**Review of Justice and Peace Commission Annual Retreat**

The Justice and Peace Commission thinks that the arrangements for our annual Lenten retreat would benefit from a review. We do not consider the current way of providing the retreat has to change but as we cancelled this year due to extremely low numbers we thought a consultative review would be wise prior to planning next year's event. This review is based on the premise that holding an annual Justice and Peace retreat, in some way, should continue.

It would be very helpful if as many people as possible in the Archdiocese, with an interest in justice and peace issues, could respond to this consultation by completing the attached short questionnaire. The responses will help inform the views of the Commission in planning next year's retreat. This will take place at our next meeting on 7th November.

**When**

1. Should it continue to be in Lent or at a different time of year? If different what season/month would you suggest?
2. Should the retreat be a half-day or all day event?

**Where**

1. Should the retreat continue online or return to an in-person event?
2. If in-person, should we continue to use St Paul's convent (Selly Park, Birmingham) or seek an alternative location/venue?
3. If an alternative location/venue what factors are important to you, (e.g. easily accessible by public transport, quiet outdoor space, etc.)? **NB** a venue with good access for those with mobility difficulties is a given.
4. Any other comments on location or venue.

**Format**

1. Should we continue with the existing format? This, broadly speaking, has been: opening prayer, talk, private reflection, sharing, lunch, second talk followed by private reflection, closing prayer or short liturgy and depart.
2. If a different format should be adopted what do you think would work well?
3. What theme(s) would you suggest for future retreats?
4. Any other comments on format.

**Any other comments**

Please return your questionnaire to Janet Vaughan at: [admin.JandP@rcaob.org.uk](admin.JandP@rcaob.org.uk%20)

by 28th October

Many thanks. Jim Quinn on behalf of the Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Commission