



## TRIENNIAL DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS 2021 NOTICE OF ELECTION TO HOUSE OF CLERGY OR HOUSE OF LAITY OF DIOCESAN SYNOD

### 1 THE ELECTIONS

The Triennial elections of MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF CLERGY and the HOUSE OF LAITY of the Diocesan Synod will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (this is the day of the Count). 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.

Any queries relating to these elections should be sent, in the first instance, to [europeregistry@wslaw.co.uk](mailto:europeregistry@wslaw.co.uk) and [election@europe.anglican.org](mailto:election@europe.anglican.org)

### 2 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF CLERGY

For the election of members of the House of Clergy, **the qualified electors are all licensed clergy who are members of an Archdeaconry or Deanery Synod, (but not co-opted members) as at 06.00BST on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 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 their respective archdeaconry or deanery.**

### 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 06.00BST on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 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. Where additional forms are needed, photocopies may be made and used. They can also be obtained from the Diocesan Office. Please email [election@europe.anglican.org](mailto:election@europe.anglican.org)

**Nomination forms must be returned to: The Presiding Officer, The Diocesan Office, 14, Tufton Street, London SW1P 3QZ arriving not later than 16.00BST on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (the closing date for nominations).** Nomination forms emailed to [election@europe.anglican.org](mailto:election@europe.anglican.org) will be accepted if received by that time but the original paper version must also be sent by post to arrive within three days of the closing date for nominations. **A candidate's name will not appear on the voting paper unless the original nomination paper has been received by the Presiding Officer within three days of the closing date for nominations.**

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 as indicated above. (This removes the need to post the form more than once.)

## 6 NUMBERS TO BE ELECTED

Archdeaconry/deanery	House of Clergy	House of Laity
Eastern	2	2
France	3	5
Germany and Northern Europe:		
Germany	1	2
Northern Europe (Nordic and Baltic)	1	2
Gibraltar	3	4
Italy and Malta	1	2
NW Europe	3	3
Switzerland	1	2

## 7 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 with the voting papers to electors and published on the Diocesan Website. An election statement should be typewritten on one page of A4 and within the 100 word limit. The diocesan office will duplicate the statement but 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](mailto:election@europe.anglican.org) and should be included with the completed nomination form sent by the candidate in the post.

## 8 METHOD OF ELECTION

The election will be conducted by single transferable vote.

## 9 TIMETABLE 2021

- 1 **Notice of election and Nomination forms sent** to all qualified electors on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Notification that nominations are valid, or not, is sent to candidates without delay following receipt of nominations.
- 2 **Closing date for nominations** - 16.00BST on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June
- 3 **Issue of voting papers**, where an election is required - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June
- 4 **Closing date for return of voting papers** - 16.00BST on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July
- 5 **The Count** - 12.00 noon BST on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July
- 6 **Results** will be published - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July
- 7 **Effective date of holding office** - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

**Please note that this timetable will be strictly observed: late returns cannot be allowed for any reason.** If you change your 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.

Times given are all British Summer Time.

Aiden Hargreaves-Smith  
Presiding Officer  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2021