

1. THE ROLE OF A COMMISSIONER - JOB DESCRIPTION

1.1 AIMS

To further the aims of the CRCR for Yorkshire and the Humber, which are to

- Represent the churches to regional bodies
- Assert the significance of faith in the life of the region
- Work as partners in regional regeneration

1.2 VALUES UNDERPINNING OUR WORK

The work of the CRC derives from our calling as Christians to live out our faith in the world. As such, faith is not incidental to our work, much less an impediment: it is the ground and basis for Christian engagement in the life of the region. As such we seek to ensure that

- The most disadvantaged and the voiceless are heard.
- There is equality of access for everyone through all aspects of our work.
- We work in a self-critical way to encourage continuous improvement.
- We work with other partners in a consultative way.
- We maximise the use of resources by collaboration and joint working.
- We keep a constant focus on outcomes on the ground.
- We constantly ask what our work is doing for the disadvantaged in our region.

2. MAIN TASKS

- 2.1 To maintain the aims and strategy of the CRC under review and to hold the Board to account in delivering them.
- 2.2 To contribute to the collective evolution of CRC policy in the life and work of the region, to reflect on it theologically and to promote best practice.
- 2.3 To undertake particular responsibilities in one or more areas of policy, specifically through a Task Group, or in service delivery on behalf of the CRC.
- 2.4 To undertake two-way communication with churches at a sub-regional and local level in the denomination to which each members belongs.

3 POLICY CONTEXT

3.1 EXTERNAL

REGIONAL BODIES

The CRC aims to make a distinct and valued contribution to regional strategies. From this we provide a strategic focus for engagement between churches and the region. These strategies cover four areas: Interfaith, Social Inclusion, Rural Renaissance, Culture.

We work closely with Yorkshire Forward, the Regional Development Agency and the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber, Local Government Yorkshire & Humber and look forward to working with the new Local Enterprise Partnerships. We have partnerships with the Yorkshire & Humber Faiths Forum, Together for Regeneration (South Yorkshire), SEARCH (Hull and East Riding), Core York, Churches Together in Grimsby (NE Lincs) and North Lincs Multi Faith Partnership.

3.2 INTERNAL

COMMISSION

The Commission meets 4 times a year to decide on policy, debate and approve budgets, corporate plans and other strategic documents/responses.

TASK GROUPS

Task Groups promote best practice and develop the distinct impact of CRC in their area of operation. Current Task Groups are Social Inclusion, Rural Renaissance, Inter Faith and Culture.

4 SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

4.1 Commission members will have expertise in one or more of CRC's Task Groups.

4.2 It is desirable that Commission members will have significant strategic experience and practice in aspects of public policy. This experience will contribute to CRC work on regional bodies.

4.3 Commission members will be in membership of and in good standing with one of the participating Christian denominations.

4.4 Commission members will have a clear grasp of the theology, which underpins our commitment to engage in society.

4.5 Commission members will have a good knowledge of the Yorkshire and Humber region.

5 EMPHASIS AND BALANCE

CRC sets policy expertise as the priority for Commission members, since this is a core competence that we bring on behalf of the churches. We secure accountability to the churches through an annual meeting of Regional Church Leaders and a Reference Group established by the church leaders for this purpose.

CRC is committed to secure a balance of membership according to expertise, denomination, geography, gender, age and race.

6 TERM OF OFFICE AND TIME COMMITMENT

Commissioners serve for a term of 3 calendar years and are eligible to serve for two terms. The term of office for new Commissioners will commence on 1 January 2011.

The Commission meets once a quarter. Each meeting is half a day, held in Leeds Church Institute, with some meetings lasting for a day on theological reflection, or other major items.

Each Task Group meets 4 or 5 times a year, with each meeting lasting about 2 hours.

7 APPLICATIONS

Applications should be made on the attached form. Closing date for applications is 31 October 2010. Applications will be considered by church leaders and applicants will be told of their decision by 30 November 2010.

8 EXPENSES

Travel expenses may be claimed from the CRC.