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From the Archdeacons

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Dear Toby

Thank you for making the time to attend one of the recent Common Fund meetings. It has been very good to meet with representatives from a mix of City and Westminster churches as we continue to build relationships of support and encouragement across the Two Cities and work together as one Area.

We hope that this was an opportunity for you to set your own parish finances in the wider context of ministry costs across the Two Cities Area and the Diocese as a whole. The material distributed at the meeting is also available on the diocesan website at <http://www.london.anglican.org/support/finance/common-fund/> and if you have any questions about the information or Common Fund in general please contact Mary Spredbury (Westminster Deaneries) or Sarah Major (City) who will be able to help.

The Common Fund is built on the principle of sharing together the costs of clergy, housing and training and support and we are asking each church to be generous but realistic in response to the suggested figure. The figure is however only a suggestion and it is up to you to make an offer that you feel to be appropriate.

For several years now St Margaret's Deanery has been aiming to cover 100% of costs as a whole. Across the deanery the suggested targets come to just over that amount. This would be a good achievement to build on going forward, hopefully leading to St Margaret's being able to support other parts of the Area and Diocese.

The Common Fund contribution we are suggesting for your PCC for 2017 is **£70,700**. The figure for each parish has been reached by the Area Dean, Lay Chair of Deanery Synod and Finance Adviser in discussion with the Archdeacons. If after prayerful consideration your PCC feels that the figure is not appropriate or achievable then we look forward to receiving your alternative offer and would be grateful to know the rationale for this. Equally if the figure seems too low please feel free to offer more!

We would be grateful if you could make your response to Mary Spredbury (mary.spredbury@london.anglican.org or phone 020 7932 1245) by the end of July. If this

really isn't possible then the end of September is the deadline for offers as the diocesan budget is finalised then.

Thank you again for your participation in our life together as churches serving the Two Cities. We look forward to furthering God's mission together as we discover new ways of mutual support.

Yours in Christ

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The Ven Luke Miller & the Ven Rosemary Lain-Priestley