

DIOCESAN MISSION AND PASTORAL COMMITTEE

General Duty

It shall be the duty of any person or body carrying out functions under this Measure or the Pastoral Measure 1983 to have due regard to the furtherance of the mission of the Church of England.

- “functions” includes both powers and duties; and
- “mission” means “the whole mission of the Church of England, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical”. (This description of the mission of the Church is a well-established one, which appears in section 2(2) (a) of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 in relation to the functions of a parochial church council, and in a number of other Measures.)

Objectives

- To consider and develop mission opportunities within the Diocese and how these can be encouraged within existing pastoral frameworks
- To review pastoral provision within the Diocese considering the needs of the archdeaconries, deaneries, benefices and parishes, and balancing the requirements with the resources available
- To develop or respond to plans which address the provision of churches and ministry across the Diocese
- To act as a consultative body for proposed Bishop’s Mission Orders
- To progress pastoral church building schemes and the closure of places of public worship as required
- To consider and make recommendations for the use of the income and expenditure in the Diocesan Pastoral Account

CONSTITUTION AND PROCEDURES OF THE MISSION AND PASTORAL COMMITTEE

1. There shall be a person to be known as “the Chair”.
2. The bishop, if he so wishes, may be a member and may also be the Chair.
3. Unless the bishop is the Chair, the Chair shall be appointed by the bishop.
4. All the archdeacons in the diocese shall be members.
5. Subject to paragraphs 1 to 4 above, the members of the committee shall be such number of persons and appointed or elected in such manner and for such period of office as the diocesan synod shall determine, but so as to secure that the number of members who are of the clergy and the number of members who are of the laity are, as nearly as possible, the same.
6. Members (other than ex-officio members) of the Committee shall hold office for five years or such lesser period as the Diocesan Synod may determine, but shall be eligible for re-appointment on the termination of any period of office.
7. The Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their membership.

8. Not less than one-third of the members of the Committee shall form a quorum.
9. Subject to paragraph 6 above, the committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in its composition.
10. Every question submitted to a meeting of the Committee shall be decided by a majority of those present and voting, and the Chair of the meeting shall have a second and casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.
11. The committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees including persons who are not members of the committee. For sub-committees the minimum number of members should be 3, and at least 50% of sub-committee members must be members of the committee.
12. The committee may delegate any of its functions to a sub-committee except its duty under section 3(5) of the 1983 Measure to afford opportunities to incumbents of benefices and vicars in team ministries to meet the committee itself and its functions under Schedule 4 to that Measure.
13. The committee and any sub-committee shall have power to appoint persons who have appropriate expertise whether or not as members of another body to provide advice on any of their functions.
14. The committee shall have power to make provision for the appointment of a secretary to the committee and any sub-committee.
15. Subject to the preceding provisions of this Schedule and to any directions given by the diocesan synod, the committee shall have power to regulate its own procedure and that of any sub-committee and to provide for any other matters which it thinks fit.

COMPOSITION OF SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN MISSION AND PASTORAL COMMITTEE

- The Chair - Bishop of Sheffield
- The Suffragan Bishop
- The Archdeacon of Sheffield & Rotherham
- The Archdeacon of Doncaster
- 3 lay people from Sheffield and Rotherham Archdeaconry
- 3 lay people from Doncaster Archdeaconry
- 2 clergy from Sheffield and Rotherham Archdeaconry
- 2 clergy from Doncaster Archdeaconry
- 2 Bishop of Sheffield's nominee

In attendance:

- The Diocesan Secretary
- The Area Deans and Deanery Lay Chairs as appropriate
- The Diocesan Ecumenical Officer