



Northern Baptist Association

Reports & Accounts

2015

'We are passionate to see God's Kingdom come in power to touch people's lives and shape our society.'

'We engage together in developing, encouraging and supporting churches to be creative in mission, and facilitating effective ministries.'



Building together for Christ's Kingdom

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Association Diary & Annual Returns Dates.

By 31st January

- NBA Statistical Returns
- Agenda items for AGM at the Spring Assembly
- Nominations for NBA Council

By the 31st March

- Home Mission Grant Applications

By the 30th June

- Agenda items for Extraordinary General Meeting at the Autumn Assembly to be submitted to the Association

First Sunday in November is Ministry Exchange Sunday and Home Mission Sunday

All meeting dates can be found via the website:
<http://www.thenba.org.uk/diary>

NBA Council Meetings 2016/17

July; December; February

Resources Group: October; February; May

Ministry Group: Future meetings TBA

NBA Assemblies 2016

23rd April NBA Spring Assembly

5th November NBA Autumn Assembly

National Baptist Assembly 2016

14th May at the King's Centre Oxford

NORTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION REPORT: 2015

The Association exists to enable, support and encourage its churches in the mission of Christ and to support and equip those who serve the churches in Christian ministry. Opportunities to express regional belonging, spiritual engagement, development and mutual support take place in a variety of ways including the two Association Assemblies. The Spring Assembly welcomed the Bishop of Durham, Rt. Rev. Paul Butler, as its speaker on the theme of 'Blessed and Blessing'. At the Autumn Assembly the General Secretary of the Baptist Union, Rev. Lynn Green, led the focus on 'Christ Centred Mission'.

Level 2 and level 3 safeguarding has been provided by Lynn Fletcher, a pensions and finance session by Mark Heaton, the Company Secretary of the North West Association as well as a variety of opportunities provided by the Association's staff team and those provided by the Regional Tutor Linda Hopkins. Assemblies also provide a key opportunity for training and development through a variety of seminars.

Ministers and the churches

Rodney Breckon became the minister at Grange Road Baptist Church Darlington.

Alan Brand, a Minister in Training at Thornaby, accepted a call to RE-NEW, Bottisham Cambridgeshire.

John Singleton went to serve the Baptist Church in Oundle as a Transitional Minister.

Phil Dixon moved from East Cleveland Baptist Church to Bramhall.

Naomi Savage left East Cleveland Baptist Church and accepted an appointment in Tamworth serving the Anglican Church.

Graham White retired from Marsden Road Baptist Church in South Shields.

Pete Jorysz accepted a call to Stocksfield Baptist Church.

David Etherington became a Minister in Training serving, in Ushaw Moor Baptist Church.

Sadly Simonside Mission (latterly known as Simonside on Scotch Estate) has closed and the minister Reuben Horsley has retired.

A number of people have taken on moderator roles including Ben Cartwright at Marsden Road in South Shields, Graham White at Whitley Lodge, Ray Richardson at Morpeth, Jon Edwards at East Cleveland, David Lillie at Thornaby, Paul Revill at Corporation Road in Darlington and John Claydon at Headland in Hartlepool. Ian Wren, of Lakeside Baptist Church in Sunderland has been granted Local Recognition as a minister. Sadly Peter Studd of Upper Eden past away at the end of the year.

Association Staff and Officers

After six years serving the Association as our Administrative Support Worker, Carol Taylor, retired. We are grateful to Carol for the quiet, warm, and faithful way in which she has served the Association. Elaine Joy kindly assumed these responsibilities in addition to her role as P.A. to the Team Leader.

Alastair Conn has served as Association Treasurer with faithfulness, diligence and good grace for the past seven years. He has been a great source of encouragement as well as being utterly reliable and faithful in serving the Association. We would rightly want to record our thanks and appreciation for all that he has done. We are also grateful to Philip Hope, a member at Whitley Lodge Baptist Church, for being willing to take on this role.

Rachael Ezra has been a valued member of our Association Team as she has served as our Youth Specialist. The three years of her appointment have come to an end and we are grateful for the initiatives that she has taken, the way she has supported our youth workers and churches, and has been a good part of the team.

