DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF LAITY OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

A Nomination Form is enclosed.

1. An election of TWO members of the House of Laity for the Diocese of Southwark will be held on 2 September 2019, following the resignation of Carrie Myers and Nicholas Lebey.

2. Nominations are now invited and, providing sufficient nominations are received, an election by postal ballot will be arranged, with the count taking place on the above mentioned date.

3. The qualifications for election are listed in the notes on the back of the enclosed nomination form.

4. Candidates must be nominated and seconded by qualified electors on the nomination form. The qualifications for proposers and seconders are listed in the notes on the back of this form.

5. The election will be decided by the Single Transferable Vote method of voting.

6. Voting papers will be issued on Friday 9 August 2019, and the closing date for the return of voting papers is Friday 30 August 2019.

7. Any candidate may request that the presiding officer despatch an election address (on not more than two sides of a single sheet of A4 paper) from that candidate to every elector in the Diocese. Election addresses will be sent by the presiding officer to the electors with the voting papers.

8. In the light of concerns that have been expressed from time to time in previous elections about candidates failing to disclose information that some electors might have considered to be relevant, the General Synod office has urged that candidates should ensure that their addresses are not only accurate but candid about their views and the affiliations - including disclosure of membership of any body if the electorate might reasonably consider the fact of such membership to be relevant when deciding whether to vote for them.

9. If any candidate wishes to send an election address, one original copy (suitable for copying) must be provided by the candidate at the candidate’s own expense. This must either be delivered to the Diocesan Office at Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, Borough High Street, London, SE1 1HW (marked for the attention of Charles Hudson-Beddows), or sent by e-mail to: charles.hudson-beddows@southwark.anglican.org and received no later than 12 noon on Friday 2 August 2019.

10. If a candidate is sending an election address by e-mail he or she is advised to send it in PDF, Rich Text (.rtt) or Microsoft Word 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 a margin of at least 2cm around all edges should be kept.

11. Election addresses will be produced as monochrome A4 copies, on plain white paper of 80 grams, on a photocopier. Election addresses will also be posted on the diocesan website.

12. All candidates are advised to send their election addresses well in advance of the deadline, particularly those sending election addresses by e-mail. The presiding officer is under no obligation to circulate addresses received after the due date or which are not in the prescribed form.
13. 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 below.

14. Notes detailing the meetings of the General Synod and its committees and commissions, and the current policies relating to the reimbursement of expenses, are enclosed.

15. The Register of Electors shall be open to inspection at the address below, and any errors and omissions in the list may be corrected until the close of nominations. Thereafter no names may be added or removed until the declaration of the result of the election.

16. Nominations must be received by the Presiding Officer at Southwark Diocesan Registry, Minerva House, 5 Montague Close, London SE1 9BB by no later than 12 noon on 2 August 2019.

Date: 5 July 2019

P.C.E. MORRIS (Presiding Officer)