

## World Church Group Report for 2010

The members of the Group and their responsibilities are:

Martin Waldron	Convener, Synod Website
Derek Lindfield	Secretary
Helen Everard	links with Église Réformée de France (ERF)
Rob Weston (until November)	links with the Lusaka Presbytery of the United Church of Zambia (UCZ)
Ian Simpson	“
Vacant	links with the Council for World Mission (CWM)
David Webb	Methodist Church
Adrian Bulley (until 19 October)	Moderator, ex-officio
Peter Pay	Synod Clerk, ex-officio

### LOOKING BACK OVER 2010:

**Église Réformée de France (ERF) and Le Weekend:** a very successful weekend was held at Luneray, near Dieppe, in April. 14 of us from the Synod and elsewhere joined 25 hosts, together with 15 children and enjoyed a stimulating programme including workshops, a barn dance and Sunday morning worship.

On behalf of Synod, Helen Everard attended the annual ERF Synod of Nord Normandie in November.

**United Church of Zambia (UCZ):** 8 young people and 3 leaders visited the Lusaka Presbytery of the UCZ in August for a 3 week visit and joined young people from Zambia and France. The Group included 4 young people and a leader from the Southampton District of the Methodist Church. The youngsters spent some time together and also in small groups visiting church projects, attending worship and joining in specially arranged meetings. They were hosted by families which was an eye-opener for many of them. They visited some of the Consistories (like Districts) of the Lusaka Presbytery, also the Copperbelt and the Victoria Falls. They shared some of their experiences with us at the November Synod and showed us photos.

Due to national commitments Rob Weston handed over responsibility to Ian Simpson as the link person to UCZ at the November Synod. We thank Rob for his contribution and enthusiasm.

**Council for World Mission (CWM):** we arranged for Steve Cox to speak at the March 2010 Synod to give some emphasis to CWM's work but were disappointed with the content of his talk – an opportunity missed for CWM.

Sadly, Stephen Smith our CWM representative, died in August. We miss him greatly and his contribution to the Group will be sadly missed.

**Synod Website:** we try to keep our section of the website up to date so please look at it for information, dates etc.

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2011:**

### **Église Réformée de France:**

**Le Weekend:** 29 April to 1 May at Salisbury URC – please look out for fliers.

**Youth Exchange:** 8 young people with Zambian and French youngsters to visit Nord Normandie Synod for a 3 week programme in August.

**United Church of Zambia:** Probable visit of the Moderator with the Chair of the Southampton District of the Methodist Church to the Lusaka Presbytery later in the year.

### **Council for World Mission (CWM):**

**CWM representative:** we are looking for someone to take on the CWM role to replace Stephen Smith.

**CWM Sunday:** we are planning to challenge churches to hold a CWM Sunday and to provide material for worship.

*Martin Waldron*

*Convener*