

Parish Representatives and Deanery Champions Children and Young People's Mission and Ministry (CYPM&M)

This paper explains the roles and asks that each parish and deanery sends the name of a representative to Hugh Ridsdill-Smith by the 20th March at the very latest.

Parish CYPM&M Representative

This is the vital point of contact. It is up to each church how they wish to organise this. It may be the incumbent, it may be one person, in larger churches or parishes with two churches it could be two or even three people. Ideally this person should be actively involved in children and young people's mission and ministry and could be a young person. Their main role is to provide a point of contact within the church for all involved in CYPM&M. Training and induction will be provided in each episcopal area. It is intended that this is a time limited role.

Role description

1. To understand and own the specific approach that is being adopted by the Diocese and attend training and induction session (post Easter 2015).
2. To provide a point of contact within the church for all involved in CYPM&M; to help determine priorities, eg training, resourcing, events, agenda setting.
3. To disseminate information (mostly by email) coming through the deaneries; area and diocese network to the right people in the church.
4. To represent the church's CYPM&M, to meet with the Deanery Champion for CYPM&M.
5. To actively participate in other gatherings of people in similar roles (eg annual gathering for parish representatives).

Person Specification

1. Ideally this person should be actively involved in children and young people's mission and ministry.
2. These people should have a commitment and experience in their field; be able to engage CYP and be proactive in encouraging people to become involved.

Deanery Champion CYPM&M

Each Deanery should have a Deanery Champion for CYPM&M. These Champions should have a strong commitment to CYPM&M and experience and willingness to be a part of the approach that is being adopted by the Diocese.

Each deanery can organise this role to respond to their local context. There should be regular communication between Parish CYPM&M Representatives and the Deanery Champion/s. This role could be split e.g. into children's work and youth work; it could be supported by a lay person. It is also an opportunity to involve young people. Training and induction to be provided in each episcopal area. It is intended that this is a time limited role.

Role description

1. To understand and represent what is happening in each of the churches in

- the deanery with their CYPM&M.
2. To work with the Area Dean to assess the needs, spot opportunities for collaboration and partnership in mission and ministry.
 3. To coordinate meetings of Deanery Parish Representatives (eg twice a year) and attend training and induction session (post Easter 2015).
 4. To facilitate mutual support; to be proactive in initiating responses / activities.
 5. To be involved in wider CYPM&M network, (eg meet with Archdeacons and the Area Bishop, CYPM&M Consultant).

Person Specification

1. Ideally actively involved in children and young people's mission and ministry.
2. Commitment and experience in their field; be able to engage CYP and be proactive.
3. Ability to relate to the breadth of churches in the Deanery.
4. Skills to appropriately inspire and encourage members of the Deanery to serve children and young people.

Training and Induction session for Parish Representatives and Deanery Champions.

5 half day sessions will be organised after Easter 2015. One in each episcopal area except for Croydon where there will be two, one in each Archdeaconry. These will be Saturday mornings with one extra weekday session at a central location. These will be free. Booking via Eventbrite.

What Should We Do Now?

Please could you email me the names and contact details of the Deanery Champion, also church representative as appropriate by 20th March. Do contact me with any further questions.

Thank you.

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