

2020 Nelson Synod Elections

Summary of Positions and Nominations:

A Standing Committee: -

Clergy: Seat 2 (retiring member: Phil Greenwood) **3yr term**

Nominations received:

Stephen Hooper

Lay: Seat 5 (retiring member: Laurie Gabites) **3yr term**

Seat 6 (retiring member: Anna Pickersgill-Brown) **3yr term**

Seat 8 (currently vacant)

Nominations Received:

Laurie Gabites

B Diocesan Overseas Mission Council:

Seat 8 (retiring member: Dr John Palmer) **3yr term**

Nominations Received:

Dr John Palmer

C Board of Nomination: - Three year term 2 Clergy and 2 Lay

Clergy: Two positions (retiring members Rev Dr Andrew Burgess & Rev Simon Martin)

Nominations Received:

Rev Dr Andrew Burgess

Rev Simon Martin

Lay: Three positions (retiring: Mr Brandon Sparrow and Mrs Karen Hoddy)

Nominations Received

Brandon Sparrow

DULY ELECTED

As per Section 15.3 of the Diocesan Structures Statute; Section 5 f. of the DOMC Act and s3 of the Diocesan Pastors Appointment and Termination Act (for board of nomination) – if the number nominated shall not exceed the number to be elected, the President shall forthwith declare the persons so nominated to be duly elected.

The President declares –

Rev Stephen Hooper duly elected to the Standing Committee (S2) for a term of three years and

Mr Laurie Gabites duly elected to Standing Committee (S5) for a term of three years and

Dr John Palmer duly elected to the Diocesan Overseas Mission Council (S8) for a term of three years and

Rev Dr Andrew Burgess and Rev Simon Martin duly elected to the Board of Nomination for a term of three years and

Mr Brandon Sparrow duly elected to the Board of Nomination for a term of three years

As there were no further nominations no election will be required. The two lay vacancies on Standing Committee, and the lay vacancy on the Board of Nomination become casual vacancies and will be filled by Standing Committee.

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STANDING COMMITTEE Appointments

Clergy

- Rev Stephen Hooper



Stephen Hooper has a mix of cross-cultural ministry and professional experience. He has been Vicar of Holy Trinity, Richmond, since last year. He has been in ordained ministry in the Brisbane Diocese since 2012.

Stephen is a member of the Diocesan Social Justice Committee and Missions Council.

His previous work experiences include roles as an Employment lawyer and mediator and Chaplain with World Vision International

Lay

- Laurie Gabites



I am married to Jennifer and have a son Theo who attends Victoria University and is studying Law, Political Science and International Relations. The family live in Richmond and attend St Thomas in Motueka where I am a Synod person, on Vestry and the Vicar's Warden I am also a Parish Nominator. Jennifer is also active in the church as worship leader.

I grew up in Nelson and a parishioner at All Saints Church before moving away and pursuing a Police career. In the later part of my Police career I lived in Wellington and worshipped at St Luke's in Wadestown where I was a member of Vestry, People's Warden and a member of the Healing Team and a Parish Nominator.

A committed Christian I renewed my faith at the time Theo was confirmed by the Bishop at St Thomas in Motueka. I am also a current member of the Anglican Care Committee.

I have been involved in the safe community movement for the last 20 years and a Trustee and Board Member of the Safe Communities Foundation and a Board Member of the Pan Pacific Safe Communities Network. Over the last 18 months I have worked with the Wellington Boys and Girls Institute (BGI) which has a 133-year history of providing youth services in Wellington. My role has been to support them in strategic planning and business planning, development of a communication plan and support the development of staff appraisals. BGI is affiliated to St Johns Presbyterian Church in Wellington.

My Police service, community work and safe community involvement has been in the community with a focus on reducing family violence, public place violence and alcohol related harm. I am a member of two District Licensing Committees responsible for the local administration under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act and a member of the Benefit Review Committee for MSD.

My faith has always influenced my work and the roles I have undertaken have influenced my faith. In accepting nomination for Standing Committee, I believe my experience, community connections and my strong faith provides the opportunity to continue being a part of the wider Church in the Nelson Diocese. Thank you

DIOCESAN OVERSEAS MISSION COUNCIL Appointment

- Dr John Palmer



John has lived in Richmond for 29 years. He is married to Jean and they have three grown-up children and four grandchildren.

John is a retired research scientist, having worked in the UK until 1991 when he emigrated to NZ with his wife and family. For the last 14 years he and Jean have contributed to the life of Holy Trinity, Richmond, where Jean is currently Priest Assistant and John has been a lay rep on Nelson Diocesan Synod for the last 7 years.

After leaving university in the UK John spent 2 years in Nigeria which has contributed to his global vision. John revived the Missions Action Group at Holy Trinity, and has been a member of DOMC for the last 6 years. He is also a local speaker for Barnabas Aid.

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BOARD OF NOMINATION Appointments

Clergy

- **Rev Dr Andrew Burgess**



Andrew has been an ordained person in this Diocese for 25 years, as an Assistant, Associate, and Vicar. He is currently the Dean of Bishopdale Theological College.

- **Rev Simon Martin**



Simon is a mix of nationalities and cultural experience. He has been Vicar of All Saints, Nelson since 2012. Simon is also the Regional Dean for Nelson Deanery and a Canon at the Christ Church Cathedral, Nelson. His previous work experiences include as Hospital Chaplain and Paediatric Nurse.

Lay

- **Brandon Sparrow**



I was a member of Standing Committee for thirteen years, so I am familiar with the issues we face and the processes involved in making decisions. Coming from Golden Bay I bring a rural perspective. At the same time, in regard to all parishes, I try and make decisions impartially and after diligently weighing up all sides of an issue. I try to draw down at all times from the heavenly wisdom that comes from above (see James 3: 17) "The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere." Of course, I fail in this! But they remain the qualities I aspire to as a Christian. It's a privilege to serve in this Diocese.