

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, MARINA

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CHAIRMAN ELECTORAL SUB-COMMITTEE

ON SUNDAY 12th JANUARY 2025

The Provost,
Members of the Clergy,
Fellow Parishioners,

Good Morning / Afternoon

On behalf of the Electoral Sub-Committee, I address you this morning/afternoon in respect of the vestry elections coming up on February 23, 2025.

Positions to be filled are:

- One (1) position for the “People’s Warden”
- Ten (10) positions as Members of the “Standing Committee.”
- Four (4) positions as “Synod delegates”.

I would like to inform parishioners of the key highlights for this year’s elections:

- The entire nomination process will be conducted on the Cathedral website via our dedicated elections section.
- A section containing all things elections will go live on Monday 13th of January 2025 on the website and will be updated regularly as applicable. This section titled “Vestry Elections 2025” will be on the landing page of the website.
- All candidates will have their profiles, a self-written write-up explaining why they want to serve and a video of not more than two minutes uploaded onto the website on Sunday, February 9, 2025.

CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS

- Candidates must be subscribed members, communicants and are not deprived under any law of suspension.
- Sponsors must be subscribed members, communicants and are not deprived under any law of suspension.
- Each candidate would require a sponsor
- No sponsor shall be allowed to sponsor more than the following:
 1. People's warden - 1 candidate
 2. Standing committee – 1 candidate
 3. Synod delegates – 1 candidate

It is the responsibility of the candidates to ensure that they and their sponsors keep to these rules or any as displayed on the elections section of the website, as any breach means the candidate has not been validly nominated. No correction shall be accepted with respect to the information entered on the website by the candidate/sponsor after 5 pm on Thursday, February 6, 2025. The electoral subcommittee encourages all aspiring parishioners to complete this process ahead of the deadline.

NOMINATION AND SUBMISSION OF FORMS

Candidates are expected to start and complete the application process on the church website. This process will commence on Monday, January 13, 2025, and close on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 5 pm.

After submission, candidates/sponsors will receive a confirmation email with timestamps as an acknowledgement of their submission. Please note that this only signifies submission and not a confirmation that the candidate will participate in the election.

The names of the candidates who meet the laid down criteria as well as their profiles will be published in the bulletin on Sunday, February 9 and on Sunday, February 16, 2025.

SUSTENTATION LIST

Parishioners are requested to please check the sustentation list and ensure all corrections are made before Thursday, February 6, 2025. Parishioners can confirm their sustentation status by using the link <https://www.thecathedrallagos.org/pay-portal> and typing their sustentation number or by contacting the office of the parish clerk.

The electoral sub-committee will ONLY work with the final copy provided by the Parish Office in preparing the voters list.

ELECTORAL PROCESS

The details of the process will be published in the Bulletin on February 9, 2025 and will also be available on the relevant portion of the website.

THE ELECTORATE

The electorate at the vestry meeting shall consist of all subscribing members of twenty-one years of age and upwards, who are baptized and are not deprived under any law of suspension. Please note that whereas the electoral sub-committee will put everything in place to ensure voters can exercise their voting rights without

hindrance, it is the responsibility of all subscribed members to ensure that they have checked their subscription status and updated their email details with the membership office on or before the close of business on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Please contact the membership office to confirm that your personal data is updated, especially your email address.

THE ELECTORAL SUBCOMMITTEE

I would like to introduce by name the electoral sub-committee members for the year 2025 and ask that you accord them your support as always while refraining from engaging them in election-related matters. The members of this sub-committee are:

1. Miss Omotaayo Adefeso
2. Mr. Michael Agbogidi
3. Arc. Ayomide Faji
4. Miss Chidinma Sunday
5. Mr. Ade Martins

The Electoral sub-committee commits to conducting the elections in a confidential, fair, transparent and secure manner.

All questions should be directed via email to elections@thecathedrallagos.org

Thank you and have a blessed week.

Adepehin Martins

Chairman, 2025 Electoral Sub-Committee