

A scenic view of a lake with autumn foliage in the foreground and background. The leaves are in various shades of yellow, orange, and brown. The water is calm and reflects the sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

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1. Foreword

Today life expectancy is considerably greater than it has ever been and it is not unusual for brothers and sisters to live into and beyond their nineties. Our care homes provide excellent full-time care for those who need it, but we have an increasing number of very elderly brothers and sisters in our ecclesias who, though living independently, require some support and care.

As a brotherhood, it is always helpful to take a fresh look at their situation and their needs, and at the resources available to meet them.

Unfortunately, present day UK society focuses on the young and undervalues age and experience. It is important to guard against this mode of thinking. The people of God have always been expected to have respect and care for elderly people, and value their experience.

Although this period of life is often viewed negatively, our precious aged members can be encouraged to retain a positive outlook and look to the future with hope and confidence.

The purpose of this publication is to draw attention to the possible concerns and needs of our very elderly and/or unwell members in our Ecclesias – any whose independence and sphere of activities are curtailed.

The booklet is offered as a resource to Ecclesias and individuals engaged in this service of caring. We pray that our elderly brothers and sisters, whatever their circumstances, will feel blessed and enriched in the evening of their lives.

*'Rise in the presence of the aged,
show respect for the elderly and revere your God.
I am the Lord'*

Leviticus 19: 32