Mission Strategy Launch

A significant number of people from across the region gathered at the Locomotion Railway Museum in Shildon for an evening of celebration, story-telling and a motivational message from evangelist Chris Duffett, to launch our mission strategy and raise the profile of the Baptist Pioneer movement within our region. The

strategy has four elements:

1. Priority & Purpose: making sure that mission is at the heart of what we are and do
2. Preparation & Provision: resourcing churches for mission
3. Partnership & People: building relationships for mission
4. Pioneering & Planting: developing new churches and new kinds of church

Prayer Relay

September saw the launch of the prayer relay. Armed with several brightly coloured relay batons, small groups of people gathered at 'high places' across the region to pray for the North East. Then the relay kicked off with a harvest festival service at Great Asby BC in Cumbria, and the batons have been transferred each week to new churches, accompanied by the prayers of the wider Association. Each church has used its week with the relay baton in its unique way but there have been many points of similarity: taking the week as an opportunity to deepen the prayer life of the church; making connections between prayer and mission; and enabling the church to feel connected to the wider Baptist family in our Association.

Lithuania Partnership

In February we sponsored the attendance of two Lithuanian ministers at our N.B.A. Ministers' Conference. In June Paul Revill, making his first visit to Lithuania, led a team of five providing a great opportunity to meet our partner churches there. It was good to be able to include in the team two Ministers in Training from Northern Baptist College. In spite of only meeting as a complete team for the first time at the airport, they gelled into a supportive and effective group. Out of this visit they made a connection with a new church and were able to lead a study day for the Lithuanian Baptist Union Bible School. It is hoped is that this visit will mark a watershed, moving from relationship-building to working more overtly in mission alongside the Baptist churches in Lithuania.

Amongst other highlights, 2015 saw the following:

- A mission week at Bishop Auckland Baptist Church, with a team drawn together by Trevor Rowe and the NBA, in order to help the church run a children's holiday club. As a result, the church is now running a monthly children's event.
- Discussions with Hamsterley Baptist Church about the possibility of it becoming a 'House of Prayer'. It is hoped that this development will be launched later in 2016.
- Working with several churches to help them consider what it is to be 'missional' – looking outwards and engaging with those people who will not easily cross the threshold of our church buildings.
- Praying with folk in Redcar during the week that the mothballing of the steel plant was announced.
- Holding meetings for smaller churches, Baptist chaplains and mission pioneers. The weekend visit of BU President Jenni Entrican not only enabled us to gather pioneer ministers but also to bring together our female ministers for a breakfast served by two male regional ministers, which was a positive development as we seek to continue to encourage more women into church leadership in the North East.

John Claydon and Paul Revill

Home Mission - supports, equips and empowers

We are so grateful for the generosity of our churches which has enabled us to send a total of **£111,502.17p** to support Home Mission through our Baptist Union. Churches will shortly receive their Home Mission Giving Certificate for 2015, and are encouraged to displaying it prominently.

Their **Blessed Generosity** has enabled others to be blessed by what they receive in the form of Grants for Ministry and Mission in addition to the amount that comes back into our Association to enable our churches to be served in various ways.

We are all blessed by our giving to others, but it is worth noting that we in the NBA as a whole receive back a generous blessing of what we have given.

Our Target for this year, 2016, will be £115,000

I extrapolated some figures from 2015:-

- 19 churches gave less than last year
- 12 churches gave the same amounts
- 6 churches were unable to give anything.
- 20 churches gave more than in 2014

I also concluded that had the 19 churches who gave less actually gave the same our total would have increased to £117,883.48p.

Bearing all this in mind there seems a job to do to keep our contributions up in the difficult circumstances we find ourselves in.

I would like to urge All our churches to consider a modest increase on their 2015 contributions following the great example of the 20 churches who increased their giving.

Nationally, even though we are still among the top per capita givers, the National Total was not reached and therefore our allocation is to be reduced by 5% {almost £4,000}.

Home Mission is the Baptist family purse which enables Baptist churches and individuals to reach their mission potential and demonstrate the love of God to their communities.

There is an excitement around new missional opportunities in the NBA, and Home mission Grants will enable work that has the potential to be transformational in local communities to see fruit for their labours. Our faithful God sees how our giving is invested in people and communities and making a difference all around the North East.

Please express my heartfelt thanks to your Fellowship for their continued sacrificial support of their Home Mission Fund, which expresses our common vision of Baptists in the UK.

Every Blessing to you all, I will endeavour to continue to serve you as best I can, if you need me to come and encourage you in your Home Mission giving I am happy to do so.

<http://www.thenba.org.uk/home-mission>

http://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/220874/Home_Mission_Resource_s.aspx

Rev Ray Richardson

Ecumenical Officer's Annual Assembly report: a few highlights....

NE Ecumenical Officers continue to meet regularly to discuss the fostering and nurturing of cross-denominational initiatives, seeking to celebrate what unites Christians in our region.

Many of these links are informal ad hoc arrangements; others are more permanent and require far more detailed analysis and planning. One of our NBA Baptist Churches pursued advance negotiations about a possible merger with other Christians locally, although eventually it was decided not to continue with these plans: it is worth noting that the financial / pensions implications for all proved significant.

One LEP that closed in 2015 cited as reasons for its demise...

- the high age profile of the congregation
- the lack of transport
- new houses built locally not producing any hoped-for growth for the LEP

This seems typical of the challenges faced by many churches across the NE region.

People:

- The new Bishop of Newcastle is the Rt Rev Christine Hardman, also recently installed as a Lord Spiritual in the House of Lords

- Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District welcomed Rev Stephen Lindridge as its new chairman
- Rev Leo Osborn has retired – but we pray for his wife Charlotte in her candidacy for Anglican ministry
- Bishop Mark was been named as the University of Northumbria chaplain, Bishop Frank as the University of Newcastle chaplain

Miscellaneous:

NECAT (NE Churches Acting Together) reports that many churches were heavily involved in the 2015 General Election, hosting hustings, and encouraging greater electoral participation. Many churches have also responded generously to the European refugee/migrant crisis.

NE Region sent 11 delegates to CTE's (Churches Together in England) national Triennial Forum in Swanwick - three days of listening and learning about each other.

Projects in hand include:

Further work on a “a resource for Christians working collaboratively to assess what they doing and plan for the future”

Forthcoming events include:

Receptive Ecumenism and the Local Church (6th February):

Discussion and workshops on the ecumenical lessons drawn from the Local Receptive Ecumenism Project undertaken by Durham University. Ask not “What do the other traditions first need to learn from us?” but “What do we need to learn from them?”

Financial Inclusion Event (Feb 25th):

A response to austerity and poverty, in partnership with Community Money Advice and the Church Urban Fund – organised by NECAT and Together Newcastle

Nigel Riley

Ministers' Fellowship

The Fellowship meets monthly to encourage the Ministers of the Association in fulfilling their call to serve the churches. Each year we have a mixed programme of speakers and activities providing opportunities for fellowship, learning and challenge. We are deeply indebted to the people of Durham City Baptist Church who give us hospitality month by month. The Secretary, Paul Newman, and Treasurer, Pete Spence, are always happy to provide further information about our activities.

Central to each year's programme is the Annual Conference/Retreat in February which is held at the Cober Hill Conference Centre near Scarborough. Our keynote speaker for 2015 was James Catford, Group Chief Executive of the Bible Study whose theme was "The Bible Just Left the Building – How the Western church lost confidence in its own text and what we can do about it." Alongside his sessions we exercised our chuckle muscles with Allan Finnegan a Pastor from Merseyside who is also a stand-up comedian. There was also a session led by the NBA Team, an extended time of worship and prayer ministry and we watched the film "The Railway Man" – based on a true story from World War II of courage, mercy and forgiveness on the Burma railroad.

Over the year we had sessions on the NBA Mission Strategy led by Paul Revill and our Call to be a Praying People from John Claydon. Other themes covered were: Growing Your Church Through International Development (Christian Aid), Living as a Christian in a British Islamic Community (Rob Fewkes), Fresh Approaches to John's Gospel (Ian Galloway), Prayer Spaces for Schools (Phil Togwell) and The Introvert Charismatic (Mark Tanner, Warden of Cranmer Hall, Durham). Our July Jaunt in 2015 took us to the Friary of St Francis, Alnmouth, and in December we enjoyed a sumptuous Christmas Dinner provided by Alan Turnbull and friends at The Baptist Tabernacle, Marsden Road, South Shields.

