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A message from the Bishopric Electoral Board

- The Bishopric Electoral Board has met twice since my last update.
- We have appointed consultant Sandy Jones to assist the first phase of our process. This first phase is the broad consultation within our Diocese to inform the “Qualities and Requirements” that we are seeking in our new Bishop. Sandy is well experienced, having recently completed similar work for the Diocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Tasmania.
- We are working through the content that we plan on presenting to the Open Meeting scheduled to follow Synod on the 27th of May. In order to be as prepared as possible, we have been meeting each week during May.
- Our intent for this Open Meeting is to inform attendees of the process that will be followed for the appointment of our next Bishop. We will also use the opportunity to seek some initial feedback from attendees to help inform the “Qualities and Requirements” that we are seeking in our next Bishop.
- There will be plenty of time to take questions about our process during this meeting.
- I remind everyone that the meeting is on the 27th of May at 1.45pm at St Mary’s Kangaroo Flat. It is not limited to Synod attendees. This will not be the only opportunity for members of the Diocese to have their say. We are finalising our plans to ensure a variety of mechanisms will be used to ensure we maximise the opportunity for everyone to have input.
- Prayers to guide our process were distributed early May, and I commend their use to you all.

As always, I am happy to take any questions in relation to the process we are following. I can be contacted on 0408 384 805.

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Chair, Electoral Board