

LAMBETH MISSION FELLOWSHIP

Durham University's Department of Theology and Religion has entered into a creative partnership with the Archbishop of Canterbury – alumnus and honorary Doctor of Divinity, Justin Welby (Theology, St John's College, 1989-92) – and Church Mission Society. The partnership has been named the Lambeth Mission Fellowship (LMF) and is led by a central Mission Theologian in the Anglican Communion who coordinates responsibilities on behalf of all three partners.

The inaugural Mission Theologian is the Rt Reverend Dr Graham Kings – an honorary visiting fellow in the Department of Theology and Religion and recent Bishop of

Sherborne. The purpose of the LMF and of Dr Kings' endeavour is to uncover, nurture and publish great talents in Christian theology and literature from around the wider reaches of the global Anglican Communion, particularly in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Generous donations to enable the work of the Fellowship have been received from a number of alumni and friends of the University; additionally a number of major donors are being recognised as Senior Lambeth Mission Fellows for their leadership in funding this important programme. These currently include: Sir Christian and Lady Caroline Sweeting; Mr Charles ('Chuck') and Deborah Royce; and

Church Mission Society itself.

Funding continues to be sought to establish the Fellowship in perpetuity and to create a series of postgraduate, fellowship and research opportunities linked to the initiative.

Professor Alec Ryrie, outgoing Head of the Department of Theology and Religion, said of the LMF: "This partnership is exactly the kind of creative enterprise that we should be entering into, to make more of the fresh and important theological thinking taking place in areas which are sometimes remote to readily accessible scholarship."



L-R: General Secretary of the Anglican Consultative Council, Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon (Theology; St John's College, 1976-80); Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop Justin Welby (Theology; St John's College, 1989-92); Mission Theologian, Bishop Graham Kings (Hon Visiting Fellow, Dept of Theology and Religion).