**Co-option of UK Minority Ethnic/Global Majority Heritage Participant Observers to the House of Bishops**

## Introduction

The House of Bishops is seeking to co-opt **three UKME/GMH participant observers**, two from the Province of York and one from the Province of Canterbury.

There is provision under the Standing Orders for ten UKME/GMH participant observers. There are currently four members of the House, and three suffragan members who will attend as observers. This leaves three further places to be filled from the list of UKME/GMH clerks in Holy Orders. As the seven bishops are from the Province of Canterbury, one place has been allocated to the Province of Canterbury and two places for the Province of York from those clerks in Holy Orders eligible to stand.

To be eligible to stand, you must have authority to officiate in either the Province of Canterbury or the Province of York, and you must have authority to officiate in either province for at least five years.

Those elected as participant observers will receive all papers, attend the House of Bishops meetings, have speaking rights but will not be able to vote.

**Nomination Form**

We, the undersigned, being qualified electors (i.e. members of the UKME/GMH electorate), hereby nominate the following person as a candidate in the election specified below.

(Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Name of candidate ………………………………………………………

Diocese ………………………………………

Postal address ………………………………….…………………………………………..

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Email address ……………...…….………...……………………….

Name of proposer ………………………………….…………………….

Signature of proposer …………………………………………………………

Name of seconder…….…………...…….………...……………………..

Signature of seconder…………………...…….…………………………….

**Consent statement**

I have authority to officiate in the Province of Canterbury/York Yes/No

I have been a Clerk in Holy Orders for at least five years Yes/No

I am willing to stand for co-option to the House of Bishops Yes/No

I consent to my data being processed as stated in the

Privacy Notice Yes/No

You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time, but if you do so, you will not be able to be nominated for co-option.

Signature of candidate ....………….……………………….…..….…………………………….

Date: …………………………

**Particulars of candidate**

Age …………………… (Year of birth …………………)

Statement for electors (not to exceed 250 words):

## *Please include relevant particulars of any past experience and professional qualifications. You should include a photograph.*

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Please return this form **not later than midday 19 April**.

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