



Working with the **Church Commissioners:** an exploration event

Manchester Cathedral on 1 May from 5.30pm

Members of the Church Commissioners are hosting a special event at Manchester Cathedral on 1 May from 5.30pm as part of their efforts to attract more Global Majority Heritage/ UK Minoritised Ethnic people into executive and non-executive roles. The Church Commissioners supports the Church of England's work and mission, helping it to remain a Christian presence in every community and facilitating its growth and contribution to the common good. We manage a £10.3bn investment fund and use the returns from this to support the Church in a variety of ways – including supporting local mission projects and dioceses in low-income areas, paying clergy pensions and contributing to bishops' and cathedrals' ministry costs. The Church Commissioners contributes about £1.2bn every three years to various parts of the Church, around 20% of the Church's overall running costs, which makes it one of the largest charitable givers in the UK.

This is an event for people – in particular GMH/UKME people – who may be interested in working with us in the future (in non-executive or executive roles), and is an opportunity to explore that together. We want to become more diverse in a number of ways, so all are welcome to attend, though there is a particular focus at this event on our keenness to attract more GMH/UKME trustees and senior staff.

At this event we will: describe our work and the type of skills we need; explore reasons why you might not have applied previously, and hopefully overcome them; and explore with you where your skills and experiences could help us; share something of our own 'diversity and inclusion journey' and learn about how we can improve further.

By the end of the event we hope that we will have learned more about improving our ways of working to attract more diverse talent to the Church Commissioners, that you will have learned more about us, and that you (or people you know) will feel more likely to apply for our roles in future, and that you can see yourself in those roles.

There will be short talks from some of the Church Commissioners' Board members and the Chief Executive, lots of time for your questions and observations, informal chat and refreshments. We really hope to see you there.

If you would like to attend, please email matt.chamberlain@churchofengland.org by 17 April 2024