**NOMINATION FORM**

**To be returned to the Diocesan Secretary at Church House by 12noon on Friday 20 September 2024.**

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF BISHOPS’ COUNCIL**

A total of twenty members of Diocesan Synod (five clergy and five laity from each Archdeaconry) are to be elected by the members of the appropriate House of that Archdeaconry – see notes overleaf.

Nomination of a candidate to represent the House of Clergy / Laity of the Archdeaconry of Chester / Macclesfield should be made by completing the form below. (**Please write in block capitals**)

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| **Please indicate the House for**  **which the nomination is made** | | CLERGY |  | LAITY | | | |  |
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| **Please indicate the Archdeaconry for which the nomination is made** | | CHESTER |  | MACCLESFIELD | | | |  |
| **NAME OF CANDIDATE** | |  | | | | | | |
| Member of Diocesan Synod and of | |  | | | | Deanery Synod | | |
| Further particulars | |  | | | | | | |
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| **NAME OF PROPOSER** | |  | | | | | | |
| Member of Diocesan Synod and of | |  | | | | Deanery Synod | | |
| Signature of proposer | |  | | | Date | |  | |
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| **NAME OF SECONDER** | |  | | | | | | |
| Member of Diocesan Synod and of | |  | | | | Deanery Synod | | |
| Signature of seconder | |  | | | Date | |  | |
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| **Consent**  I am willing to stand for election and, if elected, to serve as a member of Bishop’s Council. | | | | | | | | |
| Signature of candidate |  | | | | Date | |  | |

See Notes overleaf

**NOTES**

1. **Principal functions of Bishop’s Council**

1. To plan the business of Diocesan Synod and to act as its standing committee;
2. To initiate proposals for action by the Synod and to advise it on matters of policy which are placed before it;
3. To advise the President on any matters which he may refer to the Council;
4. To receive and make recommendations on the annual report and accounts and the draft budgets;
5. To act as the board of directors of the Diocesan Board of Finance;
6. To act as the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee;
7. To receive regular reports from the Synod Committees and their Executive Officers;
8. To carry out such other functions as the Synod may delegate to it.

2. **Composition:**

Ex-officio members: The President of Diocesan Synod (the Bishop of Chester), the Suffragan Bishops, the Dean, the Vice-Presidents, the Archdeacons and the Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance.

Elected members: Five clergy and five lay persons from each Archdeaconry elected by the members of the appropriate house of that Archdeaconry.

Representative members: One lay person appointed by Diocesan Synod (acting as the DBF) to represent financial interests.

One person appointed by the Finance and Scrutiny Committee (acting as the Parsonages Committee) to represent housing interests.

One person appointed by the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Nominated members: Up to two by the Bishop.

Co-opted members: Up to two by the Council.

3. **Nominations**

A nomination form appears overleaf. The form should be signed by a proposer and seconder **who must both be members of the appropriate House of Diocesan Synod and of a deanery synod in the same Archdeaconry as the candidate**. The candidate must sign that he or she is willing to stand for election and to serve.

In order to assist the electors in their choice, the candidate may make a short factual statement about himself/herself. e.g. previous service on Diocesan Synod, Bishop’s Council, Diocesan boards and other church organisations.

Nomination forms must be returned by **12 noon, on Friday 20 September 2024.**

4. **Expenses**

Travelling expenses at the rate of 45p per mile may be claimed for attendance at Council meetings.