

RULES FOR THE ROAD

On the Way is a journey. We are setting out on the way, trusting that together we can seek and discern the call of the Holy Spirit to our churches in Cornwall.

To give shape and direction to this journey, the process includes some 'rules for the road'. These don't define the structure of the process, nor the content, but how we will work together. They are designed to enable prayerful, bold and trusting conversations to take place.

Because this process is based on mutual accountability between the local church and the episcopal leadership, with each taking full responsibility for the areas entrusted to them, there are rules for the road both for Deaneries and for the Episcopal College.

Rules for the road for the local church and Deanery

1. Walk together on the way

Change is demanding. We are confident that On the Way gives a structure and way of working with each other and with God that can bring outcomes for fruitfulness and sustainability. We commit to making decisions through the On the Way process.

2. Pray

We want to prioritise listening to each other and to the Holy Spirit. In every On the Way meeting we will give at least quarter of our time to reading the Bible and praying together.

3. Ask 'Who is not here and what might they say if they were?'

Jesus Christ came to redeem the whole world. To encourage the church to focus on the wider world, in particular children, young people and the poor, each meeting should ask 'Who is not here?' and 'What would they say if they were part of this discussion?'

Rules for the road for the Episcopal College

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2. Pray

The Episcopal College will pray intentionally and specifically for On the Way. They will also join other leaders of On the Way for weekly prayer for the mission and ministry of the church and those involved in the process and will pray for 25% of their time whenever discussing On the Way.

3. Engage promptly with what is emerging

Members of Episcopal College will read every 'postcard from the road' and will respond quickly and openly to feedback, questions, suggestions and comments.