

**DIOCESE IN EUROPE**  
**The Church of England**  
**Archdeaconry of Switzerland**

**ARCHDEACONRY SYNOD**  
**Saturday, 6 February 2016**  
**St. Ursula's Berne**

**Present**

<b>Basel St. Nicholas</b>	Revd Hilary Jones, Revd Anne Lowen, Revd Russell Hilliard Nigel Spencer, Roger Dietiker
<b>Berne St. Ursula's</b>	Ven Peter Potter, Revd Mark Pogson, Hector Davie, Donna Goepfert
<b>Geneva Holy Trinity</b>	Canon Alex Gordon, Roy Damary, Mary Talbot, Clare Amos
<b>La Côte</b>	Revd Carolyn Cooke, Trevor Davies
<b>Lausanne Christ Church</b>	Revd Adèle Kelham
<b>Lugano St. Edward's</b>	Linda Chiesa
<b>Montreux St. John's</b>	Revd Paul Dalzell, Guy Padfield, Mid Squier
<b>Neuchâtel</b>	Jenny Veenendaal
<b>Vevey All Saints</b>	Revd Clive Atkinson. Claire Dalgish
<b>Zurich St. Andrew's</b>	Revd Paul Brice, Sarah Emch-Jones, Joanna Koch, Miriam Keller Nick Leaver, John Waygood
<b>PTOs</b>	Revd Peter Hawker, Revd Elisabeth Bussmann, Revd Roy Farrar, Revd Maree Wilson
<b>Geneva Emmanuel Church</b>	Helena Mbele-Muong
<b>Old Catholics</b>	Revd Ulrike Henkenmeier
<b>Visitors</b>	Canon William Gulliford, Diocesan Director of Ordinands Angela Berlis, Head of OC Theological Dept. Uni Berne

**Apologies for Absence** **Basel** Jane Weber-Miller **Berne** Revd Linda Bisig, Richard King  
**Geneva** Betty Talbot **La Côte** Revd Julia Chambeyron, Valerie Geschonke **Lausanne** Howard Yu,  
Philippa King Rojo **Lugano** Sandra Pianezzi **Neuchâtel** Christa McCartney  
**Château D'Oex** Donato Rampa **PTOs** Revd Hugh Pettingell, Revd Lars Simpson  
**Old Catholics** Bishop Harald Rein, Revd Sarah Böhm-Aebersold **Partner Sein** Robert Amstutz

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**Welcome, Introduction, Opening Prayer**

The Archdeacon welcomed all present, particularly Canon William Gulliford, Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Angela Berlis, Head of the OC Theological Dept. University of Berne, newcomer to Synod Revd Paul Brice (Zurich) and not new, but now Asst Chaplain in Berne, Revd Mark Pogson. The Synod opened with prayer for guidance.

**1. Approval of Minutes Synod 20 June 2015**

The minutes were approved and signed without amendment.

**2. Matters arising**

- **13. Diocesan Synod** Archdeaconry Representatives. Our nominated representatives were elected to Diocesan Synod: Clergy: Revd Anne Lowen Lay: Mary Talbot and Nick Leaver

### **3. Address by Canon William Gulliford, Diocesan Director of Ordinands**

William Gulliford took us through the very thorough process of selection and training of ordinands for C of E ministry. This covers, for example, examination of a candidate's vocation, spirituality, personality, qualities of leadership, educational criteria, family relationships, with interviews at various levels to assess the suitability of a candidate. If the candidate is accepted, then follow vocation seminars, theological courses/college, possible internship, curacy placement. The aim of the diocese is to attract 50% more ordinands under 32 by 2020.

Questions to William Gulliford covered applications and qualifications of candidates from other churches; a standardisation of educational degrees is being investigated. Roy Farrar stressed the value of internship experience. This is more difficult to organise in Switzerland than in Britain. The issue of how British do we expect candidates, especially from non-British backgrounds, to be and the situation that we are in Europe very much a multi-cultural church. The fact is that we are the Church of England with the sovereign at the head and that is what candidates and congregations have to accept. Carolyn Cooke said that she stressed Diocese in Europe, rather than Church of England.

Hilary Jones asked about Lay Ministry. Basel chaplaincy had planned and trained several lay people in pastoral care and administering communion. When permission to implement this was requested, it was rejected. Why? The church claims that it encourages lay ministry.

### **4. Finance**

John Waygood presented the 2015 results, using handouts. All quotas had been paid by the chaplaincies as approved and a further CHF 500 had been received for the discretionary charity fund, which was entrusted to us a few years ago. Operating expenditure of CHF 10'460 was below budget and lower than in 2014 as the net cost to the Archdeaconry of SACEP (our continuing education programme) was lower. This was slightly offset by higher travel costs of members of the Standing Committee. We had paid CHF 3'937 out of our Ministry Training Scheme fund to support training programmes for our clergy (full details were provided). As planned, we had contributed CHF 1'200 to the AGCK, CHF 4'750 to the joint Old Catholic / Anglican Partner Sein Aid Agency, and CHF 2'988 to Athens for refugee support. The outcome was an overall surplus of CHF 997, bringing our capital to CHF 29'987, all of which is held at the Postal bank.

Hector Davie the auditor presented a favourable report, and the accounts were unanimously adopted by the members, who thanked the treasurer and the auditor for their work.

