



**Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies  
Welsh Region meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

**Present:** Mrs Barbara Kurzik (University of Wales, Newport), Mr. Chris Harris (Life-Light), Dr Philip Manghan (Cardiff)

**Apologies:** Delegates from Menevia, Mrs Rita Price, Fr Andrew Faley

1. The meeting opened with prayer.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010 were approved.
3. Matters arising from the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> November:
  - a. Chris Harris: Life-Light assignment titles will be reviewed in the light of anticipated national CCRS developments.
  - b. Philip Manghan to proceed in formulating advice on the construction of assignment titles.
4. Update on the National Board meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Papers were circulated. Attention drawn to:
  - a. The national CCRS conference is on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at Hopthorpe. This will be discussing the future direction of the CCRS
  - b. The developments on the CCRS website.
5. Main agenda item: The agreement between the University of Wales, Newport, the Catholic Church's Archbishop of Cardiff and the Church in Wales on the delivery of the CCRS and Church Schools Studies at UWN.

Mrs Kurzik provided background on the current protocol and agreement and an update on the current proposals regarding this course at UWN.

It is now a stand-alone part-time course of study at UWN and is due to be revalidated. It is examined by the national CCRS criteria. The core modules are offered by UWN, using the CCRS model, as voluntary additional areas of study. Three core modules are delivered in a 10, 3 hours per week, programme equivalent to 30 hours of study for the 3 modules. The 6 core modules are offered over a two year cycle. The 'specialist module' equivalent is called 'Reflective Practice in a Church school'. This is part of the MA programme offered at UWN.

The UWN has to have a minimum cohort of 15 for the undergraduate element (Christian Theology 1 and Christian Theology 2) and a minimum cohort of 8 for the MA element (Reflective Practice) element.

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Following Mrs Kurzik's presentation and subsequent discussion with the panel members, it was agreed that the Welsh Regional board of the CCRS would continue to support the protocol and agreement for UWN to provide the CCRS for 2011-2013.

6. AOB  
Chris Harris agreed to continue to provide Wrexham Diocese with the names of participants on the Life-Light programme from that Diocese.
7. Dates of meetings 2011-2012 (venue to be confirmed but provisionally Archbishop's House, Cardiff):
  - a. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011, 11am
  - b. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2012, 11am

Rev Dr Philip Manghan