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Year: 2014

DRAE has 4 members in UK: The Diaconal Association of the Church of England (DACE); The Methodist Diaconal Order (MDO); Diaconal Council of the Church of Scotland (DCS); and The Presbyterian Deaconesses in Northern Ireland.

As DRAE representative Ann Wren have been invited and attended two meetings of The Church of Scotland Deacons and one Convocation of the Methodist Diaconal Order, MDO.

The deacons in Scotland celebrated 125 years of ministry in 2013.

The DRAE Assembly in 2019 will be hosted by the Church of Scotland Deacons and will be supported by the other groupings as happened at the Durham World Assembly.

MDO has closed its Centre in Birmingham as part of the Methodist Church cuts in expenditure. MDO officers are now based in Methodist House in Central London.

DACE has done some major restructure and updating of its website and created a prayer cycle that includes all deacons ordained in the Church of England (CofE) They have been encouraged this year by Archbishop Sentamu (York) agreeing to be their Patron and the Central Vocations Advisory Board showing an interest in up-dating their material on vocations to the Diaconate.

The Presbyterian deaconesses centered on Belfast engage with mainly pastoral and outreach work in parishes, but some deaconesses have a chaplaincy role. They meet once a month for prayer and fellowship and Ann Wren hopes to be able to share in one of their gatherings in the coming year.