

GENERAL SYNOD 2023 – NOMINATIONS

Standing Committee

There are vacancies for two members of clergy and one member of laity. Two nominations have been received for the clergy vacancies and two for lay vacancy as follows:-

Clergy Nominations

The Very Rev Kelvin Holdsworth

Proposer: The Revd Matthew Little (Glasgow and Galloway)

Seconder: The Revd Dr Stephen Holmes (Edinburgh)

Brief biographical details:

Provost of St Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow

Education: TISEC, Manchester Polytechnic – BSc(Hons), University of St Andrews – BD(Hons), University of Edinburgh – MTh

Lay ministry in the Chaplaincy of the University of London for three years before ordination.

Subsequent work in university chaplaincies in the University of Stirling and the University of Glasgow.

Ordained priest 25 years ago in the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane. Curacy in St Ninian's Cathedral in Perth. Rector St Saviour's Bridge of Allan 2000-2006.

Extensive experience of boards and committees of the Scottish Episcopal Church including: SEC Europe Group, Information and Communications Board, Canonical Review Group on Disciplinary Canons. Recently joined the Admin Board.

Statement by nominee as to why he wishes to serve:

I believe that my experience will help the Standing Committee to serve the General Synod and the wider church. I have a good working knowledge of the duties of what it means to be a charitable trustee for a large charity. I believe that decline is not inevitable for the Scottish Episcopal Church.

I enjoy working in an inclusive and diverse congregation which is seeking ways in which to use our resources to spread the gospel, reduce our carbon consumption as much as we can and work across boundaries with people of goodwill. I would bring these values to membership of the Standing Committee.

I would seek to help the Standing Committee to work in as transparent a way as possible as it serves the life of the church. I have extensive connections with people in all the dioceses of the Scottish Episcopal Church and a broad and expansive vision of the life of the Scottish Episcopal Church. I have a deep love of our church and believe that it offers so much that the people of Scotland need.

The Rev Canon Peter Moger (Argyll and The Isles)

Proposer: The Very Revd Margi Campbell (Argyll and The Isles)
Seconded: The Revd Jenny Holden (Aberdeen and Orkney)

Brief biographical details:

Peter Moger has been Priest-in-Charge of St Peter, Stornoway and St Moluag, Eoropaidh in the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles since 2019. Prior to this, he served 26 years in ordained ministry in the Church of England, most recently as Canon Residentiary and Precentor of York Minster and as Acting Dean of York. His earlier posts included working for the Church of England Liturgical Commission as National Worship Development Officer, as Secretary to the Liturgical Commission, as Vicar of Godmanchester in the Diocese of Ely, as Minor Canon and Precentor at Ely Cathedral and as an Assistant Curate at Whitby in the Diocese of York.

Following degrees in Music at Oxford, Peter read Theology and trained for ordination at St John's College, Durham. He has a particular interest in liturgy and music within worship: he serves currently as a member of the Faith and Order Board, and has been appointed to the Liturgy Committee.

Statement by nominee as to why he wishes to serve:

I would be keen to serve the Standing Committee bringing experience from a background of 30 years' varied ministry in local churches, cathedrals and the national church.

Alongside this I would bring governance and strategic planning experience of 9 years as a Chapter member at York Minster (an institution with an annual turnover of £9.5M and payroll of 240). I also have trustee experience in education: as a Member of the Hope Learning Trust (Multi-Academy Trust), a Trustee of the Martin Clarke Young Organ Scholars' Trust, and as Chair of Trustees of the Hymn and Songwriters' Foundation (Jubilate Hymns).

I am committed to enabling God's mission within a church which is broad, inclusive and committed to the call of Jesus Christ to life in all its fullness.

Lay Nominations

Dr Anne Martin (Edinburgh)

Proposer: Victoria Elliott (Edinburgh)
Secunder: Michael Wood (Edinburgh)

Brief biographical details:

Dr Anne Martin has been a member of the SEC General Synod since 2020 and served on Edinburgh Diocesan Synod and the vestry of St John's, Princes Street. Before moving permanently to Edinburgh six years ago to support her daughter as she adopted two young children, she served on the Church of England General Synod, the CofE Rural Affairs Committee, the Education Board of Guildford Diocese, Bishop's Council and was Diocesan Lay Chair of Guildford Diocese. By profession she is a music teacher, musicologist and conductor working with all ages including adults, specialising in Early Music and the recorder. As well as teaching in school and adjudicating at music festivals, she has had experience of working with teams to organise a number of weekend music festivals with around 200 participants.

Statement by nominee as to why she wishes to serve:

As well as being responsible for administration, the Standing Committee has a role to play in supporting mission and co-ordinating future strategy. It needs to help plan for change and how to implement this, making best use of resources. I would like to be a part of this and feel my experience could be of value as part of a team helping to build up a consensus among bishops, clergy and lay to prioritise what's will secure the future and build a flourishing church.

Dr Beth Routledge (Glasgow and Galloway)

Proposer: Jan Whiteside (Glasgow and Galloway)

Seconder: Anne Jones (Glasgow and Galloway)

Brief biographical details:

SEC Roles:

- *Lay Representative, St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow (2013 – Present)*
- *Lay Member, Diocesan Council, Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway (2015 – Present)*
- *Lay Member, General Synod (2013 - 2020, 2022 – Present)*

Other Roles:

- *Consultant Physician, NHS Forth Valley*

I am a member of St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, where I have served as Lay Representative since 2013. St Mary's Cathedral serves a broad congregation from across the city of Glasgow and far beyond, and significant decisions during my time as Lay Representative have included questions about space and building use to serve the needs of a growing and changing population, the church's response to social justice issues across Scotland, and how to manage a cathedral during a global pandemic.

As the Lay Representative, I was part of the Electoral Synod in the most recent episcopal election in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.

As a member of the Cathedral vestry, my most significant accomplishment has been the responsibility taken on by our Compliance Group in the closing down and re-opening of the church building during the various stages of COVID-19.

I am a trustee of the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, as a member of the Diocesan Council.

I am a current member of General Synod.

In my other life, I am a recently appointed consultant physician in the NHS. This role involves clinical, training, and managerial responsibilities for multiple groups with competing needs and wants, and gives me a different and valuable perspective on my work in the SEC. I was until recently a junior doctor, and as a result have developed an enormous amount of adaptability through my decade of moving around multiple organisations and departments.

Statement by nominee as to why she wishes to serve:

I believe that Standing Committee will best be served by someone who has a firm grasp of the issues facing the church and is enthusiastic about engaging with them, and I believe that my other roles both within and outwith the church have equipped me to do this.