

## EDITOR'S NOTES

*An Ordered Church*, the Society's syllabus introducing the Canon and Ecclesiastical Law of the Church of England, was duly launched on 24th September 1999. It is published in conjunction with the Ministry Division of the Archbishop's Council. The Executive Officer, the Revd Dr Stephen Pix, of 24 St. Michael's Street, Oxford OX1 2EB, would be pleased to hear from any members who would like to be considered as tutors for courses based on the syllabus. At the launch the Chairman said that he hoped the courses would lead, in the words of the Canon Law Commission Report 1947, to the clergy having a 'more professional knowledge of the Church's law and constitution'.

The next one day conference on 'Deployment of the Clergy' will be held at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1 on Saturday, 25th March 2000. Also, so you can earmark the dates, the residential conference on 'Religious Liberty and Human Rights' will be held at Trinity Hall, Cambridge from 30th March to 1st April 2001. See also notices on page 314. Further information can be obtained from the Executive Officer.

The London Lectures are being revived. See notice on page 368.

The Ecclesiastical Law Society Working Party on Clergy Discipline has produced two reports. The first (1966) 4 Ecc LJ 510 was of a general nature whereas the second (1997) 4 Ecc LJ 746 was a critical response to General Synod's paper *Under Authority*. The draft Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction (Discipline) Measure (GS 1347) received general approval at the July 1999 session of Synod and has been referred to Revision Committee. The ELS Working Party has reconvened and produced a written submission on the specific clauses of the draft measure, which commented on each of the draft clauses. Accordingly, it is not really suitable for publication in the Journal. Mark Hill, the convenor of the Working Party, was invited by the Revision Committee to attend its sessions. This is the first time that the ELS has been invited to contribute in this way. The Society is indebted to all members of the Working Party, for whose work both the Revision Committee and the Steering Committee have expressed their appreciation. Anyone interested in taking on this burdensome but important task in relation to other legislation is invited to contact the Chairman.

Finally please note that the Lyndwood Lecture in 2000 will be given by the Revd Dr Clarence Gallagher SJ at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1 on Friday, 27th October 2000. Details in the next issue.

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