

Wales Synod Policy on HE Chaplaincy – (reviewed February 2016)

Preamble:

The growth of HE provision in Wales, the changing profile of the student body and the changed perception of chaplaincy both within HE institutions and within the church has highlighted the need for a Synod policy to provide a framework for future action.

Aims: Synod will

- Work wherever possible with our covenant partners so that resources are best used.
- Try to ensure that every HE institution has a named chaplain attached to it.
- Through chaplaincy seek to provide a Christian witness within the HE community.
- Through chaplaincy seek to help, support and encourage all students (and, where appropriate, staff) in their spiritual life.

Objectives:

- To work with HE institutions to ensure a commitment to chaplaincy and the best possible delivery of the above aims.
- To ensure adequate and secure funding for each post in partnership with HE institutions and other churches and where appropriate to use Synod Trust 14508 and/or Advance Fund grants in support of these aims.
- To seek equal provision for all institutions (with the exception of Cardiff see below)
- In the case of Cardiff, recognising the size and strategic importance of its HE institutions and with Connexional grant support, to provide a three-quarter time chaplain to these institutions who can, in addition, act as a support and co-ordinator for other HE chaplaincy work across Wales
- To establish a clearly defined supervisory board for each institution which will
 1. establish the parameters of the particular post – these should include commitments to direct involvement with students and to working ecumenically within the particular institution.
 2. monitor the work of each chaplaincy. Where there is Methodist personnel or funding involved there should be Methodist representation on such a board.
- To ensure that any Methodist chaplain is supported by the local circuit.

Review:

- This policy to be reviewed every 3 years in light of developments in HE chaplaincy work and the funding available to the Synod.
- The Cardiff HE chaplaincy appointment to be reviewed in the summer of 2019 in light of development of the role and the availability of ongoing connexional grant support.

Appendixes: [not listed]

1. List of HE institutions
2. Role of Chaplain