MISSION AND MINISTRY COUNCIL

*Bishops are ordained to be shepherds of Christ's flock and guardians of the faith of the apostles, proclaiming the gospel of God's kingdom and leading his people in mission.*

**Introduction:**

The Winchester Diocesan Synod is required to elect 2 lay and 2 clerical members to the Vacancy in See Committee for the next triennium. Members will take up office on 1 January 2025 and remain in post for the next 3 years.

We seek 2 members of clergy being beneficed in the diocese or licensed under the seal by the bishop of the diocese, and 2 communicant lay persons whose names are on the electoral roll of a parish in the diocese.

* Any member of the House of Clergy may nominate or second a member of the Clergy.
* Any member of the House of Laity may nominate or second a member of the Laity.

**Responsibilities:**

The committee will only meet following the announcement of a vacancy within the Diocesan See. Its function is to prepare a brief description of the diocese and a statement setting out the desired profile of a new Bishop, and to elect the diocesan representatives to the Crown Nominations Commission. The committee will meet at least twice. Its discussions (but not the date, time and place of its meetings) will remain confidential.

The Committee consists of the Suffragan Bishops; the Dean; the Archdeacon of Winchester; the Archdeacon of Bournemouth; the Chairs of the House of Clergy and Laity; all General Synod representatives as ex-officio members; plus 2 elected clerical members; 2 elected lay members; a further 4 members nominated by the Standing Committee.

**Skills and Qualities:**

* Capacity to consider issues in an objective and strategic manner, weigh local and individual concerns against the wider needs of the Diocese and Church;
* Ability to act as a conduit of communication, ensuring hopes and concerns of the diocese are fed in to appropriate discussions;
* A willingness to represent all traditions in equal measure.

**If you are willing to serve the Vacancy in See Committee, please complete this form and return it to Cathy Laird no later than 5pm Monday 4th November 2024.**

**If required, elections will be held by postal/email ballot.**

ELECTION FOR THE VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE

If you would like to stand for election, please complete the form below and return it to Cathy Laird (details below).

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, am willing to stand for the Vacancy in See Committee.

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Name of Proposer:

Name of Seconder:

**Election Address:**

*If you so wish, please use the space below to offer a short election address (no more than 100 words). These will be compiled and distributed to all members.*

Please return this nomination form no later than **5pm Monday 4th November 2024** to Cathy Laird

[cathy.laird@winchester.anglican.org](mailto:cathy.laird@winchester.anglican.org)

Cathy Laird, Diocesan Office, Old Alresford Place, Alresford SO24 9DH

**If you wish to return this nomination form by email, you must cc your proposer and seconder in order to confirm their support. Hard copy (by scan or post) is also welcome.**