



EASTERN SYNOD

UNIFIED SYSTEM FOR ASSESSING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MINISTRY AND MISSION FUND

| HOW LOCAL ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIPS AND UNITED CHURCHES WILL BE MANAGED UNDER A FAIRSHARE SYSTEM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | If the way that an LEP/United Church contributes to the Ministry and Mission Fund is defined in its constitution then this will continue. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Other LEPs/United Churches would still need to submit a FairShare Return; however, the way that the information in it will be used differs from URC only churches and is defined below. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | <p>In recognition of the fact that over the past ten years ministerial stipends have accounted for approximately 70% of the M&M Fund expenditure, the FairShare System will be applied according to the following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 70% of the 'FairShare' figure relates to ministry and 30% to mission. - If the URC is providing ministry then the 70% figure applies - The 30% mission element is then divided between the number of sponsoring denominations for the purposes of coming up with a URC figure. (This has no impact on the amount that other denominations give). - E.g.: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">70% MINISTRY</th> <th style="text-align: center;">30% MISSION DIVIDED BY NO. DENOMINATIONS</th> <th style="text-align: center;">% FAIR SHARE FIGURE USED AS CONTRIBUTION FIGURE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>LEP/UNITED CHURCH RECEIVING URC MINISTRY</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 DENOMINATIONS</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YES</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">85%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 DENOMINATIONS</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YES</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 DENOMINATIONS</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YES</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7.5%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">77.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LEP/UNITED CHURCH NOT RECEIVING URC MINISTRY</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 DENOMINATIONS</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NO</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 DENOMINATIONS</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NO</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 DENOMINATIONS</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NO</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7.5%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7.5%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | 70% MINISTRY | 30% MISSION DIVIDED BY NO. DENOMINATIONS | % FAIR SHARE FIGURE USED AS CONTRIBUTION FIGURE | LEP/UNITED CHURCH RECEIVING URC MINISTRY | | | | 2 DENOMINATIONS | YES | 15% | 85% | 3 DENOMINATIONS | YES | 10% | 80% | 4 DENOMINATIONS | YES | 7.5% | 77.5% | LEP/UNITED CHURCH NOT RECEIVING URC MINISTRY | | | | 2 DENOMINATIONS | NO | 15% | 15% | 3 DENOMINATIONS | NO | 10% | 10% | 4 DENOMINATIONS | NO | 7.5% | 7.5% |
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| 4 | LEPs/United Churches with combinations of ministerial supply will have the Ministry element adjust accordingly. E.g. Equal joint ministry = 35%. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | LEPs/United Churches with unusual accounting systems will need individual consideration and negotiation. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |