

Comments/ Questions from Wrexham Circle for the Newman Assembly 10/11 October 2015.

What follows are comments from individuals. It does not constitute a Wrexham Circle viewpoint.

i]Enthusiastic support for the Newman Association supporting undergraduates with bursaries and membership of other Catholic Organisations such as Andante to serious questioning of whether this is the Association's mission and whether the Association's monies should be spent in this way.

ii]From great appreciation of the journal to... is it read and is it money well spent?

iii]The Association should follow the lead of the present Pope and use his themes as themes for Newman speakers eg the Year of Mercy

iv]More money should be directed from Council to individual Circles.

v] How aware are individuals members of how their membership fee is spent?

vi] Should the Association have more of a campaigning role?

vii] Should we abandon the associate membership category?

viii] The Newman Association has to survive. The Church needs the Newman association.

ix]Is the journal too "male centric"? Will the images in the journal appeal to women and especially younger women?

x]Why should members be asked to raise funds or make a nominal charge for lectures in order to keep the Circles going when there is a huge pot sitting centrally doing what?

xi]What initiative in the last five years has National Council done in order to increase membership? Circle membership is increased only by Circle activity.

xii]When legacies are left to named Circles they should be retained by that Circle.

xiii] Newman Circles annually are responsible for offering Catholics access to a large number of speakers talking about a wide variety of topics. It is far too valuable a resource to be lost.