

## 30. District Allocations: 2008/09

Attached is a schedule showing the proposed District assessment allocation for the connexional year 2008/09. At a meeting held on Saturday 1 September, 2007, the District Treasurers agreed the total assessment to be recommended to the Conference as well as the basis of allocation among the Districts.

In line with the Conference decision of 2007, the Assessment figures for 2008/09 took into account a 4% fall in church membership as well as the UK inflationary rate of 3.8% for July 2007, with the result that the total assessment remained largely unchanged at the 2007/8 level - £11.47 million.

As in previous years, this sum has been apportioned among the Districts using staffing numbers (i.e. ministers/deacons as equivalent to 1.5 times that of a lay worker) and regional income indices, with annual increase per District being restricted to a maximum of 5%.

The other contributions to the connexional budget collected as parts of the total sum due from the Districts are set out as follows:

- Sabbatical levy based on number of ministers in each District - £99,098;
- President and Vice-President's expenses at a fixed rate of £120 per District - £3,720;
- Contribution towards the costs of safeguarding clearance for ministers and deacons in district and circuit appointments based on a proposed three-year cycle of re-checking - £68,402.

### \*\*\*RESOLUTION

**30/1.** The Conference adopts the allocation to the Districts of the Methodist Church Fund assessments.

NOTE: A levy of £300 per presbyter or deacon towards a connexional fund for the Computers for Ministry Scheme based on the decision of Conference 2007 will be collected at the same time as the Assessment to cover the costs for 2007/08 and 2008/09. District treasurers have already been informed of the amounts due from each District.

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#### DISTRICT ASSESSMENT FOR 2008/2009 CONNEXIONAL YEAR

| (a)<br>District<br>Number | (b)<br>Name                 | (c)<br>Number<br>min/dcn/<br>2006/07 | (d)<br>Number<br>lay/emp<br>2006/07 | (e)<br>Total<br>2007-2008 | (f)<br>%age<br>Increase | (g)<br>Total<br>2008-2009 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1                         | Cymru                       | 12.31                                | 0.50                                | 55,279                    | 2                       | 56,385                    |
| 8                         | South Wales                 | 45.65                                | 1.33                                | 288,409                   | (1)                     | 285,525                   |
| 33                        | North Wales                 | 17.49                                | 2.67                                | 106,666                   | 1                       | 107,732                   |
| 2                         | Wales                       | 63.14                                | 4.00                                | 395,075                   | (0)                     | 393,257                   |
| 5                         | Birmingham                  | 70.12                                | 27.00                               | 476,479                   | 1                       | 481,244                   |
| 6                         | Bolton and Rochdale**       | 41.33                                | 9.00                                | 287,154                   | -2                      | 87,154                    |
| 7                         | Bristol                     | 66.00                                | 14.67                               | 486,944                   | (1)                     | 482,074                   |
| 9                         | Cumbria                     | 27.00                                | 2.67                                | 174,483                   | 1                       | 175,932                   |
| 10                        | Channel Islands             | 10.83                                | 0.00                                | 67,625                    | 1                       | 68,301                    |
| 11                        | Chester and Stoke           | 51.70                                | 21.00                               | 382,586                   | 1                       | 386,412                   |
| 12                        | Cornwall                    | 43.33                                | 13.33                               | 308,676                   | 1                       | 311,762                   |
| 13                        | Darlington                  | 47.75                                | 15.67                               | 312,850                   | 1                       | 315,978                   |
| 14                        | East Anglia                 | 65.64                                | 6.00                                | 422,155                   | 1                       | 426,376                   |
| 15                        | Isle of Man                 | 6.00                                 | 1.00                                | 44,576                    | (3)                     | 43,238                    |
| 16                        | Leeds                       | 50.65                                | 5.67                                | 344,827                   | (2)                     | 337,930                   |
| 17                        | Lincoln and Grimsby         | 41.16                                | 7.33                                | 265,708                   | 1                       | 268,365                   |
| 18                        | Liverpool                   | 47.75                                | 13.00                               | 357,107                   | (2)                     | 349,965                   |
| 19                        | Manch. and Stockport**      | 60.69                                | 6.00                                | 434,653                   | (3)                     | 421,613                   |
| 20                        | Newcastle                   | 64.30                                | 6.67                                | 423,837                   | (1)                     | 419,598                   |
| 21                        | North Lancashire            | 50.27                                | 11.33                               | 334,066                   | 1                       | 337,406                   |
| 22                        | Nottingham and Derby        | 67.15                                | 7.67                                | 451,791                   | (1)                     | 447,273                   |
| 23                        | Northampton                 | 81.50                                | 6.67                                | 551,874                   | (1)                     | 546,355                   |
| 24                        | Plymouth and Exeter         | 58.33                                | 10.67                               | 430,048                   | (2)                     | 421,447                   |
| 25                        | Sheffield                   | 61.25                                | 23.67                               | 461,932                   | 1                       | 464,242                   |
| 26                        | Southampton                 | 74.40                                | 14.33                               | 509,695                   | 1                       | 514,792                   |
| 27                        | West Yorkshire              | 54.65                                | 12.00                               | 378,045                   | 1                       | 379,936                   |
| 28                        | Wolv. and Shrewsbury        | 58.55                                | 8.33                                | 401,443                   | (2)                     | 393,415                   |
| 29                        | York and Hull               | 63.69                                | 12.33                               | 441,524                   | 1                       | 445,939                   |
| 31                        | Scotland                    | 21.00                                | 0.00                                | 130,751                   | -1                      | 30,751                    |
| 32                        | Shetland                    | 2.00                                 | 0.00                                | 19,122                    | (5)                     | 18,166                    |
| 34                        | Bedfordshire, Essex & Herts | 65.93                                | 15.33                               | 478,302                   | 1                       | 483,085                   |
| 35                        | London                      | 141.66                               | 29.00                               | 1,019,295                 | 1                       | 1,029,488                 |
| 36                        | South East                  | 81.56                                | 19.00                               | 628,222                   | 1                       | 634,505                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              |                             | <b>1651.64</b>                       | <b>323.84</b>                       | <b>11,476,123</b>         |                         | <b>11,472,385</b>         |

#### NOTE

1. An inflation increase of 3.8% has been allowed for as well as a fall in membership of 4% based on the latest available figures
2. Total sum due includes provision for President and Vice-President's expenses, sabbatical levy and safeguarding
3. The levy for the first two years of the Computers for Ministry Scheme is a separate charge on Districts but would be collected at the same time as the assessment