

APB is *your* ASSOCIATION...

...to deepen the understanding of Christian stewardship for Religious, and to facilitate collaboration and co-operation between all its members.

To provide and disseminate information to enable members to fulfil their stewardship.

We aim to organise an annual conference and other projects, meetings, seminars on the spiritual and temporal aspects of the members' ministry.

To enable the members to maintain contact with each other and with the Executive Committee through the General Secretary.

PSALM 116: 1-2, 12-15, 18-19

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he has inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live....

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.....

I will pay my vows to the Lord

In the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the Lord,

In your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

ASSOCIATION of PROVINCIAL BURSARS

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'BROADEN OUR VISION'
Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (112)



Write to the General Secretary if you have a question you would like to put to other members.

HISTORY

The Association of Provincial Bursars is an offshoot of the Conference of Religious of England and Wales and was formed in 1982 by Religious Bursars for Religious Bursars and exists to support its members in their various bursarial roles in Religious Institutes. Since it was formed, the Association now has both Catholic and Anglican members. It has championed its members, provided information to them and has provided working groups to represent the financial and temporal interests of Religious with Central Government, The Charity Commission and other legislative bodies.

Our Annual Conference and various study days and webinars provide valued opportunities for members to keep their knowledge base up to date and to spend time together in a relaxed environment. In between these formal gatherings, a good deal of networking goes on between members across the country and indeed even further afield.

The Association website (www.apbursars.org.uk) is an additional tool for our registered members to use in the furtherance of their responsibilities and to share with others the benefits of experience.

The role of Religious Bursar is one of constant change and challenges and membership of the Association of Provincial Bursars provides support for new and old members alike. It also gives the assurance that no one needs to work in isolation. There is a wealth of experience within the membership and our website will direct you to other sources of professional help.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for joining APB.

You are now registered as a full or associate member.

Membership is for the calendar year January to December.

Benefits of Membership include:

Fellowship

An opportunity to share with other Religious / Lay Workers who are familiar with the problems of working in community and may be able to help you with yours. This includes using the Question from a member area on the website where any issues can be discussed within the membership (i.e. privately) and to share experiences, concerns and solutions.

Expert advice

Learn from professionals at the annual conference and seminars.

Help-line

Contact the General Secretary and use the resources of the Association and its contacts to answer your queries on a range of topics affecting charities.

Webinars

Keep up-to-date with news and legislation affecting charities and topics relevant to Religious.

Member access to the APB website includes:

Access to CLAS circulars

Access to APB conference presentations.

Access to network with other members.

Member discount for the APB Annual Conference

Introduction to Friends of APB

Free publications of interest e.g. Embracing Change issues 1 & 2

To enable the Association to carry out its aims and objectives, there is an Executive Committee comprising of seven members of APB. The Executive Committee members are elected at the AGM and each serves a term of 3 years.

A MESSAGE *from* THE CHAIR

My dear brothers and sisters,

We aspire to create a community of bursars within the religious community in England and Wales that engages the world as we find it.

It is a time of change.

Internally, we may be dealing with aging communities and with the increased assistance for lay collaborators.

This is a potentially grace filled experience while also one that may have stumbles along the way.

The APB is an environment where we hold these realities together in, hopefully, a beneficial manner.

Externally, the increased demands of the Charity Commission, HR concerns, environmental challenges and responsible investment decisions all make the need to share best practice and seek solutions to shared questions.

The vigour and dynamism of the APB is solely down to its members. Thus, I not only encourage you to join us, but also seek your active engagement, bringing the best the religious communities have to offer the Church and our wider communities.

Fr Keith McMillan

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Chair APB
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