

**THE METHODIST CHURCH LIVERPOOL DISTRICT –
REPORT ON PROPOSED BUDGET AND ASSESSMENTS
YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2010**

This budget is for the General (Unrestricted) fund of the District, together with the Connexional Assessment and the Computers for Ministry levy. The three amounts are separated for transparency as well as aiding comparison with the Standard Form of Accounts.

The Connexional assessment of £353,465 shows an increase of 1% on that for the current year. Across all Districts there is an overall Connexional increase of 2.15%, being the net balance of an inflationary increase of 4.3% and a membership decline of 2.2%. Individual increases in District assessments range from 1% to 2.75% after allowing for changes in number of ministers, deacons and lay workers. For our assessment purposes the agreed formula based on 50% on ministerial and diaconal staff, 25% on membership and 25% on attendance has been used to calculate individual Circuit assessments.

Computers for Ministry is a levy of £150 per minister or deacon per annum, which this year is for a single year following the initial two year charge last year. This levy is assessed connexionally on the declared staffing levels as at September 2007. As last year, it is proposed to recover this from the Circuits on the same basis.

The remaining District expenditure is budgeted based on prior years' experience and currently available information. There is currently a need for some increased expenditure on the Chair's manse and this is included in the budget. The costs of the District Development Enabler (DDE) are to be met 50% by the Connexion and a 50% by a transfer from the District Advance Fund (DAF). Budget stipend costs, manse costs and expenses are shown in expenditure with an equivalent amount shown as income from Connexion and DAF. Please note that the 2008/09 budget has been revised to reflect the income and expenditure of the DDE. There has been no change to the overall net budget. Following recent presentations made to the Resourcing Mission Group in support of continued funding, there is no change to the treatment of proposed grants to Liverpool City Centre and to Liverpool South for Chaplaincy work. As last year and in light of the reserves policy review (see separate document) it is proposed to continue to reduce general reserves in 2010. Therefore an overall District budget deficit is again proposed.

The figures used in respect of membership and attendance are those extracted from the 2008 Statistics for Mission declarations made by the Circuits. At the date of calculation (18 December 2008) a number of churches and circuits had failed to complete declarations. In these cases the 2007 declarations have been used. In respect of staffing levels the advice of the District Chair has been applied. Please treat these proposed assessments as draft, for now, as any amendments required will affect each circuit's assessments.

The attached schedules include the proposed budget, a summary schedule of proposed quarterly assessments and a more detailed schedule providing a breakdown to the calculated assessment amounts. A spreadsheet is available for anyone who requires further detail.

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The Methodist Church - Liverpool District

General Fund Account				
Budget 2009/10				
		Revised		
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget
	2009/10	2008/09	2007/08	2007/08
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure				
Maintenance on Chair's manse	8,000	5,000	4,913	4,000
Insurance, utilities etc on Chair's Manse	4,400	3,900	4,377	3,500
Salaries and associated costs	5,700	5,500	5,200	5,200
Administration, telephone, travel etc	23,000	22,000	20,799	18,300
DDE Stipends, Tax & Pensions	31,107	28,631		
DDE Manse Rental & Utilities	12,500	12,000		
DDE Expenses (travel, tel, comm, equipment)	10,000	10,000		
Grants and Donations				
Chaplaincy Account	22,500	20,500	20,500	20,000
Liverpool City Centre	20,000	20,000	16,000	16,000
Training & Reserve Fund (Designated)			9,194	4,500
Mission Fund (Designated)				
Other Expenditure				
Ecumenical	13,500	13,000	12,623	12,470
Mission Fund (Designated)			4,744	
Resources Bookstall (Designated)			709	400
Sundries	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>		6,000
	155,707	145,531	99,059	90,370

Income				
District Assessment	84,100	76,300	84,773	84,773
District Advance Fund DDE	26,804	20,316	5,000	
Connexional Grant DDE	26,804	25,316		
Interest and Investment Income	3,000	5,000	6,693	5,500
Other Income				
Training & Reserve Fund (Designated)			3,400	
Resources Bookstall (Designated)			789	
	140,707	126,931	100,655	90,273

Net (Outgoing) Resources

(15,000)	(18,600)	1,596	(97)
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Circuit Assessments				
Connexional Assessment	353,465	349,965	355,607	357,107
Computers for Ministry	7,050	15,600		
District Assessment	<u>84,100</u>	<u>76,300</u>	<u>84,773</u>	<u>84,773</u>
	444,615	441,865	440,380	441,880

THE METHODIST CHURCH LIVERPOOL DISTRICT 2009/10

Quarterly Assessments (Amended 08/01/09)

