

## **Agenda item 09**

### **Casual Vacancies on the Governing Body and on the Standing Committee of the Governing Body**

**From: Diane McCarthy, Diocesan Secretary**

#### **Background**

Following the retirement of Revd Stuart Evans at the end of December 2022, we have one casual vacancy on the Governing Body of the Church in Wales for a cleric for the final year of the triennium 2021/22/23. In the event of a casual vacancy, the Diocesan Standing Committee is responsible for making an appointment.

As Chancellor Pam Powell ceased to be a member of the Governing Body of the Church in Wales on 31 December 2022, she is no longer eligible to represent the Diocese of St Asaph on the Standing Committee of the Governing Body. We therefore have one casual vacancy for a cleric for the final year of the triennium 2021/22/23 on the Provincial Standing Committee. In the event of a casual vacancy, the Diocesan Standing Committee is responsible for making an appointment.

#### **Candidate**

Revd Christine Owen has agreed to offer herself as a candidate for election to both of these vacancies. I can confirm that Revd Owen meets the criteria of the Constitution of the Church in Wales for membership of its Governing Body and its Standing Committee.

Christine was born in North Wales and her father was a well-loved priest in the Church in Wales. After studies at Bangor University, Christine ordained as a Deacon in 1988 and as a Priest in 1994. She has served in the Diocese of Bangor, as a University Chaplain in the Diocese of London and as Canon Precentor at Worcester Cathedral. Christine started her ministry in this diocese in 2000, serving in Glan Conwy and Eglwysbach. She is currently a Priest in Aled Mission Area, with pastoral responsibility for St Paul's Church Colwyn Bay, Eglwys Dewi Sant Colwyn Bay and Christ Church Bryn y Maen. Christine has a keen interest in financial matters and is a member of the Diocesan Board of Finance and is Mission Area Treasurer in Aled Mission Area. She is also a very talented musician.

#### **Action required**

Members of the Standing Committee are asked to approve the appointment of Revd Christine Owen to both casual vacancies, to serve until 31 December 2023.