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Future pattern of Standing Committee Meetings

Following the discussion at the last meeting of the Standing Committee, we were very grateful for the honest and constructive feedback on the draft proposals. We were pleased to receive broad support for our stated desire to encourage a more diverse membership from our churches and Mission Areas and are already starting to think creatively about how this might be achieved most effectively.

Following feedback received at the last meeting, we are now proposing the following changes. Changes are highlighted in **bold**.

- It is proposed that one of the Standing Committee meetings in each year (**to be held in May**) should be a day-long meeting held on a Saturday at a central location within the diocese. The long form meeting will enable more business to be brought to the Standing Committee and will also allow Standing Committee to meet face-to-face to gather and discern God's plan for the future of the Diocese. This is particularly valuable when discussing matters of vision and strategy.
- A further two meetings will be shorter, two-hour evening meetings, held online in **February and September** where essential business and urgent matters can be discussed and considered. It is envisaged that the September meeting would concentrate on the annual accounts and budget for the Diocese, so that they can be presented to the Diocesan Conference in October.
- **There may also be, on occasion, a benefit to holding a short face-to-face meeting of the Standing Committee after the Diocesan Conference. This meeting will only be held if there is a specific requirement to do so.**
- It is hoped that that this pattern of meetings will enable those who are in full time employment, or still in education, who have an interest in the administration and governance of the Diocese to consider whether they want to put themselves forward for election as Mission Area representatives without having to take annual leave to attend meetings, or without the meetings otherwise interfering with work, childcare, education, or other considerations that would have made attending Standing Committee meetings difficult, if not impossible, in the past.

We will continue to develop these proposals for further discussion by Standing Committee, before a final proposal is put forward for acceptance. I'd like to encourage all members of the Standing Committee to get involved in this discussion and to send any feedback or alternative suggestions to the Diocesan Office.

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