**The Governing Body of the Church in Wales**

**Corff Llywodraethol yr Eglwys yng Nghymru**

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| **Name:** | **Date of birth:** |
| **Address:** | **Email address:** |
| **Nominated by (if applicable):** | |
| **Co-option category:**  *(please tick one)*  Lay person under the age of 30  Cleric in Holy Orders for less than four years  Cleric licensed by a diocesan bishop but who does not receive a Church in Wales stipend | |
| **Statement by nominee** (max 500 words) | |
| **Statement by proposer** (if applicable) (max 500 words) | |
| **Brief biographical details of nominee:** | |
| **Date:** | |

**Governing Body co-opted membership**

**Categories for Governing Body co-options**

Following the alterations approved by the Governing Body in April 2023 the co-opted category of membership of the Governing Body now consists of:

* Nine co-optees, consisting of:
  + Six lay people under the age of 30; and
  + Three clerics who either:
    1. Have been in Holy Orders for less than four years; or
    2. Are licensed by a diocesan bishop but do not receive a Church in Wales stipend (e.g., institutional chaplains, NSMs, ‘House for Duty’).

These nine co-optees are **elected** by the Governing Body. These elections will sometimes be for more than one place and where that is the case a **single transferable vote** (STV) method will be used to conduct the election. (Where only one position needs to be filled, the usual first-past-the-post system will be used.)

* A further nine co-optees, consisting of:
  + Six lay people; and
  + Three clerics.

These nine co-optees are **appointed** by the Standing Committee. This co-option category gives the Standing Committee the ability to address any gaps in representation within the total Governing Body membership and these appointments will be made in the context of advice on any such gaps provided by the Appointments & Business Sub-committee.

The total constituency of co-opted members is 18 members.

**Annual co-option requirements**

Because of the Governing Body’s rolling triennial membership **six** co-opted vacancies will arise each year. The following number of members will need to be elected by the Governing Body for the beginning of each triennium:

* **Two** lay people under the age of 30 (an STV election);
* **One** cleric who has either been in Holy Orders for less than four years or who is licensed but not in receipt of a Church in Wales stipend.

In addition, the Standing Committee will appoint:

* **Two** lay people; and
* **One** cleric.

**General eligibility criteria**

**Clergy**

Every cleric who holds a dignity, cathedral preferment benefice or office in the Church in Wales, or a license from a diocesan bishop is eligible to be a Governing Body member, **unless** that cleric is:

* A full-time salaried employee of the Representative Body, a Diocesan Board of Finance or any other such provincial or diocesan body in the Church in Wales;
* Disqualified from acting as a trustee or senior manager of a charity under the laws of Wales;
* Retired or who has reached his or her seventieth birthday;
* Belonging to a religious body not in communion with the Church in Wales; or
* Is arrested on suspicion of a criminal office for which the cleric would be liable under the laws of Wales as a result of conviction for that offence (or who is charged with such an offence without being arrested) shall not attend any meeting or vote in any proceedings of the Governing Body or any committee or sub-committee until the conclusion of those criminal proceedings.

**Lay persons eligible**

Every lay confirmed communicant over 18 and under 75 years of age who either:

* Resides or has resided for a period of 12 months in a Church in Wales ministry area; or
* Whose name appears on the electoral roll of any ministry area in Wales.

**Lay persons not eligible**

A lay person is **not** eligible to be a member of the Governing Body if they:

* Are a salaried employee of the Representative Body, a Diocesan Board of Finance or any other such provincial or diocesan body within the Church in Wales;
* Are disqualified from acting as a trustee or senior manager of a charity under the laws of Wales;
* Have reached his or her seventy-fifth birthday;
* Belong to a religious body not in communion with the Church in Wales; or
* Are arrested on suspicion of a criminal office for which they would be liable under the laws of Wales as a result of conviction for that offence (or who is charged with such an offence without being arrested) shall not attend any meeting or vote in any proceedings of the Governing Body or any committee or sub-committee until the conclusion of those criminal proceedings.

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