

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Diocesan Ecumenical Officer – Diocese of Coventry

Location:	As required throughout the Diocese of Coventry
Hours:	As required

Role Profile

The primary focus of this role is to assist the Diocese of Coventry in fulfilling the Diocesan Mission Purpose of Worshipping God, Making New Disciples, and Transforming Communities, principally by encouraging the development of 8 Essential Qualities throughout the life of the Diocese, especially with regard to Ecumenical Life. This role is a volunteer position which may, by permission of the Bishop, be carried out within the core working hours of an existing clergy post.

These 8 Essential Qualities are:

- **Empowering** Leadership
- **Gift-oriented** Ministry
- **Passionate** Spirituality
- **Inspiring** Worship
- **Holistic** Small Groups
- **Need-oriented** Outreach
- **Loving** Relationships
- **Functional** Structures

For more information on these qualities please contact the Healthy Churches Development Mentor (the Reverend Tim Mitchell) on 07496 821460.

The role will involve building relationships with those working in other Christian communities in the Diocese of Coventry, in order to help inform strategic thinking and decision making within the Diocese over matters of partnership working with other Christian communities.

The role will necessitate considerable networking ecumenically, and prophetically advising senior Diocesan staff in matters of ecumenism, using, where appropriate, evidence and stories gained from within the Diocese.

Key Relationships:

- The Bishop of Coventry and his core and extended staff teams
- Church leaders of other churches professing faith in the holy Trinity and divinity of Christ, including those from newer streams
- The Clergy of the Diocese
- The post-holder is accountable to and will be line-managed by the Bishop of Warwick

Main Activities and Responsibilities:

- Network widely with other ecumenical officers and leaders of other Christian communities within the Diocese of Coventry, seeking opportunities to develop unity together in mission.
- Inspire denominational gatherings on the values of ecumenical partnerships and working, raising awareness of ecumenical good practice and good news stories.
- Work with the relevant ecumenical colleagues to fulfil the requirements to review progress of those Local Ecumenical Partnerships which involve the Church of England within the diocese. Reviews are likely to involve an application and understanding of Natural Church Development (NCD) principles and processes, which undergird Diocesan strategy.
- Be informed about and network with movements representing the 'new ecumenism', such as Hope 2014 and Passion for Life.
- Be a point of reference for the Bishops for national initiatives and provide advice to the Bishop's Core and Extended Staff Teams on ecumenical matters.
- Ensure the integration of all 8 Essential Qualities in carrying out their role. This will include thinking imaginatively about opportunities for effective worship, mission and Christian discipleship ecumenically.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- The Ecumenical Officer will meet at least three times a year with the Bishop of Warwick.

Administration

Travelling expenses will be paid at the standard Diocesan rate as will the reasonable costs of training and conferences, entertainment, subsistence, stationery and equipment. Further details on this will be provided to the post-holder.

Person Specification

- Able to co-operate with and to win the respect of the clergy and laity within the Diocese in respect to promoting Ecumenical life.
- Passionate about the health and growth of churches, and experience of enabling the 8 Essential Qualities in a growing church in ways which are fully accessible for Ecumenical partners.
- A vibrant and attractive Christian faith reflecting the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- Passionate about people from all backgrounds come to Christian faith and discipleship.
- Able to work on own initiative and as part of a team.

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