

Secretary's Report

This year has been a time of transition with new people taking up posts, the revised constitution being put into effect and the protracted search for my replacement(s). The Annual FCI Day was held on October 3rd 2009, two regular meetings of the Management Committee were held, and an excellent seminar on Lesslie Newbigin arranged in conjunction with St Philip's Centre in Leicester was both informative and interesting. This was attended more by folk from the diocese than members of FCI, which is a matter for regret. I have been in recent touch with the General Secretaries of both CNI and CSI and sent our greetings to CNI on the occasion of the 40th anniversary celebrations next week.

Membership of FCI is now about 325 including 4 group memberships. We are pleased to welcome new members, and encourage all of you to make use of the revised leaflet.

Before I leave my post I thought I would introduce you to the members of the Management Committee members and in what capacity they serve. A good percentage of the committee is here today so if you would please stand as I call out your name I'll make the introductions.

I would like to pay tribute to the membership secretary, Anne Bainbridge. Anne has laid a good foundation during the two years she has been looking after your subscriptions and records, and we do thank her for all her time and effort. I hope to build on it when I take over from her as Membership Secretary. So I will still be after you for your money although I hope you will all take out standing orders, so no reminders will be necessary!

I wish my successor every success and blessing in the work and a straightforward handover, although with the division of the tasks, it may not be as straightforward as we would like. But I am sure you will all support her as you have supported me.

Margaret Smith
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