



## ABOUT THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The United Reformed Church plays a dynamic and challenging part in the British Christian community, despite being one of the smaller mainstream denominations.

It has brought together English Presbyterians, English, Welsh and Scottish Congregationalists, and members of the Churches of Christ, through unions in 1972, 1981 and 2000. Sixty-eight thousand people make up 1500 congregations, with nearly 700 ministers, paid and unpaid.

The United Reformed Church combines its commitment to the Reformed tradition with a passionate belief that all God's people should be one. It seeks to work with Christians of all traditions, and rejoices in being part of more than 400 Local Ecumenical Partnerships, with the Methodist Church and others. It is also committed to theological and cultural diversity. It has declared itself a multicultural church, rejoicing in the gifts of members from across the world and seeks to hold together a wide variety of theological understandings; the valuing of different insights helps the church understand the wonder of God.

Worldwide, more than 70 million Christians are members of the Reformed family of churches. They uphold the historic Trinitarian creeds of the church universal and find the supreme authority for their lives in the Word of God in the Bible, discerned under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They order their lives through councils of the church, where ministers and lay people together seek the mind of Christ.

The United Reformed Church is a Church in three Nations - England Scotland and Wales. The churches are administered at a regional level through 13 Synods. Synods are regional administrative groupings of churches.

Further information can be obtained from the United Reformed Church's website [www.urc.org.uk](http://www.urc.org.uk)