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The ELS residential conference in Liverpool in January 2007 will be remembered for the thoughtful and scholarly papers presented by expert speakers, by the traditional bonhomie of members and guests in relaxed surroundings and, in addition, for the re-launch of the *Ecclesiastical Law Journal*.

Established in 1987 with the creation of the Society, the *Journal* was intended as a vehicle for disseminating the proceedings of its inaugural meeting and resultant working parties. Since then, under the enthusiastic and dogged editorship of Michael Goodman, the *Journal* increased its coverage to include scholarly articles on the law of the Church of England, Case Notes of judgments in the civil and ecclesiastical courts, and book reviews of mainstream and specialist publications. In the two decades which have followed, the *Journal* has become more expansive featuring international, ecumenical, and comparative studies of law and religion, reports of national synods, summaries of relevant activities of the Westminster parliament and of the European Institutions, and incisive Comment pieces on matters of topical concern.

The *Journal* has been recognised as an authoritative and occasionally controversial source of material in a subject area of increasing jurisprudential and ecclesiological interest. The Society is therefore delighted that the twentieth birthday of the *Journal* has been marked by a partnership with Cambridge University Press who will henceforward publish the *Journal* on the Society's behalf. This places the *Journal* with a stable of other academic journals and permits its further promotion internationally through the Press in a manner which could never be done whilst it continued to be printed and distributed on an in-house basis.

For members of the Society, they will continue to receive the *Journal* as part of their annual subscription. However they will get it three times a year (in January, May and September) rather than two at present. Editorial discretion remains with the Society exercised by the editor and the editorial board. Although the Board was saddened to accept the resignation of Bishop Eric Kemp during 2006, it has been pleased to welcome Professor Javier Martínez-Torrón and Professor John Witte Jr to strengthen its international expertise.

Members will also benefit from being able to access the *Journal* on line at <http://www.journals.cambridge.org/ELJ> using their individual subscriber number. In case of difficulty, please telephone the Journals Customer Service Department on 01223 326070.

I look forward to working with Cambridge University Press in promoting the *Journal* and in building upon its enviable reputation forged under the editorship of my distinguished predecessor, Michael Goodman, and sustained through a dedicated and committed Editorial Board.

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