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Welcome from the Chair

Well, the big RE news is the publication of the RE Commission's final report (see item 2 below). I responded with this **statement** on the day of publication. However, it is still business as usual for SACREs up and down the country. I know that Lewisham is launching a new Agreed Syllabus this term, and three Bedfordshire SACREs are launching their collaboratively written syllabus. Do let us know what your SACRE is doing!

A number of SACREs continue to have concerns about funding. As we have stated before, in 2017, Nick Gibb MP, Minister for School Standards, made a commitment that SACREs and Agreed Syllabus Conferences will continue to be funded by central government, through the central school services block (CSSB), which is one of the blocks in the national funding formula. We are concerned that there appear to be very large variations between local authorities in the proportion of this government grant that is spent on the work of SACREs, but there is little hard data about this. We are therefore asking you to complete a short survey on LA funding of SACREs, which is intended to enable us to build up a national picture, so that we can tell each SACRE whether they are relatively under (or over) funded.

You can see how much the total CSSB for your LA is **here**.

Please ask your LA what the total spend for SACRE was in the financial year 2017-8 and what the LA planned total spend is for 2018-9 and let us know by December 1st. There should be a budget line in your LA's accounts. We think this figure is likely to include adviser and clerking costs, as well as costs to do with any other activity your SACRE is involved in. Please then complete this **survey** by **1 December**. This data will be published anonymously.

NASACRE is also aware that many Agreed Syllabus Conferences may wish to adopt and adapt to local contexts an Agreed Syllabus from another SACRE area, rather than write their own. Other SACREs may have a syllabus that they are eager to share either for a payment or for free. In order to facilitate this, we are planning on including a list of available Agreed Syllabuses in future SACRE briefings. If you have a Syllabus that you would be willing to share, please email the chair with the SACRE name, syllabus name, date it was written and what it would cost another SACRE to adopt either in full or in part.

Commission on Religious Education report: 'Religion and Worldviews: the way forward'

The highly anticipated **report** was published on 9 September and much has already been written about it. Please highlight it at your next SACRE meeting.

NASACRE Exec met on 13 September to discuss this report, and we offer some **comments** to provide 'food for thought' for your individual SACRE discussions. There are also some suggested **questions** which you might find useful to help guide your discussions.

PLEASE NOTE: the CoRE report is NOT statutory and therefore all SACREs and Agreed Syllabus Conferences should continue to operate as before. All Agreed Syllabi must still be implemented and reviewed in line with current legislation.

'A New Settlement Revised' report - July 2018

In July this year, a revised version of the 2015 report, 'A New Settlement', was released. Read the **report** and see a **comment** on the report by our NASACRE Chair.

Guidance on Managing the Right of Withdrawal from Religious Education

produced on behalf of **WASACRE**, by Gill Vaisey

This is a very useful **document** for SACREs and schools, especially in light of Recommendation 11 of the CoRE report.

Derek Holloway, from the Church of England's Education Office, has written a **review** of the guidance.

The guidance can be purchased via the Books at Press **website** or from **Amazon**, priced £8.99.

Inter Faith Week 2018

National Inter Faith Week will run from **11 – 18 November**, 2018 being its tenth year. SACREs are encouraged to host their own Inter Faith Week events as well as encouraging schools in their local authority area to do so.

The Inter Faith Week website has a number of resources that SACREs and schools can draw upon, <https://www.interfaithweek.org/resources/schools>, and this year there is a flyer to encourage schools to participate in the Week. The flyer can be downloaded and printed to be sent to schools, or sent as part of an electronic mailing.

Those arranging events are encouraged to use Inter Faith week's special **branding** and to register events through the **website**.

If you wish to discuss Inter Faith Week with a member of the team at the Inter Faith Network, call the office on 020 7730 0410.

David Hampshire – Assistant Director, Inter Faith Network UK

Upcoming vacancy for Treasurer of NASACRE

Our long-standing and hugely capable Treasurer is looking to pass the baton on to someone who is keen to serve on the NASACRE Executive in this capacity.

Please see a **description** of the role and consider whether a member of your SACRE might be willing to apply for this crucial position.

20:20 RE Practice, Policy and Powerful Words in Religious Education

REMINDER: in October, we are collaborating with 3 other professional RE associations (AULRE, AREIAC and NATRE) to hold an exciting RE Conference. This conference is now fully booked and there is a waiting list, in case places become available.

