**NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO DIOCESAN SYNOD (SEE RULE 40(3))**

**FORM 5**

**NOMINATION TO HOUSE OF LAITY OF DIOCESAN SYNOD**

**DIOCESE OF BRISTOL**

**Deanery of Bristol West**

**Election of members of the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod**

We the proposer and seconder, each being qualified electors and members of the House of Laity of the Deanery Synod for the above Deanery, nominate the following person as a candidate at the election in the above Deanery.

**Candidate’s Details**

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| Candidate’s full name and title |  |
| Candidate’s address |  |
| Candidate’s email address |  |
| Candidate’s year of birth |  |

**Proposer & Seconder Details**

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| --- | --- |
| Proposer’s signature |  |
| Proposer’s full name |  |
| Address |  |

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| Seconder’s signature |  |
| Seconder’s full name |  |
| Address |  |

I, the above named declare that I am not subject to any disqualification referred to in the Notes on this form and signify my willingness to serve as a member of the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod if elected.

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| Candidate’s Signature |  |
| Candidate’s parish or church |  |

This nomination must be sent by 12 noon on Monday 13 May 2024 to:

* A hard copy by post to: Richard Leaman, Presiding Officer,

Diocesan Office, Hillside House, 1500 Parkway North, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, BS34 8YU

* Or emailed to: governance.support@bristoldiocese.org (either a scanned copy or with email signatures)

**NOTES**

1   All members, other than co-opted members, of the House of Laity of the deanery synod are qualified electors.

2   (1) A person is disqualified from being nominated for membership of a diocesan synod if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).

(2) A person is disqualified from being nominated for membership of any Synod if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (with that expression being construed in accordance with [Rule 71(2)](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/legal-services/church-representation-rules/part_7_disqualification_etc_rules_62_to_71.htm#r71_2) of the Church Representation Rules).

(3) A person’s disqualification under sub-paragraph (2) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese by giving the person notice in writing.

1. An election **11** of members of the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod for **Bristol West Deanery** will be held between 7 – 24 June 2024.

2. A lay candidate must be an actual communicant aged 16 or over, and on the Electoral Roll of a Parish in the Deanery, or on the community roll of a cathedral church in the Deanery, or part of a worshipping community involved in a mission initiative in the Deanery.

3. A candidate must be nominated and seconded by qualified electors.

4. All members, other than co-opted members, of the House of Laity of the Deanery Synod are qualified electors.

5. The candidate must sign the statement on the form overleaf stating willingness to serve if elected. They can submit a supporting statement of no more than 100 words. This may include any relevant experience and information. This supporting statement should be sent to the Presiding Officer by 12 noon on Monday 13 May 2024 and will be circulated to qualified electors with the voting papers.

6. A person is disqualified from being nominated for membership of any Synod if the person is disqualified from being a charity trustee under section 72(1) of the Charities Act 1993 and the disqualification is not for the time being subject to a general waiver by the Charity Commission under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011 and the disqualification is not for the time being subject to a general waiver by the Charity Commission under section 181 of that Act or to a waiver by it under that section in respect of all ecclesiastical charities established for purposes relating to the parish concerned, or the person is disqualified from being a charity trustee by an order under section 181A of that Act.

In this paragraph ‘ecclesiastical charity’ has the same meaning as that assigned to that expression in the Local Government Act 1894.

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7. The election will be decided by Proportional Representation (Single Transferable Vote).

8. Nominations must be received by no later than 12 noon on Monday 13 May 2024 and can be received in one of three ways:

* In hard copy format, i.e. printed, physically signed and sent by post
* Printed, physically signed by candidate, proposer and seconder, scanned and sent by email to governance.support@bristoldiocese.org
* Completed electronically by the candidate having sought agreement from proposer and seconder and sent to governance.support@bristoldiocese.org We will then contact the proposer and seconder to verify their nominations.