

Constitution for St. Luke's Lodge Moor, Sheffield, Local Ecumenical Partnership

The United Reformed Church, in accepting happily for the present this 2010 Constitution, observes that the requirement for three Ordinary Church Meetings per year, in addition to the Annual Church Meeting [as defined in the Model Constitution agreed in 2009 by Churches Together in England with the Charity Commissioners and contained in paragraphs 9b), 13, and 14a) to 14e)], has been deleted.

In the light of

- a) the past experience of the wording in the 2000 Constitution apparently not having been challenged at the time of its creation ;
- b) the obvious continuing success of St. Luke's as an LEP ; and
- c) the information that the Rev. John Stride will retire from the ministry in less than two years' time,

the United Reformed Church graciously accepts, for the time being, the offer of an Autumn Church Meeting each year, as indicated in the "Abstract from the Minutes of St. Luke's Church Council of the 24th February 2010" photocopied below, and notes that it is, in effect, an addendum to the 2010 Constitution. Therefore the United Reformed Church requests that

- a) at the times of a change of the Incumbent / Priest ;
- b) at the times of addition to the ordained ministerial team ; and
- c) on the occasions of Review of the LEP,

the number of Church Meetings, while ever it is less than the Model Constitution requires, be challenged and re-considered as an item on the Agendas for such occasions.

Abstract from the Minutes of the St Luke's Ecumenical Church Council Meeting held on 24 February 2010.

Following questions from the Baptist Union of Great Britain and The United Reformed Church relating to provision for regular congregational meetings, The St Luke's Ecumenical Church Council affirms its intention to continue its current practice (in accordance with its current constitution approved by all parties in 2000) of holding two Church Meetings each year following the adoption of the proposed new constitution as follows:

The Annual Church Meeting in April each Year.

The business of the Annual Church Meeting is defined by clause 12 of the proposed constitution.

An Autumn Church Meeting in October each year.

The business of the Autumn Church Meeting is to :

- a) review the life and witness of the LEP
- b) consider topics relevant to the local and wider witness of the LEP
- c) receive reports covering all aspects of the life of the LEP
- d) consider matters brought to it by the Trustees, so as to offer advice or guidance (to which the trustees must have regard), and to indicate support as required
- e) help to shape the life, work and vision of the LEP

Council Vote: Unanimous

Extract Certified by:

The Revd John D Stride, Vicar and Chairman

Mr Colin Dewick, Secretary to the Council

25 February 2010

The United Reformed Church further requests that copies of this document be firmly affixed to all produced copies of the Constitution for St. Luke's, Lodge Moor.

Agreed by : Revd. David Tatem, Secretary for Ecumenical Relations, United Reformed Church
Revd. Kevin Watson, Moderator, Yorkshire Synod of the United Reformed Church
Mr. Rupert Norris, Ecumenical Officer of the United Reformed Church, South Yorkshire
Accepted by : The Meeting of the Standing Committee of Churches Together in South Yorkshire, held on
Thursday 4th March 2010