ECUMENICAL ASSEMBLY

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees Of MARCEA

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2000, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act, and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met or

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

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September 2001

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Annual Report for the Year ended 31 December 2000

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000.

Principle Activities

MARCEA was established in 1986. MARCEA is also a registered charity, numbered 519061.

The principle activity of MARCEA is the encouragement and support of the working together of Christian Churches within their respective ecclesiastical boundaries.

Objects of MARCEA

The objects of the Assembly, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are:

- (1) To draw the denominations represented on the Assembly into a fuller understanding of the Gospel,
- (2) To promote the visible unity and mission of the Church at every level of Church life as an effective instrument of God's purpose for the local and wider community,
- (3) To encourage and enable the Churches to make decisions together where possible,
- (4) To give expression to the common faith, baptism and devotion of Christians as they seek to apply the "Lund principle" - to do everything together except that which in conscience must be done separately.

Organisation

The Assembly comprises representatives of the affiliated denominations and of other bodies in association as determined by the Constitution. Separate committees and departments have been established under the constitution to deal with various aspects of the Assembly's business.

CARE is an agency of MARCEA set up to educate and support the Churches in their work for racial justice.

Management

The Charity Commission has confirmed that the Standing Committee is the trustee body of the charity. The membership of the Standing Committee during 2000 was:

Revd Dr John Taylor (Chair)
Miss Claire Davidson (Deputy Chair)
Revd Martyn Newman (Secretary)
Dr Peter Owen (Treasurer)
Rev Graham Cook
Mrs Hilary Russell
Canon John Short
Mr Philip Lodge
Mr Ultan Russell
Mr Peter Heneghan
Mr Vin Horton
Mr Peter Richards (resigned March 2000)
Rt Revd John Packer (resigned July 2000)
Rev Pat Billsborrow (appointed March 2000)
Rev Cynthia Dowdle (appointed March 2000)
Capt Jacqui Griffiths (appointed December 2000)
Rt Rev Rupert Hoare (appointed December 2000)
Ms Ellie McKeown (appointed December 2000)
Mr John Marsden (appointed December 2000)

Secretary: Rev Martyn Newman

Bankers: HSBC plc
32 Rodney Street, Liverpool L1 2TP

Solicitor: Roger Arden of Gamon & Arden
Church House, Hanover Street, Liverpool L1 3DW

Independent Examiner: Miss Anne Morris, Macfarlane & Co,
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Trustees' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Assembly and of the surplus or deficiency of the Assembly for the period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

Secretary
18 September 2001

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Accounts for the Year to 31 December 2000

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2000

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. No investments are held which require to be valued at market value. Expenditure on equipment or other fixed assets is not capitalised but is charged to Revenue as incurred.

2 Funds

The Accumulation Fund represents the funds of MARCEA that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of MARCEA. Funds designated for a particular purpose by MARCEA are also unrestricted. (On this assumption £2,193 designated for Youth Pilgrimage is included in Creditors)

The Accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which MARCEA is responsible in law. The Accounts of CARE are included.

3 Incoming Resources

Contributions from the member Churches are accounted for in the year in which they are due. Donations from other bodies and Councils of Christian Churches are accounted for as received.

The Trading Income is payment for use of the office photocopier.

4 Direct Charitable Expenditure

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| Programme expenditure | 4,546 |
| Secretary's salary | 17,881 |
| Secretary's expenses | 8,038 |
| Wages | 23,596 |
| Pension | 480 |
| Consultancy | 1,800 |
| Project worker's salary | <u>13,010</u> |
| | <u>69,351</u> |

The average number of employees during the year was three.

The 19 trustees received no expenses for services provided to the charity.

5 Other Expenditure

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| Office expenses | 22,150 |
| Committee expenses | <u>35</u> |
| | <u>22,185</u> |

6 Surplus for the Year

The surplus for the year is £10,827, which leaves the total Fund carried forward at £77,317.

Dr Peter Owen
Hon Treasurer
18 September 2001