

Chaired by Paul Zaphiriou (PZ), Chair of the House of Clergy

Minutes taken by April Bullard (AB) and Lesley Fusher (LF)

	Item	Action & Who
1	<p><b>Introduction and welcome by PZ</b></p> <p>Revd Paul Zaphiriou (PZ) opened the meeting and welcomed clergy members. PZ gave details of his background and explained that he is now the Rural Dean of St Austell. PZ asked if any members had questions.</p> <p>New members, including those new to the diocese, introduced themselves.</p>	
2	<p><b>Election of Secretary</b></p> <p>PZ asked members who would like to step forward for the role of ‘Clerical Secretary’.</p> <p>Revd Canon Simon Cade (SC), Diocesan Secretary, clarified what the details of the role.</p> <p>Revd Li Selman stepped forward.</p> <p>The members approved the election of Revd Li Selman as Secretary of the House of Clergy.</p> <p>No vote was taken as Li stood unopposed.</p>	
3	<p><b>Election of Vice-Chair</b></p> <p>Revd Laura Bushell Hawke stepped forward.</p> <p>The members approved the election of Revd Laura Bushell Hawke as Vice Chair of the House of Clergy.</p> <p>No vote was taken as Laura stood unopposed.</p>	
4	<p><b>Consideration of co-options to the House of Laity</b></p> <p>PZ moved on to the topic of co-opt members. He said he wanted a good balance for diversity. He explained that he wasn’t suggesting they co-opt now but look at ‘ourselves’, and refer to the list of clergy over the next 2-3 weeks.</p> <p>SC interjected to say that a matrix had been suggested by the House of Laity which shows occupation and areas of interest. PZ said that this would be very useful.</p>	

	<p>PZ said that the House of Clergy has the right to nominate up to 5 co-opt members.</p> <p>PZ said members can email him at <a href="mailto:clergychair@truro.anglican.org">clergychair@truro.anglican.org</a> for the above mentioned business.</p>	
5	<p><b>Matters of Concern</b></p> <p>PZ asked how members would like to meet and relate to one another. For example, in St Austell, every other Chapter includes PtO. PZ said he would circulate his phone number and said he has an open door if anyone has any concerns. He explained he is there to listen and respond, pastoral for the House. Anything shared remains confidential.</p> <p>He stressed the importance of proactive communication and suggested they meet at least once in between Synod meetings, by Zoom or hybrid for up to an hour. What will be covered in the meetings will include what's concerning them, what's happened in the area and if they have any suggestions, which PZ explained, could help with the agenda setting.</p> <p>PZ emphasised the importance of discussion because at Synod, topics are under time pressures. PZ referred to a member of clergy who previously asked if they could have an hour for education to allow for great discussion, instead of the usual 10mins which he felt was limited.</p> <p>Revd Canon Rob Dickenson, a visitor at this synod, was permitted to raise a query about Rural Deans and eligibility to be on Diocesan Synod. PZ said that he would discuss this with Rob after the meeting.</p> <p>Revd Dr Michael Dobson asked if they should meet before agenda setting or after it's sent out.</p> <p>The Very Revd Simon Robinson, Dean of Truro, highlighted his surprise by the singular lack of questions from Deaneries and suggested it would be wise to meet before the agenda is set as it would encourage more questions.</p> <p>PZ suggested they meet 1-2 weeks before the agenda is set by the BDC.</p>	
6	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>A general discussion took place about membership, diversity and protected characteristics.</p>	

	Will Harwood gave thanks to PZ for being the chair and closed with prayer.	
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