

Evolving and involving

With the final LMAs having been inaugurated, opportunities abound for everyone to become more involved in the life of our diocese. A good start would be to submit items for discussion at this year's Diocesan Conference, says Caroline Mansell



This year's Diocesan Conference is bound to look different as we respond to the Covid-19 situation and the restrictions which may still be imposed come 3rd October. Whatever is decided regarding the venue or platform which we use, I am certain there will be something resembling our conference, albeit a scaled down version of it.

The question and answer session, I imagine, will still be possible and, indeed, desirable. I suspect that, given the unusual times we have been living through, there may be more questions than usual, so do send them in as early as you can.

Any member of conference may submit a question which they, or members of their congregations, may want discussed in this session. Recent examples have been questions around Children and Youth work and Ministry Share

Please be reminded that there is also the opportunity for LMA Councils to submit motions which they want discussed. These cannot be liturgical or doctrinal. In other words, they cannot be motions which seek to either change the teaching of the Church in Wales (CiW) or change the recognised orders of service or worship. A good example might be to ask about CiW policy on climate change and how churches are being encouraged to look at their own carbon footprint.

If Diocesan Conference accepts the motion, then it will be taken forward to the next Governing Body meeting of the CiW, as a private member's motion, for debate.

Questions and motions for debate must be sent to me (carolinemansell@churchinwales.org.uk), by 1st September.