

The Clerk
Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education

Dear Sir or Madam,

Free Church Representation on Standing Advisory Committees on Religious Education

For some years Cytûn has been assisting many local authorities in finding Free Church representatives to fill vacant places on Local Authority SACREs. I have recently inherited this task from my colleague, Rhian Linecar, and I on Cytûn's behalf now provide the Secretariat to the Free Church Council for Wales.

We are very keen to continue helping local SACREs fill these positions by using our all-Wales contacts with our member churches. In this endeavour, we would be grateful if you could provide us with a list of vacant positions on your SACRE from the Christian and other faith communities, but of course particularly Free Church vacancies.

For your information, I have attached a list of those denominations within Cytûn who I suppose would generally be regarded as "Free Churches".

It would also be of use to the Free Church Council for Wales if you could include the full list of members of your SACRE, and any Officers, so as to update our records.

When we have gathered this information, we would very much like to help you fill any vacant Free Church places as soon as possible.

With very best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Geraint Hopkins

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DENOMINATIONS WITHIN CYTÛN WHICH ARE GENERALLY REGARDED AS "FREE CHURCHES"

THE BAPTIST UNION OF WALES

THE CONGREGATIONAL FEDERATION OF WALES

THE UNION OF WELSH INDEPENDENTS

THE SALVATION ARMY

THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (THE QUAKERS)

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WALES

THE WALES SYNOD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

*THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

*THE BAPTIST UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN

* Not members of the Free Church Council of Wales