Notice in Support of Nominee for Gavin Perkins for Casual Standing Committee Position - Wollongong Region

Gavin Perkins has a range of experiences and strengths that we consider to be an excellent fit for the work of Standing Committee.

Gavin has an extremely high intellect and academic capacity, matched with a deep commitment to ministry in the local church as fundamental to the purposes of God in the world.

After completing BD and MA study at Moore College, he is near completing Doctor of Ministry degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (Leadership and Ministry Management) and is due to graduate in December 2020. The focus of his project in this course is 'Training the Local Church for Evangelism in a Secular Age', which is a good indication of his enthusiasm for both pastoral and theological reflection applied to issues of mission and discipleship in the local church.

Although relatively new to the Senior Minister role (Rector of Bowral since Feb 2018) he does not lack ministry experience, having served for 13 years as an Assistant Minister at two large and dynamic Sydney parishes (St lves and North Sydney). It is the coupling of his intellect with compassion and care for the wellbeing of his parish that has been personally witnessed by the nominees and is the key reason for our desire to nominate Gavin for this role. Alongside that pastoral ministry experience, Gavin also led the establishment of the Cornhill Sydney preaching training course, directing and teaching the course for its first six years (2012-2017).

Gavin has a sharp mind with a proven capacity to quickly grasp and integrate complex ideas – a necessary strength for the work of Standing Committee.

Gavin also serves on the Sydney Diocesan Doctrine Commission (since 2013) and is currently the only member of the group engaged in regular parish ministry. He is also a member of the Shore School Council and would bring important insights from our Anglican Schools as they face a rapidly changing cultural context.

We are confident Gavin would bring his deep theological reflection on pastoral ministry and practice to Standing Committee, and would immediately be able to make an excellent contribution to its work.

Signed by the Nominators:

Peter Evans

First Nominator

Elizabeth Malcolm

Second Nominator

Signed by the Nominee:

Gavin Perkins

Nominee