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To all Wardens of Readers or Licensed Lay Ministers
From the CRC Secretary

Dear Wardens,

This note is to advise you of the arrangements for this year's AGM of the Central Readers' Council (CRC). Please ensure that this note is circulated within your diocese to those entitled to attend and any other interested parties. The note has been sent only to Wardens. Other papers will be prepared ahead of the meeting and circulated to you on the understanding that you will pass those details on to those who have booked, as detailed below.

Changes in 2018

Note that there are some significant changes this year.

1. The meeting is in **Birmingham** at the Carrs Lane Conference Centre and will run from 1030hrs to 1530hrs on **Saturday 21 April 2018**. Directions will follow, but the Centre is opposite Moor Street Station and about 5 minutes walk from New Street Station. There is no private parking for cars, but public car parks are nearby. Coffee will be served from 1030hrs and the meeting will start at 1100hrs, finishing in time to start journeys by 1600hrs.
2. We are opening the meeting wider than we have done in the past in order to gather as much feedback on future plans for CRC as possible. This does mean that people wanting to attend will have to book in rather than just turn up on the day. Please see below.
3. Since we are opening the AGM to a wider audience this year, we have decided that we will ask you to provide your own lunch. We will provide tea, coffee and other drinks on arrival and again at lunch-time.

Voting members

Our AGM is open for voting to three people from each diocese. The voting members are the Warden, the Secretary (or equivalent) and one other Reader, representing other Readers in their diocese.

Non-voting members

This year, in addition, we are opening the meeting to allow up to three more delegates from each diocese. These additional delegates will not be entitled to vote and should themselves be Readers or Readers in training.

Booking process

Because of the numbers who might want to attend, we need to ask everyone to tell you, their Wardens, in good time that they wish to and will attend.

Please inform the other voting members in your diocese of the date and get them to tell you whether or not they can come. Each diocese can make the numbers up to a total of **six** people and we expect that any non-voting members will be Readers or Readers in training. **Please supply the names to me by 31 March** (Easter weekend). Please list them in order with the voting names at the top, (Warden, Secretary (or equivalent) and other voting rep). After the first three, all other names will be assumed to be non-voting reps.

We will be unlikely to be able to accept people on the day who haven't booked in, since it will affect the catering and the amount CRC has to pay. Please therefore understand the importance of booking and emphasise this to those to whom you pass this message. We really don't want people to travel any distance and then have to turn them away.

We look forward to seeing you on 21 April.

Yours sincerely

Andrew

Andrew Walker
Secretary, Central Readers' Council