



**Notes from CFM Committee for Ministry Meeting
19:30 Tuesday, 29 September 2015
'Congo' Church House, Daresbury, Warrington WA4 4GE**

Apologies: Isobel Burney, Mike Gilbertson, Andrew Lythall, Ian Parkinson, Paul Smith

In Attendance: Ruth Ackroyd, Ann Barlow, David Blackmore, David Felix, James Hughes, Joe Kennedy, Julie Withers. Also in attendance: Christopher Burkett (DofM) and Jane Hood (Minute Secretary)

- 1.0 Opening worship led by Christopher Burkett.
- 2.0 Apologies as above.
- 3.0 **Notes from previous meeting held 23 April 2015:** no comments.
- 4.0 **Matters arising (not dealt with elsewhere):**
 - 5.1 RME continues with the next round of discussions in October. CfM staff will be attending meetings on 14 and 21 October. The recommendations which were accepted by Archbishops' Council and the House of Bishops were sent to Christopher Burkett today. Many of the revolutionary ideas in the original proposals have now been abandoned. Vote 1 and pooling of resources will continue and the training grant will be age-weighted. Fees will be pro rata. ASCMM needs to know what its income will be to fund expenditure. David Felix will be attending consultation in November.
 - 5.3 Annual conference. Elaine Graham has accepted invitation and will speak on discipleship. Ketso – a tool for creative engagement – will be used. Ann Barlow organising this. Newly elected CfM members will be invited to the conference.
 - 7.0 Social evening. This is a good opportunity for fellowship without an agenda; ideas for next year's event welcomed.
- 5.0 **Staff appointments**
 - 5.1 Twelve Pastoral Workers were admitted and licensed by Bishop Libby on 26 September. Work involved with PWs mirrors that of Readers and has increased warranting the appointment of Thia Hughes as Assistant Warden.
 - 5.2 Maureen Pickering has resigned as Pastoral Worker Training Officer and was thanked at the licensing service. Peter Mackriell (vicar of Kelsall and a qualified counsellor) has been appointed as her replacement. Training officer title has changed to Director of Studies for Pastoral Workers which making it comparable with Directors of studies for Readers and ordinands. Peter will ensure that the University's quality assurance standards are met.
 - 5.3 Alison Fulford has been appointed Dean of Women in Ministry by Bishop Peter. Alison is vicar of Wrenbury, Baddiley and Burleydam. She will be invited to a CfM meeting to talk about her role.

6.0 **Scope of CfM's work**

(As attached paper.) The areas of work are listed in order of descending importance as in the presentation to the Archbishop of York. CfM needs to demonstrate that it has a strategy and vision to take things forward. Comments Included: it does not include general lay training, eg Bishop's Course; need to look at what provision there might be for discipleship which should be encouraged and supported; should also encourage those who have done Pilgrim or Alpha to resource others; breadth of collaborative ministry needs to be addressed so that it's acknowledged by all ministers (lay and ordained) – support and encouragement key (the consultancy project which has been ongoing for the last three years fits this remit); there are now a number of consultants who are willing to help parishes; the Bishop's Course worked well and moved people into training schemes; CfM list looks like it is only for authorised ministries – but it's a list of what's gone on before, not a to do list; CfM needs to think about its priorities for growth; Chester is the only diocese with a large number of PWs and a healthy number of Readers. Currently we have no need to import Ordinands.

Scope to be discussed further at CfM Officers meeting on 30 September – should there be a funding bid for an Education for Discipleship officer and a study programme?

7.0 **Reports of Activities**

7.1 **Resumption of courses**

- CMD grant expenditure to date: Lay: 50%; Clergy: 95%
- IME Phase 2: 13 ordained deacon; total of 63 curates in IME Phase 2
- Spiritual Directors Training Course: 15 in training. Started in September with a 24 hour residential. This is a year-long course with monthly training sessions at Foxhill
- Foundations for Ministry: 54 signed up for the course. To date 41 students have elected to do the work validated by the University of Chester
- Pastoral Worker Training: four selected to start training 2015-16. Total of nine in training
- Reader Training: Eight selected to start training 2015-16
- Continuing Ministerial Events
 - 27 attending Making Peace with Conflict led by Steve Mansfield in June
 - 11 attended Myers-Briggs workshop in July led by Julia McGuinness
 - 18 attended Where Does the Time Go? led by Keith Addenbrooke
 - 16 attended Reignite led by Ian Parkinson
 - Forthcoming Events
 - Evening with John Bell in Acton (8 October)
 - Day with John Bell in Hartford (9 October)
 - Preaching with Diversity day (13 October)
 - Loveday Alexander: Preaching with Luke (November)
 - 24 Hours with Mark Oakley in November (fully booked)
 - Philip Alexander leading a day on Church and State: a tale of two cities (December)
 - 24 Hours with Zoe Bennett (April 2016)
 - Social Media Day with Bex Lewis (July 2016)

7.2 **Women's Voices.** Successful conference in June (report published in The Preacher). A similar event is planned for 2016.

- 7.3 **Bible Year** Slow progress is being made. David Lamb has lots of ideas and has made contact with Dr Peter Oakes who hopefully will give the opening address at the launch. Bishop Keith is pushing the Bible year and would like to encourage more hermeneutics. Should make a commitment to understand each other's viewpoints, eg atonement. Reading the Scriptures Project with Christians, Jews and Muslims. Bishop Keith will be taking something to Diocesan Synod and Bishop's Staff. Christopher Burkett wants to take this to the Officers meeting and ask one person to take it forward.
- 7.4 **Too Young to Lead** – seven people have booked places. This is an event for under 35s.
- 7.5 **University revalidation process** will take place over the next few months. Currently we do not have a new external examiner. For the revalidation we need three which includes a critical friend. Any suggestions welcome. Christopher Burkett read out some of the comments from external examiner's recent report which were very positive.
- 8.0 **Publicity materials** Most publicity via the website. However CfM needs to publish leaflets and there is money in the budget to cover this. CfM has 'pop-up' boards which need updating. Ruth Ackroyd suggested consulting with a designer and recommended University of Chester in-house designers. A small promotional item would also be cost-effective and less ephemeral than a flyer. Suggestion made that a downloadable pdf poster is available for all events on diocesan website so that they can be printed and distributed in parishes. Also an events page for parishes and committees in CDN.
- 9.0 **Any other business.** No other business.
- 10.0 The meeting ended with prayer.

Future Meetings

CfM 2015 Annual Conference

- Wednesday, 19 November 2015, 09:30 – 15:30, Foxhill

Committee Meetings; all Congo; 7.30pm to 9.30pm

- Thursday, 14 January 2016
- Thursday, 28 April 2016
- Tuesday, 27 September 2016

Social Evening

- Wednesday, 13 July 2016

CfM 2016 Annual Conference

Tuesday, 8 November 2016, 09:30 – 15:30, Foxhill