

## GUIDANCE NOTES ON PROCTORIAL ELECTIONS

### Qualifications of Candidates

- 1 A candidate must be an ordained priest or deacon who is one of the following:
  - i) a qualified elector (see paragraphs 3 and 4 below) in the Diocese of York (excluding all assistant bishops);
  - ii) a person who would be a qualified elector had they been a member of a deanery synod in the Diocese of York (i.e. a priest or deacon holding written permission from the Bishop of the Diocese to officiate within the diocese);
  - iii) a person qualified to vote in the Universities and TElS constituency who (a) would be qualified as a diocesan elector (see paragraphs 3 and 4 below) but for the fact that he or she is qualified to vote in that constituency; (b) is beneficed in, or licensed to, any parish in the diocese or is licensed to serve as a vicar in a team ministry in any benefice in the diocese; and (c) has elected to stand in the diocesan election rather than in the election to the universities and TElS constituency.
- 2 A candidate must not be the holder of a paid office or employment to which one of the following central bodies may make or confirm an appointment.
  - General Synod
  - Church Commissioners\*
  - Convocations
  - Church of England Pensions Board
  - Corporation of the Church House
  - Archbishops' Council

*\*(A Church Commissioner in receipt of a salary or other emolument is **not** so disqualified.)*

### Qualification of Proposers and Seconders

- 3 Proposers and seconders must be electors qualified as such at 6.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 13th July 2021 (the date of dissolution of the 2015-2021 Convocations and thus of the General Synod). A bishop, priest or deacon is a qualified elector (subject to the exceptions in paragraph 4 below) if in one of the following categories:
  - i) Assistant bishops in the diocese but NOT members of the house of bishops of the diocesan synod;
  - ii) Archdeacons of the diocese;
  - iii) Beneficed clergy of the diocese;

- iv) Clergy holding office in a cathedral in the diocese;
  - v) Clergy licensed under seal by the Bishop of the diocese. (including any clergy resident outside the diocese but holding licence of the bishop of that diocese); and
  - vi) Clergy with permission to officiate who are members of a deanery synod of the diocese.
- 4 The following are not qualified electors: suffragan and other bishops who are members of the house of bishops of the diocesan synod, the dean of the cathedral church of the diocese, all Forces chaplains, the Chaplain-General of Prisons, electors in the universities and TElS constituency and members of religious communities.

### Election Address

- 5 Any candidate may request the presiding officer to despatch an election address (consisting of not more than one sheet of A4 paper, which may be printed on both sides) 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. If any candidate wishes to send an election address, one original copy (suitable for photocopying) must be provided by the candidate at the candidate's own expense. This must either be delivered to the presiding officer at the address above or sent by e-mail to: **kirsty.mccullough@yorkdiocese.org** and received by the presiding officer by Wednesday, 15 September 2021. The presiding officer is under no obligation to circulate addresses received after the due date or which are not in the prescribed form. Election addresses will be placed also on the diocesan website.

### Expenses of Proctors

- 6 Normal subsistence and travelling expenses are paid at rates which are reviewed annually.