



## Replacement of Standing Orders for 61<sup>st</sup> Synod Session 1

That this Synod, pursuant to Standing Order 93, replaces the Standing Orders 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 61, 62 with those following, for the duration of this session of Synod being held virtually:

- A. For the purposes of this Synod, “Chamber” includes any virtual meeting space; and “Public access” includes access given via electronic broadcast of Synod proceedings.

### Counts, Divisions, Voting and Elections

#### ***Voting:***

- B Every act of the Synod must be assented to by the Bishop or, in the absence of the Bishop, by the Vicar-General, and by a majority of clergy and by a majority of lay members of Synod present and entitled to vote.
- C Voting will take place through the voting function on Zoom and the President may declare a motion carried once a majority of members present have voted in favour.
- D An abstention from voting or a Count must be indicated by sending a private message via the “Chat” function to Andrew Metcalfe (if voting in Synod as a whole) or to Nicola Wong (if voting in Houses in Break Out Rooms).

#### ***Voting by Division and Counts***

- E Any member may, before the President has declared a result, demand a division or a count. If a division or a count is demanded then voting will take place in Houses, using Lay and Clergy Breakout rooms. Non-voting Synod members will be in the Observer Breakout Room.
- F The Diocesan Office staff member will visit each breakout room to put the question and count the votes.
- G The result of the votes will be reported to the President via the private “Chat” function who will then report the result to Synod.
- H The current Standing Orders 53,57,58,59 and 60 relating to ‘Counts and Divisions’ remain in place. [\[Link here to the Standing Orders\]](#)

#### ***Elections:***

- I If, at the time nominations close, the number of nominations received is equal to the number of persons required to be elected the President will announce their election.
- J If the nominations exceed the number required then Synod will proceed to ballot. Voting will take place by each member being placed in a Breakout room for Lay or Clergy houses. A voting link to the “Survey Hero” platform will be shared in the “Chat” area of each Breakout room.
- K Each member must click on the link(s) provided to submit their vote for Diocesan Council and/or Diocesan Board of Nomination members.
- L The Registrar will collate the information from the “Survey Hero” platform and provide it to the Scrutineers for verification. Voting via “Survey Hero” has been set up to be anonymous.
- M The scrutineers will provide a report to the Registrar, who in turn will advise the President of the results. The President will announce to Synod the outcome of the vote.
- N The current Standing Orders 63, 64 and 64a relating to Elections remain in place. [\[Link here to the Standing Orders\]](#)

#### ***General:***

- O Any matter not provided for by the Standing Orders will be dealt with by ruling of the President.