

APPENDIX B

Election of Lay Joint Chair

In the event of a vacancy in the office, and within the first year after every triennial election, the House of Laity shall hold a special meeting to elect the lay joint chair. A member of the House of Laity appointed by the Area Dean shall act as chair at that meeting.

Election shall be by majority vote and the chair of the special meeting shall have a vote but no casting vote in the election. In the case of an equality of votes, the decision shall be taken by drawing lots.

The House of Laity, by a majority vote, may determine at the special meeting that the office of lay joint chair shall be shared by two co-lay joint chairs who shall be the two candidates with the highest number of votes.

Term of Office of Lay Joint Chair

A person shall not hold office as lay joint chair, or co-lay joint chair, for more than two consecutive trienniums of deanery synod (or parts thereof) but is eligible to stand again for election after a subsequent triennium of deanery synod has passed.

However, in circumstances where no new candidate is willing or available to stand for election, an outgoing lay joint chair or co-lay joint chair may stand for re-election despite having served for two or more consecutive trienniums (or parts thereof).