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(as on 1 July 2018)

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STANDING ORDERS

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General

1. The Holy Bible and the Book of Common Prayer shall lie on the table of the Synod Hall.

2. Each day's proceedings shall open with a reading from Holy Scripture and prayer, during which time the doors shall be closed.

3. The hours for the Synod when in ordinary session shall be as follows:

   First day: 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.; 2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. or, if the first and second readings of all Bills sent to the members with the summonses have not then been concluded, until such later hour as the Synod shall determine.

   Second day: 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.; 2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

   Third day: 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.; 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. or such other hour as the Synod may determine.

Provided that:

   (a) The Standing Committee may by Resolution determine that –

      i. the number of days of the Synod; and/or

      ii. the hour at which the Synod shall commence on any day shall be otherwise than as stated above.

   (b) The Synod by Resolution assented to by at least two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting thereon may (unless the Bishops present by a majority object) prolong the period of any sitting to such hour as may be named in such Resolution.

The hours for the Synod when in special session shall be specified in the notice convening the meeting.

4. (a) Notice of each ordinary meeting of the General Synod shall be sent by post to every member thereof at least 21 days before the day fixed for such meeting.

   (b) Notice of each special meeting of the General Synod shall be sent by post to every member thereof at least 7 days before the day fixed for such meeting.
5. Every member shall be furnished with a card of admission by the honorary secretaries, to be presented at the door of the house: and without such card no person, save members of the Representative Body and its Chief Officer and Secretary, the assessors, and other officers of the Synod, and representatives of Churches invited by the General Synod or by the Standing Committee, shall be admitted to the body of the Synod Hall. Strangers may, on the introduction of a member, be admitted to the gallery, subject to such conditions in this behalf as may be laid down by the Synod. They shall not be admitted to the body of the Synod Hall unless by leave of the house.

6. Reporters shall be admitted to such part of the Synod Hall as the Synod may appoint except when the Synod shall exclude them by standing order or by an express vote.

7. Four honorary secretaries, two clerical and two lay, shall be elected by their respective orders from among their own members. Any casual vacancy may be filled by the Standing Committee provided always that the clerical or lay representative so elected by the Standing Committee shall be deemed to hold office only until the day previous to the next meeting of the General Synod.

8. On the first day of each ordinary session the President shall appoint as Assessor a person having legal qualifications and experience of the form of government of the Church. The Assessor shall hold office until immediately prior to the following ordinary session and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

9. When the President shall have taken the Chair, no member shall continue standing, except when addressing the Chair.

10. No member shall pass between the Chair and a member who is speaking.

11. If it appear on notice being taken that a quorum is not present, the President shall thereupon adjourn the Synod, without question put, until an hour to be named by the President, or until the next day of meeting, as he shall think fit.

12. A motion to suspend Standing Orders may be moved without notice and to be passed such motion shall require the consent of three-fourths of the members present and voting.

13. All questions of order and relevance shall be decided by the President.

14. The President shall regulate the proceedings of the Synod in all matters not provided for in these Orders by analogy to parliamentary practice.

**Rules of Debate**

15. Every member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Chair, and when two or more members shall rise simultaneously to address the Chair the President shall decide which of them shall speak.

16. The President shall confine each speaker to the subject-matter of debate; it shall not be in order for any member to interrupt the speaker, except through the medium of the President.
17. Whenever the President rises during a debate, any member speaking or offering to speak shall sit down so that the President may be heard without interruption.

18. No speech of more than five minutes' duration shall be permitted except
   (a) the proposer of the reports of the Standing Committee and the Representative Body, who may speak for fifteen minutes each; and
   (b) the seconder of the reports of the Standing Committee and the Representative Body and the proposer of any other report or of any bill, who may speak for ten minutes;
   provided that the President, having regard to the circumstances, including the gravity or complexity of the subject of the debate and the time available for the disposal of business, may decide that compliance with the above restrictions ought to be waived in regard to a particular speech.

19. The President shall leave the Chair when desiring to take part in a debate.
   (Note - Appointment to the Chair - see appendix)

20. The proposer of a motion shall have a right of reply, but otherwise a member shall not be permitted to speak more than once on the same question except on the committee stage of a bill. The seconder of a motion or amendment may reserve the right to make a speech to any period of the debate.

21. Members of the Representative Body and its Chief Officer and Secretary shall be entitled to address the House on any question before it. Ecumenical guests shall be entitled to address the House on reports and motions, but shall not be entitled to address the house on bills. Only those who are members of the House shall be entitled to vote.

Bills

22. Notice of motion for leave to bring in bills for specified purposes may be sent to the honorary secretaries of the Synod with the proposed bill at any time not less than one week before the day appointed for the opening of the session of the Synod, and shall appear on the Agenda for the first day of such session; provided that any bill which is lodged with the honorary secretaries not less than six weeks before the first day of the session shall be printed and sent to the members with the summonses.

23. On leave being asked to bring in a bill, the name or names of the member or members proposing to bring in the bill shall be stated and the name or names shall be printed with the bill.

24. (a) At the first ordinary session of each Synod a Bills Committee consisting of six members with the Assessor ex officio shall be elected to hold office until immediately prior to the first ordinary session of the following General Synod.
(b) The Bills Committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Synod to consider legal and drafting aspects of the Bills being presented. The proposer of each Bill shall be notified of the date and place of meeting, and the proposer or the proposer’s nominee shall be entitled to participate during the consideration of such Bill.

(c) It shall be competent for the Synod to refer to the Bills Committee any amendments which may be proposed during the progress of a Bill through the Synod.

25. Bills shall be considered in the order of lodgement thereof with the honorary secretaries, save that bills introduced at the request of the Synod or the House of Bishops or the Standing Committee or the Representative Body or the Pensions Board shall have priority over other bills.

26. Where there are for consideration two or more bills dealing with the same subject matter, the President, if of the opinion that it is advisable so to do, may direct that the question be not put on the second reading of any such bills until there shall have been a debate on the second reading of the other or others.

27. Notice of any amendment proposed to a bill shall be given in writing to the honorary secretaries. (And see S.O.s Nos. 34 to 39.)

28. In the case of any Ordinary Bill which has been printed and sent to the members with the summonses, no amendment shall be considered, save with the leave of the Synod, unless it has been notified to the honorary secretaries on or before the Friday next preceding the session of the Synod; and in the case of such bill (not being a bill to which Standing Order 30 refers) the Synod, if it thinks fit, may proceed on the day of the first reading to the second reading and consideration in committee.

29. Procedure on Ordinary Bills (Ch. 1 sec. 25 of the Constitution) shall be as follows:-

(a) Introduction and First Reading

The member moving for leave to introduce a bill shall be permitted to make a brief explanatory statement of not more than ten minutes’ duration, and if the motion is opposed, a member opposing may make a statement in opposition of not more than ten minutes’ duration. The member moving for leave may postpone making a statement until after the member opposing has spoken.

Only the one speech in support of, and one in opposition to, the motion may be made, and the question shall then be put without amendment or further debate; provided that in the case of a bill proposed to be introduced at the request of the Synod or the House of Bishops or the Standing Committee or the Representative Body or the Pensions Board the resolution giving leave to introduce it shall be put without debate unless notice of intention to oppose the resolution has been given to the honorary secretaries of the Synod on or before the Friday next preceding the meeting of the Synod.

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Leave to introduce having been given, the bill shall be read a first time, without debate, and an order made fixing a day for the Second Reading.

(b) Second Reading

On the motion “That the bill be now read a second time”, the debate, if any, shall be confined to the question whether the Synod approves the proposal in principle, matters of detail being postponed to the committee stage. The only amendment which may be moved to this motion is one proposing to delete all or some of the words after “That,” and the substitution of words which state some reason against the bill being read a second time forthwith.

The bill having been read a second time, an order shall be made fixing a day for consideration in Committee of the whole Synod.

(c) Consideration in Committee

The Committee of the whole Synod shall consider the bill, clause by clause, together with any relevant amendments which may be proposed, the preamble being taken last. The bill, with or without amendments, shall then be reported to the Synod and an order made fixing a day for consideration on report.

(d) Consideration on Report

On the order for consideration of a bill on report being read, the Synod may consider amendments which arise out of consideration on the committee stage and of which notice has been given the previous day: Provided that amendments rejected in committee shall not be in order. Amendments may also be made without notice if in the opinion of the President they involve merely matters of drafting or the correction of grammatical or clerical errors.

When the bill has received any relevant consideration, an order shall be made fixing a day for the third reading; provided that such order, together with that made under para. (c) above, must permit, unless the Synod otherwise direct, for a clear day being interposed between consideration in Committee and the third reading.

(e) Third Reading

On the motion “That the bill be now read a third time and passed,” any debate shall be confined to what is provided in the bill.

30. Procedure on Special Bills (Ch. 1 sec. 26 of the Constitution) shall be as for Ordinary Bills; provided that:-

(a) Leave to introduce such a bill may only be given at an ordinary session of the Synod; leave having been given, the bill shall be deemed to have been read a first time, but it shall not be processed further until the next ordinary session when it will come before the Synod for second reading. No amendment to such a Bill may be moved at the first reading stage, but notice of any such amendment
must be given at this stage provided that written notice of any such amendment if received by the Honorary Secretaries within one calendar month of the end of this Ordinary Session shall be deemed to have been given at the first reading stage. Amendments, of which notice has been given at the first reading stage, may be moved at the committee stage, and no other amendment may then be moved except any dealing with omissions, grammatical or clerical errors.

(b) Copies of the resolution giving leave to introduce shall be sent to each diocesan synod within one month after the ending of the session at which the resolution was passed.

(c) The consent of not less than two-thirds of each order, present and voting, shall be required to pass the motions (i) for leave to introduce the bill, (ii) that the bill be now read a second time, and (iii) that the bill be now read a third time and passed, and

(d) Debate on the motion that leave to introduce be given shall be governed by the rules of debate without the limitations imposed by S.O. 29(a).

Motions

31. (a) A notice of motion (other than a notice of motion referred to in (d) or (e) of this Order) shall be delivered to the Honorary Secretaries not less than one month before the day appointed for the opening of the session of the Synod at which the motion is to be moved.

(b) A notice of motion duly delivered to the Honorary Secretaries in accordance with (a) of this Order shall be sent to the members of the Synod with the Summons for the Synod at which the motion is to be moved. Such notice shall also be printed on the agenda for the 1st day of such Synod, and may be taken into consideration without further notice.

(c) A notice of motion shall be signed by the intended mover or by some member on the mover’s behalf.

(d) A notice of motion received during a session of the Synod shall be read to the Synod by one of the Honorary Secretaries on such day as the President shall direct, but such motion shall not be taken into consideration until the next following session unless:-

(i) it arises out of business already transacted at the session at which it is received, or

(ii) The President and a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting consent to its being taken into consideration at the session at which it is received.

If a motion is taken into consideration under (i) or (ii) it shall be taken into consideration on such day as the President shall direct.
(iii) A Notice of Motion received during a Session of the Synod shall be signed by the intended mover with a written indication of support signed by five other members.

(iv) The full text of such a Motion shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretaries, shall be read to the Synod by one of the Honorary Secretaries on such day as the President shall direct and such Motion shall be made available for consideration by all members of the Synod as soon as possible after receipt from the person proposing the Motion and in any event not later than 12 noon on the final day of the Session unless in exceptional circumstances the President directs otherwise.

(v) All amendments to any such Motion shall be delivered in writing to the Honorary Secretaries and the text of such amendments shall be made available for consideration by all members of the Synod as soon as possible after receipt from the person tabling the amendment and in any event not later than 1.00 p.m. on the third day of the Synod unless the President shall direct otherwise.

(vi) Any such Motion which is not taken into consideration under (i) or (ii) above shall be sent to the members of the Synod with the Summonses for the next following Session.

(c) A motion may be moved without notice by the unanimous leave of the Synod.

32. Motions shall be set down in the order in which the notices were given, provided that motions relating to the same subject shall be taken consecutively and provided that motions relating to any committee or board or commission shall be taken in conjunction with the report of such committee or board or commission.

33. A motion which does not propose that action be taken beyond its publication or transmission to certain persons shall not be moved unless the permission of the Synod has been previously obtained. When such a motion has been submitted the President shall put the question that leave be given to the member desiring to propose the motion to do so, and a vote shall be taken on this question without debate.

34. No motion or amendment, except in Committee, shall be taken into consideration unless it be seconded; but, if seconded, it shall not be withdrawn without the leave of the Synod.

Amendments

35. A question having been proposed may be amended (a) by leaving out specified words or (b) by inserting in lieu of specified words included therein other specified words, or (c) by adding or inserting specified words; provided that an amendment which is in effect a direct negative to the question may not be moved.

All amendments shall be delivered in writing to the honorary secretaries.

36. All amendments shall be put according to the priority of the words proposed to be inserted in or omitted from the clause under consideration, and, except by leave of the
Synod, no amendment may be proposed in any part of a question after a later part has been amended.

37. The question to be put in regard to any proposed amendment shall in all cases be whether the proposed amendment be made.

38. (a) At any time before the question has been put in regard to any proposed amendment the mover thereof may with the leave of the Synod alter the terms thereof, but no other amendment to a proposed amendment shall be in order.

(b) When an amendment has been made, the question thus amended becomes the substantive question and further amendments may then be proposed.

39. Where amendments have been made, the main question as amended shall be put and where no amendments have been made the question shall be put as originally proposed.

40. The Synod may order a complicated question to be divided.

Enforced Closure of Debate

41. (a) At any time after a question has been proposed in the Synod, or in a Committee of the whole Synod, a member may claim to move “that the question be now put,” and, unless it shall appear to the President that such a motion is an abuse of Standing Orders, it shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

(b) At any time after a question has been proposed in the Synod a member who considers that a vote on the question is undesirable may claim to move “that the Synod do now pass from this question to its next business,” and, unless it shall appear to the President that such a motion is an abuse of Standing Orders, it shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

(c) The proposer of a closure motion under (a) or (b) above may not interrupt a speaker to do so, and the President, before putting such motion, shall read the original motion (or the motion as amended as the case may be) which was being debated.

(d) If a closure motion under (a) or (b) above is negatived this shall not of itself preclude the proposal of (i) further amendments and (ii), at the discretion of the President, further closure motions, upon the subject in debate.

Motion for Adjournment of Debate or of the Synod

42. No discussion shall be permitted on a motion for adjournment; but the question shall be put immediately from the Chair, and decided by a show of hands on such motion, or by a division, if called for.

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43. No adjournment of a debate or of the Synod may be moved if a similar motion on the same subject has been made within the preceding hour.

**Voting Procedure**

44. (a) When any question is to be put to the Synod or to a Committee of the whole Synod, the President shall rise and announce that “The question is that ...” thereupon reading or stating the question, and shall require that as many as are of that opinion shall say “Aye” and as many as are of the contrary opinion shall say “No”. The President shall judge from the answers to such requests and state the result, as an opinion, of putting the question.

(b) After the President shall have stated the result, as an opinion, of the putting of any question, any member may call for a vote upon that question. If a vote is not called for, the President shall forthwith declare the result to be that which had previously been expressed as an opinion.

(c) When a vote is called for, it shall be taken by show of hands unless 20 members request a division; and the President, before calling for a show of hands, shall afford sufficient opportunity for requests to be made for a division or for a vote by orders.

(d) A vote by orders shall be taken if ten members of either order or the provisions of Ch. 1 sec. 25 of the Constitution so require, and such vote shall be by show of hands unless a division is requested by the requisite number of members.

