

DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD

BISHOP'S MISSION ORDER FOR [CONNECT 2]

SCHEME FOR REPRESENTATION ON LEEK DEANERY SYNOD

Background

- (1) A Bishop's Mission Order, made on 24 September 2019, and renewed indefinitely on 24 September 2024 under Part 7 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, makes provision for the Mission Initiative known as Connect 2.
- (2) Pursuant to rule 27A of the Church Representation Rules ('the Rules'), the Diocesan Synod has been requested by the Bishop of Lichfield to provide for representation on Leek Deanery Synod of such persons to whom the Bishop's Mission Order relates as are specified in the Scheme set out below.
- (3) In accordance with section 82(2)(g) of the Measure, the Visitor of the Mission Initiative has been consulted.

Scheme

The Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Lichfield in exercise of the powers conferred by rule 24 of the Rules makes the following Scheme:

1. To the membership of the Leek Deanery Synod shall be added the following persons:

*House of Clergy*

The Clerks in Holy Orders licensed for the time being under the Bishop's Mission Order.

*House of Laity*

The leader of the BMO if the leader is a lay person.

Lay members (the number of elected members will be in accordance with the Diocesan Synod agreed representation for parishes) who are actual communicant members of the Church of England elected by the Annual Congregational Meeting of the Connect 2 BMO.

2. The lay members referred to in this Scheme shall be elected in such manner and shall serve for such term as if they were the 'parochial representatives of the laity' mentioned in rule 19 of the Church Representation Rules, and the Annual Congregational Meeting at which they were elected were held as if it were the 'annual meeting' mentioned in rule M1 of the Rules; and as if in all other respects (including the power of the Bishop to make special provision under rule 78) the Rules applied *mutatis mutandis* to the Mission Initiative.
3. This Scheme shall come into operation upon the 1st day of December 2024.

APPROVED in accordance with the provisions of rule 26(2) of the Rules with the assent of the House of Bishops and of a two-thirds majority of the Members of the House of Clergy and the House of Laity of the Lichfield Diocesan Synod present and voting at a session held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

SIGNED on the                      day of                      2024

.....  
Chair of the Diocesan Synod

.....  
Secretary to the Diocesan Synod