

## UNIFIED SYSTEM FOR ASSESSING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MINISTRY AND MISSION FUND

<b>HOW LOCAL ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIPS AND UNITED CHURCHES WILL BE MANAGED UNDER A FAIRSHARE SYSTEM</b>																																							
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&amp;M Fund expenditure, the FairShare System will be applied according to the following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 70% of the 'FairShare' figure relates to ministry and 30% to mission.</li> <li>- If the URC is providing ministry then the 70% figure applies</li> <li>- 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).</li> <li>- E.g.:</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">70% MINISTRY</th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">30% MISSION DIVIDED BY NO. DENOMINATIONS</th> <th style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">% FAIR SHARE FIGURE USED AS CONTRIBUTION FIGURE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>LEP/UNITED CHURCH RECEIVING URC MINISTRY</b></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><b>LEP/UNITED CHURCH NOT RECEIVING URC MINISTRY</b></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	<b>LEP/UNITED CHURCH RECEIVING URC MINISTRY</b>				2 DENOMINATIONS	YES	15%	85%	3 DENOMINATIONS	YES	10%	80%	4 DENOMINATIONS	YES	7.5%	77.5%	<b>LEP/UNITED CHURCH NOT RECEIVING URC MINISTRY</b>				2 DENOMINATIONS	NO	15%	15%	3 DENOMINATIONS	NO	10%	10%	4 DENOMINATIONS	NO	7.5%	7.5%
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