



## Elections & Nominations

The Annual Session of Synod in 2025 is the first of the 46<sup>th</sup> Triennial Synod and is therefore an **Election Synod**. During the session of Synod, ballots will be held for various boards and committees.

As with Synod itself, the theological principle is that all the people of God – both lay and ordained – provide for the life and growth, as well as the order and good governance of the Church. This is reflected in the number and breadth of positions open for election.

A list of positions for which an election will be held, any specific requirements, and required forms for nomination may be found at the Synod 2025 website at <https://adelaideanglicans.com/synod/2025-synod/>

Nominations close **5pm Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**. Nominations must be made using the prescribed nomination form and include no more than 500 words outlining the candidate's statement in support of their candidacy. Candidates for election to Diocesan Council should address the DC Skills Matrix in developing their candidate statement, drawing attention to their particular strengths rather than addressing every category.

### Eligibility for Nomination

Not all positions require a nominee to be a Member of Synod. Many positions are open to *communicant members* of the Anglican Church as defined by the Constitution of the Diocese of Adelaide:

**"Member of the Church"** means a baptised person who attends the public worship of The Anglican Church of Australia and who declares that he or she is a member of The Anglican Church of Australia and not a member of any other religious denomination;

**"Communicant"** means a member of the Church who communicates (takes Communion) at least three times in the year of which Easter shall be one;

Eligibility is affirmed by nominees signing the applicable declaration:

- Lay Member of Synod: Declaration as per Fifth Schedule of the Constitution
- Clergy in licensed ministry in the Diocese of Adelaide: Oath and Declaration
- Not a member of Synod: Declaration as per the Schedule to the *Elections & Appointments Ordinance*.

Please note that candidates for Diocesan Council are required to provide me with a Director Identification Number along with their nomination form, and if elected, to be Safe Ministry Approved.

**Joe Thorp**  
Registrar & Secretary of Synod