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Salvation Army and Quakers

Relationships between the Church of England and the Salvation Army and the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) are not covered by the Ecumenical Canons since neither tradition practices baptism. The House of Bishops therefore issued the following Guidelines in 1991:

House of Bishops' Guidelines for relations with the Religious Society of Friends and the Salvation Army (June 1991)

Section A

Participation in all parishes and places of worship

1. Subject to the prior authorization of the bishop –
 - (a) a member in good standing of the Religious Society of Friends may be invited to perform any or all of the duties specified in paragraph 2 hereof;
 - (b) a Salvationist in good standing may be invited to perform any or all of such duties specified in paragraph 2 hereof if authorized to perform a similar duty in the Salvation Army.
2. The duties referred to in paragraph 1 above are:
 - (a) to say or sing Morning or Evening Prayer or the Litany (in accordance with the requirements of Canon B 11 paragraph 4);
 - (b) to read the Holy Scriptures at any service;
 - (c) to preach at any service, though only at services of Baptism and the Holy Communion in the special circumstances defined by paragraph 74 of the *Ecumenical Relations Code of Practice*;
 - (d) to lead the intercessions at the Holy Communion and to lead the prayers at other services;

(e) to assist at the Solemnisation of Matrimony or conduct a funeral service where the persons concerned have requested the incumbent to give the invitation.

3. An invitation to perform any of the duties referred to in paragraph 2 above (except those in paragraph 2 (e)) at a service in a parish church or other place of worship in the parish may be given only by the incumbent and after the approval of the parochial church council has been obtained.

Section B

Participation in a Local Ecumenical Project *

A diocesan bishop may recognize a local meeting of the Religious Society of Friends and a local gathering of the Salvation Army as associate members of a Local Ecumenical Project by means of a Bishop's Instrument. Where such an instrument is in force, a member of the Religious Society of Friends or a Salvationist may be invited to perform the duties set out in Section A above.

** Local Ecumenical Projects are now referred to as Local Ecumenical Partnerships*

Section C

Code of Practice

The procedures for authorizing participation as outlined in sections A or B above shall be as laid down in Canons B43 and B44 respectively and in the *Ecumenical Relations Code of Practice*.