Ask your Pastor if they attend the Fellowship and, if not, encourage her or him to do so.

Paul Newman (Secretary)

Regional Tutor - Regional Work in NBA

It has been a quieter year for me as Regional Tutor this year, largely due to having a 5-month sabbatical from April onwards when I had opportunity to focus on my PhD studies exploring young people's experiences of communion (Lord's Supper) in Baptist churches.

However, despite my absence we have delivered a module as part of the NBA Learning Programme for lay learners in the region. Baptist Belief and Practice was taught by our regional ministers in June and July 2015 and attended by a number of people from NBA churches. We have continued to support those studying as lay pastor and lay preacher in the region.

In June two NBC Manchester based students were able to join the NBA trip to Lithuania. Andrew and Lanre joined the NBA team and thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the various experiences and activities during the mission trip. It was great to see this trip coming together and NBA and NBC working in partnership.

Last year I reported that the college had developed a new vision and strategy. Continuing development of this has led to restructuring and staff redundancies, so in November 2015 we learned that the three regional posts, including my own in NBA and NWBA would not be continuing beyond August 2016. And so it is with sadness that I sign off this annual report as my last one. It has been an immense privilege to serve the region over the last five years, and to get to know so many people within NBA churches.

Linda Hopkins

NBA FINANCIAL REPORT 2015

The Association's General Fund income and expenditure, represented by the "Unrestricted" column in the Statement of Financial Activities, showed a surplus of £13,598, compared with a deficit of £8,476 in 2014.

With effect from January 2015, the Association receives annual allocations of funding from BUGB under two headings: Operational and Home Mission. Out of these allocations the Association has to meet its own operating costs and provide Home Mission grant funding to churches in the Northern region. Until December 2014 Home Mission grants were administered centrally by BUGB.

As reported last year, BUGB has set out a three year funding settlement for 2015-2017 under which the Association's Operational funding reduces each year while the Home Mission funding increases, the overall effect being that total funding for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 will be £169,208, £172,016 and £174,824 respectively. However it is BUGB's policy is to pay out only 95% of the annual allocation during each year, with the final 5% being retained and paid out only if BUGB's national appeal reaches its target. We understand that in 2015 the appeal target was not met, and so the Association received only £160,747 from BUGB instead of £169,208. However an additional £13,534 was received during 2015 by way of an adjustment to 2014's Home Mission funding, as a result of which the Association achieved a small General Fund surplus of income over expenditure rather than breaking even.

The Association continued to employ two full-time Regional ministers, Rev Dr John Claydon and Rev Paul Revill, during the year. The three-year term of our part-time Youth Specialist, Mrs Rachael Ezra, came to an end in December 2015. Mrs Elaine Joy continued to serve as part-time personal assistant to John Claydon and also took over Association administrator duties from Mrs Carol Taylor when Carol retired during the year. The Association is very grateful for the dedicated service of all its staff.

During 2015 the Association received £36,080 from the proceeds of sale of the redundant church premises at Crook. The Association's financial reserves at 31 December 2015 totalled £209,383, of which £84,982 represented the General Fund, reflecting the Trustees' policy of seeking to maintain unrestricted reserves equivalent to a minimum of 50% of the Association's annual unrestricted expenditure. The balance of £124,401 has been designated by the Trustees for future development projects; given the continuing uncertainty about the health of the Baptist Pension Scheme and the possibility that at some stage the Association may have to contribute to a scheme to reduce the Scheme's substantial deficit, the Trustees do not propose to undertake any significant new financial commitments in the immediate future.

I retired as Association Treasurer at the end of 2015, having completed seven years in office. I am grateful for all the help and support I have received from everyone connected with the NBA. Philip Hope, a member of Whitley Lodge Baptist Church, has taken over as Treasurer and I know he will do an excellent job.

