

**Minutes of the St Davids Diocesan Conference  
held at University of Wales, Lampeter  
on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2005**

The Conference commenced with coffee at 10.00am followed by Holy Eucharist at 10.30am during which a presentation was made to Bishop Joseph of Lesotho. At the conclusion of Holy Eucharist The President explained the morning format of discussion groups based upon the Diocesan Process Evangelism Course *Menter/Venture*. Conference members then participated, until lunchtime, in discussion groups.

The Formal Business of Conference commenced after lunch.

The President reminded Conference that Judge Michael Evans had now retired as Diocesan Chancellor. The President expressed his thanks and appreciation to Judge Michael for his faithful and diligent service.

Mr Nicholas Cooke QC had accepted the invitation to serve as Diocesan Chancellor but was unable to be present at Conference. The President looked forward to the involvement of Mr Cooke in future diocesan activities.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from 15 clerics and 8 lay-members.

#### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Conference held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2004 were confirmed and signed.

#### **Standing Committee**

The item concerning Cwm Aman/Aman Valley was amended from: "involving the three parishes" to read: "involving the *two* parishes".

The report of the Standing Committee was formally proposed by the Clerical Secretary, seconded by The Archdeacon of Cardigan and accepted.

#### **Nomination Board**

The Report of the Nomination Board was formally proposed by the Clerical Secretary and seconded by the Archdeacon of Cardigan. Following various questions the report was accepted.

#### **Board of Finance**

The Report of the Diocesan Board of Finance was presented by Mr J E George (Chairman) and seconded by the Dean.

It was resolved that the Audited Accounts of the Board of Finance as contained in the Report be accepted. The Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2006 were also approved.

Mr J E George answered various questions from the floor and also advised Conference that the structure of the Diocesan Board of Finance was being reviewed. Additionally he reminded Conference that the annual budget was the last on the present system as the RB block grant would apply from 2007.

### **Parsonage Board**

The report of the Parsonage Board was formally proposed by the Archdeacon of Cardigan and seconded by Mr Martin Presdee Jones (Vice Chairman, Diocesan Board of Finance).

### **Committee Reports**

The Reports of the Committees as listed below were formally presented by the President and adopted:

Child Protection  
Children's Committee  
Churches and Pastoral Committee  
Council for Mission & Ministry  
Council for Social Responsibility  
Education Team  
Friends of the Cathedral  
Honorary Readers' Association  
Housing Association  
Mothers' Union  
Parish Life Team  
Youth Committee

The President expressed gratitude on behalf of the Diocese to all involved for their dedication and hard work. Some questions were put and the reports accepted.

### **Fair Trade Report**

The President reminded Conference that the recommendation that St Davids Diocese become a Fair Trade Diocese was accepted by the 2004 Conference.

The Revd Victor Millgate reported that to date just under 100 churches had 'signed up' but this was below the 60% required for the Diocese to be recognised as a Fair Trade Diocese. He hoped the figure would soon be met.

### **President's Address**

The President expressed his gratitude to all clergy in the diocese for their support and especially thanked the three Archdeacons and the Dean for their support, wisdom and discernment. Thanks were expressed to the Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Staff and the Chairmen of various committees.

The President addressed the Conference.

The Conference closed at 4.00pm with the saying of the Venturing in Mission Prayer and the singing of a hymn.