



TRIENNIAL DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS 2021 NOTICE OF ELECTION TO CASUAL VACANCIES IN THE HOUSE OF CLERGY AND THE HOUSE OF LAITY OF DIOCESAN SYNOD

NUMBERS TO BE ELECTED

Archdeaconry/deanery	House of Clergy	House of Laity
Eastern		1
France	1	
Germany		2
Italy and Malta		1

1 THE ELECTIONS

Following the Triennial elections for The Diocesan Synod held in July 2021 there are vacancies as outlined above in THE HOUSE OF CLERGY and the HOUSE OF LAITY. The count for the elections to these seats will take place on Monday 17th January 2022 (The Election procedure is set out in the Diocesan Constitution (paras 35 and 36) which can be found here: [Diocese in Europe Constitution](#)). Details of the elections are outlined below:

The Presiding Officer is the Diocesan Registrar, Mr. Aiden Hargreaves-Smith. The Diocesan Electoral Registration Officer (DERO) is the Diocesan Secretary, Mr. Andrew Caspari.

The elections will be conducted by email under the provisions of the Bishop's Instrument dated 3 June 2021. Post may be used if it is preferred (see section 5 below). The timetable will be adhered to strictly for both mail and email correspondence. The email address for all correspondence related to the elections is election@europe.anglican.org

Any queries relating to these elections should be sent, in the first instance, to election@europe.anglican.org

2 MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF CLERGY (From the Archdeaconry of France)

For the election of a member of the House of Clergy, **the qualified electors are all licensed clergy who are members of the Archdeaconry Synod of the Archdeaconry of France, (but not co-opted members) as at 06.00GMT on Friday November 12th 2021.** Any clergy holding the Bishop's Licence may be nominated. Clergy holding the Bishop's Permission to Officiate are not eligible to stand or to nominate. **Candidates must be proposed and seconded by qualified electors in the archdeaconry.**

3 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF LAITY

For the election of members of the House of Laity, **the qualified electors are those lay people elected by the chaplaincies to their respective Archdeaconry or Deanery Synod (i.e. not ex-officio or co-opted members) as at 06.00GMT on Friday 12th November 2021.**

4 QUALIFICATION FOR NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF LAITY

All lay persons who meet all the following criteria may be candidates:

- (i) actual communicants (as defined in the Church Representation Rules).
- (ii) aged eighteen years and upwards.
- (iii) on the electoral roll of any chaplaincy in the relevant archdeaconry or deanery.

Candidates must be proposed and seconded by qualified electors in their respective archdeaconry or deanery.

5 NOMINATION FORMS

Enclosed with this notice is a nomination form for candidates. The form can be forwarded by email. The Diocesan Office will do this on request to election@europe.anglican.org

Nomination forms may be returned in person or by post to: The Presiding Officer, The Diocesan Office, 14, Tufton Street, London SW1P 3QZ arriving not later than 12.00 noon GMT on Monday 13th December 2021 (the closing date for nominations).

Nomination forms may also be returned by email to election@europe.anglican.org by 12.00 noon GMT on Monday 13th December 2021. A nomination form must have been signed by hand and where submitted by email is in the form of a scanned or photographic copy of the signed original.

It is the responsibility of candidates, proposers and seconders to satisfy themselves that they are qualified to stand for election or nominate/second a candidate. Any queries should be raised well before the deadline for nominations.

Candidates, proposers and seconders **may** return their signed, completed forms separately. If they proceed in this way, each form **must include all** the information required about the candidate and the proposer or seconder.

A candidate need only complete, sign and date one Declaration of consent to serve, which may be on the form of the proposer or seconder, or returned separately by email as indicated above. (*This removes the need to post or circulate the form by email more than once.*)

6 ELECTION STATEMENTS

A nominated candidate may submit an election statement for circulation with the voting papers. A statement **must not exceed 100 words** and should be a factual statement of the candidate's professional qualifications, present office and relevant past experience. This will be sent out to electors with the voting papers and published on the Diocesan Website. An election statement should fit on one side of A4 when printed and it should be within the 100 word limit. The Diocesan Office will not send out election statements received after the closing date for nominations. Election statements may be sent by email to election@europe.anglican.org and should be included with the completed nomination form submitted by the candidate.

7 METHOD OF ELECTION

The election will be conducted by single transferable vote.

8 TIMETABLE 2021

- 1 **Notice of election and Nomination forms sent** to all qualified electors on Friday 12th November. Notification that nominations are valid, or not, is sent to candidates without delay following receipt of nominations.
- 2 **Closing date for nominations** - 12.00 noon GMT on Monday 13th December.
- 3 **Issue of voting papers**, where an election is required - Friday 17th December.
- 4 **Closing date for return of voting papers** - 12.00 noon GMT on Friday 14th January.
- 5 **The Count** - 12.00 noon GMT on Monday 17th January.
- 6 **Results** will be published - Tuesday 18th January.
- 7 **Those elected will take up office immediately on election.**

Please note that this timetable will be strictly observed: late returns cannot be allowed for any reason. If you change your postal or email address over the next three months, please ensure that you make this very clear to the Diocesan Electoral Registration Officer at the Diocesan Office immediately using election@europe.anglican.org

Times given are all Greenwich Mean Time.

Aiden Hargreaves-Smith
Presiding Officer
12th November 2021