(e) When a division is to be taken, an interval of five minutes shall be allowed after which the doors shall be closed and the question put a second time. The President shall appoint two tellers for each side and order the House to divide; whereupon every member of the House of Representatives present, and wishing to vote, shall record an opinion by passing into the lobby with the “Ayes” or with the “Noes”. At the conclusion of the voting the tellers, having added their own votes, shall report the result to the President, who shall communicate it to the Synod.

(f) No question shall be deemed to be carried in the House of Representatives unless, in the case of both orders voting together, there is a majority in favour of the same of the representatives voting thereon, or in the case of the votes being taken by orders there is a majority in favour of the same of the representatives of each order voting thereon. (But see S.O. 29(c) in the case of Special Bills.)

45. When a division is called for, it shall be taken, notwithstanding that the time may have arrived at which, according to standing orders, the Synod ought to adjourn, or proceed to some other business.

(Note - Voting by bishops in Synod - see appendix)

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Committees of the Synod

46. All committees of the Synod appointed at one session, and ordered to report at the following session of the Synod, shall lay their report upon the table within the first two days of the session, accompanied by such resolutions as may be necessary.

47. The Synod may order any resolutions, presented by committees upon the first day of the session, to be taken into consideration without further notice.

48. When a motion for the appointment of a committee is carried, the mover thereof shall then, or at the next meeting of the Synod, move the appointment of the members proposed to serve on the Committee, one of whom shall be named as convener. The name of the mover of the resolution for the Committee shall be included in the list of proposed members, provided that this shall not be obligatory when the resolution has been moved on behalf of the House of Bishops, the Standing Committee or the Representative Body.

49. No committee shall, without leave of the Synod, consist of more than fifteen members. Each Committee shall appoint its own chairperson.

50. Every report of a committee requiring action shall be accompanied by a resolution or resolutions for the consideration of the Synod, and the mere adoption by the Synod of a report of a committee shall not be an authority for the expenditure of money.

Request for Information

51. If any member ask for information with regard to the business of any committee, either of the Synod or of the Representative Body, it shall be the duty of the chairperson of such committee, or of some other member thereof or of the Chief Officer and Secretary of the Representative Body, if so requested, to reply: Provided that at least one clear day's notice of such question shall have been given. The terms of all such requests received by the Honorary Secretaries not less than one week before the first day of a session of the Synod shall be printed on the agenda for the said first day. Any such requests shall be answered on each day of the session at 2 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

Allocation of Money in the Hands of the R.C.B.

52. No resolution relating to the allocation of money in the hands of the Representative Body other than (a) money to the credit of the General Purposes Fund, or (b) for the payment of the expenses of the Synod and its committees shall be put to the Synod until a report from the Representative Body on the subject shall have been first obtained.

Separate Consideration by Bishops of Any Matter in Debate

53. When the bishops shall express their wish to consider separately any matter in debate, and upon such separate consideration shall think fit to communicate to the Synod their
opinion upon such matter, the communication so made shall be inserted in the printed orders of the day, and shall come before the Synod in due course for its consideration.

54. If the communication so made shall relate to a bill previously discussed in committee, and then awaiting its third reading, the publication as aforesaid of such communication shall of itself have the effect of re-committing the bill for further consideration upon the subject of such communication, but for no other purpose.

(Note - Voting by bishops in Synod - see appendix)

Orders of the Day

55. Prior to each session of the Synod the honorary secretaries shall prepare an agenda paper which shall include (a) all items required by the Constitution or Standing Orders to be discharged by the Synod, (b) all items which the Synod at a previous session has directed to be included, and (c) all bills, reports and notices of intention to propose motions or amendments which have been received by them by the appointed date. Motions relating to any committee, board or commission shall be placed on the agenda paper in conjunction with the report of the appropriate committee, board or commission.

56. On the first day at such time as the President shall deem appropriate and in any event not later than 12 noon, the Synod shall consider a motion or motions to be presented by the honorary secretaries with the approval of the President to allocate the time available under Standing Order 3 between the items listed on the agenda paper. In allocating the Synod's time the Honorary Secretaries shall bear in mind that the first priority of the Church of Ireland is spiritual not material. On the adoption of such motion or motions (with or without amendments) business shall be conducted in accordance therewith. Such motion or motions shall include provision of not less than two hours each for consideration of the reports of the Standing Committee and the Representative Body.

57. The minutes of the proceedings of the session as certified by the honorary secretaries shall be presented to the next meeting of the Standing Committee and shall be confirmed by the signature of the Chairperson.

Consideration of the General State of the Church

58. On any day of meeting it shall be open to any member, at an hour when motions have precedence, to move that in priority to all other motions the Synod shall proceed to take into consideration the general state of the Church, its progress, prospects and needs. Such motion shall be put without discussion.

59. On such motion being passed, any subject then brought forward by any of the bishops shall have precedence of all others.

60. During such consideration neither strangers nor reporters shall be admitted to any part of the Synod hall or gallery.

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61. Such consideration, if not sooner concluded, shall automatically cease at the expiration of one hour, unless prolonged by a special vote.

62. It shall not be necessary for a member bringing forward any subject to conclude with a resolution.

63. A separate record of the proceedings during such consideration shall be kept, and shall be authenticated by the signature of the President before the resumption of the business of the Synod.

64. During such consideration the discussion shall be regulated by the President, whose decision shall be final in all matters not provided for in the foregoing orders.

**Petitions**

65. A petition in writing may be made by any person or persons of the age of 18 years or upwards being a member or members of the Church of Ireland. Such petition shall be sent to the honorary secretaries of the Synod not later than one week before the day appointed for the meeting of the Synod. Any such petition shall be presented to the Synod by a member thereof and shall be referred to the Petitions Committee which shall be elected at the first session of each Synod.

**APPENDIX**

**Voting by Bishops in Synod**

Procedure relative to voting by the bishops at meetings of the General Synod is in accordance with the provisions contained in the following sections of Chapter I of the Constitution:

20. If at any time the bishops express their wish to consider separately any matter in debate, the further discussion of that matter shall be postponed until the bishops shall have had the opportunity of so doing.

21. The bishops shall vote separately from the representatives, and no question shall be deemed to have been carried unless there be in its favour a majority of the bishops present, if they desire to vote, and a majority of the clerical and lay representatives present voting conjointly or by orders: Provided always, that if a question affirmed by a majority of the clerical and lay representatives present and voting, conjointly or by orders, but in favour of which there shall not be a majority of the bishops, shall be re-affirmed at the next ordinary session of the General Synod, by not less than two-thirds of the clerical and lay representatives present and voting conjointly or by orders, it shall be deemed to be carried, unless it be negatived by not less than two-thirds of the then members of the House of Bishops, the said two-thirds being present and voting, and giving their reasons in writing.

22. The bishops shall not vote until after the declaration of the votes of the clerical and lay representatives. If they desire to vote, the bishops may withdraw from the General Synod for that purpose, and may reserve the declaration of their vote until the following day.

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Appointment to the Chair

Procedure relative to the appointment to the Chair at meetings of the General Synod is in accordance with the provisions contained in the following section of Chapter I of the Constitution:

18. The President may, at his discretion, invite any member of the House of Bishops to take the Chair for such period during a session as the President may determine; any person so taking the Chair shall have, and may exercise, all the powers and functions conferred by Standing Orders on the President.

Venue for the meeting of the General Synod

In the Standing Orders of the General Synod the expression ‘Synod Hall’, wherever it occurs, shall be deemed to include the room in any building in which, for the time being, the General Synod of the Church of Ireland is meeting in Ordinary or in Special Session.
This pamphlet contains those Bills which were lodged with the honorary secretaries at least six weeks before the first day of the session.

A Bill is a proposal for legislation which, if passed, will become a Statute, binding on all members of the Church of Ireland. The procedure is designed to ensure that the proposed legislation is considered carefully, both in principle and in detail, and that there is a day’s interval for reflection before final approval is given.

The Bills will be taken into consideration in the order in which they appear in this pamphlet, unless the Synod directs otherwise. On the first stage, the proposer moves “That leave be given to introduce Bill no. ___” unless leave has been given in the previous session. This is a formal motion which is normally put to the Synod without debate, but in certain circumstances one speech in support of the motion, and one in opposition to it, may be permitted.

If that motion is passed, the Synod proceeds to the Second Reading, when the principles of the Bill are open to debate. At the conclusion of the debate on this stage, the motion “That the Bill be approved in principle and given a second reading” is put to the Synod. If this motion is passed, indicating that the Synod approved the Bill in principle, the Committee stage follows.

In the case of Special Bills leave to introduce such a Bill may be given only at an ordinary session of the Synod; leave having been given, the Bill shall be deemed to have been read a first time, but it shall not be processed further until the next ordinary session when it will come before the Synod for second reading.

On the Committee stage, the Bill is considered in detail, the clauses being put to the Synod one by one for debate and decision. The clauses are taken first in their order; then, the schedules (if any); and, finally, the Preamble (the introductory matter). Amendments, notice of which was given to the honorary secretaries not later than the Friday before the session, will appear on the agenda paper for the first day; no other amendment may be moved on Committee stage except with the leave of the Synod. An amendment is taken on the clause to which it relates, and is disposed of before the clause itself is put to the Synod.
In the case of Special Bills, an amendment can be moved on Committee stage only if notice has been given in the previous session except for any dealing with omissions or grammatical errors.

When the Committee stage has been concluded, the Bill is reported to the Synod, and a day – usually the third day – is fixed for the remaining stages.

On the third day the Report stage is taken. Any amendments which have been lodged with the honorary secretaries before the close of business on the second day will appear on the supplemental agenda paper for the third day. After these amendments have been disposed of – or immediately if there are not any amendments – the Synod proceeds to the Third Reading. At this stage, debate is confined to the provisions of the Bill, and at its conclusion the motion “That the Bill be now read a third time and passed” is put to the Synod.

A simple majority of the House of Representatives is required to pass any and every motion during the passage of a Bill through the Synod, except when

(a) a vote by orders has been requisitioned by ten members of either order (which may be done on any motion), in which case a simple majority of each order, voting separately, is required.

(b) a two-thirds majority of each order, voting separately, is required to pass the Second Reading and the Third Reading of a Bill which proposes a modification or alteration in the articles, doctrines, rites, rubrics or formularies of the Church.

For fuller information on Bill procedure reference should be made to Part II of Chapter I of the Constitution and to the Standing Orders. A leaflet on Bill procedure is available on application to the Honorary Secretaries.
The following Bills were lodged with the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod before 29th March 2018:

**BILL NO. 1**

**VERY REV NIGEL DUNNE**  
**THE BISHOP OF DOWN AND DROMORE**  
(at the request of the General Synod)

Explanatory Memorandum  
To include An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays in *The Book of Common Prayer*

**BILL NO. 2**

**VERY REV NIGEL DUNNE**  
**VERY REV GERALD FIELD**  
(at the request of the General Synod)

Explanatory Memorandum  
To provide for the authorisation of use of Collects of the Word as part of An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays

**BILL NO. 3**

**REV CANON GILLIAN WHARTON**  
**MR GEOFFREY PERRIN**  
(At the request of the Representative Church Body and the Standing Committee)

Explanatory Memorandum  
To amend Chapter XVI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland

**BILL NO. 4**

**REV CANON GILLIAN WHARTON**  
**MR GEOFFREY PERRIN**  
(At the request of the Representative Church Body and the Standing Committee)

Explanatory Memorandum  
To repeal and replace Statute Chapter III of 2006

**BILL NO. 5**

**VERY REV NIGEL DUNNE**  
**MR KEITH ROBERTS**

Explanatory Memorandum  
To amend Chapter VII of the Constitution and the Statute Chapter X of 1972 and to make future provision for the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork
Explanatory Memorandum
To suspend temporarily the operation of provisions in Chapter VI of the Constitution in respect of constituting, convening and holding an electoral college in the case of a vacancy in the see of Tuam, Killala and Achonry or Limerick, Ardfert, Aghadoe, Killaloe, Killfenora, Clonfert, Kilmacduagh and Emly

Explanatory Memorandum
To amend Chapter I of the Constitution
BILL NO. 1

Explanatory Memorandum

In 2017, the General Synod approved, by the requisite majorities, a resolution granting leave for the introduction of this Bill and accompanying Schedule in 2018.


The Liturgical Advisory Committee became aware of widespread feeling in the Church that Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer in their traditional forms, designed to be daily offices rather than principal Sunday services, do not always make for meaningful Sunday worship.

One of the key principles behind the format of this service is to echo some of the already familiar patterns embedded in the principal services in the Book of Common Prayer. There is therefore a clearly defined structure to the service under the headings of The Gathering of God’s People, Proclaiming and Receiving the Word, The Response to God’s Word, The Prayers of the People, and Going Out as God’s People.

VERY REV NIGEL DUNNE
THE BISHOP OF DOWN AND DROMORE

BILL

(at the request of the General Synod)

To include An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays in The Book of Common Prayer

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend The Book of Common Prayer (2004; rev. ed. 2005), by including therein An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays as set out in the schedule to this Bill;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2018 and by the authority of the same as follows:

BILL NO. 2

Explanatory Memorandum

In 2017, the General Synod approved, by the requisite majorities, a resolution granting leave for the introduction of this Bill and accompanying Schedule in 2018.

The Bill provides for the authorisation of use of Collects of the Word as part of An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sunday as set out in the schedule to the Bill.

The intention of providing Collects of the Word is to address in prayer the readings of the day used in An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sunday.

VERY REV NIGEL DUNNE
VERY REV GERALD FIELD

BILL

(at the request of the General Synod)

To provide for the authorisation of use of Collects of the Word as part of An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays

WHEREAS it is desirable to provide for the authorisation of use of Collects of the Word as part of An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sunday;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2018 and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the Collects of the Word as set out in the Schedule be authorised for use as part of An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sunday.
Chapter XVI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland makes provision for the child protection policy, *Safeguarding Trust*, which may be approved from time to time by the Standing Committee, to be implemented and adhered to by parishes, clergy and diocesan bodies of the Church.

In recent years, the concept of safeguarding has been extended to include ‘adults at risk of harm’ and ‘adults in need of protection’ (Northern Ireland legislation), and ‘vulnerable adults’ (in the Republic of Ireland guidance).

It is desirable that the same provisions in respect of implementation of and adherence to the policy *Adult Safeguarding* should be provided for in the Constitution as were previously put in place for the child protection policy, *Safeguarding Trust*.

**BILL**

(at the request of the RCB and the Standing Committee)

Bill To Amend Chapter XVI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland (Safeguarding Policies)

WHEREAS Chapter XVI of the Constitution deals with the provision of a policy for the safeguarding of children;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable, in consequence of legislation in Northern Ireland and good practice and guidance in the Republic of Ireland, for the Church of Ireland to adopt a policy to address adult safeguarding (referred to as ‘adults at risk of harm’ and ‘adults in need of protection’ in Northern Ireland and ‘vulnerable adults’ in the Republic of Ireland);

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2018 and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. ‘In Chapter XVI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, hereinafter referred to as ‘the said Chapter’, before the words MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN there shall be inserted the following:

   ‘SAFEGUARDING

   PART I’

2. ‘That immediately after Section 2 of the said Chapter, there shall be inserted the following Sections:

   PART II

   MINISTRY WITH ADULTS

3. *Adult Safeguarding: The Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice*, approved by the Standing Committee of the General Synod and reported to the General Synod, hereinafter referred to as *Adult Safeguarding*, shall be implemented and adhered to throughout the Church of Ireland in the Church’s ministry with adults at risk of harm and adults in need of protection, also referred to as vulnerable adults in some legislation and guidance.

