

Publications that might be useful for people thinking about their roles such as leaders / elders / deacons / church council members in Local Ecumenical Partnerships

From the United Reformed Church

'The Manual' section A The Basis of Union, paragraphs 19, 20, 23, 25 refer to Elders as a particular ministry in the URC

'The Manual' section B The Structure of the URC, paragraph 2(2) gives the functions of the Elders' meeting.

Available from URC Bookshop or website http://www.urch.org.uk/what_we_do/the_manual/the_manual

'A Course for Elders' unit 2 The Church in an Ecumenical Setting

From the Methodist Church

'The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' volume 2, Book III Standing Orders, Part 6 on The Local Churches has sections on the Church Council, Class Leaders and Pastoral Visitors, Pastoral Committee, Church Stewards, Communion Stewards and variations in relation to LEPs.

From the Baptist Union

'Baptist Basics – Leadership in the Local Church' is a leaflet by Malcolm Goodspeed describes the Biblical basis for Deacons, Elders and Ministers as practiced in Baptist Churches in Britain now.

'Radical Leaders – A guide for elders and deacons in Baptist Churches' by Paul Besley-Murray

Both published by the Baptist Union of Great Britain and available on their website, Resources page.

From the Church of England

'Ecumenical Relations – Canons B43 and B44: Code of Practice' 1989

'Courtesies! – Guidelines for clergy and parish congregations when relating to Christians of other churches' 2007

Local Ecumenical Partnerships pages on the Church of England website
<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/info/ccu/england/leps/>

From the Roman Catholic Church

'Guidelines for Catholics in Local Ecumenical Partnerships' 2004

'The Search for Christian Unity – a popular version of the *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism*' 2002

Both published by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

From Churches Together in England about LEPs

'Travelling Together – A handbook on Local Ecumenical Partnerships' by Elizabeth Welch and Flora Winfield, 2nd edition 2004

'Guidelines for Reviewing Local Ecumenical Partnerships' updated 2002, 2004.

'The Art of Review' 2006

'Constitutional Guidelines for Methodist/URC single congregation LEPs' (from Methodist/URC Liaison Committee)

All on CTE website section on Local Ecumenism / Ecumenical Notes

'Under the Same Roof – Guidelines to the Sharing of Church Buildings Act 1969' 1978

On particular topics

'Baptism and Church Membership – with particular reference to Local Ecumenical Partnerships' CTE 1997

'A Harmony of Church Finance' by Roger Mead, CTE 2006

'Worship in Local Ecumenical Partnerships' by Phillip Tovey and John Waller, Grove 1998

'Enriching Communion' by Bill Snelson, CTE 2006

'Interchurch Families and Christian Unity' Assoc. of Interchurch Families 2003

On unity generally and the contributions of different traditions

'Growing Together – working for unity locally' by Flora Winfield, SPCK 2003

'Such a Feast – spiritual nourishment and the churches' ed. Judith Lampard, CTE 2001

'Quotes, words and dates' CTE 2005

'Together Locally – a handbook for local churches seeking to work together' by Jenny Carpenter, 2nd edition CTE 2002

For group or personal Bible study

'Better Together' URC 2006

'Neighbours' CTE 2006

'One Light: One World' CTE 2008

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Suggestions for additions or changes to this list will be welcome

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