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Enabling Outreach and Ministry Financial Support for your Mission Area during the Coronavirus Pandemic in 2021

*****Quarter 3 Update*****

An additional meeting of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) was called last month to review the financial situation in our Mission Areas. The DBF was pleased to approve a further package of financial support worth over a quarter of a million pounds to continue to support the work of our Mission Areas during the 3rd Quarter of 2021.

"So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

Romans 12:5

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales has generously supported its dioceses once again in Quarter 3 and we are very grateful indeed to our provincial colleagues. The DBF has decided to continue its strategy of directing this funding to the Mission Areas to enable outreach and ministry and to improve the financial resilience of our churches at this difficult time.

The DBF has therefore agreed that the funding received from the RB in 2021 will be allocated to the Mission Areas in the following way:

- 30% of the Q3 Share should be returned to each Mission Area that makes full payment of the Q3 Share by 31.10.21. Once again, the churches in the Mission Area will need to work together to achieve this. This will be approximately £250k in total for all Mission Areas.
- The commitment of every church in the diocese to the Gift Direct Scheme will be reviewed once again at the end of Quarter 3. We have been heartened by the increase in take up of this scheme and commend it once again to all our churches. You can listen to one of our Church Treasurers explaining what a difference Gift Direct made to his church by following this link: <https://dioceseofstasaph.org.uk/finance/stewardship/>
- The small balance of funding will be retained by the DBF for distribution to the Mission Areas in a more targeted way according to criteria to be determined by the Board.

Church Emergency Support Fund

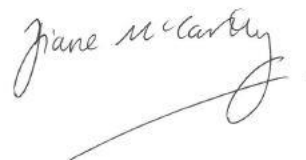
The Diocesan Grants Committee is meeting on Monday 26 July to review all the applications that have been made to the new Church Emergency Support Fund. The Grants Committee hopes to be able to announce awards made under this scheme in early August.

In conclusion

We want to thank you all on behalf of the Board of Finance for your generosity, your commitment and your steadfast support. We know that managing church finances this year has involved a lot of faith and hard work and we want you to know that none of us take this for granted. As we start to focus intentionally on the future and the reconstruction that must happen, we give thanks to God for the generosity of each and every donor and contributor to our common life and mission.



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