



The Diocese of
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To: Members of Diocesan Synod
Cc: Area Deans, Lay Chairs, Incumbents
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10 October 2024

Nominations to the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education

Dear Colleagues,

Members of the Board of Education are responsible for ensuring the Board remains true to its Objects and Mission. The Southwark Diocesan Board of Education (SDBE) is a Charitable Company, limited by guarantee, responsible for 101 Church schools across the Diocese. The Board has approximately 19 members, upto 9 of whom are elected by Diocesan Synod. The SDBE Articles of Association require there to be two elected members from each Area, with three “free” positions that can be filled by members from any Area. In order that elections can take place in November 2024, you are invited to submit nominations to serve as members of the Board of Education from January 2025 for a period of three years. (Membership cycles are to coincide with the Board’s financial year which runs from January to December). Nominations are open to clergy, and laity who are on the electoral role, across the Diocese. Unlike previous elections there is no longer a differentiation between the types of membership.

Election Timetable

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| Nominations Open | Thursday 10 October (3 weeks) |
| Nominations Close | Thursday 31 October at 12 noon |
| Online Voting Opens | Friday 1 November |
| Online Voting Closes | Friday 15 November at 12 noon |

I enclose some information about the role and work of the Board of Education including its current strategic objectives, which can be found on the SDBE [website](#). I also enclose a nomination form which should be completed and returned by 12 noon 31 October 2024 to: Charles Hudson-Beddows electronically to governance@southwark.anglican.org or by post to Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, Borough High Street, London, SE1 1HW.

These Elections will take place solely online, by the Diocesan Synod, using First Past the Post. Please fill in your election statement in the nomination form, in no more than 200 words, which will be included in the voting portal. Information on how to vote through the online system will be sent out to Synod members when the voting period opens. You will receive an acknowledgment when we receive a completed nomination form, if you do not receive this acknowledgment please get in touch.

This is an exciting opportunity to express my gratitude for the commitment and support of those colleagues who have served as Members of the Board of Education for the past four years. Through this present recruitment process it is hoped it will be possible to achieve continuity through the appointment of experienced members, while at the same time providing an opportunity for new members to consider this important area of work in the Diocese of Southwark.

We welcome and encourage members from a wide range of church traditions, age and experience and we want to ensure that we represent the communities that we serve. As we continue to implement our Diocesan Anti Racism Charter, we're particularly seeking to increase representation of United Kingdom Minority Ethnic/Global Majority Heritage (UKME/GMH) peoples.

If you have any questions or require further information about the work of the Board, please telephone Corrina Zukowska on 020 7234 9206 or email her on corrina.zukowska@southwark.anglican.org. You may find the education section of the diocesan website a helpful sources of further information about the Board, church schools and education chaplaincy <http://www.education.southwark.anglican.org/education>.

The Church's work in education in the Diocese is absolutely vital and I am grateful for your support and prayers in these matters. Please pass this letter and nomination forms to anyone who may be interested in standing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Thomas', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Nicola Thomas
Diocesan Secretary