

## Announcement: New Principal for Queen's



The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education, Birmingham, is delighted to announce the appointment of their new Principal, the Rt Revd Anne Hollinghurst. From September 2024, she will succeed Prof Clive Marsh, who is retiring.

Bishop Anne is currently the Bishop of Aston, and for 16 months was the Acting Bishop of Church of England Birmingham.

The President of the Foundation's Governing Body, Bishop Paul Bayes, said,

*"Anne brings a wealth of ministerial, ecumenical, multi-cultural, inter-faith, educational and managerial experience to help us consolidate Queen's as a brand leader in theological education and formation in discipleship and ministries."*

Bishop Anne said,

*"The Queen's Foundation offers a truly vibrant Gospel-focused context for learning, research and ministry formation. It has a diverse range of students and programmes reflecting the wonderful diversity of the region and those drawn from far and wide, including Queen's international community. I am thrilled to have been invited to take up the role of Principal at this exciting time of potential and further development of the unique offer that Queen's brings. I look forward to playing my part in enabling this distinctive centre of theology and training at the heart of England to equip the churches in England, and global partners, for mission and ministry in today's world".*

## Background Information

### The Queen's Foundation, Birmingham

Queen's currently has 259 students on full-time, part-time, residential, non-residential and on-line courses. Alongside preparing men and women for ministry in the Church of England and the Methodist Church, the Foundation has many independent students studying on a variety of courses, and growing partnership with the Black Majority / Black Pentecostal churches. Its work is focused in 5 increasingly interactive Centres:

- Discipleship and Theology
- Ministerial Formation
- Black Theology
- Continuing Ministerial Development
- Research and Global Partnerships

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### The Rt Revd Anne Hollinghurst

Anne took up her current ministry as Bishop of Aston in December 2015 as one of the first female bishops in the Church of England. She has served in a wide range of ministries including in university, college, parish, urban estate, multicultural, ecumenical, cathedral and city-centre contexts. In her current role, she has held main episcopal oversight for vocations, ministry and mission, including the development of new ministries and learning pathways. From 2016 to 2022 she served on the Church of England's Faith and Order Commission and chaired the group publication "Kingdom Calling – *The vocation, ministry and discipleship of the whole people of God*".

Her degree in theology was from the University of Bristol and she holds a postgraduate Master of Studies from the University of Cambridge. She has a life-long passion for access to education, equipping in ministry, and seeing those of all educational backgrounds fulfilling their God-given potential.

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