Alastair Conn, NBA Treasurer (retired 31 December 2015)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Note	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary income						
Gifts and donations	3	8,266	–	–	8,266	4,845
Investment income	4	989	–	–	989	884
From charitable activities	5	181,838	–	–	181,838	108,164
Other incoming resources	6	10,000	64,996	–	74,996	33,261
Total incoming resources		<u>201,093</u>	<u>28,762</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>266,089</u>	<u>147,154</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of generating funds		–	–	–	–	–
Charitable activities						
Direct service provision						
NBA	7	138,098	28,916	–	167,014	163,203
Mid-Durham Ministries	8	–	–	–	–	2,610
Grant-making	9	49,397	–	–	49,397	2,392
Governance costs		–	–	–	–	–
Total resources expended		<u>187,495</u>	<u>28,916</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>216,411</u>	<u>168,205</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		<u>13,598</u>	<u>36,080</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>49,678</u>	<u>(21,051)</u>
Transfers between funds		<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>13,598</u>	<u>36,080</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>49,678</u>	<u>(21,051)</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>71,384</u>	<u>88,321</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>159,705</u>	<u>180,756</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	17	<u>84,982</u>	<u>124,401</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>209,383</u>	<u>159,705</u>

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	13	742	610
Investments	14	<u>3,139</u>	<u>3,105</u>
		<u>3,881</u>	<u>3,715</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	15	3,973	–
Bank balances and deposits	16	<u>203,529</u>	<u>155,990</u>
		<u>207,502</u>	<u>155,990</u>
CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)	17	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>–</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>205,502</u>	<u>155,990</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>209,383</u>	<u>159,705</u>
REPRESENTED BY			
Unrestricted funds	18	84,982	71,384
Designated funds	18	124,401	88,321
Restricted funds	18	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
		<u>209,383</u>	<u>159,705</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 December 2015

1 Basis of preparing accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (Charities SORP), applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011.

2 Accounting policies

Incoming resources

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt. Where a claim for repayment of income tax has or will be made, such income is grossed up for the tax recoverable.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the Association. Governance costs include legal fees and costs relating to trustees' meetings.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent donations and legacies received for specific purposes.

Unrestricted funds

Designated funds are amounts that have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees. General unrestricted funds represent funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the Association.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost less depreciation, which is charged over two years.

3 Gifts and donations

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
Contribution to preaching costs	4,169	–	–	4,169	2,825
Donations	4,097	–	–	4,097	1,519
Mid-Durham Ministries	–	–	–	–	501
	<u>8,266</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>8,266</u>	<u>4,845</u>

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
Charities Deposit Fund interest	755	–	–	755	684
BU Corporation Loan interest	234	–	–	234	200
	<u>989</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>989</u>	<u>884</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2015

5 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
Baptist Union of Great Britain					
Operational funding	88,386	–	–	88,386	97,533
Home Mission funding – current year	72,361	–	–	72,361	–
Home Mission funding – adjustment re previous year	13,534	–	–	13,534	–
Housing allowance	5,250	–	–	5,250	5,250
Discretionary payment	1,000	–	–	1,000	4,000
Assembly/handbook income	1,307	–	–	1,307	1,381
	181,838	–	–	181,838	108,164

6 Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
Grant from Lady Hewley Trust	5,000	–	–	5,000	5,000
Home Mission grant repaid	5,000	–	–	5,000	–
Contributions to Glendale ministry:					
Home Mission grant	–	13,500	–	13,500	14,000
Glendale Crossing Places Trust	–	15,416	–	15,416	14,261
Sale of Crook church premises	–	36,080	–	36,080	–
	10,000	64,996	–	74,996	33,261

7 Direct service provision

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
Staff salaries	73,649	21,700	–	95,349	91,550
Employer's NI contribution	4,405	1,399	–	5,804	5,505
Employer's pension contribution	16,446	5,817	–	22,263	21,836
Housing expenses	17,258	–	–	17,258	16,066
Removal costs	–	–	–	–	1,190
Conferences and courses	3,408	–	–	3,408	3,142
Travel	14,353	–	–	14,353	13,869
Committee travel and expenses	972	–	–	972	772
NBA Handbook	146	–	–	146	252
NBA Assemblies	954	–	–	954	914
Other expenses	1,401	–	–	1,401	2,818
	132,992	28,916	–	161,908	157,914
Support costs:					
Telephone, stationery, postage	4,051	–	–	4,051	4,222
Depreciation of equipment	746	–	–	746	783
Insurance	309	–	–	309	284
	138,098	28,916	–	167,014	163,203

