

Item

1 OPENING PRAYER

The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer.

2 APOLOGIES, NOTICES and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from the Archdeacon of Canterbury and John Moss

3 TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS TO THE VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE

The Bishop explained that the extraordinary meeting was called to make key decisions about the Vacancy and See Committee.

The Bishop highlighted the requirement under Synod Standing Order 76 that half of the Council must be present to be a quorate for decision-making purposes. Patti Russell (PR), the Diocesan Registrar confirmed that the quorum was met.

There was an extensive discussion on the need for additional expertise and diversity on the Vacancy in See Committee. It was noted that co-opted members should reflect a special interest within the diocese or help secure a better reflection of the diocese as a whole on the Committee.

There was a consensus that the Committee would benefit from co-opting additional members to better reflect the diocese.

The Bishop shared a list of six potential candidates for co-option, including brief statements about their backgrounds and what they could bring to the committee.

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Candidate 1: Naomi Lumotenga

The Bishop introduced Canon Doctor Naomi Lumotenga, a Ugandan-born lay Canon at the Cathedral with a background in education and research interests in gender, equity and community education. She had extensive experience in social justice and had served on General Synod.

Candidate 2: Chloe Down

The Bishop introduced Chloe Down, a 30-year-old worshipping member of St. Nicholas Church in New Romney. She had completed her befriending course.

Candidate 3: Liz Thomas-Friend

The Bishop introduced Liz Thomas-Friend, an executive head teacher of a primary school and former churchwarden in the Ashford archdeaconry.

Candidate 4: Penny Lowe

The Bishop introduced Penny Lowe, a lay reader and lay chair of the Romney Deanery in the Ashford archdeaconry. She had extensive experience in church leadership.

Candidate 5: Henry Collie

The Bishop introduced Henry Collie, an 18-year-old gap year student from St. Mary Bredin, Canterbury. He had been involved in the C of E Youth Council and is looking forward to studying history and English at university.

Candidate 6: Alexandros Sam Christos

Neil Logan Green introduced Alexandros Sam Christos, a recent law graduate and active member of St. Michael & All Angels Church, Harbledown.

4 CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS TO THE VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE

The Bishop confirmed the Archbishop's Council could co-opt up to four people to the Vacancy in See Committee.

Following a vote, Canon Doctor Naomi Lumotenga, Chloe Down, Penny Lowe, and Liz Thomas- Friend, were co-opted.

5 THE ELECITON OF A CHAIR FOR THE VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE

David Monteith was elected Chair of the Vacancy in See Committee.

6 THE APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY TO THE VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE

The Diocesan Secretary was appointed as secretary to the Committee.

The Archdeacon of Ashford closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting closed at 7pm.