

Notes from Reader Board meeting – October 24th 2022.

Board members were invited to Lincoln to share a meal with Sally Buck who was retiring from her role as Warden of Lay ministry at the end of October.

Following the meal, a board meeting took place as there were a number of decisions to be made and discussions held. Those present were:-

M Hewis – Chair

N Bacon

C Lindsay

M Knapp

Rev P Barlow

S Slater

J Ballantyne

Rev G Pond

Rev J Robertson and J Stuart (minute secretary) were not able to be present.

No official agenda had been circulated, however the following is a record of discussions held/ decisions made.

1. With her affirmation, Sue Slater was officially co-opted onto the board in an advisory role.
2. Clare Lindsay and Marion Hewis will be the new contacts for the National Lay Ministry network.
3. A working group was established to review the current constitution which has now been in place for 3 years. The review will be led by N Bacon with M Hewis, C Lindsey and G Richardson as members.
4. J Ballantyne had previously been approached regarding the role of vice chair. After careful consideration, Jenny accepted the role and this appointment has now been endorsed by Bishop Nicholas.
5. It was agreed that the zoom lay gatherings have been a good way of connecting with all Lay ministers. These will continue – The board expressed thanks to J Ballantyne and D Margaron for facilitating these events.
6. It was agreed that the next meeting would be in January. M Hewis contacted Bishop Nicholas who is happy to host a meeting. The date is yet to be confirmed.