

37. District Allocations for the year 2009/10

Attached is a schedule showing the proposed District assessment and Computers for Ministry allocation for the connexional year 2009/10. At a meeting held on Saturday 16 August 2008, the District Treasurers agreed the total Connexional 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 2009/10 took into account a 2.2% fall in church membership as well as the UK inflation rate of 4.3% for July 2008, with the result that the basic assessment excluding the Computers for Ministry levy is proposed to go up from £11.47 million in 2008/9 to £11.72 million – an increase of 2.15%.

As in previous years, this sum has been apportioned among the Districts using staffing numbers (i.e. ministers/deacons are taken as equivalent to 1.5 times that

of a lay employee) and regional income indices, with annual increase per District being restricted to a maximum of 2.75%.

The other contributions to the connexional budget collected as parts of the basic assessment figures 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.

Additionally for this year, a total levy of £253,350 will be collected at the same time for the Computers for Ministry Fund, bringing the total sum due from the Districts to approximately £12 million.

***RESOLUTION

- 37/1.** The Conference adopted the allocation to the Districts of the Methodist Church Connexional Assessments and Computers for Ministry levy.

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District Number	Name	Number min/den** 2007/08	Number lay/emp** 2007/08	Basic Assessment £	Computers for Ministry £	Total due from Districts £
1	Cymru	12.50	0.25	57,936	2,550	60,486
2	Wales	63.14	5.00	403,285	10,050	413,335
5	Birmingham	64.87	24.00	493,516	9,750	503,266
6	Bolton and Rochdale	40.33	10.00	290,887	6,150	297,037
7	Bristol	67.50	17.67	494,367	10,500	504,867
9	Cumbria	26.00	3.00	178,219	3,900	182,119
10	Channel Islands	10.33	3.33	70,179	1,650	71,829
11	Chester and Stoke	50.78	19.33	396,266	7,950	404,216
12	Cornwall	43.00	16.00	319,712	6,750	326,462
13	Darlington	50.25	13.00	324,667	8,100	332,767
14	East Anglia	63.14	4.67	431,493	10,050	441,543
15	Isle of Man	6.00	1.00	43,670	1,050	44,720
16	Leeds	53.65	8.33	347,223	8,250	355,473
17	Lincoln and Grimsby	38.50	8.67	275,208	5,850	281,058
18	Liverpool	43.75	16.33	353,465	6,600	360,065
19	Manchester and Stockport	60.95	18.33	432,364	9,900	442,264
20	Newcastle upon Tyne	53.80	5.33	423,794	8,250	432,044
21	North Lancashire	52.39	13.00	346,685	8,400	355,085
22	Nottingham and Derby	66.25	12.33	458,678	10,350	469,028
23	Northampton	82.00	14.00	560,287	12,300	572,587
24	Plymouth and Exeter	52.16	11.33	425,661	8,400	434,061
25	Sheffield	59.11	28.33	476,080	10,650	486,730
26	Southampton	72.40	16.00	527,919	10,950	538,869
27	West Yorkshire	52.33	12.33	384,495	8,400	392,895
28	Wolv. and Shrewsbury	56.65	7.00	397,349	9,000	406,349
29	York and Hull	59.75	17.00	457,310	9,300	466,610
31	Scotland	21.00	2.00	134,347	3,150	137,497
32	Shetland	2.00	0.00	18,348	300	18,648
34	Bedfordshire, Essex & Herts	67.43	15.00	496,370	10,650	507,020
35	London	140.15	21.00	1,054,710	21,900	1,076,610
36	South East	78.07	19.00	644,070	12,300	656,370
	TOTAL	1610.18	362.58	11,718,560	253,350	11,971,910

** Numbers here are full time equivalents