

The Society for Ecumenical Studies

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Church House, 7 February 1996

1. The Convenor took the Chair. 15 members present. Apologies from Revs P. and G. Morgan, Mrs J. Pinnock, Rev. B. Scantlebury, Rev. Dr. Colin Davey and Dr Martin Conway.
2. The Secretary gave a brief review of the year's events. Martin Cressey underlined the strong desire of many members that we should keep questions relating to local ecumenism to the fore in our activities.
3. Martin Cressey reported on the *koinonia* working group, David Carter on the Ecclesiology Seminar. The latter has planned two meetings, both at 5pm at Heythrop College, on 8 May and June 19 respectively. At the first, Paul McPartlan will give an inaugural paper on ecclesiology. At the second, David Carter will give a paper on *Ecumenical Influences and Implications of the draft Methodist Ecclesiology Report of 1995*. Papers for future terms have been promised by David Chapman, Ted Yarnold and Dr, N. Sagovsky, of Cambridge. We shall be very happy to receive other offers, whether directly from our own members, or others with relevant interests. David Carter hopes to give details of papers to be given by the three people aforementioned, and others, in the next newsletter.
4. The existing Committee was reelected.
5. The financial statement was tabled. Income (including donations) was £899 and expenditure, on meetings, committee meetings and mailings was £470.51, leaving a balance of £428.99 The subscription rates were determined and will be notified to members.
6. A review was given of arrangements for 1996. It was suggested that, in place of a meeting taken by the *koinonia* group, the October meeting study some recent important work on the *Filioque* clause of the Creed, and that the Secretary approach Fr T. Weinandy and Bishop Kallistos Ware as to their willingness and availability to speak to us about this. The April and June meetings would be as previously notified. Martin Cressey confirmed Westminster would be able to provide tea and coffee and possibly soup on April 27.

7. Next AGM provisionally fixed for 7 February 1997 at Church House; the Convenor to check with Mary Tanner.

After this, the AGM proceeded to Ted Yarnold's paper, which was enthusiastically received, and followed by animated discussion. We recorded our thanks to Ted for his stimulus once again, we also expressed our gratitude to Mary Tanner and to Church House for their generous hospitality.