

## Right Reverend David Urquhart

Lord Bishop of Birmingham

Commission Chair

David Urquhart is the 9<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Birmingham, inaugurated in 2006. From the Highlands of Scotland, he attended Rugby School and then volunteered in Idi Amin's Uganda where he became a committed Christian. After ten years in the oil industry, based in London, and theological study at Oxford, he was ordained, aged 32, to parishes in inner city Hull, later serving in Coventry and Birkenhead.

As a bishop in the Church of England, in the largest UK city outside London, he is actively involved with education, industry and commerce. Chair of the Birmingham Social Inclusion Process, he is passionate about social and economic justice. David promotes inter-faith 'presence and engagement' in one of the UK's most ethnically diverse regions, and is an enthusiastic practitioner of ecumenical Christian mission.

A former Chair of the Church Mission Society he maintains close links with DR Congo, Uganda and Malawi. He is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Envoy to China, Chair of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, a Church Commissioner and a member of the House of Lords.