4. Each bishop and diocesan council shall ensure that *Adult Safeguarding: The Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice* be implemented and adhered to by all parishes, clergy and diocesan bodies within the diocese and in any diocesan activity.’
In 2006, the General Synod approved a Statute (Chapter III of 2006) to make provision for the funding of child protection officers for the Church of Ireland.

In 2017, the concept of safeguarding was extended to include ‘adults at risk of harm’ and ‘adults in need of protection’ (NI legislation) / ‘vulnerable adults’ (RI guidance and best practice). A Safeguarding Board was established jointly by the Representative Church Body and the Standing Committee. At the same time, the existing Child Protection Officers undertook additional work around adult safeguarding, overseeing policy development, training and parish vetting and providing advice to parishes in event of issues arising. The Officers will, in future, be known as Safeguarding Officers.

The service provided has been of significant assistance to parishes and dioceses over the years and has enabled the Church to deliver a high level of consistency in applying safeguarding policy as well as to provide a vetting service to parishes.

With the extension of the concept of safeguarding to include adults, there is additional work and additional resources are required. Synod is now asked to consider a new bill to provide funding for the activity under the Safeguarding Board by means of extending the levy on parishes. The Representative Church Body will also continue to make a contribution to these costs.

REV CANON GILLIAN WHARTON
MR GEOFFREY PERRIN

Bills and Explanatory Memoranda

BILL NO. 4

Explanatory Memorandum

To Repeal and Replace Statute Chapter III of 2006

WHEREAS the Statute Chapter III of 2006 dealt with matters pertaining to a child protection policy and the provision and funding of child protection officers for the Church of Ireland;

AND WHEREAS the concept of safeguarding has come to embrace concepts of protection of adults as well as of children, with consequent need for additional provision of staff and resources;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision concerning the financing of the work of the Safeguarding Board, and Officers appointed under section 17(c) of Chapter X of the Constitution, to advise and assist the Church of Ireland in responding to concerns about the welfare of children and adults and, in particular to advise and assist bishops and diocesan councils in ensuring that Safeguarding Trust: The Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Children and Adult Safeguarding: The Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice are implemented and adhered to in all parishes;

AND WHEREAS for such purpose it is desirable that a contribution towards the cost of the work of Safeguarding be raised within each diocese;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the Statute Chapter III of 2006 to be repealed in order to make provision for the same;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2018 and by the authority of the same as follows:

To make provision concerning the financing of the work of the Safeguarding Board including the work of the Officers and parish vetting

1. From 1st January 2019 each diocese shall contribute towards the cost of the work of Safeguarding (as defined in Chapter XVI of the Constitution) at a rate to be determined by the Representative Body not later than 30th June in 2018 and each year thereafter:
   Provided that, after the initial rate is set by 30th June 2018, a rate determined for any one year, being more than twenty-five per centum in excess of the rate for the year immediately preceding, shall become operative only on the passing of an affirmative resolution of the General Synod.

2. (1) The contribution from each diocese shall be the sum of the number of cures, including vacant cures, in such diocese at the preceding 30th June (as agreed between the Representative Body and the diocesan council) multiplied by the minimum approved stipend of an incumbent as fixed from time to time by the General Synod in accordance with Section 51(1) of Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and operative on 1st January of the year to which the contribution relates multiplied by the rate per centum determined by the Representative Body in accordance with section 1.
   (2) In the case of a diocese, part of which is situated in the Republic of Ireland and part of which is situated in Northern Ireland, account shall be taken of the differing figures for minimum approved stipend fixed in respect of incumbents resident in each jurisdiction and the contribution shall be subdivided accordingly.
   (3) In the event of disagreement between the Representative Body and the diocesan council as to the number of cures in any diocese, such shall be determined by the decision of the archbishop of the province in which such diocese is situated.

3. Contributions shall be payable quarterly in arrears by each diocesan council on 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December each year or in such other manner as the Representative Body may approve.

4. Each diocesan council shall be at liberty to recover in whole or in part the contribution so charged by direct assessment on the individual parishes, unions or groups of parishes, or churches, within its jurisdiction in whatever manner it deems appropriate.
5. For the purposes of this Statute the term ‘cure’ shall have the same general meaning as contained in Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, and shall include:
(a) A parish, union or group of parishes under the care of an incumbent appointed under Part III of Chapter IV;
(b) A parish, union or group of parishes under the care of a bishop’s curate appointed under Section 42 of Chapter IV;
(c) A parish, union or group of parishes assigned to the immediate care of a vicar appointed under Part X of Chapter IV;
(d) A parish, union or group of parishes in respect of which a certificate has been issued by the Representative Body under Section 52 of Chapter IV;
(e) A “light-duty parish” as defined by Section 62 of Chapter IV;
(f) A cathedral which is non-parochial;
(g) A ministry unit that has registered with the regulator of charities appropriate to the jurisdiction and which is recognised as a part of the Anglican structures of the diocese in which it is situated and which is operating under the safeguarding policy of the Church of Ireland.

6. The Standing Committee shall, at the ordinary session of the General Synod in 2019, and triennially thereafter, and may at any other session, present a report on the implementation of this Statute, specifying any amendment which may appear to be necessary or expedient.

7. Statute Chapter III of 2006 is hereby repealed with effect from 1 January 2019.
BILL NO. 5

Explanatory Memorandum

Background
The Parochial Select Vestry of the Cathedral parish of St Fin Barre, Cork drew up a three-year Strategic Plan in 2015 which included a proposal to assess the governance structures of St Fin Barre’s Cathedral (the Cathedral). The result of discussions arising from the Strategic Plan concluded that a parochial structure centred on a Select Vestry is no longer sufficient to govern an institution of the magnitude of the Cathedral. Whilst the Vestry is well equipped to deal with routine maintenance and operational matters, much of the administration and larger project management and planning is too dependent on the Dean, a small number of voluntary officers and one part-time administrator.

A sub-committee of the Select Vestry and of Chapter members worked on proposals for governance reform over a seven month period in 2016 and conducted extensive research as to what models are in operation in other cathedrals in Ireland and abroad. This is the first such exercise to take place in Cork since 1972.

Process
A new model of governance based on the ‘representative model’ similar to school boards of management was presented to two consecutive meetings of the Cathedral Select Vestry (The Parochial Select Vestry and Chapter meeting together under Chapter VII of the Constitution) in January 2017 and unanimous agreement was reached on the sub-committee’s proposals. The intention is to retain the Parochial Select Vestry which remains the most effective way to manage the day-to-day running of the Cathedral and to put in place a Cathedral Board alongside it to manage the broader range of management issues such as conservation and restoration of the Cathedral, employment and policy matters, legal issues and regulatory compliance, large-scale fundraising, and long term strategic planning for the Cathedral’s mission and ministry.

The Chapter also received recommendations from the sub-committee in January 2017 and, following consultation with the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross in March 2017, agreed with the proposal that in future there could be up to three additional Canons appointed to the Chapter at any given time: one Ecumenical Canon and two Honorary Canons appointed with due regard to the needs of the Diocese and the Cathedral.

A summary of the proposals was presented to the Diocesan Council of Cork, Cloyne and Ross in April 2017 and the full proposal was passed by the Diocesan Synod of the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross in June 2017. The Diocesan Synod further delegated responsibility to the Bishop and the Diocesan Council to finalise the necessary legislation for consideration by the General Synod in 2018 and the text of this Bill was agreed by both in February 2018.

Key Principles
The new structures proposed in this Bill are designed to strengthen the Cathedral’s governance in ways that continue to involve not only members of the Cathedral parish and the Chapter but also people with particular skills in the wider Diocese and local community.

The expansion of the Chapter is also designed to engage with ecumenical contacts alongside lay or ordained people with particular interest in and skills to offer to the Diocese and/or the Cathedral.

A comprehensive set of bye-laws to ensure the smooth operation of the proposed structures has been drafted and will be put in place with the approval of the Diocesan Council. These will ensure effective communication and good working relationships between the Parochial Select Vestry, the Chapter and the Cathedral Board.

VERY REVD NIGEL DUNNE
MR. KEITH ROBERTS

BILL

To amend Chapter VII of the Constitution and the Statute Chapter X of 1972 and to make future provision for the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork.

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend the provisions relating to the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary therefore to amend Chapter VII of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS it is also necessary therefore to amend the Statute, Chapter X of 1972;

AND WHEREAS the Synod of the United Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross at its meeting held on 10th June 2017 approved of the provisions hereinafter set forth;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2018 and by the authority of the same as follows:

Definitions
1. In this Statute —

   a. “the Bishop” means the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross;
   b. “the Cathedral” means the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork;
   c. “the Cathedral Board” means the board of the Cathedral as provided for in section 36 hereof;
   d. “Chapter III” means Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland;
   e. “Chapter VII” means Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland;
   f. “the Dean” means the Dean of Cork;
   g. “the Dean of Cloyne” means the Dean of the Cathedral Church of St Colman, Cloyne;
   h. “the Dean of Ross” means the Dean of the Cathedral Church of St Fachtna, Rosscarbery;
   i. “Ecumenical Canon” means a minister or accredited preacher of one or other of such Christian denominations not in full
       communion with the Church of Ireland as may from time to time be specified by the House of Bishops;
   j. “Honorary Canon” means a person (lay or ordained) who has proven expertise in a particular area, determined by the Bishop, in
       consultation with the Dean, to be of interest or of current importance to the diocese and/or the Cathedral, including but not limited
       to the areas of social justice, mission, outreach, theological research and education. An Honorary Canon may be a member of
       the Church of Ireland, or of a Church that is in communion therewith, or of such Christian denomination not in full communion
       with the Church of Ireland as may from time to time be specified by the House of Bishops.

Amendments and Repeals

2. For Section 18 of Chapter VII there shall be substituted:

   “18. None of the foregoing provisions in this Chapter contained shall apply to or affect the Cathedral Church of St Patrick,
       Armagh; the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (commonly called Christ Church), Dublin; the Collegiate and Cathedral Church of St
       Patrick, Dublin; the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Down or the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre Cork; or the prerogatives,
       rights, privileges, or constitution of any of them; or the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast, so far as any of the said provisions
       are inconsistent with the Statute Chapter V of 1944 as amended.”

3. Section 1 and Section 4 of the Statute, Chapter X of 1972 are hereby repealed.

Regulation of the Cathedral

4. The Cathedral shall be regulated by the provisions of this Statute.

Saving of Existing Appointments

5. The existing Dean, Dignitaries, Prebendaries and Chapter Clerk of the Cathedral shall (subject to the provisions of the Irish Church Act
   1869) continue to hold their respective offices therein, and shall retain the same rights, powers and privileges as they have heretofore
   enjoyed, and shall be liable to the discharge of all duties to which they have hitherto been subject, except so far as the same may be extended
   or modified by the provisions of this Act.

The Chapter

6. The Chapter of the Cathedral shall consist of the Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, Archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross and four
   Canons occupying the Prebendal Stalls of Dromdaleague and Kilnaglory, St Michael’s and Inniskenny, Kilbrittain and Holy Trinity and
   Desertserges and Killanully, the Ecumenical Canon (if any) and the Honorary Canons (if any).

7. The Bishop shall be the Ordinary of the Cathedral and shall have the right of appointing the Dean and, except as may otherwise be provided
   herein, shall have the right of appointing each and every of the dignitaries, prebendaries and canonries of the Cathedral and shall make
   choice in respect of such dignitaries, prebendaries and canons from amongst the beneficed or licensed clergy of the diocese. In making
   such appointments the Bishop shall have due regard to the abilities and qualifications required for the proper performance of the duties of
   each such office.

8. The Dean of Cloyne shall also hold the Precentor’s Stall in the Cathedral.

9. The Dean of Ross shall also hold the Chancellor’s Stall in the Cathedral.

10. The Prebendary of Tymothan in the National Cathedral of St. Patrick, Dublin shall also hold the Treasurer’s Stall in the Cathedral and shall
     hold such Stall notwithstanding the fact that he or she may also be the Dean of one of the cathedrals in, or the Archdeacon of, the United
     Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

11. In respect of any appointments made after the coming into force of this Statute, the Bishop shall determine the period of time for which
     each of the Prebendaries of Dromdaleague and Kilnaglory, St. Michael’s and Inniskenny, Kilbrittain and Holy Trinity and Desertserges
     and Killanully shall be appointed.
12. The Dean and Chapter shall have power to make rules and regulations for the times and conduct of meetings of the Chapter and the discharge of its responsibilities. Meetings of the Chapter shall be presided over by the Dean or, in the absence of the Dean, by the member of the Chapter next in order of precedence who is present.

The Functions of the Dean and the Prebendaries

13. The Dean shall be subject to the authority and control of the Ordinary. The Dean shall order the services of the Cathedral and, in matters pertaining thereto, shall direct the clergy and officials. Unless hindered by reasonable cause, the Dean shall attend and assist in the services of the Cathedral on Sundays and week-days.

14. The Dignitaries shall undertake the customary duties pertaining to their office. Each Dignitary, the Archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, and each Prebendary shall undertake, by arrangement with the Dean, not less than one Sunday in-residence each year in the Cathedral. The Dignitaries, the Archdeacon and the Prebendaries shall also undertake any other duties as decided from time to time by the Dean and Chapter.

The Ecumenical Canon and the Honorary Canons

15. Having consulted with the Dean in order to identify the mind of the Chapter and the needs of the Cathedral, the Bishop may appoint an Ecumenical Canon and not more than two Honorary Canons.

16. Neither the Ecumenical Canon nor an Honorary Canon shall be entitled to a salary.

17. The appointment of an Ecumenical Canon or an Honorary Canon shall not be effective unless and until that person shall make and subscribe before the Bishop the relevant declaration contained in the Schedules I and II hereto annexed.

18. The Ecumenical Canon and the Honorary Canons may be removed by the Bishop for cause shown. The Ecumenical Canon or an Honorary Canon, if not so removed, shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of appointment or until such Canon shall resign from such office. An Ecumenical Canon or Honorary Canon who has served five years may be reappointed.

19. The Ecumenical Canon and the Honorary Canons shall each have a designated stall in the Cathedral while holding such office.

20. The Ecumenical Canon and the Honorary Canons shall be non-voting members of the Chapter and shall not be eligible for election to the Cathedral Board nor may they chair meetings of the Chapter.

21. The Ecumenical Canon may be invited by the Dean or the Bishop to perform all or any of the following duties insofar as the same are consonant with the provisions of Canon 10 –
   a. To say or sing Morning or Evening Prayer or the Litany;
   b. To read the Holy Scriptures at any service;
   c. To deliver an address at any service;
   d. To assist at a Baptism, Marriage or Funeral Service or at the Celebration of the Holy Communion;
   if the Ecumenical Canon is authorised to perform a similar duty in his or her own Church.

22. An Honorary Canon may be invited by the Dean or the Bishop to perform all or any of the following duties insofar as the same are consonant with the provisions of Canon 10:
   a. To say or sing Morning or Evening Prayer or the Litany;
   b. To read the Holy Scriptures at any service;
   c. To deliver an address at any service;
   d. To organise lectures, study groups, or educational activities on behalf of the diocese;
   e. To engage in research on behalf of the diocese;
   f. To assist the diocese to engage with social justice issues;
   g. To support or develop mission and outreach programmes in the diocese;
   h. To engage in with such other matters in the Cathedral or the diocese as may be specified by the Dean;
   provided that such activities are approved by the Bishop, in consultation with the Dean and provided that same are consonant with the doctrines of the Church of Ireland.

23. The Court of the General Synod shall have authority to determine all questions and disputes that may arise respecting the appointment or removal of the Ecumenical Canon or the Honorary Canons.

The Chapter Clerk

24. The Chapter may appoint a Chapter Clerk, who shall be a member of the Church of Ireland and shall be a licensed priest or deacon, or registered vestryperson, in the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.
25. From the next vacancy in the position, the Chapter Clerk shall be appointed by the Chapter and shall initially hold office for three years. The Chapter Clerk may be appointed for further three year periods as determined by the Chapter. The Chapter Clerk shall not be a member of the Chapter.

26. The Chapter Clerk shall, in consultation with the Dean, notify Chapter members of the date, time and venue of Chapter meetings, record minutes of all Chapter meetings, and circulate agendas, minutes and any other documentation as requested by the Dean and Chapter from time to time.

**The Dean’s Vicar**

27. There may be one Dean’s Vicar, appointed by the Dean, subject to the approval of the Bishop.

28. The Dean’s Vicar shall be in priest’s orders and shall be paid a stipend.

29. The Dean’s Vicar shall perform such functions in the Cathedral and its parish as may from time to time be determined by the Dean in consultation with the Bishop.

30. The Dean’s Vicar shall hold office for a term of five years, but shall be eligible for re-appointment and may be removed by the Dean for cause shown with the approval of the Bishop.

**Minor Canons**

31. There may be up to four Minor Canons, with or without salaries, appointed by the Dean and Chapter. The Minor Canons shall be clergy licensed or beneficed in the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. Appointments of Minor Canons shall be notified to the Bishop. Minor Canons may from time to time be removed by the Dean and Chapter for cause shown, with the approval of the Bishop.

**Vestry Members**

32. There shall be vestry members for the Cathedral, and in this regard the provisions of Chapter III shall apply save and insofar as the same are inconsistent with the provisions of this Statute.

33. The general vestry shall consist of (i) all the clergy of the Church of Ireland having stalls in the Cathedral and (ii) all those entitled to be registered vestry members of the Cathedral parish.

34. The Registered Vestry Members shall annually, at the Easter General Vestry, elect twelve Select Vestry Members, and triennially four Parochial Nominators and four Supplemental Parochial Nominators, and they shall also elect triennially Synod Members and Supplemental Synod Members to sit as members of the Diocesan Synod of Cork, Cloyne and Ross; and the said Nominators and Synod Members shall be elected in the same manner and have same privileges as Nominators and Synod Members elected for parishes. The number of Synod Members shall be such as determined by the Diocesan Synod of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

35. The Dean (or the Incumbent of St Fin Barre’s Union of Parishes, if the said incumbency is not held by the Dean) shall annually, at the Easter General Vestry, appoint one Cathedral Warden and one Glebewarden and the Registered Vestry Members shall annually appoint one Cathedral Warden and one Glebewarden, and those Wardens shall have the same powers, rights and privileges as Churchwardens and Glebewardens elected by parishes unless otherwise ordered by the Cathedral Board.

**Cathedral Board**

36. From the date of the Easter General Vestry in 2019, there shall be a Cathedral Board comprised as follows:
   a. The Dean (ex officio);
   b. The Honorary Treasurer of the Select Vestry;
   c. Two Representatives of the Select Vestry elected annually at the meeting of the Select Vestry immediately following the Easter General Vestry.
   d. Four Chapter Canons, nominated triennially by the Chapter.
   e. Two Representatives from the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, nominated triennially by the Bishop, and approved by the Diocesan Council. Before nominating the two said representatives, the Bishop shall have consulted with the Dean, who shall in turn have consulted with the Chapter and Vestry Representatives.
   f. Two Lay Community Representatives, co-opted annually by the other members of the Cathedral Board.

37. Members of the Cathedral Board shall be eligible for re-election or re-nomination, as the case may be.

38. Casual vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment which has given rise to the vacancy.
39. The Cathedral Board shall have power to co-opt additional non-voting consultant members for the duration of special projects as required. A consultant member may only attend such portions of meetings of the Cathedral Board as relate to any project with which that consultant member is involved.

40. The Cathedral Board shall be chaired by the Dean or, in the absence of the Dean, by the member of the Chapter next in order of precedence who is present, such chair having both an ordinary and a casting vote.

41. The Cathedral Board shall have power to make rules and regulations for the times and conduct of its meetings and the discharge of its responsibilities.

42. A special meeting of the Cathedral Board may be summoned by the Dean or, in the absence of the Dean, by the most senior Chapter Representative, or at any time on the written requisition of five members of the Cathedral Board.

43. The Cathedral Board shall have the control, charge and management of the following:

a. All financial, legal and insurance matters pertaining to the Cathedral; provided that the Cathedral Board may delegate such financial matters to the Select Vestry as it may from time to time determine.

b. The preservation, restoration, repair and conservation management of the fabric of the Cathedral and all permanent structures therein and of all other properties in the Cathedral parish; provided that the Cathedral Board may delegate such functions in relation to the preservation and repair to the Select Vestry as it may from time to time determine.

c. The ornaments of the Cathedral, the monuments, tablets, windows and brasses to be placed in the Cathedral; provided that none shall be erected or placed in the Cathedral, or removed therefrom, without the consent or approval of the Dean, the Chapter, the Select Vestry and of the Bishop.

d. The appointment, management and removal of staff and lay officials of the Cathedral.

e. Formulation, review and implementation of Cathedral policies and procedures.

f. Strategic planning, marketing and promotion programmes for the Cathedral.

g. Oversight of the Cathedral’s archives, including their conservation and location.

44. The Select Vestry, the Cathedral Board and the Chapter shall together, and by a two-thirds majority of each, agree and enact bye-laws to regulate the working relationships between each such body and to facilitate efficient and regular communication between each such body. The said bye-laws shall not come into effect unless and until approved by the Diocesan Council.

Miscellaneous

45. Matters relating to the Cathedral not provided for herein or by the law of the Church of Ireland, shall be determined by the Board.

46. It shall be lawful for the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross to make regulations for carrying this Statute into effect.

47. Nothing contained in this Statute shall affect the provisions of Statute, Chapter I of 1890 or Statute, Chapter I of 1892.

Citation

48. This Statute may be referred to as the Cork Cathedral Act 2018.

**SCHEDULE I**

**DECLARATION FOR SUBSCRIPTION**

(ECUMENICAL CANON)

I, A.B., do hereby solemnly declare that:

1. I am a minister or accredited preacher of ………. Church.

2. I agree to be bound by the provisions of Part II of Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and, to that extent only, I submit myself to the authority of the Church of Ireland, and to the laws and tribunals thereof.

3. I do declare that I will perform Canonical obedience to the Ordinary of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork and his successors, Bishops of Cork. I will observe the statutes and ancient customs of the Cathedral Church, so far as they are not repugnant to the laws of the Church of Ireland, and will keep private and undisclosed the secrets of the Chapter.

I subscribe the above declaration to be appointed to the office of Ecumenical Canon of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork.

This ……. day of ….. 20…. .

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SCHEDULE II

DECLARATION FOR SUBSCRIPTION
(HONORARY CANON)

I, A.B., do hereby solemnly declare that:

1. I am a member of ................. Church.
2. I agree to be bound by the provisions of Part II of Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and, to that extent only (unless already otherwise so bound), I submit myself to the authority of the Church of Ireland, and to the laws and tribunals thereof.
3. I do declare that I will perform Canonical obedience to the Ordinary of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork and his successors, Bishops of Cork. I will observe the statutes and ancient customs of the Cathedral Church, so far as they are not repugnant to the laws of the Church of Ireland, and will keep private and undisclosed the secrets of the Chapter.

I subscribe the above declaration to be appointed to the office of Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork.

This ...... day of ...... 20 .... .
BILL NO. 6

Explanatory Memorandum
Following the withdrawal of the Bill of the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures at the General Synod in 2016, the diocesan councils of both Tuam, Killala and Achonry and Limerick and Killaloe initiated conversations about the future patterns of episcopal ministry and structures in the West and South-west. Subsequently, and after extensive conversations, in February 2018 both diocesan councils passed identical resolutions affirming their desire to unite both dioceses at a future date subject to the satisfactory conclusion of these discussions and the approval of both diocesan synods. Should agreement be forthcoming, a Bill for alteration of diocesan boundaries will be brought to the General Synod and its provisions will require the consent of the Archbishop of Armagh and the Archbishop of Dublin (as a change in provincial boundaries will be involved) and, if passed, the subsequent consent of the diocesan synods affected.

The purpose of the Bill being proposed this year is to allow for temporary suspension of the constitutional requirement for the calling of an episcopal electoral college within the prescribed time, in the event that a vacancy arises in either diocese (or in both) before 30th September 2019. The Bill further proposes that such suspension of an episcopal election could be extended by the Standing Committee at the request of both diocesan councils, but in any case not beyond 30th September 2020.

MR JOC SANDERS
PROF PAUL JOHNSTON

BILL
To suspend temporarily the operation of provisions in Chapter VI of the Constitution in respect of constituting, convening and holding an electoral college in the case of a vacancy in the see of Tuam, Killala and Achonry or Limerick, Ardfert, Aghadoe, Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert, Kilmacduagh and Emly

WHEREAS the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry and the United Dioceses of Limerick, Ardfert, Aghadoe, Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert, Kilmacduagh and Emly, are engaged in discussions which may possibly lead to uniting, dividing, or altering the boundaries of the two united dioceses at a future date in accordance with Section 31 of Chapter I of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland;
AND WHEREAS the respective diocesan councils of the two united dioceses are desirous that if a vacancy should arise in either or both of their sees whilst such discussions are continuing, there should be provision to defer the filling of such vacancy or vacancies so as to facilitate the said discussions;
AND WHEREAS section 3 and section 8 of Part I of Chapter VI of the Constitution would otherwise require an episcopal electoral college to be constituted, convened and held within certain time limits for the purpose of electing a bishop for the vacant see or sees;
BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2018 and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In this Statute “Chapter VI” means Chapter VI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and “the two united dioceses” means the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry and the United Dioceses of Limerick, Ardfert, Aghadoe, Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert, Kilmacduagh and Emly.

2. Subject to Section 3, if the see of either or both of the two united dioceses shall become vacant on or before 30th September 2019 the operation of the provisions in section 3 and section 8 of Part I of Chapter VI in relation to the constituting, convening and holding of an episcopal electoral college for the purpose of filling the said vacancy or vacancies shall be suspended until 30th September 2019.

3. The Standing Committee may from time to time, by resolution, extend the period of suspension of the operation of the said provisions by such period or periods as may be requested in writing by the diocesan councils of the two united dioceses, provided however that no such suspension of the operation of the said provisions may continue beyond 30th September 2020.
BILL NO. 7

Explanatory Memorandum

When the General Synod was established by the General Convention of 1870, diocesan representation in the House of Representatives was based on one clerical member for every 10 priests at that time and two lay members for each clerical member. The total number of representatives produced on this basis, 624, has remained largely unchanged since.

The last significant change to the diocesan allocation of seats took place in 1969 when 14 dioceses were re-allocated 648 House of Representative seats among them. With the exception of the merging of 14 dioceses into 12 this diocesan representation has remained static since 1969. In the almost 50 years since this last significant modification to the House of Representatives the change in totality and spread of the Church of Ireland population has created an imbalance in representation (see the table following).

This Bill seeks to amend Chapter 1 of the Constitution to achieve the following two aims:

1. To preserve the role of synod as a unifying, legislative and representative body for the whole of the Church of Ireland by establishing a proportional and representative formula to allocate seats each triennium.
2. To increase the flexibility and functionality of synod as a debating forum and administrative body by reducing synod membership in proportion to the reduced size of the Church of Ireland, thereby allowing for more choice of venue, reduction in costs and giving higher value to synod membership.

Proportionality:
To achieve the aim of a more proportional and equitable spread of membership across the House of Representatives, this Bill seeks to allocate one seat to each diocese or united diocese for every cure.

In keeping with the original constitutional requirement of two lay representatives to each clerical representative this Bill would allocate representative places to dioceses or united dioceses according to their number of cures provided that the number of cures was divisible by 3 or rounded up to the nearest figure divisible by three. Therefore, if a diocese had 32 cures it would be allocated 33 seats to allow for the 2:1 laity/clerical representation (see the table following).

Weighting:
This Bill will also allocate 6 extra seats to every diocese or united diocese to increase proportionally the representation of smaller dioceses.

Formula:
The effect of the proposed legislation is that the table in section 4(2) of Chapter I of the Constitution will no longer appear. Every middle year in the triennium the number of representatives will be reviewed by the Honorary Secretaries, reported to the General Synod and communicated to the dioceses. This will inform dioceses of any changes to synod allocation in good time for elections in the final year of the triennium.

Synod Size:
The highest attendance on any given day at Synod since 2003 is 507 and the average attendance by each diocese over the last 10 years can be seen in the table following. This Bill would, in initial effect, reduce the House of Representatives by 117 seats from the current 648 to 531.

If the Bill is adopted the effect of the initial changes in membership might be seen in the table following but it should be noted that the Bill will see seats proportioned to the number of cures at the last day of General Synod 2019 and triennially afterwards. Therefore this table is only for illustrative purposes.
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Number of Cures as of December 2017 and census population 2011 & 2013 from the CEMS presentation to Synod 2016
BILL

To amend Chapter I of the Constitution

WHEREAS it is desirable that the principles upon which the clerical and lay representatives to the General Synod to represent the several dioceses and united dioceses of the Church of Ireland be set out in the Constitution of the Church of Ireland;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to establish a continuing review of the size and distribution of the membership of the House of Representatives;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the Table contained in Section 4(2) of Part 1 of Chapter I of the said Constitution be replaced;

AND WHEREAS for such purposes it is necessary to amend Chapter I of the Constitution;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2018, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. In this Statute “Chapter I” means Chapter I of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, “Chapter VI” means Chapter VI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and the term “cure” shall have the same meaning as contained in section 39 of Part V of Chapter VI of the Constitution.

2. For section 4(1) of Part 1 of Chapter I there shall be substituted:

‘4(1) (a) The House of Representatives shall consist of representatives of the clergy and representatives of the laity in the proportion of two lay members for each clerical member, to be elected as hereinafter provided.

(b) The number of representatives to be returned to the General Synod by each diocese or united diocese shall be in the proportion of one representative to every cure within that diocese or united diocese as the case may be. Provided that the total number of representative positions for each diocese or united diocese is divisible by three or rounded up to the next number divisible by three.'
(c) Each diocese or united diocese shall be allocated a further 6 members on the House of Representatives.

3. For section 4(2) of Part 1 of Chapter I there shall be substituted:

‘4(2) The number of representatives, clerical and lay, to be returned to represent the several dioceses and united dioceses shall be calculated by the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod on the basis of the principles set out in 4(1) as at the last day of the ordinary meeting of General Synod 2019 and shall be communicated to the dioceses or united dioceses within seven days of that date. This shall happen triennially thereafter.’

4. For section 4(3) of Part 1 of Chapter I there shall be substituted:

‘4(3) The synods of the several dioceses composing each united diocese may from time to time make such mutual arrangements as to them shall seem fit for apportioning among such dioceses respectively the number of representatives allotted to the several united dioceses in accordance with section 4. In default of agreement being reached the apportionment shall be made by the bishop, whose decision shall be final.
On this day, according to the summons of His Grace the Lord Primate, the Synod assembled in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh.

The Bible and the Book of Common Prayer were laid on the table.

Chair

At noon the Primate assumed the Chair and announced that the General Synod was in session.

