Please note that an individual church charity cannot use the charity number of another linked body which is registered with the Commission (such as a central umbrella body). The two would be legally separate and distinct charitable entities.

Any application for services by an excepted church charity in England and Wales should not therefore require the provision of a registered charity number as:

- It is not currently possible for them to obtain one; and
- (as described above) the lack of a registered charity number does not affect their status as charities in any way.

I would be grateful if you would consider this when assessing any such application.

Yours sincerely,

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