

press release

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Mission agency launches 'Moving On' day for clergy

The Anglican evangelical mission agency CPAS is launching a new training event for clergy who are considering moving role.

The first *Leading Edge – Moving On* day will take place on 22 November, led by patronage secretary John Fisher, and will cover topics pertinent to church leaders discerning God's future direction, including knowing your gifts and skills, making good applications and handling competitive interviews well.

Around a thousand appointments are made to incumbency roles in the Church of England every year. The day aims not only to help clergy through their individual time of change, but more significantly to positively impact the Church of England's ministry. 'We believe that by promoting Spirit-led, wise appointments, we can help local churches be highly effective in mission and ministry, with the right person in the right place, doing the right things for the growth of God's kingdom,' John said.

John explained: 'As patrons of over 500 churches, we get to see first-hand how application processes work in every English diocese in the Church of England. CPAS' patronage team works with PCCs, dioceses, patrons, training bodies and experienced church leaders to discern God's will for leaders and churches, and we really want to offer clergy the benefits of CPAS' "big picture" view on appointments.

'*Moving On* will bring this patronage expertise together with CPAS' longstanding vocations work, which includes our perennially popular *You and Ministry* weekends, which celebrate their 50th anniversary this year. We have become increasingly aware of the need to offer help to those exploring their call *beyond* ordination, as well as beforehand. The issues of "what is God calling me to?", "what is the process to get there?" and "how can I make the best of myself in his service?" resurface every time a leader is considering their future direction.'

There are still a few places available on the *Leading Edge – Moving On* day later this month in Coventry. To find out more, please visit www.cpas.org.uk/movingon.

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Notes to Editors:

CPAS (www.cpas.org.uk) is an Anglican evangelical mission agency working with churches, mainly in the UK and the Republic of Ireland. It enables churches to help every person hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ.