



DIOCESE IN EUROPE GENERAL SYNOD ELECTION 2021

The Election of three members of the House of Laity to represent the Diocese in General Synod

To: The Laity of the Diocese in Europe qualified to vote
From: The Presiding Officer

I give you notice that nominations of candidates duly proposed and seconded together with the consent of each candidate to serve should be submitted on the Election Portal by **16.00 BST on Wednesday 1st September**.

Please [click here](#) to find out more about standing for election to General Synod

If you would like to stand for election you are invited to make your nomination via the Elections Portal. Please [click here](#) to nominate yourself.

1. The qualifications for election are listed on the election portal. Please read them carefully to ensure that you are eligible to be a candidate.
2. Candidates must be nominated and seconded by qualified electors. The qualifications for proposers and seconders are listed on the Election Portal. Please read them carefully to ensure that your nomination is valid.
3. A list of the electorate may be inspected at the Diocesan Office, 14 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QZ up until the close of nominations.
4. If more than three candidates are nominated, the electronic ballot will open on Friday 10 September and the voting period will end at 16.00 BST on Wednesday 6 October. The count will take place on Thursday 7th October.
5. The election will be decided by the Single Transferable Vote method of voting.
6. It is important that the requirements of the Church Representation Rules and other legal provisions governing the election of lay representatives of the Diocese to the General Synod are strictly adhered to. Nominations **must reach the Presiding Officer by 16.00 BST on Wednesday 1st September**. Nominations received after this time will not be valid.
7. Any candidate is entitled to request the Presiding Officer to circulate an election address by making it available to view on the online Election Portal, posting it on the diocesan website and sending it by post with the voting paper to every elector in the diocese who has not provided an email address.
8. There is no requirement for a candidate to submit an election address. It is for each candidate to decide whether to take advantage of this opportunity.

9. The candidate must provide one copy of the election address at his or her own expense and it can be delivered by post, in person to the Diocesan Office, 14 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QZ or electronically to europeregistry@wslaw.co.uk and election@europe.anglican.org or uploaded to the Election Portal so that it is received by the Presiding Officer by 16.00 BST on Wednesday 8th September.

10. An election address must be no more than one sheet of A4 paper and may be printed on both sides. If it is in electronic form, it must be capable of being printed in easily legible form on not more than two sides of A4 paper.

11. It is open to a candidate to provide the election address in two forms: for example, one in colour for posting on the online Election Portal and diocesan website and one in black and white, and therefore more suitable for high quality reproduction for sending by post to electors. It will be copied at the Diocesan Office in black and white; the cost of copying will be borne by the Diocesan Board of Finance.

12. If a candidate is sending an election address by e-mail he or she is advised to send it in Adobe Acrobat, Rich Text or Microsoft Word for Windows format, in order to ensure that it can be printed out as intended. The candidate must also ensure that the contents are contained within the printable area of the A4 page. This means that it would be advisable for the document to have a margin of at least 2cm around all edges.

13. All candidates are advised to send election addresses well in advance of the deadline. The Presiding Officer is under no obligation to circulate addresses received after the due date or which are not in the prescribed form.

14. To assist those with visual impairments enlarged copies of all election papers can be provided on request made to the Presiding Officer at the address above. Further assistance will be provided to any candidate or elector who needs it. Please contact the Presiding Officer using europeregistry@wslaw.co.uk and election@europe.anglican.org or 020 7898 1155.

1	Notification to electors of the election timetable to be followed in the diocese and issue of invitations to nominate	Friday 23 July
2	Notification of the validity of any nomination	As soon as any nomination is received
3	Closing date for nominations	Wednesday 1 September (16.00 BST)
4	Closing date for election addresses	Wednesday 8 September (16.00 BST)
5	Issue of voting invitations	Friday 10 September
6	Closing date for return of votes	Wednesday 6 October (16.00 BST)
7	Day of the count	Thursday 7 October
8	Names and addresses of those elected and result sheet to be sent to the diocesan bishop, the Clerk to the Synod and every candidate.	Friday 8 October