

## WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Several of our Working Parties have completed their researches – or nearly so – and we can expect to read reports from some of them in the Journal shortly, and to hear about their conclusions at the Cardiff Conference.

The Working Party on *Visitations* – both Episcopal and Archidiaconal – intends to produce its final report in time for the Conference in April and it is hoped that copies will be available for distribution. A full length article on *Visitations* is also due to appear in the next issue of the Journal.

The *Statute Law Reform* group, some of whose drafts appeared in the January 1990 issue of the Journal (page 42), hopes to complete its draft consideration and updating of Ecclesiastical Statute Law by March 1991. The results will then be submitted to the General Committee with a view to drawing the attention of the relevant authorities to this important review.

The group on *Diocesan Boards of Finance* hopes that its recommendations (summarised in the January 1990 issue), will in due course find their way into a new Measure dealing with this subject.

The *Marriage Discipline* Working Party is of course going to be responsible for the introduction of a debate on this topic during the first working session at Cardiff.

As regards continuing groups, that on the *Faculty Jurisdiction* (Convenor: John Holden, 49 Brooklands Road, Towneley, Burnley, Lancs. BB11 3PR) is now turning its attention to *Peculiars*, a topic which the Follow Up Group of General Synod has decided to leave over for the time being. Those interested in this topic should get in touch with the Convenor.

The group on *Education in Ecclesiastical and Canon Law* (Convenor: The Revd. John Masding, Hamstead Vicarage, Walsall Road, Birmingham, West Midlands B42 1ES) has established its ground rules and is now anxious to hear from members who would be prepared to lecture to first incumbents and, maybe, theological students and help in the preparation of starter-packs and looseleaf handbooks for those interested in the subject.

The *Training of Archdeacons Group* is now organising regular consultations for newly appointed archdeacons, the last one being held in St. Paul's Cathedral in October 1990. This included a discussion of the archdeacons' changing role. If you are newly appointed and would like to attend the next one or know anyone else who would please get in touch with the Convenor David Cheetham, 41 Holywell Hill, St. Albans, Herts. AL1 1HD.

### NEED FOR NEW WORKING PARTIES

With some groups completing their labours, now is the time for new topics to be tackled. Please think about this and come to the Cardiff Conference armed with your ideas. There will be a Working Party "Bazaar" during the Conference.