

To all incumbents/PCC secretaries/PCC treasurers of parishes with an annual income in excess of £100,000.

You may be aware that the Charities Bill currently going through the House of Commons will require PCCs with incomes over £100,000 to register with the Charity Commission (CC) on the expiry of the current temporary exception on 1st October 2007.

We now know that the CC will offer a streamlined registration process for charities with 'standard governing documents'. It has been agreed in principle between the CC and Church House officials that that PCCs would be covered within this, with their 'standard governing documents' being section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules.

The National Stewardship Officer, John Preston will in due course provide :

- the standard form, with elements common to all PCCs
- notes on completion specific to PCCs to make the process of registration simpler.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on what Registration will mean for PCCs.

Such documentation will not be available for some months, as the CC will be going through a consultation process on their new application form.

In the meantime, all PCCs of parishes with incomes over £100,000 are advised not to make their own preparations for this change but to wait for further direction nationally.

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