

## **CONTINUING MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT PANEL**

### **Functions**

The Continuing Ministerial Development Panel is a panel within the structures of the Church of England and is accountable to the Ministry Council for its oversight of the following functions:

- i. Review: To monitor the implementation of the House of Bishops' policy on continuing ministerial education and development of licensed ministers, including a formal review every five years.
- ii. Research: To identify and develop good practice in the diocesan provision of continuing ministerial education and development and in developing strategies for ministry.
- iii. Consultation: To give advice and support to dioceses on the provision and resourcing of continuing ministerial education and development, including supporting diocesan officers through consultation and exchange of information.
- iv. Administration: To provide advice on the distribution of funds from the Women's Continuing Ministerial Education Trust.

The role, composition and operation of the Panel shall be reviewed from time to time by the Ministry Council.

### **Membership**

The Panel shall comprise the Chair; members will be appointed by the Ministry Council following consultation with the CMD network. It will seek to reflect that network and the Central Readers' Council in its make up. However, its priority will be for its membership to enable it to fulfill its functions effectively. Collectively the Panel requires:

1. commitment to a growing engagement with God's mission
2. a rooted understanding of the breadth of the Church's lay and ordained ministry
3. experience of continuing ministerial education and development
4. good quality qualifications in adult education and professional development
5. research skills and experience

Individual members should have:

1. an appreciation of the transformative potential of ministry development to contribute to the flourishing of the Church's ministry
2. ability to extrapolate local experience into the wider context
3. a willingness to speak their mind
4. problem solving skills and good, independent judgment
5. time to prepare for and attend Panel meetings, and to support the National Adviser by contributing to projects and working groups

It will also require at least two women in its number in or to fulfill its functions in relation to the Women's Continuing Ministerial Education Trust (WCMET).

Panel Membership shall be for a 5year term initially, and renewable on the authority of the Ministry Council.

The panel's work shall be supported by the National Adviser.

### **Operating and reporting procedures**

The Panel shall meet three times per year in person or, by agreement of the Chair, by use of such alternative IC technology as will advance its programme of work. Meetings may be cancelled for lack of urgent or substantial business by decision of the Chair and with at least 7 days' notice given to Panel members.

The Panel will send a brief quarterly advisory report on WCMET applications to the Finance Panel and shall make a yearly written report of its work to the Ministry Council.

Terms of reference agreed by the Ministry Council November 2013