



Churches  
Together  
*in* England

*in* 2001

**Presidents:**

The Archbishop of Canterbury  
The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster  
The Free Church Moderator  
Rowena Loverance  
(of the Religious Society of Friends)

Churches Together in England is the officially recognised body co-ordinating the life of its Member Churches and bodies in England. They are:

Baptist Union of Great Britain  
Cherubim & Seraphim Council of Churches  
Church of England  
Church of Scotland (in England)  
Congregational Federation  
Council of African & Afro-Caribbean Churches  
Council of Oriental Orthodox Christian Churches  
Ichthus Christian Fellowship  
Independent Methodist Churches  
International Ministerial Council of Great Britain  
Joint Council for Anglo-Caribbean Churches  
Lutheran Council of Great Britain  
Methodist Church  
Moravian Church  
New Testament Assembly  
Oecumenical Patriarchate  
(Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain)  
Religious Society of Friends  
Roman Catholic Church  
Russian Orthodox Church  
Salvation Army  
United Reformed Church  
Wesleyan Holiness Church

Churches that are members of the Free Churches Group within Churches Together in England (CTE) but not themselves currently members of CTE are:

Afro-Westindian United Council of Churches  
Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion  
Fellowship of Churches of Christ  
Free Church of England  
New Testament Church of God  
Old Baptist Union  
Wesleyan Reform Union

Members of the Free Churches Group and of CYTUN (Churches Together in Wales)

The Baptist Union of Wales  
Presbyterian Church of Wales  
Union of Welsh Independents

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland is a sister-organisation of Churches Together in England which links the ecumenical bodies in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and takes particular responsibility for common issues and for international relations.

From May 2001 Churches Together in England has new London offices, and a new relationship with the Free Churches Council (FCC).

In 2000 the Free Churches Council of England and Wales and Churches Together in England agreed that FCC's work should be located in future within Churches Together in England. Many of the English-based Free Churches were members of both Free Churches Council and Churches Together in England, and they especially felt that the broader context of Churches Together in England (with a membership of twenty-two Churches) was the way ahead. Thus there would be a "Free Churches Group" within Churches Together in England, and such Churches that had been members of the FCC in the past which did not wish to be members of Churches Together in England, could maintain their links with the Free Churches Group. The Free Churches Group would continue its links with the Welsh-based churches, and would provide for them the services (in education, health care and public representation in particular) that had formerly been supplied by the FCC. The work of the Women's Council would continue as a Free Church Women's Forum.

- 27 Tavistock Square had been the offices of the FCC since 1935 and was held on beneficial terms through the foresight of Robert Wilson Black. It was therefore agreed that the offices would become the base for the expanded Churches Together in England, and a full refurbishment was undertaken by the Trustee Body (Free Church Federal Council Incorporated).
- The role of the Free Churches in public education is housed in Methodist Church House, working alongside the Methodist Education Officer.
- Churches Together in England continues to have a North/Midlands office in Manchester.

## EXECUTIVE STAFF

Revd Bill Snelson, **General Secretary**, works with the Member Churches, Co-ordinating Groups and Agencies; the main point of contact with secular bodies, some media, and other national and international ecumenical organisations. Assisted by Ceciley Hooff.

Revd Geoffrey Roper, **Associate General Secretary (Free Churches)** is the "Free Church point of reference"; provides resource for the Free Church Moderator. Also, wider responsibility for certain public policy matters and issues related to Regionalisation. Assisted by Ceciley Hooff.

Jenny Bond, **Field Officer (North & Midlands)** supports intermediate/county ecumenical structures and personnel in North & Midlands. Edits *Pilgrim Post*. Assisted by Tracy Neil (half-time).  
*Manchester-based*

Major Alan Dixon, **Executive Officer (Common Life process)** seconded half-time by the Salvation Army, oversees Common Life process.

David Jones, **Finance Officer**, looks after the accounts of Churches Together in England and of the Free Church Federal Council Incorporated. Assisted by Barbara Amey.

Judith Lampard, **Executive Officer (Admin/Communications)** is responsible for administration, communications and publications, works with Bodies in Association and some Co-ordinating Groups notably the Spirituality Group. Assisted by Gill Stedman.

Pat Madden, **Executive Officer (Youth)** co-ordinates youth work among the Member Churches and other religiously-affiliated national youth organisations. Assisted by Carole Golden.

Pauline Main, **Executive Officer (Women's/ Social Concerns & Opportunities for Volunteering)** works with Women's Co-ordinating Group and generally on issues of inclusive Church and inclusive society as they affect local, intermediate and ecumenical church life. Responsible for Opportunities for Volunteering Programme. Assisted (Women's/Social Concerns) by Elspeth Coke and (Opps for Vols) by Carole Golden.

Revd Roger Nunn, **Field Officer (South)** supports intermediate/county ecumenical structures and personnel in South. Secretary to the Group for Local Unity. Assisted by Elspeth Coke.

Revd Christine Pocock, **Executive Officer, and Secretary of Health Care Chaplaincy Steering Committee**, oversees Free Church Health Care Chaplaincy throughout the NHS Trusts in England and Wales. Undertakes various co-ordinating roles on behalf of Churches Together in England; and acts as Health and Safety Officer and as Equal Opportunities Implementation/Monitoring Officer. Assisted by Barbara Amey.

Gillian Wood, **Free Churches Education Officer**, supports involvement of Free Churches in public education in England and Wales. Undertakes other co-ordinating roles on behalf of Churches Together in England.

*Based in Methodist Church House, London.*

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Barbara Amey is Secretary/Administrator of Health Care Chaplaincy Unit.

Elspeth Coke works with Roger Nunn and Pauline Main.

Carole Golden works with Pat Madden and is also Administrator of Opportunities for Volunteering (a Department of Health grant-making scheme).

Ceciley Hooff works with Bill Snelson and Geoffrey Roper.

Tracy Neil works with Jenny Bond.

Gill Stedman is Office Manager and also works with Judith Lampard.

Natalie Tomlinson is Administrative Assistant supporting the smooth running of the London office.

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