Deanery of Reading

Mission and Pastoral Committee

Terms of Reference

Purpose

To promote Mission and Evangelism in the Deanery of Reading in collaboration with Deanery Synod by producing and maintaining a Deanery Plan and by making proposals to synod which will better enable mission across the Deanery so that the church produces 'good growth' (numbers and spiritual maturity) and grows in influence.

To liaise with the Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee about matters of concern.

To co-ordinate support for parishes on recovery plan.

Membership

The Area Dean, assistant Area Deans, Lay Chair, Assistant Lay Chair, Secretary and Assistant Secretary are ex-officio members of the Committee. One Clergy and One Lay representative elected triennially from each of the four pastoral areas of the deanery (North, South, East, and West). One clergy representative elected from the SSMs, OLMs and retired clergy with permission to officiate of the deanery.

A quorum shall consist of two thirds of the members (not including vacancies). The Committee shall be chaired jointly by the Area Dean and Lay Chair.

Meeting

The Committee shall meet at least twice per year (one of these being in May to consider applications for curates.) Meetings shall take place at least three weeks prior to the Synod at which they will be reported.

Responsibilities

The Committee shall oversee the production of the Deanery Mission Action Plan; the coordinating and resourcing of mission in the Deanery; the development and implementation of pastoral schemes, reorganization and boundary changes; plans for parishes in recovery and their support.

The Committee will critically scrutinize the Deanery Mission Action Plan before its presentation to Synod, and review and take note of all parish Mission Action Plans submitted to it.

The Committee shall be responsible for supporting requests for curates in the Deanery; consulting parishes in order to develop and review the Deanery Mission Action Plan. Monitoring the implementation of the Deanery Mission Action Plan. Reporting: To Synod (minutes of each meeting); progress with Mission Action Plan (planning and implementation).

Minutes of all Committee meeting shall be made available to the following Deanery Synod.

Powers

The Committee may not authorize spending, apart from Synod. It has the authority, delegated from Synod, to appoint working groups/task individuals in order to meet its objectives. It has the authority to recommend the deployment of curates.

According to priorities set by Synod the Committee recommends to Synod: Deanery Mission Action Plans; Pastoral Schemes; Strategies for Deanery Mission co-ordination and resourcing. Synod has the final approval of these, or may refer them back for further work to be undertaken.

The Committee will oversee the cross parish resourcing of Mission and referrals where needed to external expertise.

Agreed by Synod at its meeting held on ……. Signed ……

(Chair)

Review

These terms of reference shall be reviewed every three years. Next review: June 2017.

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