

Synod & Trust Finance

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The main changes from 2019

- The need for local church action on Investments
- Change of factors for M&M



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Synod Trust Budget 2019-22 Income from assets

£ thousands	2019	2020	2021	2022
Investment Income	275	300	300	300
Rental Income	40	40	25	25
Interest on deposits	1	1	1	1
Capital from closed churches	250	200	200	200
Totals	566	541	526	526



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Synod Trust Budget 2019-22 Income from other sources

£ thousands	2019	2020	2021	2022
Grants received	10	15	15	15
Training receipts	5	5	5	5
Sundry income	5	5	5	5
From trust assets	566	541	526	526
Totals	586	566	551	551



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Synod Trust Budget 2019-22 part 1 staff

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022
Special ministry	20	20	6	4
Safeguarding	65	66	68	70
Synod Staff	150	155	160	165
Pastoral Advisors	49	51	54	56
Total	284	292	288	295



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Synod Trust Budget 2019-22 Expenditure part 2 Grants

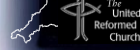
Category	2019	2020	2021	2022
Ecumenical Grants	5	5	5	5
Other grants	25	25	25	25
Property grants	100	100	50	50
Mission grants	20	25	30	30
Resource sharing	20	20	20	20
Retired Ministers Pension.	25	20	20	20
Total	195	195	150	150



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Synod Trust Budget 2019-22 Expenditure part 3 Activities

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022
Training	10	10	10	10
Youth work	1	1	1	1
Schools, retreats, conferences	8	8	8	8
Safeguarding	6	6	6	6
Church Support	2	2	2	2
Total	27	27	27	27



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Synod Trust Budget 2019-22 Expenditure part 4 other

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022
Synod & area costs	8	8	8	8
Office costs	30	32	32	32
Synod Property	25	20	20	20
Investment property	12	10	10	10
Misc. fees	12	12	12	12
Total	86	82	82	82



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Synod Trust Budget 2019-22 Budget Summary

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022
Staff	284	282	288	295
Grants	195	195	150	150
Synod activities	27	27	27	27
Other	86	82	82	82
Total expenditure	592	586	547	554
Total income	586	566	551	551
Surplus/deficit	6	-10	4	-7



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Investments related to Fossil Fuels

- Mission Council meeting in May 2019 passed a resolution asking all bodies within the URC to remove from their investments any companies that are significantly involved in Fossil Fuel extraction



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Synod Trust and Fossil Fuels

- The Synod has changed its investments held with Newton to a different fund which has no fossil fuel companies within its portfolio
- CCLA has promised that by December 2019 its Ethical Investment Fund will no longer hold any companies which derive significant earnings from involvement with Fossil Fuels



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Local Church investments

- The Mission Council recommendation is not binding on local churches
- The Synod urges all churches that hold investments to examine their holdings and determine whether they are consistent with Mission Council's request



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Some useful information

- M&G Charifund receives around 14% of its income from Fossil Fuel companies
- CCLA's Charity Investment fund receives around 5% of its income from Fossil Fuel companies
- Many local churches use these Investment funds



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Resource Sharing

- We propose for 2020 to make a contribution to resource sharing
 - £20,000



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M&M Contribution 2019

- We exceeded our pledge in 2018
- We should meet our 2019 pledge
 - It might require a contribution from Synod
- Thanks to the many churches that meet and in some cases exceed their agreed commitment



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M&M Contribution 2020

- The M&M pledge from SW Synod to the URC for 2020 is
 - £1,275,000 which should fully cover the cost of stipendiary ministry we are allowed
- There is no contribution from churches to Synod costs
- The true cost of ministry is £38,000
 - Increased by £1000 from 2019



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M&M Factors 2020

- Ministry Element
 - Direct ministry **42%** of net assessable income PLUS **£10** per member
 - Reduced from 47% in 2019
- Other Costs
 - **£100** per member
 - Increased from £95 in 2019
- This better aligns contributions with spending



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M&M Resolution

- The South Western Synod of the URC agrees the factors quoted as the rates to be used for the calculation of the 2020 M&M Local Church Guided Contribution, and commits to a total giving of £1,275,000 to the M&M fund
- Ministerial True cost increases to £38,000



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