

Motion for Conference

MOTION ON 4TH ARCHDEACONRY REPRESENTATION

Explanatory Note

The creation of a 4th Archdeaconry that is neither territorial nor easily recognisable brings its own issues. We know that the nature of the archdeaconry means that what is in it may and will change as churches/Centres of Mission move in and out of it to one of the three territorial archdeacons. However, given the nature of these churches/Centres of Mission how do we ensure that those working within them and those who belong to them are able to be represented at Diocesan level?

When the representation group reported it was agreed that for the purposes of Diocesan elections those in the 4th Archdeaconry would be eligible to stand and vote with those where they were geographically located e.g:

- Merlin's Bridge – votes with Archdeaconry of St Davids
- Morfa & Cross Hands – votes with the Archdeaconry of Carmarthen
- University Chaplaincy – depending on where the chaplain lives – either Archdeaconry of Carmarthen or Cardigan

This is relatively straight forward, however, how do we ensure that they also have representation in their own right at Diocesan Level in regards Conference and committees. How for example do they get represented at Standing Committee?

Now in some ways this is relatively straight forward if there are clerics – all clerics who hold the Bishop's licence are automatically members of Diocesan Conference – so for the 4th Archdeacon, the UWTSD Chaplain and the Lead Evangelist in Morfa there are no issues here. But what about the others, lay ministers and those who will attend the Centres of Mission?

We therefore propose that all lay Evangelists within Centres of Mission are made members of the Diocesan Conference – this will mean that they are treated in the same way as clergy. For the purposes of the Diocesan Constitution the Centres of Mission will be treated as a mini LMA. In the Standing Committee the Archdeaconry will be entitled to a cleric and a lay evangelist to represent