



ROLE DESCRIPTION REGIONAL ARCHDEACON

The Bishop delegates the following responsibilities to the two Regional Archdeacons (one North and one South):

1. Facilitating the Archdeaconry's engagement with the new structure of the Diocese by:
 - 1.1 ensuring that clear lines of communication are established between the Bishop, the Diocesan Archdeacon (where appropriate) and Ministry Units.
 - 1.2 ensuring that Ministry Unit and Archdeaconry discussion, response and engagement occurs.
2. Supporting the Clergy and Lay Leaders within their Archdeaconry by:
 - 2.1 ensuring access to appropriate personal pastoral support for Clergy and Teams.
 - 2.2 overseeing the local response to any critical incident – and keep the Diocesan Archdeacon informed.
 - 2.3 encouraging collegiality and team ministry amongst the clergy.
 - 2.4 facilitating the exchange of ministry resources and ideas.
3. Supporting the work of Diocesan Officers in the provision of specialist support for Ministry Units by:
 - 3.1 supporting the Ministry Development Officer (MDO) in guiding Ministry Units through parish vacancies.
 - 3.2 assisting in establishing specialist support processes in areas such as mission action planning, conflict resolution, change management and living into the Diocesan Restructure.
 - 3.3 supporting the work of the Bishop, MDO and Registrar as required.
 - 3.4 assisting when required in parish Vacancy Consultations and Rectory inspections.

These responsibilities will be met by:

- a) Contacting all stipendiary Clergy within the Archdeaconry regularly.
- b) Keep in contact with the Mission Support Officer (MSO) and to ensure adequate Diocesan co-ordination of their ministry.
- c) Provide a first line of response to Ministry issues that arise.
- d) Participating in regular Senior Clergy Team meetings with the Bishop, MDO and MSOs for the purpose of mutual support, accountability, strategic planning and professional development.
- e) Regional Archdeacons are ex officio members of Bishop-in-Council.

Regional Archdeacons and Mission Support Officers work together in support of one another's ministry.