It will be held on Saturday 13 October – Sunday 14 October 2018 in Crewe.

www.natre.org.uk/courses-events/20-20-re/

Follow: [@20_20RE](https://twitter.com/@20_20RE) on Twitter for the latest information.

New SACRE reps needed?

It is very important to make sure that every SACRE has the opportunity to include broad representation of the faiths and beliefs in its community and this message relates specifically to having a Jewish representative.

In these times of growing international concern about antisemitism, it is more important than ever to have a Jewish perspective on RE.

Please can you let us know if you already have a Jewish SACRE member, or if not, you are happy for us to try and find you a suitable person.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews is responsible for appointing Jewish SACRE members, and are collating this information.

Please respond to Sara Perlmutter at sara.perlmutter@bod.org.uk

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Transforming RE through research?

'Introducing and inviting engagement with Culham St Gabriel's Trust's research strategy'

Please see the **paper** written by Dr Kevin O'Grady - Lead Consultant for Research, Culham St Gabriel's Trust.

Wanted! Teachers to trial new Christianity resource

Over the past four years a group of leading New Testament scholars from Durham, Cambridge and Oxford universities has been developing **Underground Story**, a new translation of the New Testament for reading ages 9-13 years. Underground Story aims to be accurate to the original text but in language today's young people understand.

They are seeking teachers and students to help them get it right.

If you know of any teachers who might be interested, please get in touch with writer Brian D. Brown: brian.d.brown@durham.ac.uk

Another Mystery for Sherlock Holmes!

We have received yet another unattributable payment, this time from a London SACRE, for their 2018-19 Annual Subscription. There was no separate payment advice note. The bank printout simply reads 'London Borough of'. Any claimants? (Some corroboration of payment would be desirable.)

Please contact NASACRE Treasurer, Michael Metcalf: treasurer@nasacre.org.uk

NASACRE Executive

There has been some confusion about the Executive board of NASACRE not being representative of different faiths, local government etc as on a SACRE. In point of fact, the current Executive is very diverse, but this is not because they represent their different faiths or SACREs on NASACRE. NASACRE, being the national association of SACREs, is not a SACRE responsible for a country rather than a local area, but a body devoted to assisting, representing, aiding in the development of, and advising, local authority SACREs.

Recently, in an effort to enhance its efficiency, NASACRE has asked that, in addition to the usual officers, members of the Executive should offer certain skills, such as communications, conference planning, or development. SACRE members are nominated by their respective faith group, council etc and part of their responsibility is to represent that religion, profession, or government body. However, this is not the case with NASACRE.

Of course, there are similarities between NASACRE and SACREs. All these bodies are committed to furthering the best possible religious education (and collective worship) for all children and young people in all schools.

Westhill Awards

Over the last thirteen years, the Westhill/NASACRE Awards have successfully given SACREs opportunities to enhance their capacity to generate high quality experiences in RE (or collective worship) for their schools.

NASACRE is now encouraging and inviting individual SACREs (or SACREs in partnership) to apply for a Westhill/NASACRE Award for 2019-20. Awards of up to £4,000 may be applied for via the [application form](#) on our [website](#).

Projects should offer school pupils the opportunity to engage in compelling learning experiences in RE (or collective worship), within the broad theme of "education into diversity".

Any SACRE wishing to submit an application is strongly advised to look at the **briefing notes** which accompany the application form at the website location.

For queries, advice or further information, please contact **Michael Metcalf**, the convenor of the Awards Panel.

Closing date: **31 March 2019**

NASACRE AGM and Conference 2019

Save the date – Wednesday 22 May in Manchester

Items for your Autumn Term SACRE meeting

- Read and discuss the CoRE report and send us any comments you have. The next two meetings of the NASACRE Exec are on 19th October and 4th December and we would appreciate receiving your response in time for either meeting
- Read and discuss the Clarke/Woodhead report and consider what it has to say that might be pertinent for your SACRE
- Please reply to NASACRE's **Survey** about funding for your SACRE
- Ensure that your annual report has been sent to the DfE and to NASACRE admin@nasacre.org.uk
- Please check your SACRE **contact details** and let us know of any updates
- Make use of the training **resources** on the NASACRE website for any new SACRE members
- Ask if a member of your SACRE might be willing to be NASACRE Treasurer
- Let us know if you are holding any events or launching a new Agreed Syllabus



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