



GOVERNING BODY OF LINCOLN READERS
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Minutes of the 235th meeting of the Governing Body of the Association held at The Methodist Church, Horncastle on Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 7.30 pm

Item:	Subject:	Actions:
	<p>Opening Prayers: - led by Derek Page.</p>	
1	<p>Welcome: The Chairman welcomed all in attendance.</p> <p>Present: Sally Buck, Warden of Readers; John Marshall, Chairman; Paul Whiteley; Sue Slater; Chris Ladner; Margaret Smith; Marion Hewis; Kevin Onn; Derek Page; Susan Horle and Shirley Keyes (taking minutes)</p>	
2	<p>Apologies for absence: Nigel Bacon; Jane Hanson; Sue Stagg; Brian Stagg; Reverend Chris Woadden and Reverend Mark Holden.</p>	
3	<p>The Minutes of the 234th Meeting of the Governing Body held on 17th May were approved as a correct record subject to the following corrections:</p> <p>5.1 “together with other vocations advisers” 5.2 delete “Simon Dean” 5.3 “IME training has not been strong” 5.4 “PTO’s no longer required to be on a regular rota. PTO normally occurs at age 70.”</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising from previous minutes:</p>	
4.1	<p>5.6. JM had recently had a conversation with +Nicholas. There are already plans in hand re a wider service celebrating lay ministry in 2018.</p>	
4.2	<p>IME Phase II Training. The LST has 40 candidates starting their discernment year in the autumn term of 2017. The first year is completely open access. It is believed candidates then undergo a discernment process after the first year. There is no indication how or who undertakes this; LST, DDO or Bishop’s decision? Readers should be offering formation groups outlining alternative to priestly vocation.</p>	
5	<p>CRC Consultation</p>	
5.1	<p>The CRC has sent out the consultation document to wardens. It is proposed to circulate it before the meeting for January for discussion. There will be six consultation meetings around the country. It is proposed that the Warden and four others (+Nicholas, Neil Burgess [Head of Ministry], JM and SK) will attend the consultation in York on 12 February. JM is attending the CRC meeting in November and may obtain more information about proposals for change.</p>	

6.0	Safeguarding	
6.1	There are two more Reader only sessions available: 29 November – St Hugh’s, Old Brumby (near Scunthorpe) 27 January 2018 – Boston Stump Area secretaries were asked to promote these dates to readers within their areas. The online training/assessment should be completed beforehand and ideally in ‘one go’. The end section has to be completed to obtain the certificate. Safeguarding training must be taken at three yearly intervals whereas DBS is five yearly.	
7.0	Constitution Amendments	
7.1	It has been proposed that the current size of the standing committee is reduced from 12 to a smaller, more manageable group size but has the option of inviting specialists to attend on particular subjects. The standing committee would consist of the warden, chair, secretary general, two assistant secretaries general and the CRC representative. It was agreed that an amendment to the 2015 constitution would go forward to the AGM in October.	
8.0	AGM Preparation	
8.1	Neil Burgess and Nigel Bacon will be giving short presentations about lay ministry. Neil will talk about “Serving Together” and its impact on lay ministry. Nigel will concentrate on diocesan strategy in relation to the paper “Setting God’s people free”.	
9.0	Annual Service Preparation	
9.1	SB advised that a draft form of the service will be ready early next week. Members were asked to read it through and make comments. 40+ people would be attending from the LST. A collection would be taken in the Chapter House before the service organised by Sue.	
10.0	Future Annual Services in 2018/2019	
10.1	It is anticipated that only one Reader will be licensed in 2018 and none in 2019. Approval was sought to have a celebration of lay ministry in the cathedral nave in 2018. Dean Christine has suggested an all-day event. However, the only available date in October is Saturday 27 October 2018 . It was agreed that SB/SK should book the cathedral.	Chairman/ Secretary General
11.0	Warden Updates	
11.1	Willersley Retreat. There has been a full uptake and the programme looks very exciting.	
11.2	Future dates: 2018. Canon Alec Whitehead has been approached and has agreed to lead a pilgrimage. 2019. Scargill House in Yorkshire has availability for a guided weekend retreat. Cost would be approx. £140.	
11.3	CMD. Neil Burgess has taken over this role. There is currently an ongoing creative discussion about the role of Readers within the Diocese. There is also a possibility of Readers taking a leading role within the new learning communities initiative particularly with regard to the character areas. Two training days will be put into the diaries.	
12.0	Area Updates	
12.1	Sue Slater reported that their proposed quiet day at Edenham had been cancelled due to lack of support. Sheila Addison from Peterborough Diocese had been approached to lead this. It was agreed that this might be more suited to a Diocese wide event.	

Future Dates for 2017/2018

29th September to 1st October – Retreat at Willersley Castle

7th October – Annual Service and AGM

25th November – Ecumenical Study Day – St Nicholas Newport

13th October 2018 – Annual Service and AGM

Future Governing Body meetings - **prayers to be led by:**

	Grantham Area	January 2018
	Elloe Area	May 2018

Signed:**Chairman** Date: