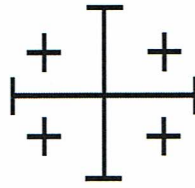


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Primacy election in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East

The Synod of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East met in Amman, Jordan on 16-17 May 2017. Archbishop Mouneer Hanna Anis, the outgoing Primate, invited The Right Revd Tim Dakin, the Bishop of Winchester, to open the Synod with prayer and reflection. He led a Bible study on the subject of servant apostles using Ephesians 3, in preparation for the election of a new Primate.

The Synod, after prayerful discernment, reached a unanimous decision to elect Archbishop Suheil Dawani of the Diocese of Jerusalem as the next Primate of the Province from 17 May 2017 for a period of two and a half years ending on 16 November 2019, to be followed by Bishop Michael Lewis of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf as the Primate of the Province from 17 November 2019 for a period of two and a half years ending on 16 May 2022.

We congratulate both Archbishop Suheil and Bishop Michael on their appointments, and we give thanks for Archbishop Mouneer's service as our Primate since 2007. We also give thanks to Bishop Tim Dakin for his gracious contribution.

The Synod appointed The Revd Dr Albert Walters as the Vicar General for the Diocese of Iran for a six month period.

The Synod also elected Mrs Georgia Katsantonis as the Provincial Secretary and Mr Ehab Edward as the Provincial Treasurer.

Please uphold the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East in your prayers.