



Diocesan Conference Representative

In the Church in Wales, the Diocesan Conference is the governing body for each diocese, and it is responsible for managing its own affairs and appointing representatives to higher bodies like the Governing Body and Representative Body.

Diocesan Conference representatives are individuals elected or appointed to participate in the Diocesan Conference, which is the governing body of a diocese. These representatives, both clerical and lay, play a crucial role in managing diocesan affairs, electing representatives to higher bodies like the Governing Body and Representative Body, and making decisions on diocesan policy and strategy.

Each Church will elect one representative to the Diocesan Conference at its Annual Vestry Meeting who shall assume office immediately and hold office for three years.

Key aspects of Diocesan Conference representation:

Elected Representatives:

Each Church typically elects representatives, both clerical and lay, to the Diocesan Conference.

Ex-Officio Members:

Certain individuals, like the clergy licensed to work in the diocese and members of the General Synod or Diocesan Synod, may also be ex-officio members.

Nominated and Co-opted Members:

The Diocesan Conference may also include nominated or co-opted members, who are chosen for their expertise or specific contributions.

Voting Rights:

Generally, all members of the Diocesan Conference, including elected, ex-officio, nominated, and co-opted members, have voting rights on matters brought before the conference.

Reporting Responsibilities:

Representatives are expected to report back to their respective Churches and Mission Area Conferences on the decisions and discussions of the Diocesan Conference.

Influence on Diocesan Affairs:

Diocesan Conference representatives play a vital role in shaping diocesan policy, strategy, and resource allocation.