

DIOCESE OF EDINBURGH

Remit of Synod Clerk

Below is Canon 44 which sets out the rules for voting for the Synod Clerk:

CANON FORTY-FOUR OF THE OFFICE OF SYNOD CLERK

1. In every diocese there shall be a Synod Clerk elected by the voting Presbyters and Deacons present in the Diocesan Synod. Any voting Presbyter, other than the Dean, shall be eligible to be Synod Clerk. The person elected must have a majority of the votes given, but the Dean shall, as presiding officer in such elections, have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.
2. The appointment of any Synod Clerk after the date at which this Canon comes into force shall be for five years terminating at the conclusion of the fifth annual Diocesan Synod following the election. A Presbyter may be re-elected as Synod Clerk. The appointment shall be terminated if the Synod Clerk shall become Bishop or Dean of the diocese, or shall cease to be a voting member of the Diocesan Synod, or shall be sentenced to suspension after canonical trial, or if in the judgment of a majority of the Presbyters and Deacons present in Diocesan Synod and qualified to vote shall be found inefficient in the discharge of the duties of this office.
3. Anyone elected Synod Clerk shall not retain any Canonry previously held in the Cathedral of that Diocese unless that Canonry is annexed ex officio to that person's principal ministerial appointment.
4. During a vacancy in the office of Synod Clerk, or when the Synod Clerk is unable to act, a substitute may be appointed at the discretion of the Bishop for a specified occasion.

The current remit of the Synod Clerk in the Diocese of Edinburgh can be summarized as follows:

- Having oversight of the collection and collation of the Annual Congregational Statistics
- Welcoming new clergy to the Diocese, and organising support/mentors for them
- As a Diocesan Trustee, authorising many legal documents
- Convening the Walker Trust Bursary Committee