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To all Local Authority RE Advisors in Wales
To Chairs of SACREs in Wales
To Clerks of SACREs in Wales
To other interested bodies

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Dear Colleague,

Welsh National Centre for Religious Education

You may be aware that following the annual bidding process to St Mary's Trust for funding for the Welsh National Centre for Religious Education in Bangor University for 2008-09, the Trust has made the decision to transfer their sponsorship from Bangor University to St. Deiniol's Library in Hawarden with effect from 1 August 2008.

Following consultation within the University, with colleagues within the College of Education and Lifelong Learning, with colleagues in the School of Theology and Religious Studies, the Vice Chancellor of Bangor University has written to the Trustees of St. Mary's trust and has informed them that:

"The Welsh National Centre for Religious Education will remain in existence in Bangor University, in the College of Education and Lifelong Learning. The Centre will continue to work with and to serve the Religious Education bilingual community across the whole of Wales and will continue to build on its well established reputation."

Subsequent discussions have taken place with colleagues in Trinity College, Carmarthen and an agreement has been reached to the effect that the **Welsh National Centre for Religious Education will be supported by both Bangor University and by Trinity College Carmarthen.** The two Higher Education institutions will work collaboratively to serve the Religious Education bilingual community across the whole of Wales and to build on the well established reputation of the National Centre.

The Welsh National Centre for Religious Education will therefore continue to publish what has become known as the 'flagship' of RE in Wales, RE News, with the support of the Local Authorities. Staff will continue to represent the Centre on the various Panels and Committees across Wales, will continue to develop bilingual resources including on-line resources, and the Centre will work closely with the Local Authorities, with the SACREs and with schools throughout Wales to support and meet the needs of the initial and continuing professional development of Religious Education teachers.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with you with the support of two Higher Education Institutions in Wales, Bangor University in the North and Trinity College, Carmarthen in the South. We will be writing to Local Authorities and other bodies in due course regarding the usual contributions to the Resource Centres in the two universities for the benefit of local teachers and the contribution towards the costs of the production and distribution of 'RE News'.

Staff at the two institutions will be seeking investment from other sources, as has been the practice in the past, in order to build on and develop the activities of the Centre.

If you have any concerns or queries do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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