



# Anglican Church of Australia

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## General Synod

### NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

Notice is hereby given that the following elections will be held at the Eighteenth Session of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia.

Relevant legislation is identified under the headings for various elections.

Qualifications required for election are set out for each election.

#### 1. ELECTIONS OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following offices of the General Synod will be filled on Monday 9 May 2022 being the first business day of the Session of the Synod, by motions appearing on the Business Paper for the First Day:

- 1.1 A Clerical Secretary and a Lay Secretary (SO7(c)(1))<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.2 A Chair and one or more Deputy Chairs of Committees (SO7(c)(2)).
- 1.3 A Committee of Elections and Qualifications (SO7(c)(3)).
- 1.4 A Committee to arrange the Order of Business (SO7(c)(4)).
- 1.5 A Minutes Reading Committee.

##### ***Required Qualifications***

Other than membership of the General Synod, no required qualifications are specified.

#### 2. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS OF HOUSES OF SYNOD

The following elections will take place on Monday 9 May 2022 at a meeting of each House to be arranged during that day's Session:

- 2.1 A Chairman and other officers of the House of Clergy (SO7(h)(i)).
- 2.2 A Chairman and other officers of the House of Laity (SO7(h)(ii)).

##### ***Required Qualifications***

Other than membership of the relevant House of General Synod, no required qualifications are specified.

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<sup>1</sup> "SO" means "Standing Order".

### 3. ELECTIONS UNDER RULE III

The following elections will be conducted under the Rules for the Conduct of Elections ordered to be made by the General Synod [Rule III] on Wednesday 11 May 2022 between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m at the RACV Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast Queensland.

#### 3.1 The Standing Committee of Synod

*(Section 2 of Rule II).*

- 3 Bishops to be elected by the House of Bishops
- 9 Members of the House of Clergy to be elected by the House of Clergy
- 9 Members of the House of Laity to be elected by the House of Laity

##### **Required Qualifications**

Other than membership of the relevant House of General Synod, no required qualifications are specified.

#### 3.2 The Board of Assessors (Appellate Tribunal)

*(Section 58(1) of the Constitution; Board of Assessors (Appellate Tribunal) Canon 1962).*

- 7 Priests to be elected by the Synod as a whole

##### **Required Qualifications**

Section 3 of the Canon provides that any priest may be nominated for election to the Board by two members of the Synod.

#### 3.3 Panel of Electors of the Primate

*(Sections 4 and 5 of the Primate Canon 1985).*

- 16 Members of the clergy to be elected by the House of Clergy
- 16 Members of the laity to be elected by the House of Laity

##### **Required Qualifications**

“Member of the Clergy” means a person who is, or who is eligible to be, a member of the House of Clergy.

“Member of the Laity” means a person who is, or is eligible to be, a member of the House of Laity.

*Note: The 12 members of each panel with the highest number of votes will comprise the Board. The remaining 4 members on each panel will fill casual vacancies, the person with the highest number of votes filling the first vacancy and so on.*

#### 3.4 Long Service Leave Board

*(Section 3 of the Long Service Leave Canon 2010).*

- 1 Member of the House of Bishops to be elected by the House of Bishops  
*Retiring member: Bishop Allan Ewing*
- 1 Member of the House of Clergy to be elected by the House of Clergy  
*Retiring member: The Rev'd Robert Weekes*  
*Continuing member: Rev'd Dr Andrew Ford*

- 2 Lay members of this Church to be elected by the House of Laity  
*Retiring members:* Mr Allan Thomson  
Mr James Flavin  
Continuing members: Mr Doug Marr  
Mr Christopher Nelson

**Required Qualifications**

Section 3(1) of the Long Service Leave Canon provides:  
A person may not be elected a member of the Board who has been declared by any competent court incapable of managing his or her affairs.

**3.5 Australian College of Theology Limited – Members**

*(Schedule to the Australian College of Theology Canon 2007, especially Articles 3.1(d), 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 of the Constitution of the Australian College of Theology Limited. The Constitution of the College may be found at [www.actheology.edu.au](http://www.actheology.edu.au)).*

- 22 Members to be elected by the House of Bishops

**Required Qualifications**

The persons to be elected must include at least 1 Bishop (Article 3.4). Article 1.3 defines “Bishops”:

*“Bishops means bishops of the Church”.*

No other required qualifications are specified.