Holy Scripture and Prayer

A portion of Holy Scripture and Prayers were read by Rev Canon Shane Forster.

Members of General Synod

A list of members of the General Synod was laid on the table.

Tribute

The Primate spoke in tribute to the late Donald Caird, former Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough.

President’s Address

His Grace the Lord Primate delivered the following address.

I begin by welcoming you all to the General Synod here in Armagh, and in particular I want to welcome those who are new members, or who are returning after a period away from us, and of course also to welcome warmly our visitors from other Christian traditions.

For those who are new to General Synod, I would say that we will try to make you feel at home. The structures of Synod are necessarily formal, but I hope that this will not prevent you from feeling that you have your part to play in the life of this Synod, and in particular in the debates that are very much part of our work. There is also a pleasant social aspect to General Synod, and there is always an opportunity to make new friends and to renew acquaintance with old friends. We speak often and perhaps too glibly of the Church of Ireland as being in many respects a large family, but that should not be taken as either an exhausted cliché or a pious aspiration; it’s not entirely without effort! Enjoy General Synod 2018 and enjoy Armagh.

Before moving to the main part of my address I would like us, as always, to remember before God those who have served General Synod in the past and who have moved into his nearer presence. In the eyes of God no one is of more or less significance than anyone else, but I hope you would wish to recall the great contribution of Archbishop Donald Caird, former Archbishop of Dublin, to the life of Synod in earlier times, as with clarity, integrity, charm and also with phenomenal wit (at times bordering on the surreal), he influenced Synod in many ways over many years.

This General Synod, if we are to understand our work as we should, is (as should be the case with every synod) to be about God, God’s will and God’s purposes, and our humble and fallible place within that divine will and purpose. We have been reminded in a celebration within the past year – in the autumn of 2017 with the five hundredth anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation – that we in the Church of Ireland and, indeed, the whole Anglican tradition are part of something larger than ourselves. Although 2017 was indeed technically an anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation – not the Swiss or the Anglican Reformations – it was a celebration shared by all the main Christian traditions. This included a respectful marking of the event by the Roman Catholic Church, itself the target of Luther’s reforming zeal in October 1517. The Reformation celebrations were a reminder to us all that we should never become infatuated with our own importance or virtue.
But to turn to another upcoming celebration – although this is very much still the year 2018, it is probably worth reminding members of General Synod that next year, 2019, marks an important landmark for the Church of Ireland, 150 years since the disestablishment of this Church in the summer of 1869. It is certainly worth using this coming year to reflect on where we have come from, because it is only when we do this that we can map out where we wish to go. This is not a call for an extended history seminar, but rather the conviction that we need to be thoroughly honest about what we truly are. And we cannot do this in isolation either from the world around us, or from the factors that have made the Church of Ireland at the end of the second decade of the twenty-first century the kind of community it is.

Shortly after lunch today, we will be launching a commentary on the Constitution of the Church of Ireland. This is no dry legal text book but rather a way of helping the membership of the Church of Ireland to understand the way we try to do our structural business (and as a Church we have to have proper and consistent structures, however much some might wish it otherwise). I will be saying more about this when we come to the launch itself, but I would like it noted within this address how grateful I am to Sir Paul Girvan, who has thrown both energy and expertise into this project, and who has maintained an invigorating momentum within the distinguished team who worked with him on this enterprise. But there are also hopes that a series of essays may appear later next year on what has happened both within – and to – the Church of Ireland, in the fifty years since the centenary of its disestablishment. 1869 was a different place when we did things differently. And there are also plans underway for a group of what we might call “outsiders” to take a cool look at us, as a Church, and let us know in a short report what we might be doing well but also what we might be doing badly, and to challenge us as to where we need to think again about our priorities and our prevailing mindsets. In addition, there is detailed planning taking place for a number of events marking 2019 as a milepost for the Church. And why should any of this matter?

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We need first of all to be a safe Church. By that I mean that we are to be a place not only where people may be safe, but also where they may find safety. You may remember that last year, in the course of speaking about the dreadful levels of domestic violence in this country, I mentioned that the two cathedrals in Armagh hoped to undertake the necessary instruction and inspection in order to be designated as “safe places” for those who needed to be assured of finding help, when faced with the horrors of violence in the domestic setting. This has now been done, really as a type of pilot scheme for the dioceses with the hope that other parishes in Armagh may now be ready to follow suit. I know that the Dean of Armagh would be happy to speak to anyone here who wishes to learn more about this when we come to the launch itself, but I would like it noted within this address how grateful I am to Sir Paul Girvan, who has thrown both energy and expertise into this project, and who has maintained an invigorating momentum within the distinguished team who worked with him on this enterprise. But there are also hopes that a series of essays may appear later next year on what has happened both within – and to – the Church of Ireland, in the fifty years since the centenary of its disestablishment. 1869 was a different place when we did things differently. And there are also plans underway for a group of what we might call “outsiders” to take a cool look at us, as a Church, and let us know in a short report what we might be doing well but also what we might be doing badly, and to challenge us as to where we need to think again about our priorities and our prevailing mindsets. In addition, there is detailed planning taking place for a number of events marking 2019 as a milepost for the Church. And why should any of this matter?

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But ensuring that the Church is a place of safety requires more than this. It is certainly true that the civil authorities, in both Northern Ireland and the Republic, rightly demand very high standards of compliance in safeguarding young people, and we seek to mirror this in our safeguarding of children. From this General Synod onwards, there will also be a code underpinned in Church law, again fully compliant with civil law, not simply of good practice but of essential practice in our ministry among adults at risk of harm, and those in need of care and protection. This will impose heavy demands on parishes, large and small, in every part of this island but this is not an option, it is an imperative. Yes, “the state” demands that we take our safeguarding responsibilities with huge seriousness. But it is also a fundamental Christian duty to ensure that no carelessness or apathy on our part endangers anyone; all must be able to know for certain that they are not only loved, but safe within our Church communities. Short cuts are not to be tolerated. We know that for many people on this island, the idea of the Church claiming to be a place of safety seems risible and contemptible. We must ensure that such contempt can never be justifiable in the future. It is not only a matter of our reputation in the eyes of society. It is an unequivocal demand of the Kingdom of God.

We are called also to be a symbol of generosity. Generosity is of course a slippery word, and “a lack of generosity” can readily be slung out as a slogan when people simply do not get their own way. But generosity is more akin to understanding what Jesus spoke of, when he called on his disciples “to go the second mile” with others. In recent months the Church leaders group called on political leaders to go this second mile in the political setting of Northern Ireland. But whether our concern for generosity
from our politicians is in the context of a political impasse in Northern Ireland or a housing crisis in the Republic, we can only ask of others what we ourselves – as Church – are truly seeking to model.

This entails a generosity to our fellow Church members that is of every kind. We need to treat one another not only with courtesy but with generosity in speech and action, in particular for those who are struggling in any way. Such generosity may be in direct giving to parishes which need greater financial support. I very often hear the cry, ‘That should be a central Church responsibility’; but the central Church does not possess a proverbial ‘magic money tree’ and it can only do what it is enabled to do, in part from its limited resources (which are mainly inherited assets), but also from the current generosity of members of the wider Church of today, who wish to see the mission of the Church of Jesus Christ flourish, and not simply within their own parochial boundaries.

We are facing challenges of a different kind in our parochial settings, in ensuring rigorous compliance, not only with our safeguarding protocols but also with other requirements of the civil authorities, in the areas of charities law and also of data recording and protection. I know very well that for clergy, in every part of the Church of Ireland, this is now a matter for real stress. These necessary compliance issues are not areas of expertise for most of the clergy, but much of the work must be done at local level; it cannot be serviced from elsewhere. In speaking of generosity, may I genuinely plead that members of the laity who have talent in these areas (and for whom it is not a major ordeal to ensure that a total compliance with state law is achieved) would volunteer of their time and capability to work with their own clergy, and even perhaps with those in neighbouring parishes? This is a form of generosity that is extremely necessary at present.

But modelling generosity should also be in supporting others – within our wider communities – who have insufficient to live with any dignity, or even to feed their families properly. There is no county on this entire island where this is not an undeserved reality for some.

Further afield, on my recent visit to northern Zambia with CMS Ireland, I was reminded again how it is very often those who have least in material terms who have the most upbeat and lustrous religious faith. In a Church where clergy – for example – must live (and support families) on little more than the equivalent of $100 per month in a country that does not have a particularly low cost of living, there was no palpable sense of despair or resentment, but rather of joy in the Gospel. This, however, should not prevent us from showing a greater sense of responsibility – financial and human resourcing – to the realities of existence in places where life is a constant struggle. If we are serious about being an outward-looking Church we must also be an outward-giving Church.

But then, in the culture in which we live, we must strive also for what I would term as real “agility” as a Church community. A phrase coined by a great humanist writer of our era, Zygmund Baumann, shortly before his death, was ‘liquid modernity’. By this, Baumann meant that we are living in a time when there seems to be no permanence – no solid ground – beneath our feet as a society. Whether economically, culturally, politically or socially, we have lost any sense of solidity, of certainty, of permanence. This is undoubtedly a major factor in the rise of a toxic and aggressive populism that is threatening everything in the world around us that we have long taken for granted. People grasp for old certainties even when these are unattainable and even pernicious. It is fascinating that another writer who spoke in similar terms about the erosion of the foundations of everything we take as a given in terms of proper societal norms, was Dietrich Bonhoeffer, writing in Germany at the outset of the Second World War. To that, we should surely pay serious heed.

But, as Christian disciples living in liquid modernity, what are we to do; in the words of the psalmist, “What can the righteous do?” They must, first and most importantly, recall the solid foundations on which we are to rely in any place and time – in the words of the traditional prayer for the work of the General Synod, that we may “evermore hold fast and abide in the Apostolic and true Catholic faith”. But we must also be ready to think carefully and critically about everything around us, and indeed about ourselves. The political philosopher Hannah Arendt, best remembered for her phrase, ‘the banality of evil’, also warned us that human stupidity is often not a lack of intelligence, but rather an unwillingness to think critically. And in this sense, stupidity is also a primary source of evil in the world. If we are to think critically and analytically, then we must be able to act with agility in a world where the certainties around us have dissolved into liquid, and herein lies the challenge. We must seek to balance the folly of imagining that the latest whim is a panacea for every issue we have to face (when it may actually be plain daft), with the careful and necessary analysis of the new idea which may take such a length of time to process that, by the time we make a decision, we will be so far behind the proverbial curve that we might as well not bother putting it into effect.

In the work of Bishops’ Appeal, we do see how decisions that must be made quickly – for example, in sending financial aid to areas of sudden natural disaster – can be made speedily. But in the main there is no easy way to combine being elastic in our thinking with being analytically rigorous, whether in relation to ministry, to property, or to any projects designed by good people to extend God’s Kingdom on earth. This is one of our greatest challenges, and one that we must face head on, set in the changing, liquid and precarious culture in which we live. But that world ‘out there’ remains a world loved by God, and therefore a world in which we must play our part with courage, integrity and wisdom.
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As I draw near to a close, I want (as always, but with no lack of sincerity) to thank our central Church staff for their immense conscientiousness and proficiency in providing for the structural needs of the Church of Ireland. These are not easy times, I am fully aware, but I hope we all understand how much we rely on those who work for the good of the Church, whether in the Dublin or Belfast offices. There are many others to thank. During the course of the Synod I hope that we will be aware of, and express gratitude to, the many people who give freely – in every sense – of their time, energy and expertise to the committees and boards of the central Church, which are so essential in supporting the ongoing mission of the Church of Ireland.

A final point… Later today, Archbishop Eamon Martin and I will be giving a type of formal launch here at Synod for an initiative pioneered a couple of years ago by the Archbishop of Canterbury, ‘Thy Kingdom Come’. It was, and is, a call to a global wave of prayer over the ten days from Ascension to Pentecost. It spread rapidly beyond the Church of England to other Christian traditions in Britain, and then on to the wider Christian world. Our hope is that in 2018, we will – certainly in our own dioceses but ideally throughout the island – be joining a global flood of prayer that God’s Kingdom, God’s perfect rule and perfect love, may be advanced on earth and become ever more apparent to all people. But, essentially, we must also remember that at every time of the year and in every place, you and I must become better at the business of praying. I imagine (and even hope) that few of us are satisfied with our own prayer lives. The prayer of all its members – however hesitant, clumsy, shallow and unskilled our praying may feel for some of us – is surely something on which the Church must be truly able to rely, if it is to face its future with confidence, with hope, and hence even with joy.

Welcome of Official Guests

The Primate welcomed the official guests on behalf of the General Synod.

Nomination of an Assessor

The President nominated Mr Lyndon MacCann, S.C. to act as his Assessor.

Election of Honorary Secretaries

Proposals for the election of two clerical Honorary Secretaries were invited by the President from the clerical members of the Synod.

Ven George Davison was proposed by Ven Andrew Forster (Armagh), seconded by Ven Stephen McBride (Connor), and elected.

Rev Canon Gillian Wharton was proposed by Ven Richard Rountree (Dublin and Glendalough), seconded by Ven Adrian Wilkinson (Cork, Cloyne and Ross), and elected.

Proposals for the election of two lay Honorary Secretaries were invited by the President from the lay members of the Synod.

Mr Kenneth Gibson was proposed by Mr Roy Totten (Connor), seconded by Ms Pauline High (Connor), and elected.

Ms Hazel Corrigan was proposed by Mrs Joan Bruton (Meath and Kildare), seconded by Mr Wilfred Baker (Cork, Cloyne and Ross), and elected.

Motion on Procedure

Ven George Davison moved Motion No. 1 on procedure. It was proposed by the Honorary Secretaries and passed:

**MOTION NO. 1 – THE HONORARY SECRETARIES (WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT)**
### FIRST DAY

**12 noon**
- President takes the chair
- Reading from Holy Scripture and Prayer
- List of members of the General Synod to be laid on the table
- Nomination of an Assessor by the President

**to**
- President’s Address
- Welcome of official Guests
- Election of Honorary Secretaries
- Motion No. 1 (Timetable)

**1pm**
- Motion No. 2 (Standing Orders)
- Formal business and communications

**2pm**
- Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 51)
- Launch of the Commentary on the Constitution
- Motion No. 3 (Standing Orders Committee)
- Motion No. 4 (Petitions Committee)
- Motion No. 5 (Elections Committee)
- Motion No. 6 (Record Committee)
- Motion No. 7 (Bills Committee)
- Motion No. 8 (Legislation Committee)

**3.45pm**
- **Report of the Bills Committee**
  - Bills No. 1 to 7, incl. special bills

**3.45-4pm**
- Coffee Break

**4 pm**
- **Report of the Standing Committee** (not more than 2 hours)
  - Motion No. 9 – (Brought collaboratively by the Church of Ireland Bishops’ Appeal and the Church of Ireland Council for Mission)

**to**
- **Council for Mission** (30 mins)

**6.30pm**

### SECOND DAY

**10am**
- Reading from Holy Scripture and Prayer
- Formal business and communications

**to**
- **Report of the Representative Church Body** (not more than 2 hours, inclusive of related motions)
  - (Including reports of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee Limited and the Church of Ireland Pensions Board)
- **Motion No. 10 (Representative Church Body - Allocations)**
- **Motion No. 11 (Safeguarding levy)**
- **Motion No. 12 (Pensions Board)**
- **Motion No. 13 (Private member’s motion – fossil fuels)**

**12-12.15**
- Coffee break

**12.15-1pm**
- **Commission on Ministry** (45 mins)

**2-3.30pm**
- Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 51)
  - **Informal Session** (on Church of Ireland chaplaincies in Belfast and Dublin) (1 hr)
  - **Church of Ireland Marriage Council** (30 mins)

**3.30-3.45pm**
- Coffee break

**3.45-4.30pm**
- **Liturical Advisory Committee** (45 mins)
  - Motion No. 14 (Liturgical Advisory Committee - Special Resolution)
  - Motion No. 15 (Liturgical Advisory Committee - Special Resolution)

**4.30-6pm**
- **Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue** (1 hr)
  - **Covenant Council** (30 mins)

**THIRD DAY**

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If business listed for any period is completed before the hour appointed, reports listed for Saturday afternoon will be taken in reverse order, commencing with the Church of Ireland Youth Department. References in this motion to a “report” shall include any motions accompanying such report on the agenda paper.

