

Agenda item 08

Merger of Penedeyrn and Valle Crucis Mission Areas

Introduction

The Mission Area Conferences of Valle Crucis Mission Area and Penedeyrn Mission Area have been engaged in discussion together over recent months regarding a possible merger of the two Mission Areas. The following recommendation has the approval of the Bishop of St Asaph and the two Mission Area Conferences. It is now presented for approval by the Diocesan Standing Committee.

Recommendation

The recommendation is that the two Mission Areas should combine into an enlarged unitary Valle Crucis Mission Area. Penedeyrn will no longer exist as a separate charity.

The current officers of both Mission Areas will remain in post until 1st September 2021. After this point, both sets of officers and trustees will work collaboratively as part of a 'Shadow MAC' until 31 December 2021. The new Valle Crucis Mission Area will be formally created on 1 January 2022. It is further proposed that John Gambles from Valle Crucis will continue to be Mission Area Leader and that Peter Lewis from Penedeyrn will be the first Chair of the enlarged Valle Crucis MA, and there will be elections after the first joint Annual Meeting.

Formal Record of Decisions by both Mission Areas

Extract from the minutes of the Valle Crucis MAC held on 27 May 2021

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Valle Crucis & Penedeyrn Mission Areas Joint Discussions

The meeting endorsed without exception the proposal that JG inform the Bishop that Valle Crucis Mission Area Conference recommends merger with Penedeyrn Mission Area from January 2022.

Extract from the minutes of the Penedeyrn MAC held on 26 May 2021

Peter Lewis asked for the MAC members to consider the Proposal for the Merger and asked for someone not on the Merger Working Group to propose it.

The Proposer was Annabel Gravestock and Carol Jerman seconded. Peter then asked the Group to vote, there were 11 for the Merger and 1 Abstainer.

Action required

Members of the Standing Committee are asked to approve the merger of Valle Crucis and Penedeyrn Mission Areas into an enlarged Valle Crucis Mission Area with effect from 1 January 2022 following a managed period of transition.

Diane McCarthy
Diocesan Secretary
23 June 2021