

Synod 2025 Elections



Introduction

The Board and committee positions listed below will be vacant at the time of Synod and we are looking for nominations for suitable candidates.

Nominating guidelines:

- Obtain the person's permission before nominating them
- Make sure they are available to attend meetings
- Avoid nominating clergy who plan to take study leave during the term
- Include a short profile
- Consider diversity e.g. age, geography (rural/urban), and gender.

How to nominate:

- Nomination forms are available:
 - in hard copy at pre-Synod meetings and at Synod;
 - online at anglicanlife.org.nz/Diocesan-Life/Synod; or
 - by email from the Diocesan Administration Assistant at dioadmin@anglicanlife.org.nz.
- Email scanned nominations to diomanager@anglicanlife.org.nz or post to PO Box 4438.
- Nominations close at 9.00am on Saturday, 6th September [Statute, s16(2)(a)], or earlier where possible please.
- Although nominations won't be posted on the website, those received early will be emailed to Synod members.

1. Standing Committee of the Diocese

Who: 1 clergy member and 3 lay members are required for a three-year term (renewable once). Nominees for Standing Committee must be Synod members.

What: The Diocesan Standing Committee is the Synod between Synod sessions and is concerned with governance for the whole Diocese.

When: Standing Committee meets at the Anglican Centre, 95 Tuam Street on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5.00pm.

Current Members are: (with the year their term ends)

Clergy:

- Rev'd Jordan Greatbatch (Vicar St Michael's Parish) (2027)
- Rev'd Dr Meg Harvey (Vicar Amberley Parish) (2027)

- The Ven Nick Mountfort (Vicar Upper Riccarton–Yaldhurst Parish) (2026)
- Rev'd Victoria Askin (Vicar Northwest Parish) (2025) **

Laity:

- Mrs Corinne Haines (Fendalton Parish) (2027)
- Mrs Kirsty May (Avonhead Parish) (2025) **
- Mr David Prosser (Rangiora Parish) (2025) **
- Mrs Hilary Humphrey (Shirley Parish) (2025) *

* Eligible for re-election. ** Retiring and not standing again.

Skills and attributes desired:

- ability to think strategically
- accountancy skills would be useful

Other things to consider:

- young leaders
- Christ-Centred Mission mindedness and commitment to the Anglican Church
- some experience of the breadth and diversity of the Diocese would be useful.

2. Church Property Trustees

Who: 3 trustees are required for Church Property Trustees. Nominees must be communicants of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.

What: In accordance with the CPT Act, the 8 trustees are "elected by Synod and at each annual session of Synod the two longest serving trustees must retire and the Synod must elect 2 members of the Church to be Trustees. A retiring trustee is eligible to be re-elected as a trustee".

When: The Trust Board meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4.30pm. Up to four trustees are elected by the Trust Board to the Audit Risk, and Finance sub-committee, which meets as required.

Current trustees are: (with the year of their election)

- Mr Richard Murchison (appointed) *
- Mr Steve Wakefield (2021) *
- Mrs Susan Sullivan (2021) **
- Mr Peter Flannery (2022)
- Mr Brendan Chase (2023)
- Rev'd John Shoaf (2023)
- Mr Chris Wilson (2024)
- Mr Simon Courtney (2024)

* Retiring and eligible for re-election. ** Retiring and not standing again.

Skills and attributes particularly needed include professional skills in any of these areas:

- Governance
- Finance or Accounting
- Investment or Insurance
- Buildings and property
- Engineering
- Project management.

3. The Craighead Diocesan School Proprietors

Who: 1 member is required. 3 members are elected by Synod for a term of three years.

When: The Craighead Diocesan School Proprietors meets approximately six times a year at 5.15pm.

Current Proprietors are: (years shown are the years they retire)

Elected by Synod:

- Ms Susan Pahl (2025)**
- Mrs Tracy McLeod (2026)
- Mrs Lucy Millar (2027)

Appointed by the Archdeaconry:

- Rev'd Ben Randall (2027)
- Mrs Juliet Marsden (2026)

** Retiring and not standing again.

Skills and attributes needed are:

- Christian faith
- Anglican Church commitment
- Governance ability
- An interest in young people and what helps them thrive in a residential educational setting.

4. Representatives for General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui

Who: 3 clergy representatives and 4 lay representatives are required.

Each election for GSTHW representatives is a fresh election for all three clerical and all four lay representatives.

When: GSTHW will meet in 2026 (venue and date tbc). Diocesan representatives to General Synod must be available to attend all meetings plus travelling time.

What: To consider the business of the Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Preliminary information for prospective representatives to GSTHW can be found at: [General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui \(GSTHW\) / News / Home - Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia](#)

Note that at GSTHW 2018 it was resolved that one of the representatives from each Diocese shall where possible be a youth representative, as defined by that Tikanga.

Ideally nominees will have:

- A broad knowledge of the Diocese and the Anglican Church in New Zealand, including the 3-Tikanga Constitution,
- The ability to understand, discuss, and debate proposed legislation and issues of the day.

It is desirable that at least one clerical and one lay representative will be a young person.

Elections are conducted at Synod under The General Synod/Te Hinota Whānui Representation Statute (C4 Diocesan Handbook). Laity nominate and vote for laity; clergy nominate and vote for clergy.

Note carefully: Elected members will also be members of the Tikanga Pakeha Conference (TPC), which normally meets with GSTHW, but may also meeting separately from time to time. One of the elected GSTHW members will need to be a member of the TPC Co-ordinating Group (TPCCG) and one clergy/lay member will need to be available for election to the GSTHW Standing Committee.

The current GSTHW Representatives are:

Clergy representatives:

- Vacancy (Rev'd Lucy Flatt has resigned following her move to the Diocese of Wellington)
- Rev'd Toby Behan
- Rev'd Kofe Havea

Lay representatives:

- Byron Behm
- Jessica McLeod
- Sue Robb **
- Vivienne Jackson.

** Retiring and not standing again.