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2015

8 Mid-Durham Ministries

	2015 £	2014 £
<i>Income</i>		
Weardale churches	–	501
<i>Expenditure</i>		
Travel and premises costs	–	1,776
Balance to Weardale churches	–	834
	–	2,610

9 Grant-making

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
Home Mission grants:					
<u>Annual grants</u>					
Berwick	9,000	–	–	9,000	–
Coulby Newham	7,200	–	–	7,200	–
Darlington, Corporation Road	3,333	–	–	3,333	–
Gateshead, Beacon Lough	4,000	–	–	4,000	–
Glendale Crossing Places Trust	13,500	–	–	13,500	–
Hartlepool, Owton Manor	2,000	–	–	2,000	–
Thornaby	2,800	–	–	2,800	–
Wallsend	2,500	–	–	2,500	–
<u>Mission project grants</u>					
Sunderland, Enon	800	–	–	800	–
Hartlepool Churches	1,000	–	–	1,000	–
Heaton Churches Together	1,000	–	–	1,000	–
Kingston Park Project	250	–	–	250	–
	47,383			47,383	–
NE Churches Acting Together	500	–	–	500	300
Northumbria Industrial Mission	300	–	–	300	300
BMS – Assembly offering	607	–	–	607	663
BU Home Mission – Assembly offering	607	–	–	607	663
Mission Support Fund	–	–	–	–	466
	49,397	–	–	49,397	2,392

10 Trustees' transactions

The following payments were made in relation to Trustees under Section 5d, 5e and 6 of the Memorandum of Association:

	2015 £	2014 £
Regional Ministers' salaries	56,420	54,050
Employer's pension contribution	14,368	14,095
Employer's NI contribution	3,940	3,711
Housing expenses	17,258	16,066
Removal costs	–	1,190
Travel expenses	11,547	11,346
	103,533	100,458

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2015

11 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during 2015.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	2015 £	2014 £
<i>Office equipment</i>		
Balance brought forward	610	267
Additions at cost	878	1,126
Less: Depreciation	<u>(746)</u>	<u>(783)</u>
Balance carried forward	742	610

13 Investments

	2015 £	2014 £
Baptist Insurance Company plc – 471 £5 shares fully paid	2,355	2,355
Baptist Union Corporation Loan	<u>784</u>	<u>750</u>
	3,139	3,105

14 Debtors and prepayments

	2015 £	2014 £
Sundry debtors and prepayments	<u>3,973</u>	–

15 Bank balances and deposits

	2015 £	2014 £
Lloyds Bank	9,320	2,536
Charities Deposit Fund	<u>194,209</u>	<u>153,454</u>
	203,529	155,990

16 Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)

	2015 £	2014 £
Accrued expenses	<u>2,000</u>	–

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2015

17 Summary of fund movements

	Balance brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance carried forward £
Unrestricted					
General Fund	71,384	201,093	(187,495)	–	84,982
Designated					
Benevolent Fund	266	–	–	–	266
Church Extension Fund	37,776	–	–	–	37,776
Easington Fund	18,074	–	–	(18,074)	–
Ferryhill Fund	31,551	–	–	(31,551)	–
Development Fund	–	36,080	–	49,625	85,705
Mission Support Fund	654	–	–	–	654
Glendale Crossing Places Fund	–	28,916	(28,916)	–	–
Restricted	–	–	–	–	–
	159,705	266,089	(216,411)	–	209,383

Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent Fund is administered by the Regional Ministers.

Church Extension Fund

The Church Extension Fund is used to help member churches improve and/or repair their church premises according to need. No new loans were made during the year.

Easington, Ferryhill and Development Funds

The Easington and Ferryhill Funds comprised money received following the closure of the Baptist churches at Easington and Ferryhill. During the year £36,080 was received from the sale of the closed church premises at Crook. The trustees have decided to merge these funds into a new Development Fund which is designated for future special projects within the Association.

Mission Support Fund

The Mission Support Fund represents donations received to provide financial support for members of NBA churches engaged in mission projects.

Glendale Crossing Places Fund

The Glendale Crossing Places Fund pays the costs of the full-time minister working with the Glendale Crossing Places Trust. These costs are funded partly by a Home Mission grant with the balance being contributed by the Trust.