Standing Orders

It was proposed by Mr Kenneth Gibson (Connor), seconded by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton (Dublin and Glendalough) on behalf of the Standing Orders Committee and passed:

That Standing Order 31 (d) (iv) shall be amended by deletion of the words “printed copies of” and that Standing Order 31 (d) (v) shall be amended by the replacement of the words “copies of such amendments” with the words “the text of such amendments”.

Reports of Committees and Boards

The following reports were presented:

- The Book of Reports 2018 incorporating the following
  - The Report of the Representative Church Body
  - The Report of the Standing Committee
  - The Report of the General Synod Board of Education
  - The Report of the Church of Ireland Youth Department
  - The Report of the Covenant Council
  - The Report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee
  - The Report of the Church of Ireland Council for Mission
  - The Report of the Commission on Ministry
  - The Report of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council
- Priorities News 2018.

Communication from the Record Committee

The following communication was received from the Record Committee:

19th June 2017

To the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod

Record Committee

The Record Committee reports that, as provided by the Statutes, the Statutes passed at the last Session have been printed and they now present a copy which has been compared, certified and sealed, and signed by the members of the Committee.

George Davison
Chairperson

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Communication from Diocesan Synods

Speaking on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries, Ven George Davison announced that a communication had been received.

The Diocesan Synod of Armagh has amended its Diocesan Rules and Regulations. The letter was laid on the table.

Presentation of Petitions

Speaking on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries, Ven George Davison announced that there were no petitions.

Adjournment

The House adjourned from 3.45 to 4pm. Upon the recommencement of the Synod, the Archbishop of Armagh resumed the Chair.

Standing Orders

The President asked the Synod if it would agree to the suspension of Standing Orders to allow the launch of the *Commentary on the Constitution of the Church of Ireland* to take place. The House agreed.

Launch of the *Commentary on the Constitution of the Church of Ireland*

The Rt Hon Sir Paul Girvan, Chairperson of the Constitution Review Group, launched the publication of the *Commentary on the Constitution of the Church of Ireland*.

Standing Orders

Standing Orders were resumed.

Chair

The Archbishop of Armagh resumed the Chair.

Election of Standing Orders Committee

It was proposed by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton, seconded by Mr Kenneth Gibson, and passed that the following be elected members of the Standing Orders Committee:

- The Honorary Secretaries
- Ms Yvonne Blennerhasset
- Rev Canon Shane Forster

Election of Petitions Committee

It was proposed by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton, seconded by Mr Kenneth Gibson, and passed, that the following be elected members of the Petitions Committee:

- The Honorary Secretaries
- Mrs Pauline High
- Canon Graham Richards

Election of Elections Committee

It was proposed by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton, seconded by Mr Kenneth Gibson, and passed, that the following be elected members of the Elections Committee:

- The Honorary Secretaries
- Rev Canon Simon Doogan
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Canon Graham Richards

**Election of Record Committee**

It was proposed by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton, seconded by Mr Kenneth Gibson, and passed, that the following be elected members of the Record Committee:

- The Honorary Secretaries
  - Mrs Yvonne Blennerhasset
  - Canon Graham Richards
  - Ven Leslie Stevenson

**Election of Bills Committee**

It was proposed by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton, seconded by Mr Kenneth Gibson, and passed, that the following be elected members of the Bills Committee:

- The Rt Rev Michael Burrows, Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory
- Ven George Davison
- Rev Stephen Farrell
- Rev Barry Forde
- Mrs Ethne Harkness
- Canon Lady Sheil
- The Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness (consultant)
- The Assessor (ex-officio)

**Election of Legislation Committee**

It was proposed by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton, seconded by Mr Kenneth Gibson, and passed, that the following be elected members of the Legislation Committee:

- The Rt Rev Dr Kenneth Kearon, Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe
- Ven George Davison
- The Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness
- Rev Canon Simon Doogan
- Ms Claire Jackson
- Rev Barry Forde

**Report on the Election of the Standing Committee**

Ven George Davison announced the results of the election to the Standing Committee. It was noted that no nomination was received for the Lay Under-45 category for the Diocese of Meath and Kildare or for the Clerical Under-55 category for the Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe, and consequently, under the Constitution of the Standing Committee S 5 (3) 3 (3) elections were to be held on the second day of General Synod at the commencement of business.

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The Bishop of Cashel assumed the Chair.

Report of the Bills Committee

Ven George Davison presented the report of the Bills Committee and laid it on the table, along with a copy of the Bills pamphlet.

GENERAL SYNOD 2018

REPORT OF THE BILLS COMMITTEE

The function of the Bills Committee, as set out in Standing Order 24, is to ‘consider the legal and drafting aspects of Bills’ being presented to the General Synod. It should be noted that it is not the function of the Bills Committee to draft legislation, or to determine the policy underlying legislation, or to order the administrative working of the legislative process of the General Synod.

That said, the Bills Committee has worked consistently over the years to assist proposers of Bills and those drafting legislation. This assistance, in turn, promotes the good ordering of the legislative process of the General Synod. Each year the first, or informal, meeting of the Bills Committee scrutinises proposed Bills in detail, and highlights, if necessary, potential legal or drafting problems, to proposers. This gives the proposers of Bills the opportunity to address any concerns before the first formal meeting of the Bills Committee after which changes can only be made by amendment of the General Synod itself.

The Bills Committee met on 2 occasions as follows:
  - On Monday, 12th March, 2018, for an informal meeting, when Bills numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in the circulated Bills Pamphlet were considered.
  - On Tuesday, 10th April 2018, for the first formal meeting, when Bills numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 in the circulated Bills Pamphlet were considered.

On both occasions the Bishop of Cork was in the Chair.

The Bills Committee has no comments to make on Bills numbered 3, 5, and 6.

The Bills Committee notes that amendments have been proposed to Bill number 1. It has no comments to make about Bill number 1 or the proposed amendments.

Bill number 2 was discussed at the first meeting of the Bills Committee. Subsequently, the Bills Committee was notified by the Liturgical Advisory Committee that it had not been in a position to secure copyright permission for all the material in the schedule to the Bill. The Bills Committee, therefore, advises the General Synod to give its consent to the Bill’s being withdrawn. Moreover, the Bills Committee noted that Standing Order 22 would have required that all of the material pertinent to Bill number 2 be printed and circulated to members of the General Synod. On the ruling of the Chairman, and with the agreement of the Bills Committee, it was noted that such a printing and distribution might, in itself, be a copyright infringement in civil law. Therefore, the internal laws of the Church being subject to the law of the land, the Bills Committee directed that the materials could not be printed and circulated.

In the case of Bill number 4, the Bills Committee recommends that, for the avoidance of uncertainty or ambiguity, clause 5 be amended, by the deletion of paragraph (g).
In the case of Bill number 7, the Bills Committee advises that a commencement clause is required in order to avoid uncertainty as to the date when the provisions should come into operation. The Bills Committee understands that the proposer intends to bring such an amendment at Committee Stage.

Subsequent to the formal meeting of the Bills Committee, the proposed amendments to Bill number 7 were considered by email correspondence. The Bills Committee has no comment to make on those amendments with the exception of amendment number 3. The Bills Committee notes that amendment number 3 does not provide for the practical implementation of the proposed amendment at diocesan level where a number of dioceses include parts of the one county.

Resolutions:
The Bills Committee makes no comment on Resolutions 14 and 15, other than to point out that these will constitute the first reading of Special Bills. The Bills Committee emphasises that, under Standing Order 30(a), any amendments to be considered next year in relation to such of these resolutions as may be passed, must be submitted, in writing, to the Honorary Secretaries, within one calendar month of the end of this year’s Ordinary Session of the General Synod, that is, within one month from Saturday, 12th May 2018.

The venues of the meetings and the record of attendance of members at each of the 2 meetings are appended to this report.

Attendances, Apologies and Venues:

On Monday, 12th March, 2018 in Church of Ireland House, Dublin.
Present: the Bishop of Cork (Chairman), the Venerable George Davison, Mrs Ethne Harkness, Mrs Pauline High, Mr Lyndon MacCann, S.C., the Hon. Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness, and Canon Lady Sheil.
In attendance: the Very Rev Nigel Dunne, the Rt Rev Dr Kenneth Kearon Mrs Janet Maxwell, Mr David Ritchie, the Rt Rev Patrick Rooke, and Dr Catherine Smith.
Apologies: the Rev. Canon Brian O’Rourke.

On Tuesday, 10th April 2018 in Church of Ireland House, Dublin.
Present: the Bishop of Cork (Chairman), the Venerable George Davison, Mrs Ethne Harkness, Mr Lyndon MacCann, Judge Catherine McGuinness, and Canon Lady Sheil.
In attendance: Mr Andrew Brannigan, Mrs Janet Maxwell, and Dr Catherine Smith.
Apologies: Mrs Pauline High, and the Rev. Canon Brian O’Rourke.

+Paul Cork:
8th May 2018

Bill (No. 1) To include An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays in The Book of Common Prayer

It was proposed by Very Rev Nigel Dunne (Cork, Cloyne and Ross), and seconded by the Rt Rev Dr Harold Miller, Bishop of Down and Dromore:

That the Bill be approved in principle and given a second reading.

A vote was taken, and passed by the requisite two-thirds majority of each order, to allow the second reading.

According to order the House went into Committee.

The Bill was considered in detail.

AMENDMENTS

The following amendments were proposed by Very Rev Nigel Dunne, seconded by the Bishop of Down and Dromore, and passed:

The Ordering of the Service
Paragraph 4: Replace “the Revised Common Lectionary” with “the Table of Readings” in both instances.

Paragraph 5: Replace “These collects are available in the worship resources section of the Church of Ireland website.” with “These collects are available in electronic and printed form.”

Penitence
In the second rubric replace “either with the following or other seasonally appropriate words:” with “with these or other seasonally appropriate words”.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word
Delete the rubric “from the Old Testament is read.”
Replace the rubric “The reader may say” with “The reader says” below The First Reading, The Second Reading and The Third Reading.

Delete “or Psalms” from the heading “The Psalm or Psalms”

Amend the rubric “One or more of the appointed Psalms is sung.” to read “One or more of the appointed psalms is sung, ending with”.

Add pointing to the words of the Gloria:
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Delete the rubric “from the New Testament. If only two readings are used this is always a Gospel Reading.” under The Second Reading.

The Sermon
Amend the rubric under The Sermon from “THE PENITENCE may take place at this point during the seasons of Advent and Lent.” to “Penitence may take place at this point during the seasons of Advent and Lent.”

Prayers of the People
Delete the rubric “is said” below Collect of the Day.

In the rubric under the traditional version of The Lord’s Prayer replace the words “it is” with the words “they are”.

Going Out as God’s People
Amend The Dismissal as follows:

After the rubric ‘or’ add the following:
We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.

Add the rubric “The Collect of the Day and the Lord’s Prayer are said if not used previously.” in place of the heading “The Collect of the Day” and the rubric “is said”

Delete the heading “The Lord’s Prayer” and the full text of both versions of the Lord’s Prayer below that heading.

AMENDMENTS
The following amendments were proposed by Mr Joc Sanders (Limerick and Killaloe), seconded by Mr Adrian Hilliard (Limerick and Killaloe), and lost:

Change the title to ‘An Order of Service for use on Sunday’

The Greeting: in the prayer, delete the words ‘in these last days’

P.11 Prayers of the People: At the end of the prayers include the following words from Holy Communion 2 (BCP p206), in bold: ‘Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen’ with a permissive rubric: ‘The prayers may conclude with the following words.’

The Clauses as amended were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

The House resumed.
Saturday 12th May was fixed for the next stage.

Bill (No. 2) To provide for the authorisation of use of Collects of the Word as part of An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays

Very Rev Nigel Dunne sought the leave of the General Synod to withdraw this Bill, which was granted.

Bill (No. 3) To amend Chapter XVI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland

It was proposed by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton, seconded by Mr Geoffrey Perrin (Dublin and Glendalough), and passed:

That leave be given to introduce Bill No 3.

That the Bill be approved in principle and given a second reading.

According to order the House went into Committee.

The Bill was considered in detail.

The Clauses were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

The House resumed.

Saturday 12th May was fixed for the next stage.

Bill (No. 4) To repeal and replace Statute Chapter III of 2006

It was proposed by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton, seconded by Mr Geoffrey Perrin, and passed:

That leave be given to introduce Bill No 4.

That the Bill be approved in principle and given a second reading.

According to order the House went into Committee.

The Bill was considered in detail.

AMENDMENT

It was proposed by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton, seconded by Mr Geoffrey Perrin, and passed:

That Bill No. 4 should be amended as follows:

In clause 5, paragraph (g) shall be omitted.

The Clauses as amended were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

The House resumed.

Saturday 12th May was fixed for the next stage.

Bill (No. 5) To amend Chapter VII of the Constitution and the Statute Chapter X of 1972 and to make future provision for the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork

It was proposed by Very Rev Nigel Dunne, seconded by Mr Keith Roberts (Cork, Cloyne and Ross), and passed:

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That Leave be given to introduce Bill No 5.

That the Bill be approved in principle and given a second reading.

According to order the House went into Committee.

The Bill was considered in detail.

The Clauses were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Schedule was passed.

The Bill was reported.

The House resumed.

Saturday 12th May was fixed for the next stage.

Bill (No. 6) To suspend temporarily the operation of provisions in Chapter VI of the Constitution in respect of constituting, convening and holding an electoral college in the case of a vacancy in the see of Tuam, Killala and Achonry or Limerick, Ardfert, Aghadoe, Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert, Kilmacduagh and Emly

It was proposed by Mr Joc Sanders, seconded by Prof Paul Johnston (Tuam, Killala and Achonry), and passed:

That Bill No. 6 be approved in principle and given a second reading.

A vote was taken, and passed by the requisite two-thirds majority of each order, to allow the second reading.

According to order the House went into Committee.

The Bill was considered in detail.

The Clauses were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

The House resumed.

Saturday 6th May was fixed for the next stage.

Bill (No. 7) To amend Chapter I of the Constitution

A vote was taken on the proposal that leave be given to introduce the Bill, and was passed by 242 votes in favour to 125 against.

It was proposed by Mr Andrew Brannigan, seconded by Rev Canon Alison Calvin, and passed by 270 votes in favour to 226 against:

That Bill No. 7 be approved in principle and given a second reading.

Chair

The Archbishop of Armagh resumed the Chair.

The permission of Synod was sought and granted to postpone the discussion of the proposed amendments to Bill No. 7 until Friday 11th May.

Communication from the House of Bishops

The Most Rev Patricia Storey (Bishop of Meath and Kildare) read a communication from the House of Bishops.
The General Synod 2013 established a Select Committee on ‘Human Sexuality in the context of Christian Belief’. The brief given to the Select Committee was ‘to enable the listening, dialogue and learning process’ on all issues regarding human sexuality following the resolution of General Synod in 2012. This Committee met for four years and produced an excellent Guide to Human Sexuality that is available to all parishes.

Their work having concluded at General Synod 2017, the issue of Human Sexuality in the context of Christian Belief was passed to the House of Bishops. It was noted that following the production of the Guide to Human Sexuality, there was little appetite to discuss further these issues in parishes. It would seem that there is no consensus in General Synod, the House of Bishops, or in the church island-wide to change the Canons of the Church of Ireland on the matter of marriage. Thus the Church of Ireland marriage service remains unchanged and marriage may be solemnised only between a man and a woman. No liturgy or authorised service is provided therefore for any other situation. As the archbishops and bishops have already made clear to the clergy of the Church of Ireland, it is not possible to proscribe the saying of prayers in personal and pastoral situations, but if clergy are invited to offer prayer after a same sex marriage, any such prayer must remain consonant with the spirit and teaching of the Church of Ireland.

It is widely recognised that there is no simple solution for these and other issues of human sexuality; but with compassion, humility and concern, we offer our continued commitment to attentive listening and to respectful discussion. We ask that all members of Synod who continue to hold strong opinions do so with integrity and compassion, and to also hold in prayer before God the challenging diversity that exists within the Church of Ireland.

Ecumenical Guests

At the invitation of the Primate and with the approval of the House, Rev Father Bishoy, representing the Coptic Orthodox Church, Rev Brian Anderson, representing the Irish Council of Churches, and the Most Rev Eamonn Martin, representing the Roman Catholic Church, addressed the Synod on behalf of the official guests. The Primate joined Archbishop Martin to launch Thy Kingdom Come, a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

Adjournment

Prayers were led by Rev Canon Shane Forster. The Benediction was pronounced, and the Synod adjourned until Friday.
The Chair was taken at 10 am by His Grace the Lord Primate.

A hymn was sung and a portion of Holy Scripture and Prayer were read by Rev Canon Shane Forster.

**Election of a Lay Under-45 Representative to the Standing Committee for the Diocese of Meath and Kildare**

Mr Ronan McKenna was proposed by Mrs Joan Bruton (Meath and Kildare), seconded by Rev Canon John Clarke (Meath and Kildare), and elected.

**Election of a Clerical Under-55 Representative to the Standing Committee for the Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe**

Rev John Godfrey was proposed by Ven Simon J. Lumby (Limerick and Killaloe), seconded by Mr Adrian Hilliard, and elected.

**Chair**

The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe assumed the Chair.

**Communication from the Representative Church Body**

The following communication was received from the Representative Church Body:

11 May 2018

TO THE HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

I wish to advise you that at its meeting on 11 May 2018 the Representative Church Body elected the following as co-opted members:

- Mr Henry Algeo
- Mr Lyndon MacCann
- Ms Hilary Prentice
- Canon Graham Richards
- Mr Henry Saville

DAVID RITCHIE
Chief Officer and Secretary
Second Day (Friday 11th May 2018)

Standing Orders

Canon Graham Richards asked the Synod if it would agree to the suspension of Standing Orders to allow Mr Henry Saville, Chairman of the RB Executive Committee, to address the House on the Report of the Representative Church Body and to respond to the discussion. The House agreed.

Report of the Representative Church Body

It was proposed by Canon Graham Richards (Dublin and Glendalough), seconded by Ven Adrian Wilkinson (Cork, Cloyne and Ross) and passed:

That the Report of the Representative Church Body, incorporating the report of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee DAC, be taken into consideration.

It was proposed by Canon Graham Richards, seconded by Ven Adrian Wilkinson and passed:

That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations from General Funds in 2018:

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Total: €3,597,034

Adoption of Report

It was proposed by Canon Graham Richards, seconded by the Rt Rev Dr Kenneth Kearon (Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe) and passed:

That the report of the Representative Church Body, incorporating the report of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee DAC, be adopted subject to the resolutions already passed relating thereto.

Standing Orders

Standing Orders were resumed.

Representative Church Body – Diocesan Contribution (Safeguarding)

It was proposed by Canon Graham Richards, seconded by Ven Adrian Wilkinson and passed:

That, in accordance with the Statute Chapter III of 2006 or such legislation as may be passed by the General Synod in 2018 in place of that Statute, the General Synod hereby affirms the decision of the Representative Body that the rate of contribution from each diocese towards costs relating to Safeguarding in respect of the year 2019 be set at 0.9% of the Minimum Approved Stipend in force at 1 January 2019 multiplied by the sum of the number of cures, including vacant cures, in such diocese at 30 June 2018.
Church of Ireland Pensions Board – Membership

It was proposed by the Rt Rev John McDowell (Bishop of Clogher), seconded by Mr Geoffrey Perrin and passed:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 25 (b) of Chapter XIV of the Constitution, the following be elected as members of the Church of Ireland Pensions Board:
- Canon Lady Sheil
- Rev John Auchmuty
- Mrs Cynthia Cherry

Private Member’s Motion – Fossil Fuels

An amendment was proposed by Mr Roy Totten (Connor), seconded by Ven Andrew Orr (Cashel, Ferns and Ossory) and passed.

The motion as amended was proposed by Mr Stephen Trew (Down and Dromore), seconded by Ven Andrew Orr, and passed:

The RCB will continue the positive work of collaborative engagement, increasing investments in renewable investments and reducing exposure to fossil fuel producers, so that by 2022, companies where more than 10% of turnover is derived from fossil fuel extraction, will be excluded.

Adjournment

The House adjourned from 12 to 12.15 pm and resumed with the Primate in the Chair.

Private Member’s Motion

The Primate read to the House a private member’s motion that had been received.

It was proposed by Mr Sam Harper (Cashel, Ferns and Ossory), seconded by Mrs Ethne Harkness (Armagh) and passed:

That Bill No. 7 be withdrawn and that Standing Committee be requested to consider the contents of the Bill and the proposed amendments and with that focus return to the 2019 General Synod with a report and legislative proposals for decision by the Synod.

Adjournment

The House adjourned from 1 to 2 pm and resumed with the Primate in the Chair.

Ecumenical Guests

At the invitation of the Primate and with the approval of the House, Very Rev Dr Frank Sellar, representing the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, addressed the Synod on behalf of the official guests.

Standing Orders

The President asked the Synod if it would agree to the suspension of Standing Orders to allow an informal session – “Church of Ireland Chaplaincies in Dublin and Belfast” – to take place. The House agreed.

“Church of Ireland Chaplaincies in Dublin and Belfast”

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Second Day (Friday 11th May 2018)

Mr Scott Evans, Rev Barry Forde, and Rev Rob Jones gave a presentation on the work of chaplains, focusing on university chaplaincies and the relationships to their respective cities.

Standing Orders

Standing Orders were resumed.

Chair

The Archbishop of Dublin and Glendalough assumed the Chair.

Adjournment

The House adjourned from 3.50 to 4.05 pm. Upon the resumption of the Synod, the Archbishop of Dublin resumed the Chair.

Standing Committee

It was proposed by Mrs Judith Cairns (Connor), seconded by Ven Simon J. Lumby, and passed:

That the report of the Standing Committee be received and adopted.

Collaborative Motion from the Church of Ireland Bishops’ Appeal and the Church of Ireland Council for Mission

It was proposed by the Rt Rev Patrick Rooke (Bishop of Tuam), seconded by Mr Derek Neilson (Dublin and Glendalough), and passed:

That General Synod supports the request of the Church of Ireland Bishops’ Appeal and the Church of Ireland Council for Mission to provide the resources needed to carry out a scoping study into the potential for greater collaboration

(i) Between existing Church of Ireland committees and

(ii) Between the Church of Ireland and groups associated with it.

The research should explore further areas for collaboration for linking local and global justice issues such as (but not limited to) hunger, displacement, homelessness, poverty, wealth inequality, unfair tax and trade, climate change and gender based violence. The finding of such a scoping study should be delivered to the General Synod 2019 and it should form the basis for decisive, focused and collaborative action on such issues moving forward.

Guest

At the invitation of the Primate and with the approval of the House, Mrs Thembeka Pama, the World President of Girls’ Friendly Society, addressed the Synod.

Ecumenical Guests

At the invitation of the Primate and with the approval of the House, Dr Dirk Jan Schoon (Bishop of Haarlem), representing the Old Catholic Churches, addressed the Synod on behalf of the official guests.

Report of the Council for Mission

It was proposed by Rev Adam Pullen (Derry and Raphoe), seconded by Ms Julie Currie (Down and Dromore), and passed:

That the Report of the Council for Mission be received.

Report of the Commission on Ministry

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It was proposed by Mrs Ruth Galbraith (Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh), seconded by Rev Barry Forde (Connor) and passed:

    That the report of the Commission on Ministry be received.

**Adjournment**

Prayers were led by Rev Canon Shane Forster. The Benediction was pronounced, and the Synod adjourned until Friday.
THIRD DAY’S PROCEEDINGS
SATURDAY 12TH MAY 2018

The Chair was taken at 10 am by His Grace the Lord Primate.

A hymn was sung and a portion of Holy Scripture and Prayer were read by Rev Canon Shane Forster.

Chair

The Bishop of Cashel assumed the Chair.

Bill (No. 1) To include An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays in The Book of Common Prayer

As ordered, Bill No. 1 was received for final consideration.

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by Very Rev Nigel Dunne, seconded by the Bishop of Down and Dromore and passed by the requisite two-thirds majority of each order:

That the Bill to include An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays in The Book of Common Prayer be read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) To amend Chapter XVI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland

As ordered, Bill No. 3 was received for final consideration.

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton, seconded by Mr Kevin Bowers (Meath and Kildare) and passed:

That the Bill to amend Chapter XVI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland be read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) To repeal and replace Statute Chapter III of 2006

As ordered, Bill No. 4 was received for final consideration.

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton, seconded by Mr Kevin Bowers and passed:

That the Bill to repeal and replace Statute Chapter III of 2006 be read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) To amend Chapter VII of the Constitution and the Statute Chapter X of 1972 and to make future provision for the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork

As ordered, Bill No. 5 was received for final consideration.

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.
Third Day (Saturday 12th May 2018)

It was proposed by Very Rev Nigel Dunne, seconded by Mr Keith Roberts (Cork, Cloyne and Ross) and passed:

That the Bill to amend Chapter VII of the Constitution and the Statute Chapter X of 1972 and to make future provision for the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork be read a third time and passed.

**Bill (No. 6) To suspend temporarily the operation of provisions in Chapter VI of the Constitution in respect of constituting, convening and holding an electoral college in the case of a vacancy in the see of Tuam, Killala and Achonry or Limerick, Ardfert, Aghadoe, Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert, Kilmacduagh and Emly**

As ordered, Bill No. 6 was received for final consideration.

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by Mr Joc Sanders, seconded by Prof Paul Johnston and passed:

That the Bill to suspend temporarily the operation of provisions in Chapter VI of the Constitution in respect of constituting, convening and holding an electoral college in the case of a vacancy in the see of Tuam, Killala and Achonry or Limerick, Ardfert, Aghadoe, Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert, Kilmacduagh and Emly be read a third time and passed.

**Ecumenical Guests**

At the invitation of the Primate and with the approval of the House, Ms Miriam Weibye of the Scottish Episcopal Church addressed the Synod on behalf of the official guests.

**Chair**

The Bishop of Clogher assumed the Chair.

**Report of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council**

It was proposed by Rev John Ardis (Cork, Cloyne and Ross), seconded by Rev Nicola Halford (Cashel, Ferns and Ossory), and passed:

That the report of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council be received.

**Liturical Advisory Committee**

It was proposed by the Bishop of Down and Dromore, seconded by Rev Julie Bell (Connor) and passed:

That the Report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee be received.

**Adjournment**

The House adjourned from 11.30 to 11.45 am.

**Standing Orders**

The President asked the Synod if it would agree to the suspension of Standing Orders to allow the presentation of prizes for the Communications Competition to take place. The House agreed.
Communications Competition
The Bishop of Meath and Kildare announced the winners of the Competition.

Standing Orders
Standing Orders were resumed.

Chair
The Bishop of Clogher resumed the Chair.

Liturgical Advisory Committee – Special Resolution
It was proposed by the Bishop of Down and Dromore, seconded by Rev Julie Bell and passed by the requisite two-thirds majority of each order:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 (1) of Chapter I of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2019 to approve for use in the Church of Ireland *The Service of Prayer and Naming and The Funeral Service in Cases of Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Neonatal Death* as set out in the Schedule to this Resolution.

Liturgical Advisory Committee – Special Resolution
It was proposed by the Bishop of Down and Dromore, seconded by Rev Julie Bell and passed by the requisite two-thirds majority of each order:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 (1) of Chapter I of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2019 to approve for use in the Church of Ireland *Holy Communion by Extension for Persons Unable to be Present at the Public Celebration* as set out in the Schedule to this Resolution.

Adjournment
The House adjourned from 1 to 2pm and resumed with the Bishop of Meath and Kildare in the Chair.

It was proposed by the Bishop of Cashel, seconded by Rev Canon Gillian Wharton and passed that:

The report of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue be received.

Report of the Covenant Council
It was proposed by Rev Barry Forde, seconded by Very Rev Nigel Dunne and passed:

That the report of the Covenant Council be received.

Covenant Council – Membership
It was proposed by Rev Barry Forde, seconded by Very Rev Nigel Dunne and passed:

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That the following be elected as Church of Ireland representatives on the Covenant Council for the coming year:

Rt. Rev. Alan Abernethy, Bishop of Connor (Co-Chair)
Ms Elva Byrne
Very Rev Nigel Dunne
Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott
Rev Barry Forde
Mr Harold Giboney
Rev Dr Peter Thompson

Covenant Council – Celebrations

It was proposed by Very Rev Nigel Dunne, seconded by Rev Barry Forde and passed:

That General Synod continues to encourage congregations to celebrate the Covenant relationship with neighbouring Methodist congregations on or around John Wesley Day, 24th May, each year.

Chair

The Bishop of Limerick assumed the Chair.

Report of the Board of Education

It was proposed by Mrs Helen McClenaghan (Armagh), seconded by Rev Canon Brian O’Rourke (Cashel, Ferns and Ossory) and passed:

That the Report of the Board of Education be received.

Chair

The Archbishop of Armagh assumed the Chair.

Report of the Church of Ireland Youth Department

It was proposed by Mr Simon Henry (Down and Dromore), seconded by Rev Nicola Halford, and passed:

That the Report of the Church of Ireland Youth Department be received.

Journal of the General Synod

It was proposed by the Honorary Secretaries and passed:

That the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod be instructed to publish, with as little delay as possible, the Journal of the Proceedings of the General Synod during this session, with such appendices as they think expedient.

Attendance of Members

Ven George Davison informed the Synod of the attendance of members on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries.

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The Benediction was pronounced and the session terminated at 3.30 pm.
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RESOLUTIONS
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL SYNOD SESSION 2018

Bills

To include An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays in The Book of Common Prayer
First reading passed.
Second reading passed.
Third reading passed.

To amend Chapter XVI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland
First reading passed.
Second reading passed.
Third reading passed.

To Repeal and Replace Statute Chapter III of 2006
First reading passed.
Second reading passed.
Third reading passed.

To amend Chapter VII of the Constitution and the Statute Chapter X of 1972 and to make future provision for the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork.
First reading passed.
Second reading passed.
Third reading passed.