The Treasurer presented the draft 2016 budget on behalf of the Standing Committee. The 2016 expenditure budget at CHF 23'850 is overall CHF 500 lower than the 2015 budget. Based on total income from quotas unchanged from 2015, this level of expenditure will lead to a break-even in 2016 (since the previous budget had been a deficit of CHF 500). Contributions to AGCK, Partner Sein and Athens are budgeted to continue as before. We have now capped the SAMTS at the level of around CHF 18'000. Individual quotas will vary a little from last year by chaplaincy, although unchanged in total, because the 2016 sharing by chaplaincy is based on the diocesan Common Fund allocation (itself derived from the chaplaincies' level of income).

The 2016 Budget was adopted by the members.

Hector Davie was re-appointed as Archdeaconry Auditor for the year 2016.

Many thanks to John and Hector for looking after the finances in 2015.

Eucharist  
Lunch

## 5. Archdeacon's Report

- Canon Colin Williams has been asked to oversee the implementation of the Diocesan Strategy. He has invited Mary Talbot to join his group.
- Carol Johnson has been appointed Bishop's Visitor for pastoral care of divorced clergy spouses.
- Diocesan Year Book – now only available digitally.
- Safeguarding – All the new diocesan policy and protocols are on the website. Peter Potter has a list of people who have completed the online training. Please inform the archdeacon of any safeguarding issues in your chaplaincy which are reported to the diocesan safeguarding team.
- Clergy annual stipend forms and approved chalice bearers are due for renewal this year.
- Saturday, 5 March at 17.30 in Berne, a talk by Canon Medhat on the current refugee and migrant situation as seen from an Arab and North African perspective.
- St. Edwards's Lugano. An appointment has been made.

## 6. Group Discussion on the Agreed Diocesan Strategy

Anne Lowen introduced the discussion. The Synod then split into groups to talk about what their chaplaincy is doing. At the June Synod Bishop Robert will be addressing us on this subject. Most chaplaincies have already started working on this strategy. If you have any written report, please send a copy to Miriam Keller, who will distribute it to all members.

See also the attached report from Environment Officer Elizabeth Bussmann with her views on environmental problems and our Christian approach to them and the Jewish/Palestinian issue. Clare Amos of the World Council of Churches replied to this that she has great experience of the Israel/Palestine problem. This could be the subject of a SACEP meeting.

## 7. Reports

- SACEP Report from Hilary Jones

This year we have had two additional events added to our SACEP calendar.

- On the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February Elaine Labourel is doing a training on **What sort of Anglican are you?** at Neuchâtel. This has been organized by Adèle and people can attend for either one or two days.
- On March 5<sup>th</sup> Canon Medhat will talk at Berne on the current refugee and migrant situation as seen from an Arab and North African perspective. The talk begins at 17.30.
- On May 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a day training at Vevey church entitled: **Responding to Europe's migration, asylum seeker and refugee crisis as individual Christians and Christian communities.** This SACEP training event has two interrelated purposes:
  1. To examine together the nature, scope and scale of the European migration, asylum seeker and refugee crisis, and its spiritual, ethical, social and political implications
  2. To share experience of Christians, Churches and other Christian communities in responding to the crisis. This training will be led by Chris Talbot from Geneva. A flyer and registration details will be sent out soon.
- On October 8<sup>th</sup> **Bishop John Pritchard** will come to do a training day on **Discipleship** at Nyon. Further details to follow.

Grateful thanks to Linda Chiesa for all her help organizing the venues for SACEP events.

- **Old Catholic/Anglican Relations**

Ulrike Henkenmeier brought greetings from the Old Catholic Church. As previously announced, Bishop Harold is now officially Assistant Bishop in the Diocese in Europe with authority to perform confirmations. She herself is happy to come to our chaplaincies to talk about the Old Catholics. There is often good understanding at the higher levels, but ignorance at the lower levels about what they do. We could do much more together. In Zurich the OCs organise German lessons, children's

groups, lunches for migrants. A surprisingly large number of volunteers from their church help and make this possible.

- **Partner Sein** Report already circulated
- **AGCK** Report already circulated
- **Willibrord Society** Adèle Kelham reported: the AGM of the Society will be held on 7 May in Berne, followed by a visit to the Museum of Communication and the exhibition "Dialog mit der Zeit". The date and venue of the summer outing has not yet been fixed.

#### 8. Any Other Business

- Maundy Blessing of Oils Details have been sent to the chaplains. There is also a service at the Old Catholic Church in Berne at 10.00 am on Maundy Thursday.
- Swedish Pastor Revd Lars Parkman, pastor at the Swedish Church in Lausanne, was invited to the meeting, but unfortunately was not able to attend.
- Environment Officer Elizabeth Bussmann asked whether there would be any interest for a talk on trafficking.
- She also asked those of us who have Swiss voting rights to vote against a second road tunnel through the Gotthard. This will only lead to more road traffic and defeat the object of channelling heavy traffic by rail. Other solutions are possible.

#### 9. Future Programme 2016

Sat/Sun	20/21 February	SACEP "What sort of Anglican are you?" with Elaine Labourel, at Neuchâtel
Sat	5 March	Talk on current refugee and migrant situation by Canon Medhat St. Ursula's Berne
Fri-Sun	22-24 April	Choir Festival at St. Ursula's Berne
Sat	7 May	Willibrord Society AGM at St. Ursula's Berne
Sat	28 May	SACEP "Responding to Europe's migration, asylum seeker and refugee crisis as individual Christians and Christian communities." Led by Chris Talbot at All Saints, Vevey
Sat	25 June	Archdeaconry Synod at Holy Trinity, Geneva. Bishop Robert will be the guest speaker
Sat	8 October	SACEP Bishop John Pritchard "Discipleship" at Eglise de la Fraternelle, Nyon

Many thanks to Berne for their hospitality and a super lunch.

Miriam Keller  
15 February 2016