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18 Pensions

The Association is an employer participating in a defined contribution scheme, The Baptist Pension Scheme, to which the employer contributes 10% of pensionable income and the member 8%. The employer's contribution comprises 6% which is credited to pension accounts for the individual members and 4% to cover death in service benefits, income protection in the event of long-term incapacity and administration costs. In the case of employees who were formerly members of the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund, the employer also contributes 11% (increasing to 12% from 1 January 2016) of pensionable income towards the elimination of the accumulated fund deficit; it is estimated that deficiency contributions will continue to be payable until 2035. In relation to the Baptist Union Staff Pension Scheme, the employer pays a flat rate annual contribution (£817 in 2015, increasing to £1,750 in 2016) towards the elimination of the accumulated scheme deficit; these contributions are expected to be payable until 2025.

The trustees of The Baptist Pension Scheme have informed the Association that they are still unable to establish the Association's share of the total underlying deficits of the pension schemes, but the trustees of the Association consider that it is likely that the amounts involved, when known, will be material in relation to the Association's financial reserves.

The pensions cost included in the statement of financial activities for the year comprises the employer's contributions payable, including the deficiency contributions described above. No provision has been made in these financial statements in respect of deficiency contributions payable in future years. The total pensions cost to the Association in the year was £22,263 (2014 £21,836).

Baptist Home Mission Fund	2013	2014	2015
	£	£	£
Alnwick	6,000.00	4,200.00	4,300.00
Berwick	960.00	1,110.00	1,560.00
Baptist Tab, South Shields	1,299.96	1,299.96	1,299.96
Beacon Lough, Gateshead	2,334.19	2,588.38	2,527.57
Berwick Hills, Middlesbrough	960.00	960.00	960.00
Billingham	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,520.00
Bishop Auckland	470.69	637.01	602.46
Blackhill	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,273.33
Cambridge Road, Middlesbrough	2,000.00	3,400.00	2,300.00
Corporation Road, Darlington	1,632.16	1,855.58	1,774.78
Coulby Newham	1,080.00	1,080.00	1,170.00
Spenymoor	0.00	40.00	0.00
Crosby Garret	0.00	0.00	0.00
Durham City	2,534.00	2,674.00	2,840.00
Durham Road, Gateshead	1,347.20	1,422.50	1,374.00
East Cleveland	4,680.00	4,800.00	5,500.00

Enon, Sunderland	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Filipino Congregation	0.00	200.00	1,200.00
Grange Road, Darlington	863.42	1,116.96	627.30
Grange Road, Jarrow	1,200.00	1,320.00	1,320.00
Great Asby	200.00	250.00	275.00
Hamsterley	150.00	150.00	400.00
Heaton, Newcastle	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Kingston Park, Newcastle	1,956.00	1,973.76	2,305.08
Lakeside	1,325.80	1,242.94	1,131.91
Marske (CLOSED)	1,560.00	390.00	0.00
Morpeth	1,200.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
New Life, Northallerton	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,170.00
New Silksworth	0.00	375.00	720.00
North Shields	2,682.96	1,449.84	1,130.50
Norton, Stockton	1,277.80	960.00	960.00
Owton Manor, Hartlepool	1,280.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Oxford Road, Hartlepool	2,250.59	2,379.39	2,240.00
Portrack, Stockton	960.00	960.00	960.00
Preston Grange	0.00	1,010.00	710.00
Headland, Hartlepool	1,600.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Rowley	375.00	350.00	200.00
Simonside (CLOSED)	200.00	200.00	200.00
South Bank, Middlesbrough	2,409.40	2,022.34	2,598.72
Stocksfield	3,750.00	3,875.00	3,960.00
Stockton Tabernacle	10,000.00	8,000.00	9,000.00
Thornaby	1,000.00	1,058.20	0.00
Upper Eden	200.00	200.00	250.00
Ushaw Moor	600.00	500.00	483.00
Wallsend	679.81	645.85	618.75
West View, Hartlepool	1,270.00	805.00	773.03
Westgate Road, Newcastle	5,750.00	5,750.00	5,750.00
Westoe Road, South Shields	1,625.00	1,700.00	1,710.00
Whitley Bay	8,600.00	9,483.00	9,680.00
Winton United	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wolsingham	100.00	0.00	100.00
Whitley Lodge	3,360.00	3,120.00	3,120.00
Wooler, Glendale	500.00	1,000.00	0.00
Other	429.13	663.07	606.78
TOTAL	113,053.11	111,617.78	111,502.17

