

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Title: **SCHEME FOR DEANERY SYNOD LAY REPRESENTATION OF BMOs**

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I. INTRODUCTION

Church Representation Rule 27A provides the opportunity for recipients of Bishop's Mission Orders to be granted lay representation on a Deanery Synod, through a Scheme passed by the Diocesan Synod. Following the request from one of our current BMOs work has taken place on producing such a scheme for three of the BMOs.

2. DRAFT 27A SCHEMES

There is no specified format for these Schemes, however other Dioceses have already been pursuing this matter. With the help of our Registrar we identified that London Diocese had a tried and tested model for their BMOs to have established lay representation at Deanery level.

The proposed draft schemes for the Deeper Network and Immanuel Church Brentwood can be found in the appendices to this paper. They provide that both of these initiatives will have lay representatives on a Deanery Synod, Havering and Brentwood respectively. The leaders of Deeper and Immanuel are in agreement with the content of the drafts, as are the two Deaneries. The numbers of representatives each BMO would have on the Deanery Synod would be calculated in the same way as parish representatives are, with a specific number depending on the size of the equivalent Electoral Roll.

Work has begun on a similar scheme for DNA Networks, but this has not proceeded to a stage where a draft has been agreed.

Due to the Diocesan wide reach of the Diocese of Chelmsford Deaf Church, a Scheme for representation at Deanery level is thought to be impractical. However there is a convention of the Bishop nominating the Lead Minister to the Diocesan Synod and the Deaf Church have asked whether there could be a lay nomination in addition to this.

These proposals have been considered and endorsed by the Bishop's Council.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That this Diocesan Synod, in accordance with Church Representation Rule 27A, APPROVE the draft Schemes to provide lay representation on a Deanery Synod for Immanuel Church Brentwood and the Deeper Network.

APPENDIX I: DRAFT SCHEME FOR IMMANUEL CHURCH BRENTWOOD

DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD SYNODICAL GOVERNMENT MEASURE 1969 CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULE 27A

A SCHEME for the Representation of Immanuel Church Brentwood

on the Brentwood Deanery Synod

Within the Archdeaconry of Chelmsford

WHEREAS

(1) In accordance with Rule 27A of the Church Representation Rules made pursuant to the Synodical Government Measure 1969, a Diocesan Synod may, at the request of the Bishop who has made a Bishop's Mission Order under the provisions of Section 80 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 which is in force, make provision by Scheme for the representation on such deanery synod as may be determined by the Scheme, of such persons to whom the Bishop's Mission Order relates as may be specified in or under the Scheme.

(2) The Bishop of Chelmsford has made a Bishop's Mission Order on 22 April 2014 under Section 80 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 to provide for the Immanuel Church Brentwood Mission Initiative.

(3) The Bishop of Chelmsford has requested that the Diocesan Synod make provision for the representation of Immanuel Church Brentwood on the Brentwood Deanery Synod.

THE SCHEME

Structure

1. The Mission Initiative shall have:

- (i) an Equivalent to a Church Electoral Roll;
- (ii) a Mission Initiative Church Council; and
- (iii) a Mission Initiative Annual Church Meeting and Elections;

as if the Mission Initiative were a parish acting under the Church Representation Rules provisions.

The Church Electoral Roll equivalent

2. The Electoral Roll equivalent for the Mission Initiative is to be made up of the names of those qualified for membership as if the Mission Initiative were a parish under the Church Representation Rules provisions 1 to 4 (inclusive).

3. A person whose name is entered on the Electoral Roll of a parish (or Electoral Rolls of more than one parish) as well as the Electoral Roll equivalent of the Mission Initiative must choose only one of those entries for the purpose of qualification for elections.

4. The Electoral Roll equivalent is to be maintained by a Mission Initiative Electoral Roll Officer, who is to be appointed by the Mission Initiative Church Council.

Mission Initiative Church Council

5. The Mission Initiative Church Council shall be formed as if the Mission Initiative were a parish operating under the Church Representation Rules provisions and in accordance with the provisions of Part II and Appendix II of the Church Representation Rules.

Mission Initiative Annual Church Meeting and Elections

6. In the year prior to the deanery synod elections following the coming into operation of this Scheme and thereafter for subsequent triennia, the Annual Church Meeting of the Mission Initiative shall elect in accordance with the Church Representation Rules provisions, having particular regard to provisions 5(a), 6(2) and 11, such number of lay representatives to the Brentwood Deanery Synod as the Secretary to the Diocesan Synod shall certify.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

7. This Scheme shall come into operation upon the date of the session of the Diocesan Synod at which it received assent.

SIGNED on the
(Chair of Diocesan Synod)

day of

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SIGNED by
(Lay Vice Chair of Diocesan Synod)

SIGNED by
(Secretary to the Diocesan Synod)

APPENDIX 2: DRAFT SCHEME FOR THE DEEPER NETWORK

DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD SYNODICAL GOVERNMENT MEASURE 1969 CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULE 27A

A SCHEME for the Representation of the Deeper Network

on the Havering Deanery Synod

Within the Archdeaconry of Barking

WHEREAS

(1) In accordance with Rule 27A of the Church Representation Rules made pursuant to the Synodical Government Measure 1969, a Diocesan Synod may, at the request of the Bishop who has made a Bishop's Mission Order under the provisions of Section 80 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 which is in force, make provision by Scheme for the representation on such deanery synod as may be determined by the Scheme, of such persons to whom the Bishop's Mission Order relates as may be specified in or under the Scheme.

(2) The Bishop of Chelmsford has made a Bishop's Mission Order on 1 July 2013 under Section 80 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 to provide for the Deeper Network Mission Initiative.

(3) The Bishop of Chelmsford has requested that the Diocesan Synod make provision for the representation of the Deeper Network on the Havering Deanery Synod.

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