

APCM Resolution: PCC Membership of Synod Representatives

Explanatory Note

The APCM is asked to consider this resolution in order to provide clarity and flexibility regarding the PCC membership of those who serve as representatives on Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod, or General Synod. While such representatives are ex-officio members of the PCC, the responsibilities and time commitments associated with synodical and PCC roles can be substantial. This resolution allows individuals to discern whether serving on the PCC remains appropriate for them in any given year, without affecting their synodical role or ministry. The intention of the resolution is to support sustainable participation in governance, ensure that the PCC is composed of those able to engage fully in its work, and provide transparency to the congregation about PCC membership from year to year.

Resolution

That this Annual Parochial Church Meeting agrees that members of Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod, or General Synod who are ex-officio members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) by virtue of that office may choose not to serve as members of the PCC.

The arrangements shall be as follows:

1. At each APCM, any person who is a member of the PCC by virtue of membership of Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod, or General Synod shall be invited to indicate their intention as to whether they wish to serve as a member of the PCC for the forthcoming year.
2. A Synod representative who indicates that they do not wish to serve on the PCC shall not be treated as a member of the PCC for that year and shall not be counted for the purposes of PCC quorum or voting.
3. A Synod representative who has chosen to serve on the PCC may resign their PCC membership at any point during the year by giving notice to the Secretary of the PCC.

Nothing in this resolution shall affect a person's membership of Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod, or General Synod, nor their eligibility to attend APCMs or other meetings of the parish as permitted by the Church Representation Rules.