

The Free Churches Group



Free Churches Moderator

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The Free Churches Group continues the work of the Free Church Federal Council (1940) and previous bodies from the 1890s and before.

Now positioned alongside Churches Together in England, the Group maintains links with the Free Church Council of Wales, and with local Free Church groups and councils.

The Free Churches Group comprises:

Assemblies of God

640 Churches, 893 Ministers
46000 Members

Baptist Union of Great Britain

2028 Churches, 1811 Ministers
138089 Members

Baptist Union of Wales

473 Churches, 153 Ministers
17774 Members

Churches in Communities International

40 Churches and Ministries

Church of the Nazarene

54 Churches, 45 Ministers
1750 Members

Congregational Federation

297 Churches, 55 Ministers
10234 Members

Council of African and Caribbean Churches UK

72 Churches, 152 Ministers
13000 Members

Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion

23 Churches, 20 Ministers
680 Members

Fellowship of Churches of Christ

34 Churches, 25 Ministers
969 Members

Free Church of England

25 Churches, 38 Ministers
963 Members

Independent Methodist Churches

92 Churches, 91 Ministers
2195 Members

Methodist Church

6400 Churches, 2592 Ministers
314595 Members

Moravian Church

35 Churches, 43 Ministers
1864 Members

New Testament Assembly

16 Churches, 74 Ministers
1200 Members

New Testament Church of God

115 Churches, 300 Ministers
10580 Members

Old Baptist Union

16 Churches, 13 Ministers
760 Members

Presbyterian Church of Wales

814 Churches, 106 Ministers
38030 Members

Salvation Army

735 Churches, 2795 Ministers
48563 Members

**Undeb yr Annibynwyr Cymraeg
(*Union of Welsh Independents*)**

499 Churches, 221 Ministers
32756 Members

United Reformed Church

1719 Churches, 1848 Ministers
87732 Members

Wesleyan Reform Union

110 Churches, 18 Ministers
1947 Members

The Free Churches Group

- coordinates the representation of its member denominations to statutory and voluntary agencies, departments of state and other interested groups as and when appropriate and through appropriate means
- supports Free Church Chaplaincy in the National Health Service
- through the Free Church Education Unit speaks for the Free Churches on education
- in the Free Church Women's Forum brings together women from local groups for fellowship, learning, mutual support and encouragement.

The Free Churches Moderator is one of the four Presidents of Churches Together in England. Elected for a four year period, the Moderator is patron of many charities and good causes, represents the Free Churches on public occasions and may articulate the concerns of nearly a third of practising Christians in this country.

Revd David Coffey became Moderator in 2003. A Baptist minister, he held pastorates in Whetstone (Leicester), North Cheam (Sutton) and Upton Vale, Torquay. He served as President of the Baptist Union 1986-87 before joining its staff in 1988. He served for 3 years as National Director of Evangelism and was appointed General Secretary in 1991.

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