



Canon Winfield was ordained deacon in 1989 and priest in 1994. She has worked in parish and cathedral ministry, university and military chaplaincy, ecumenical and Anglican Communion relations, and humanitarian diplomacy, representing the Anglican Communion at the United Nations. Canon Winfield is currently the Archbishop of Canterbury's Advisor on Reconciliation.

As Third Church Estates Commissioner, Canon Winfield will join the Church Commissioners for England's Board of Governors and will chair the Mission, Pastoral and Church Property Committee and the Bishoprics and Cathedrals Committee.

Welcoming the appointment, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "Flora has an exceptional record of service to the Church and will be a valuable addition to the Church Commissioners' leadership.

"I am very pleased that Flora is joining the Church Commissioners, bringing to this role her breadth of ministerial experience, her extensive leadership and theological expertise and her service as a senior member of staff at Lambeth Palace."

Commenting on her appointment, Canon Winfield said:" I welcome the opportunity to make this contribution to the life and work of the Church of England in a time of change, development and possibility, as we respond to Christ's call to grow as disciples, building on our historic inheritance and looking forward together with confidence and hope."

The Bishop of Manchester, David Walker, deputy chair of the Church Commissioners, said: "Flora's deep faith, experience with the Church at a local and international level and passion for furthering the Kingdom of God makes her an ideal Third Church Estates Commissioner. I am very much looking forward to working with her in this role."

Canon Winfield has taught ecclesiology and church history and has published books and articles in the field of ecumenical theology. In 2010, she was awarded a DD by Virginia Theological Seminary for her 20 years of service to the Communion as a theologian.

Canon Winfield has been a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London since 2010, is a Director of the Anglican Alliance, is a member of Chapter at Bradford Cathedral, and a Trustee of the Community of St Andrew. She assumes the role of Third Estates Commissioner on 1 February.

Further information

Particular priorities for the new Third Commissioner will be:

- A review of the church legislation which establishes the Commissioners' role for oversight of change at parish, deanery and diocesan level (Mission and Pastoral Measure review – read it [here](#)).
- The establishment of the co-regulation of cathedrals by the Commissioners in an important new partnership with the Charity Commission.
- Reaching the Church of England's carbon net zero targets for 2030.

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