BMS World Mission Giving	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Not including Special or Relief			
	£	£	£
Alnwick	4,787.81	4,100.00	4,700.00
Berwick	174.00	1,663.00	0.00
Billingham (Cheviot Crescent)	4,038.00	4,277.48	5,697.03
Bishop Auckland	732.60	336.62	581.01
Blackhill, Consett, Durham Road	2,000.00	1,900.00	1,194.14
Coulby Newham	1,110.00	1,080.00	1,150.00
Crosby Garrett	-	-	-
Darlington, Corporation Road	933.08	1,036.64	1,256.88
Darlington, Grange Road	861.61	966.50	708.30
Durham City	2,941.00	3,183.00	3,130.00
East Cleveland	4,844.00	5,020.00	5,829.00
Gateshead, Beacon Lough	2,610.50	2,372.21	2,411.00
Gateshead, Durham Road	540.00	865.00	912.50
Great Asby	200.00	450.00	275.00
Hamsterley	300.00	-	550.00
Hartlepool, Headland	1,290.00	1,271.00	1,072.00
Hartlepool, Owton Manor	150.30	167.00	124.50
Hartlepool, Oxford Road	4,004.97	564.00	3,911.54
Hartlepool, West View	1,539.13	1,321.53	868.03
Jarrow, Grange Road	1,450.00	1,520.00	1,470.00
Lakeside	1,088.50	1,460.00	2,398.50
Marske	1,800.00	750.00	-
Middlesbrough, Berwick Hills	565.00	742.60	674.60
Middlesbrough, Cambridge Road	1,900.00	3,300.00	0.00
Middlesbrough, South Bank	2,520.90	1,696.12	1,433.44
Morpeth	1,276.00	1,444.00	1,916.00
Newcastle, Heaton	7,975.00	7,900.00	7,900.00
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Kingston Park	-	-	-
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Westgate	5,750.00	5,750.00	5,795.00
North Shields, Howard Street	2,821.46	1,449.84	1,130.00
North Shields, Preston Grange	604.00	740.50	545.00
Northallerton, New Life	4,524.40	3,800.00	4,592.19
Rowley	375.00	350.00	200.00
South Shields, Marsden Road Tabernacle	582.80	546.00	461.60

South Shields, Westoe Road	2,017.50	2,235.00	2,235.00
Stocksfield Baptist Church	2,350.00	2,100.00	1,650.00
Stockton-on-Tees, Norton	1,909.00	1,056.00	1,010.00
Stockton-on-Tees, Portrack	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Stockton-on-Tees, The Tabernacle	5,000.00	15,000.00	5,000
Sunderland, Enon	1,177.00	1,211.00	1,229.00
Thornaby, Thorntree Road	-	494.98	276.84
Upper Eden	170.00	170.00	190.00
Ushaw Moor, South View	1,466.10	748.03	568.81
Wallsend	679.81	735.40	618.75
Whitley Bay	9,291.76	6,610.37	6,872.77
Whitley Lodge	4,036.00	3,120.00	3,620.00
Winton United LEP	240.00	240.00	220.00
Wolsingham, Front Street	100.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL	96,526.51	97,643.82	88,278.93

Indemnity Statement

*“Whilst recognizing that our staff and officers are asked for their opinion on a wide variety of concerns including matters relating to buildings, technical know-how, legal advice, and practical advice, it is to be stressed that any response by staff and officers cannot be taken as “professional advice”. Neither they nor the Association carry insurance against loss which might arise from following such advice, and it must be made clear that churches must, therefore, accept all advice at their own risk. If the opinion is given by staff members on any of the afore stated matters it is the responsibility of those seeking/receiving advice to seek both clarification and procedure from a qualified/competent person. The NBA, therefore, **disclaims** any legal responsibility for advice given by its staff and officers on such matters.”*

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