

Stand for Diocesan Synod!

We are looking to co-opt additional members onto our newly elected Diocesan Synod, to ensure that we properly represent the communities we seek to serve.

The Search and Nominations Committee will be considering possible co-options in November, so be in touch with us if you are interested or know someone who might be!

What is Diocesan Synod?

The Diocesan Synod acts like the parliament of the Diocese and members are also the “members of the company”, who are responsible for agreeing how much money will be spent each year and receiving the annual report.

Diocesan Synod is one of the four rungs of the decision making ‘synodical ladder’ – which also includes General Synod, Deanery Synods and PCCs.

The 100+ synod members perform a key function in communicating both ‘up’ and down’ the ladder, ensuring that all areas of church life work together.

Why put myself forward?

Do you want to be part of an exciting drive towards growth and change within the Diocese of Lincoln?

Being on Diocesan Synod is an opportunity to represent the concerns of your parish and community at diocesan level.

You can input into the plans, strategies and budgets that affect the life of your parish and those who you worship with.

Members can ask questions, bring motions and are asked to vote and approve major decisions.

It is an opportunity to help us to make a difference and is a great way of meeting new people from different churches across Lincolnshire.

Who can do it?

We are looking for lay people who are on an electoral roll of a parish.

You do not need to be an elected member of your Deanery Synod or even a member of your Parish Council (PCC).

We are particularly looking for younger church members and those with a global majority heritage, to ensure that church leadership can properly speak for all of our congregations.

We are also interested in hearing from members of clergy who feel they represent a special category, but who have not been able to secure election through the synod structure.

What is an electoral roll and how to I get on it?

An [electoral roll](#) is the list of electors at a church.

In the same way that being on the civic electoral roll allows you to vote in the parliamentary and local elections, joining a church electoral roll means that you can vote on church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC and Deanery Synod.

You can speak to your PCC Secretary, churchwardens or vicar about how to get on the electoral roll.

What is the commitment?

There are usually three meetings of Diocesan Synod each year, held on Saturdays, at a venue within Lincoln.

Papers are sent to members digitally 2 weeks before the meeting, so that members have time to read and prepare beforehand.

Each Synod is for a three-year term.

How do I apply?

Send a brief CV and covering note telling us about yourself and why you would like to join us.

You can also be in touch if you have any questions, or if you would like to refer a friend.

Please contact Helen Doyle, the Assistant Diocesan Secretary on helen.doyle@lincoln.anglican.org or by calling 01522 504050 and asking for Helen.