	Proposed Connex. Assess. 2009/10	Connex. Assess. 2008/09	Proposed District Assess. 2009/10	District Assess. 2008/09	Proposed Comp's in Ministry 2009/10	Comp's in Ministry 2008/09	Proposed Total Assess. 2009/10	Total Assess. 2008/09	Total Assess. 2007/08	Total Assess. 2006/07
Liverpool North	£ 2,671	£ 2,855	£ 635	£ 623	£ 38	£ 75	£ 3,344	£ 3,553	£ 3,430	£ 3,160
Liverpool North Central	2,911	2,820	693	615	75	225	3,679	3,660	4,650	4,710
Liverpool City Centre	1,277	1,228	304	268	38	75	1,619	1,570	1,240	1,190
Liverpool South	9,690	9,284	2,305	2,024	188	450	12,183	11,758	11,500	10,450
Linacre	1,751	1,565	417	341	38	75	2,205	1,981	1,980	1,910
Crosby	4,027	4,666	958	1,017	75	150	5,060	5,833	4,880	6,100
Birkenhead	5,577	5,219	1,327	1,138	113	225	7,016	6,582	7,840	8,080
South Wirral	7,733	7,473	1,840	1,629	150	300	9,723	9,403	9,310	9,490
Wallasey	4,095	4,063	974	886	75	150	5,144	5,099	4,920	5,120
West Wirral	6,246	5,906	1,486	1,288	113	225	7,845	7,419	7,330	7,250
St Helens & Prescott	4,268	4,414	1,015	962	75	150	5,358	5,526	5,370	5,260
Makerfield	2,452	2,627	583	573	38	150	3,073	3,350	4,740	4,590
Warrington	8,706	9,467	2,071	2,064	225	450	11,003	11,981	12,750	10,550
Widnes	2,343	2,186	558	477	38	150	2,938	2,813	2,770	3,820
Southport	10,445	10,439	2,485	2,276	150	375	13,080	13,090	11,950	11,610
Banks	2,379	2,295	566	500	38	75	2,982	2,871	2,620	2,450
Ormskirk	5,708	5,372	1,358	1,171	113	225	7,179	6,769	6,300	6,750
Skelmersdale	2,018	1,863	480	406	75	150	2,573	2,420	2,170	2,150
Orrell & Lamberhead Gr	4,070	3,747	968	817	113	225	5,150	4,789	4,720	4,720
	88,366	87,491	21,025	19,075	1,763	3,900	111,154	110,466	110,470	109,360
Per Annum	353,465	349,965	84,100	76,300	7,050	15,600	444,615	441,865	441,880	437,440

Staff	
Members	
Average Attendance	

44.5	47	49
8,412	8,678	9,094
6,107	6,221	6,795

THE METHODIST CHURCH LIVERPOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT CALCULATION 2009/2010

Circuit	Staff	Members	Attendance	Staff %	Membership %	Attendance %	Total %	Connexional assessment (£)	District assessment (£)	Staff @ 2007 Computers in Ministry	Computers in Ministry (£)	Total 2009/10 Assessments (£)	Total 2008/09 Assessments (£)	Variance
Liverpool North	1	289	254	1.12	0.86	1.04	3.02	10,682	2,542	1	150	13,374	14,211	-6%
Liverpool North Central	2	196	114	2.25	0.58	0.46	3.29	11,644	2,770	2	300	14,715	14,641	1%
Liverpool City Centre	1	26	60	1.12	0.08	0.24	1.45	5,109	1,216	1	150	6,475	6,281	3%
Liverpool South	5.25	815	646	5.90	2.42	2.64	10.97	38,758	9,222	5	750	48,730	47,031	4%
Linacre	1	140	108	1.12	0.42	0.44	1.98	7,005	1,667	1	150	8,821	7,924	11%
Crosby	2	438	246	2.25	1.30	1.01	4.56	16,109	3,833	2	300	20,242	23,333	-13%
Birkenhead	3	497	357	3.37	1.48	1.46	6.31	22,306	5,307	3	450	28,063	26,326	7%
South Wirral	4	737	505	4.49	2.19	2.07	8.75	30,931	7,359	4	600	38,891	37,610	3%
Wallasey	2	403	291	2.25	1.20	1.19	4.63	16,380	3,897	2	300	20,577	20,397	1%
West Wirral	3	622	452	3.37	1.85	1.85	7.07	24,985	5,945	3	450	31,379	29,674	6%
St Helens & Prescott	2	467	292	2.25	1.39	1.19	4.83	17,072	4,062	2	300	21,434	22,105	-3%
Makerfield	1	313	176	1.12	0.93	0.72	2.77	9,807	2,333	1	150	12,290	13,399	-8%
Warrington	4	879	671	4.49	2.61	2.75	9.85	34,825	8,286	6	900	44,011	47,926	-8%
Widnes	1	219	214	1.12	0.65	0.88	2.65	9,373	2,230	1	150	11,753	11,250	4%
Southport	5	1,069	739	5.62	3.18	3.03	11.82	41,780	9,941	4	600	52,321	52,362	0%
Banks	1	234	213	1.12	0.70	0.87	2.69	9,515	2,264	1	150	11,929	11,482	4%
Ormskirk	3	532	368	3.37	1.58	1.51	6.46	22,833	5,433	3	450	28,716	27,075	6%
Skelmersdale	1.25	123	126	1.40	0.37	0.51	2.28	8,073	1,921	2	300	10,293	9,678	6%
Orrell & Lamberhead Green	2	413	276	2.25	1.23	1.13	4.61	16,278	3,873	3	450	20,602	19,157	8%
	44.5	8,412	6,107	50.00	25.00	25.00	100.00	353,465	84,100	47	7,050	444,615	441,865	1%

Connexional Assessments Req'd **£353,465**

District Assessments Required **£84,100**

Computers in Ministry Required **£7,050**

Formula for assessment calculation is based 50% on ministerial and diaconal staff, 25% on membership and 25% on attendance.

Computers in Ministry is a charge at £150 per minister or deacon per annum and based on staffing levels declared at September 2007.

Staffing levels are based on Statistics for Mission declarations and discussions with the District Chair. Membership figures are the total Methodist members as returned in the 2008 declarations. Attendance figures are a weekly average of the sum of the adult Sunday and weekday worship attendances as returned in the 2008 declarations. As at the date of calculation (17/11/2008) a number of churches and circuits had failed to make declarations. In these instances the 2007 declarations have been used. (Amended 08/01/09).