**Pre-Lambeth Hospitality Initiative in Diocese of Leicester**

**Expression of Interest in hosting a visiting Bishop on Sunday 19th July 2020**

As part of the welcome being extended to around 1,000 bishops attending the Anglican Communion’s Lambeth Conference in Canterbury next July, we are expecting to have up to 20 staying with us in our diocese for several days. They will stay at our St. Martins Lodge accommodation in Leicester from Friday 17th-Wednesday 22nd July 2020.

On Sunday 19th July we would like to offer each of these visiting bishops to join in worship, be hosted for lunch and enjoy the early part of the afternoon at one of our benefice church communities. This would provide an opportunity for each bishop to contribute in some way to a worship service (e.g interview, sermon or testimony) as well the church community enabling the bishop to experience something of their local context (and perhaps mission activities) through the lunchtime and early afternoon, but without exhausting them! Most importantly, for both hosts and bishops, we hope the Sunday visits will deepen mutual learning and delight in our membership together of the Body of Christ!

If your church or fresh expression is interested in hosting a bishop, please complete this form and return it via the email address at the end of the form.

In completing this form it would be good to balance ways in which the visit might be of mutual encouragement to both hosts and visitors as well as providing refreshment and relaxation to the visitors who will be recovering from long flights and preparing for a very busy conference!

If there are any queries at this stage, please email Archdeacon of Leicester, Richard Worsfold on **Richard.Worsfold@leccofe.org**

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| Name of worshipping community or chaplaincy expressing an interest |  |
| Time and location of worship service |  |
| Details of worship service, e.g. whether eucharistic or non-eucharistic, whether local congregation, Team or Benefice service, whether all-age or adult service |  |
| What might you wish to offer the visiting Bishop by way of worship experience and participation? We will invite visiting Bishops to choose what they would feel most comfortable with or interested in (depending upon their confidence in English, time for preparation and mission interests).For example: being interviewed, preaching, sharing testimony, meeting children’s/youth groups |  |
| What initial plans do you have for lunchtime hosting arrangements?E.g. a meal hosted in a home or a shared meal with a wider group of people or even a picnic lunch at a local place of interest!(visiting bishops will be having their own supper later in the day so it doesn’t have to be too big a meal!) |  |
| Any additional planned afternoon activities: E.g. visit to local place of interest or place of worship or meeting with particular groups over an extended lunch period.Please note: Bishops (and spouses) will need to be back at St. Martins Lodge by 4pm, unless they express desire to spend whole afternoon with hosts. |  |
| We would expect hosts to arrange transportation to and from St. Martins Lodge in the morning and afternoon. Please confirm how this will be arranged. |  |
| Details of any existing international mission links or companion links that may help us in matching a visiting Bishop to your context  |  |
| Email and phone details of person to be contacted for finalising the visit arrangements |  |

*Thank you for your expression of interest. When completed please return this form to* *Lynn.Phillips@LecCofE.org*