

Lay Preaching Representative Role Description.

The main functions of the role are:

To ensure local Lay Preaching communication by:

- maintaining regular contact with the Lay Preaching Commissioner.
- attending the relevant Area Synod Pastoral Committees.

To motivate and boost morale by:

- maintaining contact with local Lay Preachers.
- organising opportunities for meeting for fellowship, airing problems and sharing experiences.

To administer:

- all applications for Local Recognition using the relevant guidelines (obtainable from the Lay Preaching Commissioner) in order to maintain a common procedure (the Lay Preaching Commissioner will deal with applications for General Assembly Accreditation).
- by maintaining a list of all current Lay Preachers in the Area (including the church in which they hold membership).
- CRB Checks (and eventual vetting and barring procedure) – contact Lay Preacher's home Church Secretary to confirm that s/he has been checked. A note to this effect should be made on the list mentioned above. *(Ministries Department are responsible for obtaining and updating CRB checks for General Assembly Accredited Lay Preachers).*
- by organising an Assessed Service for each Lay Preacher in their respective Areas every three years and personally conduct them or arrange for this to be done by an experienced Lay Preacher whom they nominate. *(Refer to paper on Lay Preaching Review dated 1st September 2011 and presented to the November 2011 Wessex Synod).*

To encourage training:

- by encouraging them to attend Synod and other training.
- by communicating local training needs to the Local Training Co-ordinators and/or DSO's.