

## **1. THE ROLE OF A COMMISSIONER - JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **1.1 AIMS**

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

- Represent the churches to statutory bodies
- Challenge social, educational, economic disadvantage
- promote wellbeing of people in Yorkshire and Humber and to equip churches for social action
- be a conduit for Christian advice and information to and from statutory bodies and Christian organisations and to deliver ground level faith projects.

### **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 public life. 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 Yorkshire and the Humber

## **2. MAIN TASKS**

- To keep the aims and strategy of the CRC under review and to hold the Board to account in delivering them.
- To contribute to the collective evolution of CRC policy, to reflect on it theologically and to promote best practice.
- 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.
- To undertake two-way communication with churches at a sub-regional and local level in the denomination to which each member belongs.

## **3. POLICY CONTEXT**

### **3.1 EXTERNAL**

#### **STATUTORY BODIES IN YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER.**

The CRC aims to make a distinct and valued contribution to strategy and policy. We provide a strategic focus for engagement between churches and the statutory bodies. These currently cover four areas: Interfaith, Social Inclusion, Rural and Culture.

We work closely with the remaining Regional organisations and look to establish relationships with the Local Enterprise Partnerships. We also work with the Involve Yorkshire and Humber, the voluntary sector body working across Yorkshire and Humber.

#### **NATIONAL CHURCH BODIES**

CRC works closely with partners Livability, the Arthur Rank Centre, Church Action on Poverty and Housing Justice.

## **3.2 INTERNAL**

### **COMMISSION**

The Commission meets twice a year to decide on policy, debate and approve budgets, corporate plans and other strategic documents/responses discuss current issues and CRC work.

### **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, the Rural Churches Steering Group, Inter Faith and Culture.

## **4. SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE**

- Commission members will have expertise in one or more of CRC's Task Groups.
- 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 and engagement..
- Commission members will be in membership of and in good standing with one of the participating Christian denominations.
- Commission members will have a clear grasp of the theology which underpins our commitment to engage in society.
- Commission members will have a good knowledge of the Yorkshire and Humber region or particular sub 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 twice a year. 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 2011. Applications will be considered by church leaders and applicants will be told of their decision by 30 November 2011.

## **8. EXPENSES**

Travel expenses may be claimed from the CRC.

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