



CONSTITUTION

ARCHDEACONRY MISSION AND PASTORAL COMMITTEES

- I. Each Archdeaconry in the Diocese of Ely shall have an Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee ('ADMPC') established by the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee ('DMPC') in accordance with its constitution and the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.
- 2. Each ADMPC shall exercise the functions and duties outlined in the DMPC constitution for and on behalf of the DMPC, and shall provide a regular report of its activities to the DMPC.
- 3. Each ADMPC shall meet at least three times a year.
- 4. The Secretary to each ADMPC shall be the Pastoral Secretary of the Diocese for the time being, or where there is a vacancy in that office or the Pastoral Secretary is otherwise unable to act as Secretary, the Chair shall appoint a Diocesan officer to act in his or her place for the time being.

Membership and Term of Office

- 5. The Chair of each ADMPC shall be the Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry for which the ADMPC is established (the 'relevant Archdeacon/ry').
- 6. Where there is a vacancy in the office of Archdeacon, or where the relevant Archdeacon is otherwise unable or unwilling to act as Chair of the ADMPC, either another Archdeacon in the Diocese shall act as Chair or the Archdeacon shall nominate a Chair from among the clergy members of the ADMPC to act in his or her place for the time being.
- 7. Having regard to the requirement for each ADMPC to have a balance in number between clergy and lay members, each ADMPC shall have the following members:
 - a. subject to paragraphs 8 and 9, for each Deanery in the relevant Archdeaconry (the 'relevant Deanery') there shall be:
 - i. one clergy member appointed by the relevant Archdeacon; and
 - ii. one lay member appointed by the relevant Archdeacon; and
 - b. up to five consultants who may be requested to attend the ADMPC, and who shall have the right to request to attend meetings of the ADMPC from time to time. Consultants will be invited to contribute to the discussions of the ADMPC, but they shall not have voting rights. Consultants to the ADMPC shall include the Director of Mission, the Director of Ministry, the Ecumenical Officer, the Chair of the Churches Uses Committee, a representative of the Finance Committee, and such other Diocesan officers and committee members as the Chair may feel appropriate.
- 8. The clergy member referred to in sub-paragraph 7(a)(i) will usually, subject to the Archdeacon's right of appointment, be the Rural Dean ex officio. Where there is a vacancy in the office of Rural Dean, or where the relevant Deanery Rural Dean is otherwise unable or unwilling to act as member of the ADMPC, the relevant Deanery Pastoral Committee shall nominate a clergy member from amongst the clergy in the relevant Deanery and the Archdeacon may appoint that clergy member.
- 9. The lay member of the referred to in sub-paragraph 7(a)(ii) will usually, subject to the Archdeacon's right of appointment, be the Lay Deanery Chair ex officio. Where there is a





vacancy in the office of Lay Deanery Chair, or where the relevant Lay Deanery Chair is otherwise unable or unwilling to act as member of the ADMPC, the relevant Deanery Pastoral Committee shall nominate a lay member of the relevant Deanery and the Archdeacon may appoint that lay member.

- 10. Ex officio members of the ADMPC shall hold office for the duration of their tenure in the relevant office. Members otherwise appointed shall hold office for a three year term, or, where they have been appointed as a member in lieu of an ex officio member under paragraphs 6 and 7, until such ex officio member is appointed or becomes willing or able to act.
- 11. The Archdeacon may, in exceptional circumstances and following consultation with the DMPC, request a member of the ADMPC to be removed as a member if it is in the best interests of the ADMPC.

Attendance

- 12. The quorum of each ADMPC shall be at least half of its members at the relevant time.
- 13. Diocesan officers and other non-members of the ADMPC may be invited to attend the meetings of the ADMPCs to contribute to the discussions of the ADMPC but shall not be entitled to vote.
- 14. Subject to paragraph 11, the ADMPC may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the membership or any defect in its composition.
- 15. The ADMPC 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.