

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Change of Chair for National Renewal Charity

The Venerable David Picken, Chair of Trustees for *On Fire Mission*, has announced he will hand over the Chair at the 2020 national conference as he takes up his new role as Archdeacon of Lancaster.

David, who was appointed in 2005, has led OFM through significant growth and change to become a vibrant missional network, dedicated to promoting charismatic renewal blended with the riches of Catholic spirituality.

Under David's leadership, OFM has flourished; establishing itself as a respected national charity with a core mission of seeing 'renewal in the Spirit through Word and Sacrament' across the Church of England and beyond.

Throughout David's time as Chair, OFM has taken bold decisions to encourage new generations of lay and ordained Christians in their diverse vocations and ministries; inspiring and equipping them with spiritual and practical resources for mission. Alongside the annual national conference, OFM is expanding its regional offering; developing a national network of Christian ministers, empowered by the Spirit, to be agents of renewal in their local context.

David comments:

"Given our strategic desire over recent years has been to bring on the next generation of leaders, this seems a godly time to hand over the reins as Chair. The Church needs renewal movements as it looks with confident hope to the future. The Nation needs to hear the Gospel preached afresh for this season and I am delighted that we have the leadership in place to meet the challenge of proclamation and transformation."

Both David and his wife Cathy have blessed, inspired and encouraged countless people through their work with OFM over the years. The whole OFM community are immeasurably grateful for their generosity, wisdom and prayerfulness; for Cathy's beautiful and prophetic worship-leading and gift of prayer ministry, and for the courageous, innovative and visionary leadership that David has shown in his role as Chair. We pray that they too will be richly blessed in this new chapter of their life and ministry together.