



## EPISCOPAL ELECTION NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

2 July 2018

Dear Members of Synod,

### **Invitation to propose names for consideration as Prospective Nominees**

On 20 June 2018 I wrote to members of Synod to circulate the Diocesan Profile and Episcopal Selection Criteria which the Committee had prepared in accordance with Section 3, Schedule 1 of the *Governance of the Diocese Ordinance 2000* following extensive consultation around the Diocese. We are grateful for your interest and engagement in this process. As I foreshadowed in that letter I am now writing in accordance with Section 4.2 of the Schedule to invite members of Synod to propose a name or names for the Committee to consider as Prospective Nominees. Please consider the Diocesan Profile and the Episcopal Selection Criteria as you prayerfully determine whether a person might be suitable as a Prospective Nominee.

For a proposal to be accepted by the Committee it must be submitted on the attached form and formally supported by two clerical and two lay members of Synod. The form must be received by the Committee by Friday 13 July 2018. Members of Synod may propose or support more than one Prospective Nominee.

The Committee is obliged to follow up and make enquiries of every candidate whose name has been formally submitted via the attached form as a Prospective Nominee. Upon being contacted some of these candidates may not wish to proceed in the process and for reasons of confidentiality the Committee will not be able to share any explanations which they give. As required by Section 4.2(b) the Committee will actively seek candidates, however, simply mentioning the name of somebody to a Committee member does not constitute a formal submission and the Committee is not obliged to follow up such a person.

It is a significant decision for somebody to allow their name to be considered in this process. For this reason the Committee will carry out its role on a totally confidential basis and I am sure members of Synod will want to support Prospective Nominees in the same way. Please pray for those you propose and for all others who are considering this important role, asking that God would give them guidance and wisdom in this matter. We again commend to you and your ministry unit the prayer in our Prayer Book, reproduced below.

Yours in Christ,

Ven. David Ruthven  
Chair, Episcopal Election Nominations Committee

## **A Prayer at the Time of Choosing a Bishop**

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,  
in your mercy give your Church in this diocese  
a shepherd after your own heart  
who will walk in your ways,  
and with loving care watch over your people.  
Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.  
So may your Church be built up  
and your name glorified;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn  
Election of a Diocesan Bishop

## Proposed Candidate Name Submission Form

As a member of the Synod of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, I wish to formally submit the name of the following person to be considered as a Prospective Nominee in accordance with Section 4.2 of Schedule 1 of the Governance of the Diocese Ordinance 2000.

Name of Proposed Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Candidate's current ministry role: \_\_\_\_\_

In making this candidate proposal, I confirm that I have read the Diocesan Profile and Episcopal Selection Criteria and have good reason to believe that the proposed candidate satisfies these Criteria.

I declare that the person listed above has agreed to have their name attached to this proposal: Yes / No

Name of Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Unit (Parish or Synod Section) of Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposals must be supported by two clerical and two lay members of Synod.

Clergy supporters

Lay supporters

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be received by the EENC by Friday 13 July 2018 at the latest.  
Please email it to [eenc@anglicands.org.au](mailto:eenc@anglicands.org.au) or post to:

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