

A message from the Bishopric Electoral Board

OPEN INFORMATION SESSION HELD

- Thank you very much to everyone who attended the Open Information after Synod on the 27th of May. Approx 105 people were in attendance.
- It was a wonderful opportunity to provide information to attendees about the process we are using to appoint our next Bishop. A copy of the information that was presented at the session will be uploaded onto our website www.bendigoanglican.org.au by close of business next Monday the 5th of June.
- It gave us the opportunity to answer many questions that were asked from attendees.
- A list of the Questions asked and the answers will be loaded onto our website www.bendigoanglican.org.au by close of business next Monday the 5th of June.
- Participants on the day also responded to several questions which provided some consistent themes back to the board about the current strengths, weaknesses and desirable qualities sought in our next Bishop. This was good feedback for the Board.
- ***For people who took the questionnaire away, please bring them with you to your local consultation, as similar questions will be asked.***

GROUP CONSULTATIONS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN JUNE

- We hope parishioners and clergy join in one of the many group consultations that will be organised during June.
- Leaders in each parish are asked to organise a consultation for their parishioners.
- Instructions on how to run the consultation, a list of questions, and instructions on how to provide the responses will all be uploaded onto the website www.bendigoanglican.org.au by the close of business next Monday (5th of June).
- Please ensure a representative from each parish accesses the information on the website, and organises the parish consultation.
- Other groups that will complete the group consultations will be the 5 Deaneries, the registry office, and OLM's/OPMs.
- The consultations should be complete by Friday 30 June, unless alternative arrangements have been made.

ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE AVAILABLE

- In addition to the group consultation, an online questionnaire will be loaded on the website www.bendigoanglican.org.au by close of business next Monday (5th June).
- Anyone should feel free to complete the online questionnaire individually. It will ask the same questions as those that are covered during the group consultation.
- This is provided for the following reasons;
 - For people who may have been unable to attend a group session.
 - For people who have divergent views to the consensus view of their group session.
 - For people who feel they may not have been heard during the group session.
 - For people who have thought further about their views and have something else to add; or
 - Anyone who wishes to contribute to the process for any reason.

Thank you for being involved in the planned consultations during June. The final output from this work will be a “Qualities and Requirements” document that will form part of the Diocesan Profile Pack for nominators and nominees. It will help inform the selection criteria for our new Bishop.

The consultations are a key next step in our selection process, and the Board is happy to advise that we are running in accordance with our expected timetable to this point.

Jenny Dawson
Chair, Electoral Board