

# The Mission Area of Mold

## “Conference Notes”

*“Tis done, the great transaction’s done!” - what hymn does that come from? It’s been moithering me all afternoon! Anyway, the Decree is signed and we who were 10 are now 1. This is an exciting, yet challenging time in our churches history, as one of our clergy has been known to say “We were courting, but now we are married!”*

*So, we’ve got to get used to living together, choosing the furniture and the décor, deciding whether we want to go out to the Theatre or for Dinner or stay in and watch TV. Married Life and living together is all about talking to each other and sometimes having to compromise, it works, as long as the relationship is built on love.*

*Our relationship will be built on the love which God has for his people, the love which Jesus commanded us to share when he said “Love one another, as I have loved you” not always an easy command to follow, but not one that we can dodge either. May God gives us the grace to listen to one another, to listen to Him, and to be prepared to share equally in the work of building his Kingdom.*

*Carole Poolman  
Mission Area Leader*

### COMMUNICATION

At our Conference meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January we agreed that we needed to improve our Communication. So, we have decided that, in addition to the Website which you can find at:

<http://moldmissionarea.weebly.com>

and the minutes of our meetings, which will go out to all the Church Secretaries, we will also publish (and distribute to all the churches) these Conference notes so that you know what is happening. Mrs Amanda Griffiths is also looking into the possibility of setting up a public Facebook Group for our Mission Area.

## **HOUSING THE HOMELESS.**

Over the last few months we have been looking into setting some kind of charity up to help house some of those who are homeless. We heard from Green Pastures (a Charity which helps churches to do this kind of thing). Then on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January Mr Mark Downey (from Northop Church) came to speak to us. He already runs successful businesses housing the homeless and was able to give us practical guidance as to what it will entail. He is also willing to help us set something up. At the end of his presentation a small group of Mission Area Members under the leadership of Rev Dr Richard Hainsworth agreed to meet and take the project forward. I am sure that we will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks.

## **DRAWING UP THE COVENANT**

This is the agreement which we will make with one another to enable us to work together. There are various parts of it that each individual church will need to fill in. Questions such as “List any specific role your church may have” “What recent developments have there been” “How are we nurturing and challenging both church members and our communities”. Copies have gone out to all the individual churches so that you can express your views before it is finally put together, hopefully around the end of May.

## **FINANCE**

Our Treasurers have already held several meetings and we have now formed an official “Finance Sub Committee” consisting of the Treasurers and Incumbents.

## **DETAILS**

Inevitably we will need to put a Mission Area Constitution together so that we all know where we stand and what our legal position is. Mrs Amanda Griffiths, Rev Kevin Horswell, Rev Dr Richard Hainsworth and Dr Emily Clark-Jones have agreed to work together to undertake this task.

## **WHAT DO ALL THESE CHANGES MEAN FOR MY CHURCH?**

This is something that many people have asked me, and it is certainly something that the members of our former P.C.C.'s have been concerned about. At the end of last year, the Conference passed the following proposal:

- **It was agreed that we should delegate powers in respect of finance to the individual churches. Each church will still be responsible for their own accounts, although answerable to the Mission Area Conference.**

Then on the 19<sup>th</sup> January we also agreed:

- **That we will require the congregation of each church to be responsible for the day to day running of their church, and other church buildings within their former parish. They may do this by forming a Church Committee.**
- **That we will delegate to each congregation the responsibility to appoint up to 2 church wardens, or provide other adequate supervision to deal with local matters and report back to the MAC.**
- **That we will require each congregation to appoint a Treasurer**
- **That we will require the Church “Committees” (as sub-committees of the Mission Area Conference) or others appointed by the congregation, to take responsibility for local matters, to insure all their buildings and to pay the required premiums.**
- **That we delegate the responsibility for the repair, maintenance and the payment of all utility bills for churches, halls etc within their “boundary” to the relevant Church “Committees” (as sub-committees of the Mission Area Conference) or others appointed by the congregation, to take responsibility for local matters. Providing, that a church does not spend more than £5,000 on a single invoice, without referring the matter to the Mission Area Conference. We also recommend that each Church prepares an annual budget.**

- **That we require each church to nominate up to 2 members of their congregation for membership of the Mission Area Conference. Which will also include all those holding the Bishops Licence.**

### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN ABOUT OUR VESTRY MEETING?**

During March or early April each church will arrange to hold a congregational meeting to appoint up to 2 representatives to the Mission Area Conference and one reserve member. This will ensure that your church is represented at all the meetings and will therefore be able to take part in all the decision making. The Congregational Meeting will also appoint up to 2 Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Church Committee members for their own church.

**On Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m. in Christ Church, Pontblyddyn we will be holding our Mission Area Vestry Meeting. Everyone will be very welcome to attend that as, for the first time, we come together, to worship, appoint our Mission Area Wardens and undertake other necessary business. Refreshments will be served so do come and join us.**