

Reflection Based on Promises Made at Licensing

Please take time before your Review with your incumbent to reflect on your vocation to the Ministry as a Reader and the promises made when you were licensed.

I do hereby promise to endeavour, as far as in me lies, to promote peace and unity, and to conduct myself as becomes a worker for Christ, for the good of his Church, and for the spiritual welfare of all people.

I will give due obedience to the Archbishop of Canterbury and his successors and the minister in whose cure I may serve, in all things lawful and honest.

To help you prepare please take time to consider the following six questions:

1. Do you believe that God has called you to this ministry?

- Am I being true to the vocation that has brought me to this point?
- Is my ministry flourishing and growing – can I set objectives for the future that will develop my ministry and help me to fulfil my vocation further?
- Does my ministry include elements of evangelism and mission that seek to further the kingdom of God

2. Do you promote unity, peace and love in the church and in the world and especially among those whom you serve?

- As I reflect on my daily working life, how do I take my ministry to the people among whom I find myself?
- Is my ministry effective in environments other than church and public worship and are my relations with the world reflective of the gospel?
- Is my pastoral ministry in the community adequately resourced?

3. Do you endeavour to fashion your life according to the way of Christ?

- As I reflect on my daily life does it honour the pattern I know to be true to the Christian gospel, and take account of the relationships within it.
- Do I give sufficient opportunity for time and space for myself and my family, with days off, a retreat, holidays?
- Are there concerns for my own welfare and that of my family or colleagues?

4. Will you work closely with your colleagues in ministry and encourage the gifts of others?

- How are my relationship with my ministry colleagues – do we encourage growth in each other?
- Are there ways in which we could improve our working relationship and methods of working?
- What gifts can I/do I offer to others in their spiritual journey?

5. Will you be faithful in leading the people of God in worship, and in preaching the word to them?

- Are there areas of public worship in which I need further training?
- Is the feedback I receive from my colleagues and members of the congregation helpful, constructive, revealing points that need addressing?
- Do I give enough time and attention to preparation and background reading to preach?

6. Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith, and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel?

- Are my patterns of prayer, personal reflection and study sustaining and challenging me as a minister of Christ?
- Has the CMD I have undertaken in the last year helped me to grow and contributed towards my development and personal objectives?
- Have I implemented what I have learned and discovered over the last year?