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To: Mission Area Leaders, Mission Area Treasurers, Mission Area Administrators and all Church Treasurers

Dear Colleague

Enhancement to the Mission Area Share Discount Scheme for 2022

The Trustees of the Representative Body of the Church in Wales (RB) have been in discussion with the bishops and their senior diocesan colleagues to develop expenditure plans to release an additional £100m from reserves over the course of the next ten years to resource evangelism and church growth in the Church in Wales. This bold initiative is money we can only spend once and careful planning is required about how it will be allocated and how we will hold each other mutually accountable for its use.

However, the RB recognises that there is also an immediate need to help in meeting core costs as our Mission Areas emerge from COVID. The RB has therefore authorised an additional £1,850k of expenditure on 1 July 2022. For ease, this has been split in equal shares of £264k between the six DBFs and the Provincial Office. This is a one-off distribution to cover the current emergencies: a more considered formula will be required for the distribution of funding in future years.

The St Asaph Diocesan Board of Finance met earlier this month and considered how best to use this additional funding as we seek to support our churches at this most challenging of times. I am pleased to announce that your Board of Finance has decided to add all of this funding to the existing Mission Area Share Discount Scheme in 2022. This additional funding will increase the total discount pot from £133,699 to £397,699. This means that each Mission Area that pays its 2022 Share in full by 31 December 2022 will receive a pay-out from the Discount Scheme that is approximately 12% of its annual 2022 Share. The payment will be made to the Mission Area and it will be for the Mission Area Trustee Body to decide how best to use this funding.

I hope that this will be welcome news for you all at this challenging time and that it will encourage you to move forward with confidence as we work together to Grow Faith, Bring Hope and Demonstrate Love.

With best wishes



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Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance

