**Notes for Board members**

The Trustee Board is the ultimate governance body for the Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance, serving as stewards of the diocese’s resources, and is ultimately responsible for its strategy, operations, adherence to law and regulation and financial management. Trustees serve on a voluntary basis, and meet 6 times a year.

The chair will ensure that the Board operatives effectively in the consideration, iteration and approval of the strategy agreed by Diocesan Synod and in support of its mission and values.

Trustees will assist the chair in ensuring the charity operates efficiently and effectively to fulfil its objectives, safeguarding the interests of the charity’s beneficiaries and providing oversight of stakeholder interests.

Trustees will be responsible for:

 ensuring high standards of governance and risk management.

 is as diverse as possible and provides the range of knowledge, skills and experience necessary to deliver its vision and strategic objectives.

 ensuring the organisation is accountable and transparent in its activities.

 ensuring compliance with relevant charitable and company legislation.

A good trustee will be

Generous with their support and willingly offer their own skills, expertise and networks.

An excellent communicator

A critical friend, challenging with good intent

Open to feedback and challenge, able to listen, share and establish relationships in a safe and supportive way

A good team player and time keeper, maintaining a focus on the bigger picture

1 know the diocese’s mission, policies, programs, and needs as well as understand its collective purpose

2 faithfully read and understand the diocese’s financial statements and board materials in advance of meetings

3 serve as active advocates and ambassadors for the diocese

4 prepare for, attend, and conscientiously participate in board meetings

participate fully in one or more committees and advisory groups

7 engage in learning opportunities to better understand the community we serve

8 respect the experiences of all who bring their voices and lived experiences into the boardroom and the diocese/DBF