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*The Anglican Diocese of Auckland
The Right Reverend Jim White
Assistant Bishop*

Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

Greetings.

I write just after the retirement function for Bishop Kelvin. I was very glad to be able to be in attendance and to celebrate and give thanks for Bishop Kelvin's ministry.

Earlier in the week we had another meeting of the Arrangements Committee for the Electoral College. I can report things are taking good shape and preparations are well in hand – most thanks go to Alec Clark and Debbie Flintoff.

Perhaps the most encouraging thing I can report is that we have three nominations. This means that we will have some work to do together!

I offer sincere thanks to those candidates and those who have nominated them. It is a courageous thing to do to offer oneself up in a discernment process such as an Electoral College.

The names of the candidates remain confidential. Obviously, Electoral Synod members will learn all names when the background material is made available later in May. At that point members may discuss names amongst themselves but, PLEASE, holding the names in confidence is of vital importance to the process and most importantly it is the best way we can care for the candidates who really do expose themselves by allowing their names to go forward.

Just to give a little detail around the process in the next little bit:

We are receiving all the written material from the candidates – CV and written answers to the questions we developed in consultation with the Archdeacons – along with Referee reports. This written material will be made available to members in their region.

Archdeacons will make times and places known to Electoral College members. If you are unsure about viewing times please make contact with Alec Clark alec@calledsouth.org.nz

You are invited to read and familiarize yourself with the material but the material remains at the venue. Multiple copies of material will also be available at the Electoral College.

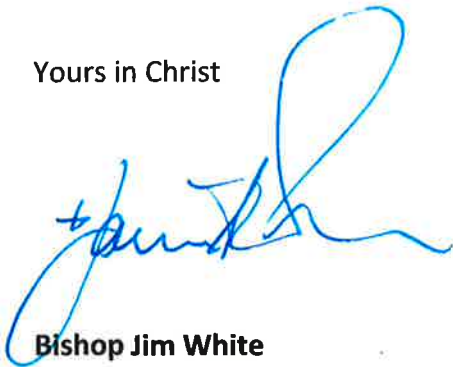
You will be aware that we are also conducting a video interview with each of the candidates. Once again the questions have been formulated by making use of the feedback from the Archdeaconry consultations. These recorded interviews will be shown at the Electoral College.

The Arrangements Committee will now be turning our attention to the more detailed matters of the Order Paper for the College. As soon as we have some details about that we will communicate them with you so that you know that as you prepare.

Finally, the Arrangements Committee has been informed that an amendment was made in 2012 to the Diocesan Statutes, but has not yet been included in the printed Statute book, covering the situation where a duly appointed lay synod rep is unable to attend, and allowing for an alternate lay member to be appointed in their place. Noting that the provision is limited to cases where a lay rep is "unable to attend". All that is required is for "the Vestry of that District" to appoint an alternate, and for that appointment to be notified either to the Bishop [in this case Bishop Jim White] or the Diocesan Manager [in effect, Debbie Flintoff debbie@calledout.org.nz] at least 14 days before the start of Synod. That person then has the right to speak and vote for the duration of that Session of Synod.

As an Electoral College is a form of Synod (and often called an Electoral Synod) these provisions therefore apply to the coming EC. and the 14 day notice period will expire on Thursday 11 May 2017. The Appointments Committee has taken steps to contact those places we believe are affected to inform them of this amendment to the Statute.

Yours in Christ



Bishop Jim White

Commissary for the Dunedin Electoral College