

MINUTES of the Leeds Board held at 6.30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 at Church House, 17-19 York Place, Leeds LS1 2EX.

Present:

The Rt Revd Nick Baines (Chair), The Revd Canon Paul Ayers, Mrs Marilyn Banister, The Rt Revd James Bell, Major Geoffrey Berry, Ms Kay Brown, The Ven Dr Anne Dawtry, Mrs Jane Evans, The Rt Revd Jonathan Gibbs, The Rt Revd Toby Howarth, The Ven Andy Jolley, The Revd Martin Macdonald, The Ven Bev Mason, Mr Andrew Maude, Canon Ann Nicholl, The Rt Revd Tony Robinson, The Rt Revd Paul Slater and Mrs Jane Wardman.

In Attendance:

Mr Ashley Ellis, Mrs Debbie Child, Mrs Judith Calvert, Mr Peter Foskett, Mr Chris Tate and Ms Alison Bogle.

1. Opening prayers.  
The Ven Andy Jolley led the opening prayers.

2. Welcome and Apologies.

The Bishop of Leeds welcomed the members of the Board to the meeting. Apologies had been received from:

Canon Simon Baldwin  
The Revd Canon Simon Cowling  
The Very Revd John Dobson  
The Revd Canon Tony Macpherson  
The Revd Arani Sen  
The Ven Peter Townley.

3. Declarations of interest – Members are reminded of the need to declare any conflict of interest on matters on this agenda.

The Rt Revd Paul Slater declared a conflict of interest in Item 9: “Dioceses Commission re status of Bishop of Richmond: process”.

4. Minutes of the Leeds Board held on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 for approval.

A copy of the draft Minutes of the Leeds Board meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 had been

circulated to the members and were for approval. There was one amendment: that Ms Kay Brown had sent apologies and was not present at the meeting.

The minutes were approved with this amendment.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting.

The Board now attended to Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee business. The non-elected Archdeacons now joined the Board and the Area Bishops became observers.

6. Minutes of the meeting of the Wakefield and Huddersfield Episcopal Areas Mission and Pastoral Committees for noting.

The Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee Secretary, Mrs Judith Calvert, confirmed that the draft minutes of the Wakefield Episcopal Area Mission & Pastoral Committee were for noting. (The EAMPC minutes from the four other episcopal areas would be available at the January 2017 Leeds Board meeting).

7. Report from the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee Secretary.

A report from the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee Secretary had been circulated to the Board. Judith highlighted that following the feedback from the Board at the last meeting, the Leeds EAMPC had agreed to maintain the existing four deaneries but meet together as an Episcopal Area Forum. In addition, the Leeds All Souls and St Aidan; Potternewton Scheme had come in to effect.

There were no questions on the Report.

The Board now considered the non-Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee business and the non-elected Archdeacons now became observers and the Area Bishops re-joined the Board.

8. Appointment of new Bishop of Ripon: process.

Bishop Nick explained that the process for the appointment of a new Bishop of Ripon would need the Board's and Diocesan Synod's approval to petition the Dioceses Commission and the Archbishop. The Board would be circulated with draft paperwork in January with a view to the matter going to the March 2017 Diocesan Synod. If all approvals are given, then it was anticipated that the consecration of the new bishop would be at the end of 2017. From Bishop James Bell's retirement at the end of April until the new bishop is in post, Bishop Nick will be the acting area bishop.

9. Dioceses Commission re status of Bishop of Richmond: process.

Bishop Nick reminded the Board members that although the see of Richmond had been revived, Bishop Paul Slater wasn't formally an area bishop. It was proposed that the Bishop of Richmond should have formal responsibility for the Leeds Episcopal Area. The Board's approval would be needed to seek the approval of the Dioceses Commission. A formal proposal will be brought to a future Board meeting.

10. Financial update and Outturn.

Board members had been circulated with a copy of the Parish Share returns spreadsheets and Finance Report for the month ending 31.10.16. Ashley Ellis spoke to this item and highlighted that the parish share receipts for October 2016 were higher than for October 2015. The new parish share assessments were being circulated to parishes on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 and supporting information for parishes would be available on the diocesan website. The Finance team would also be meeting with parishes and deaneries, though initially any issues should be addressed by the parishes with their Area Dean or Archdeacon. It was hoped there would be few calculation issues as the parishes had been asked to confirm the data which had been used for the assessments.

11. Parish Share Historic Arrears update.

Members had been circulated with a copy of an update of the proposal for the historic Parish Share arrears (LB-16-11-06). Ashley confirmed that the proposal had been updated following the comments from the Board on the initial proposal. The scheme would be circulated to parishes in the new year.

12. Residential Meeting

Bishop Nick proposed that there be a residential meeting of the Board and that this be held in the first half of 2017, from a Friday to a Saturday. The Board members offered ideas for the residential meeting including:

- How the members work together as a Board
- Ways to do things and how to make decisions
- Strategic and "blue sky" visioning
- Background training eg how different elements of the diocese work.

13. Any other business.

St Barnabas Theological Centre and Yorkshire Ministry Course

A copy of a document explaining the background to a proposed Resolution to transfer the assets of St Barnabas Theological Centre to the Yorkshire Ministry Course (LB-16-11-07) and a copy of the proposed written resolution (LB-16-11-07-1) had been tabled. Bishop James spoke to this item. He explained that St Barnabas Theological Centre and Yorkshire Ministry Course had merged and a

new college is to be created, to deliver ministerial development and training. Legal advice had been taken and the advice was that the assets of SBTC be transferred to YMC.

After discussion the Board agreed the proposal to transfer the assets of St Barnabas Theological Centre to the Yorkshire Ministry Course.

#### Communications update

Chris Tate, Diocesan Director of Communications, gave an update on diocesan communications. He highlighted two items. A full gloss colour insert for parish magazines was now available to circulate to all the Episcopal Areas. As well as ensuring all episcopal areas were using the same insert, there would be a £2k saving per year. Secondly, the communications team were going to use the existing databases of cathedrals and churches to increase the circulation of the diocesan e-new bulletin. The database owners would simply forward a letter asking the people on their databases if they would like to receive the e-bulletin.

#### 14. Close.

Bishop Nick closed the meeting with the Grace.