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## **SHARED MINISTRY NETWORK UPDATE : JUNE 2015**

### **CONFERENCE PLANS, 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

Plans for our next conference are taking shape. The conference runs from 12 noon on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, finishing with lunch on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November in the Britannia Country House Hotel, Didsbury, Manchester, where we have managed to agree an attractive package similar to last year. This includes access to hotel facilities such as the swimming pool and gym.

The conference title 'God's Call, Our Response: growing mission-shaped collaborative ministry' provides a good summary of our aims. The programme is designed to enable growth in the understanding and practice of mission-shaped collaborative ministry; to equip with skills and approaches; and inspire with stories at a range of levels. We are confident that the innovative processes that we plan to use, including group work and open space conversations, will lead to new insight, inspiration and vision and appeal to a broad spectrum of people, ordained and lay, diocesan and parish.

A conference leaflet is attached with more details of speakers/companions, and we hope to publish an outline programme by the early part of July. A booking form should have reached you via email – but in case you haven't received this, please find a copy attached.

### **THE WEBSITE**

We are making slow progress with the revamped website, but hope that we have turned a corner! The design has recently been improved, although the site is in need of more content. This will follow in the next few weeks, although we would value receiving additional offerings of information and papers from network members: theology, stories, new ideas, challenges, links to resources, etc. As it takes shape, the quality of the website is very much dependent on what we receive from our members, so please do consider making a contribution. Access the website on: [www.shared-ministry.net](http://www.shared-ministry.net)

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We are grateful for your continued prayers as we work on finalising the details of the conference and continue to develop the website and network.

### **Helen Babiy**

#### **On behalf of the LM Network Steering Group:**

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*Co-Chairs: Mrs Penny Evans, Reader & Local Ministry Development Adviser, Diocese of Hereford*

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