Note: The number of members to be elected is calculated as follows:

- The number of persons equal to the total number of persons comprising Categories C, D and E (Article 3.4)
- The Dean and CEO of the College states that there are:
  - 12 persons in Category C and that number is unlikely to change before the election takes place;
  - 5 persons in Category D, prescribed by Article 3.1(f);
  - 5 persons in Category E as prescribed by Article 3.1(g).

**3.6 Defence Force Board**

*(Section 5 of the Defence Force Board Canon 1985).*

- 3 Members of the clergy  
3 Lay persons

to be elected by the House of Clergy and the House of Laity voting together.

**Required Qualifications**

Section 5(b)(i) requires that at least one member of the clergy at the time of election is rendering or has previously rendered service as a reserve chaplain in the Australian Defence Force.

Section 5 declares that the expression “members of the clergy” may include any person in bishop’s orders, including a Diocesan bishop.

No other required qualification is specified.

The following elections will be conducted under the Rules for the Conduct of Elections ordered to be made by the General Synod [Rule III] on Thursday 12 May 2022 between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. at the RACV Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast Queensland.

### **3.7 The Appellate Tribunal**

#### **3.7.1 Member**

*(Section 57(1) of the Constitution)*

*(Appellate Tribunal Canon 1981: Sections 3, 4 and 4A; the paragraphs “Second Part [Nominated by House of Clergy]” and “Third Part [Nominated by the House of Laity]” of the Note.)*

1 Diocesan Bishop to be nominated by the House of Clergy:  
*Retiring Member: The Rt Rev’d John Parkes AM [s4(f)]*

2 Lay persons to be nominated by the House of Laity  
*Retiring Member: Ms Gillian Davidson [4(b)]*  
*Retiring Member: The Hon Keith Mason AC QC [4]*

*Continuing members:*

*Archbishop Philip Aspinall (nominated by the House of Bishops)*  
*Bishop Garry Weatherill (nominated by the House of Laity)*  
*The Hon Clyde Croft AM (nominated by the House of Bishops)*  
*Justice Richard Refshauge (nominated by the House of Clergy)*

#### **3.7.2 Reserve List**

*(Appellate Tribunal Canon 1981: Section 7A. The circumstances by which a member of the reserve list may be called to serve on the Tribunal is provided in 7B.)*

2 Diocesan Bishops to be elected by the three houses of the General Synod voting together

2 members of the laity qualified to be lay members of the Appellate Tribunal to be elected by the three houses of the General Synod voting together

#### **Required Qualifications – Appellate Tribunal and Reserve List**

S 57(1) of the Constitution requires the following qualification for a Lay member of the Appellate Tribunal:

*57. (1) The Appellate Tribunal shall consist of seven members three of whom shall be diocesan bishops and four of whom shall be laymen. The members shall be appointed by the General Synod as follows, that is to say, a bishop and a layman on the nomination of the House of Bishops, a bishop and a layman on the nomination of the House of Clergy and a bishop and two laymen on the nomination of the House of Laity. A president and deputy president shall as often as may be necessary be chosen from among the lay members of the tribunal by the House of Bishops, or, if General Synod be not in session, by a meeting of the members of the House of Bishops.*

*A layman shall not be a member unless he is qualified to be a lay representative of a diocese, and is or has been a Justice of the High Court of Australia, a Justice of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory of Australia or a Justice or Judge of a Court prescribed by canon of the General Synod or is or has been a practising barrister or solicitor, of at least ten years’ standing of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory.*

Section 4 of the Appellate Tribunal Canon 1981 provides a final condition that a member of the Appellate Tribunal shall vacate office at the commencement of the ordinary session of Synod which shall next take place after they attain the age of 75 years.

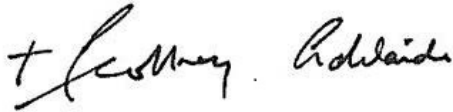
### **3.8 Panel for the Special Tribunal**

*(Section 25(1) and 26(1)(f) of the Special Tribunal Canon 2007).*

*(Section 25(1) and 26(1)(h) of the Special Tribunal Canon 2007)*

**1** Diocesan Bishop to be elected by the General Synod voting together:  
*Retiring Member: The Rt Rev'd Dr Glenn Davies*

**1** A priest of seven years standing to be elected by the General Synod voting together:  
*Retiring Member: The Rev'd John Davis*



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Dated: 15 November 2021