DIOCESE of WINCHESTER

SCHEME FOR REPRESENTATION OF MISSION INITIATIVES ON A DEANERY SYNOD
made by the Diocesan Synod in accordance with Rule 24 of the Church Representation Rules

Approved by the Diocesan Synod at its meeting held on _____

1. Preamble

1.1. This Scheme is made in accordance with Rule 24 of the Church Representation Rules in order to provide for representation of Mission Initiatives on a Deanery Synod.

2. The Relevant Deanery Synod

2.1. In this Scheme, "the relevant Deanery Synod" shall mean:

a) if the area of the Mission Initiative is wholly within the area of a single Deanery, the Deanery Synod of that Deanery;

b) if the area of the Mission Initiative is in more than one Deanery, such Deanery Synod as the Bishop shall direct in writing.

2.1. For the avoidance of doubt, the Bishop may direct a clerk in Holy Orders, deaconess or lay worker to be a member of a different Deanery Synod in accordance with Rule 17, notwithstanding paragraph 2.1 of this Scheme.

3. Clergy

3.1. Any clerk in Holy Orders licensed to a Mission Initiative shall be a member of the House of Clergy of the relevant Deanery Synod.

4. Laity

4.1. The Mission Initiative shall appoint lay representatives to the House of Laity of the relevant Deanery Synod from the persons entered on its Mission Initiative Roll

4.2. The Mission Initiative may appoint its lay representatives by election at an appropriate meeting, or by such other process as the Leader of the Mission Initiative shall propose, provided that the process of election or appointment shall first be approved by the Bishop in writing.

4.3. The number of lay representatives to be appointed by the Mission Initiative shall be determined with reference to the formula passed from time to time by resolution of the Diocesan Synod in accordance with Rule 19(2) of the Church Representation Rules (number of parochial representatives to be elected from each parish), and interpreted as if its Mission Initiative Roll were an Electoral Roll.

5. Interpretation

5.1. In this Scheme:

a) “Mission Initiative” shall mean an initiative in respect of which the Bishop has made an Bishop’s Mission Order in accordance with Part 7 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011;

b) “Mission Initiative Roll” shall have the same meaning as in Rule 27A of the Church Representation Rules.

c) “Bishop” shall mean the Bishop of Winchester;

d) All other words or phrases shall, where applicable, have the same meaning as in the Church Representation Rules.