Nomination for Vice Chairman of WASACRE and Member of WASACRE Executive Committee –Cllr Michael Gray –CAERPHILLY SACRE I am the present Chairman, of the Caerphilly County Borough Council's SACRE C, and was the First Chairman of that Authority's, SACRE, when the Caerphilly County Borough Council, became a Unitary Authority, in April 1996.

I have also represented, Caerphilly County Borough Council SACRE, at WASACRE Meetings, from 1996 up to the present point in time and served for one term on the WASACRE Executive Committee. I have also served as Chairman, of several Major Committees, on the former Islwyn Borough Council, and was the last Mayor of Islwyn Borough Council, and also served as Vice Chairman, and Chairman, of Caerphilly County Borough Council's ADSO / DLO Committee, and I am, presently, Vice Chairman, of Caerphilly County Borough Council's, Regeneration Committee

I am a life long member, of The Methodist Church, holding Offices at Local, District and Connexion, of the Methodist Church, being a former Teacher, & Superintendent, of a church Sunday School,

and Youth Club Leader. A Church Officer, Pastoral Visitor, Church Steward, Organist, and Methodist APast Chairman, Secretary, and present Treasurer, of Risca & Crosskeys Churches Together (CYTUN), and Co-Ordinator for Christian Aid, for the Churches in that area. am Chairman, of the Governing Body, of a Primary and Comprehensive School, at Waunfawr Primary School, Crosskeys, and at Newbridge Comprehensive School, and Link Governor, at both those schools for Religious Education

## Nomination for Executive Committee - Vicky Thomas (Adviser for Religious Education at ESIS) TORFAEN SACRE

I wish to serve on the WASACRE Executive because I feel that I can continue to make a valuable contribution regarding RE issues in Wales. As a RE adviser to a total of 7 LEAs in Wales I support LEAs and their SACREs in securing the place of RE in the curriculum. I am passionate about ensuring that religious education gets the recognition it deserves. I believe that WASACRE acts as a national body to serve the interests of RE in Wales.

 I have been involved in advisory work since 1992 and became an Adviser for religious education for the four LEAs of Bridgend, Caerphilly, Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taf in 1998.

- I am experienced in working with SACREs and acts as professional consultant to four SACREs namely Caerphilly, Newport, Swansea and Torfaen.
- I am currently involved in developing and writing new agreed syllabuses for RE for 8 LEAs and provide INSET for all 8 LEAs.
- I was invited to serve as an adviser and member of the DCELLS 'Assessment and RE' working group.
- I have taught at both primary and secondary level and train teachers at both primary and secondary level.
- I am an Estyn subject inspector for religious education and currently serve as the WASACRE representative on the Estyn forum.
- I am co-author of Key Stage 3 books and teacher resources on the developing of thinking skills in RE.

## Nomination for Executive Committee - David Williams SWANSEA SACRE

- I was brought up in Gorseinon, near Swansea and educated at Gowerton Grammar School.
- o I have a biblical studies degree at Bangor University.
- o Teacher's Training at Aberystwyth as a secondary RE teacher in 1977
- Taught RE in Gowerton Comprehensive School and then became Head of RE at Glan y Mor Comprehensive School in Burryport.
- Became Head of Humanities Faculty in Birchgrove Comprehensive School, Swansea.
- o Completed MA in Education at Swansea University
- Been an active member as NAS representative on Swansea SACRE and now as Vice Chair
- o Retired early from teaching and currently learning Welsh
- o Completed NLPAN course in 2007 and now following UWCAS 1 and 2 this year
- o Totally committed to the importance and status of RE in our schools.

Nomination for Executive Committee – Eirian Pierce – CONWY SACRE (waiting for resume)