



What is Synod For?



The Church of England
Diocese of Ely

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Relationships of Actors in Diocesan Governance

General Synod

Legislates through a process that includes consultation of Diocesan Synods

Comments/
votes on
legislation

"Members" of the
EDBF charity

Diocesan Synod *

- 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

Sets agenda

Acts for Synod

Diocesan bishop belongs (plus suffragan if elected)

Chairs

Advises

Bishop

Chairs

Chairs when not acting as EDBF board

Bishop's Senior Team

- Monthly meeting. Bishop's Chaplain Secretary
- Archdeacons, Dean, Dioc Sec, Chair of FinCom, Directors, +Advisors on Women's Ministry and Racial Justice

Line manager (shared with EDBF Chair)

Secretary

Diocesan Secretary

Manages

EDBF staff and budget

Bishop's Council - at any given time the members sit as one of...

EDBF Ltd board

Council, which is Standing Committee to Synod and also advises the Bishop

Diocesan Board of Education

Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee

Chairs when acting as EDBF board

Chair of FinCom

Chair

Cttee of BC

Finance Committee

Sub-
committees of
FinCm

Houses
Audit
Assets
EDEC

Other committees of the Synod include Diocesan Advisory Cttee, Patronage Cttee and Vacancy in See Cttee

TAG and Audit

V.9 as of 12.12.24 IGO

* Synodical Government Measure 1969 §4

Statutory functions (Synodical Government Measure 1969 §4)

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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.