Synod 2026 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:
  - online at anglicanlife.org.nz/Diocesan-Life/Synod;
  - by email from the Diocesan Administration Assistant at dioadmin@anglicanlife.org.nz; or
  - At Synod.
- Email scanned nominations to diomanager@anglicanlife.org.nz or post to PO Box 4438.
- Nominations close at 9.00am on Saturday, 5th 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 is 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) (1st Term ends 2027)

- Rev'd Dr Meg Harvey (Vicar Highfield, Kensington, Otipua Parish, PinC Marchwiel Parish) (1st Term ends 2027)
- The Ven Nick Mountfort (Archdeacon for Ministry, Parish Enabler, Hororata Parish) (1st Term ends 2026) *
- Rev'd Felicity O'Brien (Vicar Oxford-Cust Parish) (1st Term ends 2028)

Laity:

- Mrs Corinne Haines (Fendalton Parish) (2nd Term ends 2027)
- Mrs Hilary Humphrey (Shirley Parish) (1st Term ends 2028)
- Dr Bruce Deam (North West Parish) (1st Term ends 2028)
- Mr Ross Jones (Hornby, Templeton & West Melton Parish) (1st term ends 2028)

* Retiring and 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: Two 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 Peter Flannery (2022) **
- Mr Brendan Chase (2023)
- Rev'd John Shoaf (2023) **
- Mr Chris Wilson (2024)
- Mr Simon Courtney (2024)
- Mr Richard Murchison (2025)
- Mr Steve Wakefield (2025)
- Mr David Prosser (2025)

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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: One member is required this year (three 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:

- Mrs Tracy McLeod (2026) **
- Mrs Lucy Millar (2027)
- Mr Nicholas Horsley (2028)

Appointed by the Archdeaconry:

- Michéle Stanton (2027)
- Mrs Juliet Marsden (2029)

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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. Other

2027 will be elections for:
- General Synod / Te Hinota Whanui representatives (held every two years, the last was in 2025)
- Board of Nomination members (held every three years, the last was in 2024).