



The Diocese meets at a **Diocesan Synod** which consists of the Bishop, clergy and between 2 and 5 lay (non-clergy) representatives from each parish for each clergyperson. The Synod meets once a year and looks after the 3 'Fs' for the diocese. It can also form various committees to work on its behalf and elects a council to manage its day-to-day work

Diocesan Synod will elect representatives to the General Synod.

The whole church is represented by the **General Synod**. It has 2 'Houses', a House of Bishops (12 in all from each diocese) and a House of Representatives drawn from every diocese with 2 laity for each clergy. The General Synod can make laws that affect the whole church. It is the only body that can alter the worship or doctrine (beliefs) of the Church of Ireland or express its opinion.

From the General Synod a Standing Committee is elected to administer its affairs on a day-to-day basis and a Representative Church Body is formed to control the finances of the central church and to hold property for the Church of Ireland.

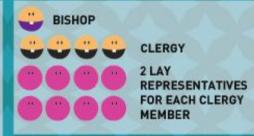


General Vestry

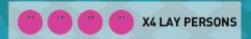
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RECTOR X2 CHURCH WARDENS X2 GLEBE WARDENS X12 OTHER MEMBERS

Diocesan Synod



Parochial Nominators



General Synod



