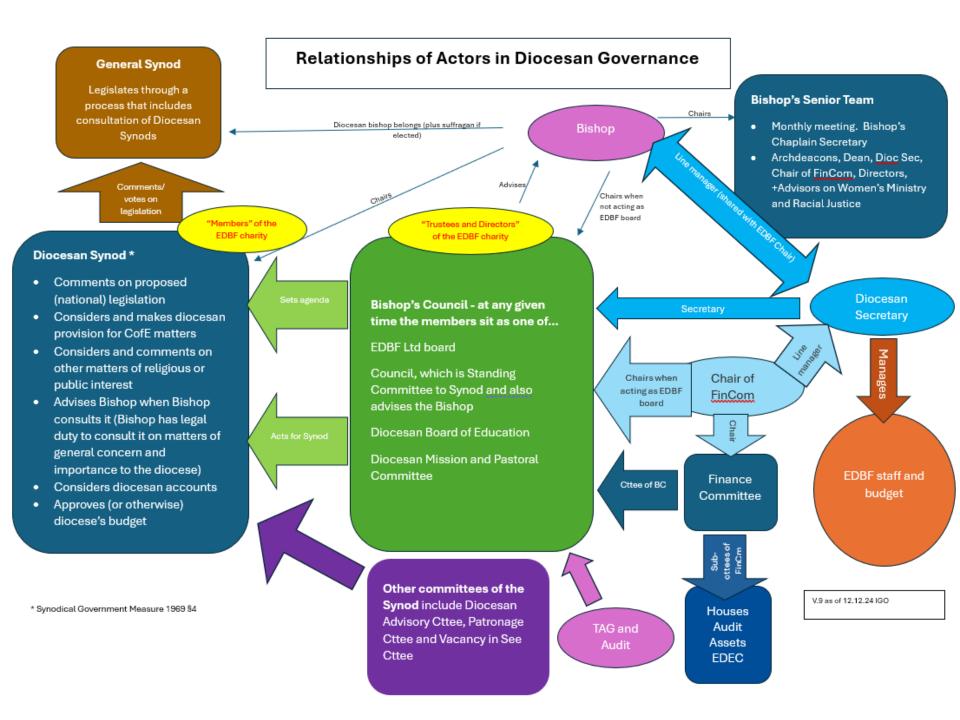


What is Synod For?







Statutory functions (Synodical Government Measure 1969 §4)

- Comments on proposed (national) legislation
- Considers and makes diocesan provision for CofE matters
- Considers and comments on other matters of religious or public interest
- Advises Bishop when Bishop consults it (Bishop has legal duty to consult it on matters of general concern and importance to the diocese)
- Considers diocesan accounts
- Approves (or otherwise) diocese's budget





A chance to ask questions...

- Standing order 86. Subject to due notice under Standing Orders 30 and 31, or otherwise at the Chair's discretion, a question may be asked of: i) any officer of the Diocesan Synod referred to in these Standing Orders or, with the President's approval, a senior member of the Diocesan staff; ii) the Chair of any body constituted by the Synod or on which it is represented; provided that the person asked may, without reason given, refuse to answer that question. A member may ask up to two original questions at any one meeting. Any member may ask a supplementary question in relation to an original question; the Chair may allow up to three supplementaries, giving the member who tabled the original question preference.
- Standing order 87. A question, if addressed to an officer, shall relate to the duties assigned to him or her and, if addressed to the Chair of any body to the business of that body. Questions shall not ask for an expression of opinion or for the solution of either an abstract legal question or a hypothetical problem and shall be otherwise in order.



