

# Roundtable for Bishops with Theological College Staff

## What kind of clergy do we need

28-29 March 2012

Lunchtime to lunchtime

**Hosted by Ridley Hall and Westcott House**

A 24-hour discussion facilitated by  
theological college staff, to exchange  
reflections and explore paradigms  
for future ministry



“ Three main themes have emerged with  
absolute clarity. We are called –

- (i) To take forward the spiritual and numerical growth of the Church of England – including the growth of its capacity to serve the whole community of this country;
- (ii) To re-shape or re-imagine the Church's ministry for the century coming, so as to make sure that there is a growing and sustainable Christian witness in every local community; and
- (iii) To focus our resources where there is both greatest need and greatest opportunity.”

***Archbishop of Canterbury's Presidential Address  
at the Opening of General Synod November 2010.***

40% of stipendiary clergy are retiring in the next 10 years.

## What kind of clergy do we need?

What are the working assumptions in individual dioceses?

What qualities are required for ministry in a 'mixed economy' Church?

Do we need generalists or specialists?

How are disciples most effectively nurtured?

Should our clergy be 'collaborative enablers'?

How do we work for growth rather than plan for decline?

What does 'Mission-shaped' ministry look like?

In what ways should ministry be pioneering?

Where is the greatest opportunity?

Where is the greatest need?

What does priestly presence mean?

### BOOKING INFORMATION:

To book your place visit [www.ridley.cam.ac.uk/news.html#roundtable](http://www.ridley.cam.ac.uk/news.html#roundtable) or complete and return the enclosed booking form. The booking fee of £95 per person includes all meals and overnight accommodation.

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