To suspend temporarily the operation of provisions in Chapter VI of the Constitution in respect of constituting, convening and holding an electoral college in the case of a vacancy in the see of Tuam, Killala and Achnory or Limerick, Ardfert, Aghadoe, Killaloe, Killfenora, Clonfert, Kilmacduagh and Emly
First reading passed.
Second reading passed.
Third reading passed.

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Church of Ireland Marriage Council
That the report of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council be received.

Church Of Ireland Pensions Board – Membership
That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 25 (b) of Chapter XIV of the Constitution, the following be elected as members of the Church of Ireland Pensions Board:

Canon Lady Sheil
Rev John Auchmuty
Mrs Cynthia Cherry

Collaborative Motion from the Church of Ireland Bishops’ Appeal and the Church of Ireland Council for Mission
That General Synod supports the request of the Church of Ireland Bishops’ Appeal and the Church of Ireland Council for Mission to provide the resources needed to carry out a scoping study into the potential for greater collaboration

(i) Between existing Church of Ireland committees and
(ii) Between the Church of Ireland and groups associated with it.

The research should explore further areas for collaboration for linking local and global justice issues such as (but not limited to) hunger, displacement, homelessness, poverty, wealth inequality, unfair tax and trade, climate change and gender based violence. The finding of such a scoping study should be delivered to the General Synod 2019 and it should form the basis for decisive, focused and collaborative action on such issues moving forward.

Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue
The report of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue be received.

Commission on Ministry
That the report of the Commission on Ministry be received.

Council for Mission
That the report of the Council for Mission be received.

Covenant Council
That the report of the Covenant Council be received.
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That the following be elected as Church of Ireland representatives on the Covenant Council for the coming year:

- The Rt Revd. Alan Abernethy, Bishop of Connor (Co-Chair)
- Ms Elva Byrne
- Very Revd. Nigel Dunne
- Revd. Canon Dr Maurice Elliott
- Revd. Barry Forde
- Mr. Harold Giboney
- Revd. Dr Peter Thompson

That General Synod continues to encourage congregations to celebrate the Covenant relationship with neighbouring Methodist congregations on or around John Wesley Day, 24th May, each year.

Church of Ireland Youth Department

That the Report of the Church of Ireland Youth Department be received.

Election of Bills Committee

That the following be elected members of the Bills Committee:

- The Rt Rev Michael Burrows, Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory
- Ven George Davison
- Rev Stephen Farrell
- Rev Barry Forde
- Mrs Ethne Harkness
- Canon Lady Sheil
- The Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness (consultant)
- The Assessor (ex-officio)

Election of Elections Committee

That the following be elected members of the Elections Committee:

- The Honorary Secretaries
  - Rev Canon Simon Doogan
  - Canon Graham Richards

Election of Honorary Secretaries

That the following be elected as clerical Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod:

- Ven George Davison
- Rev Canon Gillian Wharton
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That the following be elected as lay Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod:

Mr Kenneth Gibson
Ms Hazel Corrigan

Election of Legislation Committee

That the following be elected members of the Legislation Committee:

The Rt Rev Dr Kenneth Kearon, the Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe
Ven George Davison
The Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness
Rev Canon Simon Doogan
Ms Claire Jackson
Rev Barry Forde

Election of Petitions Committee

That the following be elected members of the Petitions Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Mrs Pauline High
Canon Graham Richards

Election of Record Committee

That the following be elected members of the Record Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Mrs Yvonne Blennerhasset
Canon Graham Richards
Ven Leslie Stevenson

Election to the Standing Committee

That the following be elected to the Standing Committee for the vacant lay under-45 position for Meath and Kildare:

Mr Ronan McKenna

That the following be elected to the Standing Committee for the vacant clerical under-55 position for Limerick and Killaloe:

Rev John Godfrey
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Election of Standing Orders Committee
That the following be elected members of the Standing Orders Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Ms Yvonne Blennerhasset
Rev Canon Shane Forster

General Synod Board of Education
That the report of the General Synod Board of Education be received.

Liturgical Advisory Committee
That the report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee be received.

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 (1) of Chapter I of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2019 to approve for use in the Church of Ireland The Service of Prayer and Naming and The Funeral Service in Cases of Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Neonatal Death as set out in the Schedule to this Resolution.
(See Appendix 1 for Schedule at end of this booklet)

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 (1) of Chapter I of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2019 to approve for use in the Church of Ireland Holy Communion by Extension for Persons Unable to be Present at the Public Celebration as set out in the Schedule to this Resolution.
(See Appendix 2 for Schedule at end of this booklet)

Private Member’s Motion – Fossil Fuels
The RCB will continue the positive work of collaborative engagement, increasing investments in renewable investments and reducing exposure to fossil fuel producers, so that by 2022, companies where more than 10% of turnover is derived from fossil fuel extraction, will be excluded.

Private Member’s Motion – General Synod Representation
That Bill No. 7 be withdrawn and that Standing Committee be requested to consider the contents of the Bill and the proposed amendments and with that focus return to the 2019 General Synod with a report and legislative proposals for decision by the Synod.

The Representative Church Body
That the Report of the Representative Church Body, incorporating the report of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee DAC, be taken into consideration.

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That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations from General Funds in 2018:

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**Total:** €3,597,034

That the report of the Representative Church Body, incorporating the report of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee DAC, be adopted subject to the resolutions already passed relating thereto.

*Representative Church Body – Diocesan Contribution (Safeguarding)*

That, in accordance with the Statute Chapter III of 2006 or such legislation as may be passed by the General Synod in 2018 in place of that Statute, the General Synod hereby affirms the decision of the Representative Body that the rate of contribution from each diocese towards costs relating to Safeguarding in respect of the year 2019 be set at 0.9% of the Minimum Approved Stipend in force at 1 January 2019 multiplied by the sum of the number of cures, including vacant cures, in such diocese at 30 June 2018.

*The Standing Committee*

That the report of the Standing Committee be received and adopted.

*Standing Orders*

That Standing Order 31 (d) (iv) shall be amended by deletion of the words “printed copies of” and that Standing Order 31 (d) (v) shall be amended by the replacement of the words “copies of such amendments” with the words “the text of such amendments”.

*Journal of the General Synod*

That the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod be instructed to publish, with as little delay as possible, the Journal of the Proceedings of the General Synod during this session, with such appendices as they think expedient.
To include An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays in *The Book of Common Prayer*

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend *The Book of Common Prayer* (2004; rev. ed. 2005), by including therein An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays as set out in the schedule to this Bill;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2018 and by the authority of the same as follows:

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CHAPTER II

TO AMEND CHAPTER XVI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND (SAFEGUARDING POLICIES)

WHEREAS Chapter XVI of the Constitution deals with the provision of a policy for the safeguarding of children;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable, in consequence of legislation in Northern Ireland and good practice and guidance in the Republic of Ireland, for the Church of Ireland to adopt a policy to address adult safeguarding (referred to as ‘adults at risk of harm’ and ‘adults in need of protection’ in Northern Ireland and ‘vulnerable adults’ in the Republic of Ireland);

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2018 and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. ‘In Chapter XVI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, hereinafter referred to as ‘the said Chapter’, before the words MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN there shall be inserted the following:

‘SAFEGUARDING

PART I’

2. ‘That immediately after Section 2 of the said Chapter, there shall be inserted the following Sections:

‘PART II

MINISTRY WITH ADULTS

3. Adult Safeguarding: The Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice, approved by the Standing Committee of the General Synod and reported to the General Synod, hereinafter referred to as Adult Safeguarding, shall be implemented and adhered to throughout the Church of Ireland in the Church’s ministry with adults at risk of harm and adults in need of protection, also referred to as vulnerable adults in some legislation and guidance.

4. Each bishop and diocesan council shall ensure that Adult Safeguarding: The Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice be implemented and adhered to by all parishes, clergy and diocesan bodies within the diocese and in any diocesan activity.’
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CHAPTER III

To Repeal and Replace Statute Chapter III of 2006

WHEREAS the Statute Chapter III of 2006 dealt with matters pertaining to a child protection policy and the provision and funding of child protection officers for the Church of Ireland;

AND WHEREAS the concept of safeguarding has come to embrace concepts of protection of adults as well as of children, with consequent need for additional provision of staff and resources;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision concerning the financing of the work of the Safeguarding Board, and Officers appointed under section 17(c) of Chapter X of the Constitution, to advise and assist the Church of Ireland in responding to concerns about the welfare of children and adults and, in particular to advise and assist bishops and diocesan councils in ensuring that Safeguarding Trust: The Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Children and Adult Safeguarding: The Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice are implemented and adhered to in all parishes;

AND WHEREAS for such purpose it is desirable that a contribution towards the cost of the work of Safeguarding be raised within each diocese;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the Statute Chapter III of 2006 to be repealed in order to make provision for the same;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2018 and by the authority of the same as follows:

To make provision concerning the financing of the work of the Safeguarding Board including the work of the Officers and parish vetting

1. From 1st January 2019 each diocese shall contribute towards the cost of the work of Safeguarding (as defined in Chapter XVI of the Constitution) at a rate to be determined by the Representative Body not later than 30th June in 2018 and each year thereafter:

Provided that, after the initial rate is set by 30th June 2018, a rate determined for any one year, being more than twenty-five per centum in excess of the rate for the year immediately preceding, shall become operative only on the passing of an affirmative resolution of the General Synod.
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2. (1) The contribution from each diocese shall be the sum of the number of cures, including vacant cures, in such diocese at the preceding 30th June (as agreed between the Representative Body and the diocesan council) multiplied by the minimum approved stipend of an incumbent as fixed from time to time by the General Synod in accordance with Section 51(1) of Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and operative on 1st January of the year to which the contribution relates multiplied by the rate per centum determined by the Representative Body in accordance with section 1.

(2) In the case of a diocese, part of which is situated in the Republic of Ireland and part of which is situated in Northern Ireland, account shall be taken of the differing figures for minimum approved stipend fixed in respect of incumbents resident in each jurisdiction and the contribution shall be subdivided accordingly.

(3) In the event of disagreement between the Representative Body and the diocesan council as to the number of cures in any diocese, such shall be determined by the decision of the archbishop of the province in which such diocese is situated.

3. Contributions shall be payable quarterly in arrears by each diocesan council on 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December each year or in such other manner as the Representative Body may approve.

4. Each diocesan council shall be at liberty to recover in whole or in part the contribution so charged by direct assessment on the individual parishes, unions or groups of parishes, or churches, within its jurisdiction in whatever manner it deems appropriate.

5. For the purposes of this Statute the term ‘cure’ shall have the same general meaning as contained in Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, and shall include:
   (a) A parish, union or group of parishes under the care of an incumbent appointed under Part III of Chapter IV;
   (b) A parish, union or group of parishes under the care of a bishop’s curate appointed under Section 42 of Chapter IV;
   (c) A parish, union or group of parishes assigned to the immediate care of a vicar appointed under Part X of Chapter IV;
   (d) A parish, union or group of parishes in respect of which a certificate has been issued by the Representative Body under Section 52 of Chapter IV;
   (e) A “light-duty parish” as defined by Section 62 of Chapter IV;
   (f) A cathedral which is non-parochial;
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6. The Standing Committee shall, at the ordinary session of the General Synod in 2019, and triennially thereafter, and may at any other session, present a report on the implementation of this Statute, specifying any amendment which may appear to be necessary or expedient.

7. Statute Chapter III of 2006 is hereby repealed with effect from 1 January 2019.
CHAPTER IV

To amend Chapter VII of the Constitution and the Statute Chapter X of 1972 and to make future provision for the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork.

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend the provisions relating to the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary therefore to amend Chapter VII of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS it is also necessary therefore to amend the Statute, Chapter X of 1972;

AND WHEREAS the Synod of the United Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross at its meeting held on 10th June 2017 approved of the provisions hereinafter set forth;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2018 and by the authority of the same as follows:

Definitions

1. In this Statute –

   a. “the Bishop” means the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross;
   b. “the Cathedral” means the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork;
   c. “the Cathedral Board” means the board of the Cathedral as provided for in section 36 hereof;
   d. “Chapter III” means Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland;
   e. “Chapter VII” means Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland;
   f. “the Dean” means the Dean of Cork;
   g. “the Dean of Cloyne” means the Dean of the Cathedral Church of St Colman, Cloyne;
   h. “the Dean of Ross” means the Dean of the Cathedral Church of St Fachtna, Rosscarbery;
   i. “Ecumenical Canon” means a minister or accredited preacher of one or other of such Christian denominations not in full communion with the Church of Ireland as may from time to time be specified by the House of Bishops;
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j. “Honorary Canon” means a person (lay or ordained) who has proven expertise in a particular area, determined by the Bishop, in consultation with the Dean, to be of interest or of current importance to the diocese and/or the Cathedral, including but not limited to the areas of social justice, mission, outreach, theological research and education. An Honorary Canon may be a member of the Church of Ireland, or of a Church that is in communion therewith, or of such Christian denomination not in full communion with the Church of Ireland as may from time to time be specified by the House of Bishops.

Amendments and Repeals

2. For Section 18 of Chapter VII there shall be substituted:

“18. None of the foregoing provisions in this Chapter contained shall apply to or affect the Cathedral Church of St Patrick, Armagh; the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (commonly called Christ Church), Dublin; the Collegiate and Cathedral Church of St Patrick, Dublin; the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Down or the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre Cork; or the prerogatives, rights, privileges, or constitution of any of them; or the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast, so far as any of the said provisions are inconsistent with the Statute Chapter V of 1944 as amended.”

3. Section 1 and Section 4 of the Statute, Chapter X of 1972 are hereby repealed.

Regulation of the Cathedral

4. The Cathedral shall be regulated by the provisions of this Statute.

Saving of Existing Appointments

5. The existing Dean, Dignitaries, Prebendaries and Chapter Clerk of the Cathedral shall (subject to the provisions of the Irish Church Act 1869) continue to hold their respective offices therein, and shall retain the same rights, powers and privileges as they have heretofore enjoyed, and shall be liable to the discharge of all duties to which they have hitherto been subject, except so far as the same may be extended or modified by the provisions of this Act.

The Chapter
6. The Chapter of the Cathedral shall consist of the Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, Archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross and four Canons occupying the Prebendal Stalls of Dromdaleague and Kilnaglory, St Michael’s and Inniskenny, Kilbrittain and Holy Trinity and Desertserges and Killanully, the Ecumenical Canon (if any) and the Honorary Canons (if any).

7. The Bishop shall be the Ordinary of the Cathedral and shall have the right of appointing the Dean and, except as may otherwise be provided herein, shall have the right of appointing each and every of the dignitaries, prebendaries and canonries of the Cathedral and shall make choice in respect of such dignitaries, prebendaries and canons from amongst the beneficed or licensed clergy of the diocese. In making such appointments the Bishop shall have due regard to the abilities and qualifications required for the proper performance of the duties of each such office.

8. The Dean of Cloyne shall also hold the Precentor’s Stall in the Cathedral.

9. The Dean of Ross shall also hold the Chancellor’s Stall in the Cathedral.

10. The Prebendary of Tymothan in the National Cathedral of St. Patrick, Dublin shall also hold the Treasurer’s Stall in the Cathedral and shall hold such Stall notwithstanding the fact that he or she may also be the Dean of one of the cathedrals in, or the Archdeacon of, the United Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

11. In respect of any appointments made after the coming into force of this Statute, the Bishop shall determine the period of time for which each of the Prebendaries of Dromdaleague and Kilnaglory, St. Michael’s and Inniskenny, Kilbrittain and Holy Trinity and Desertserges and Killanully shall be appointed.

12. The Dean and Chapter shall have power to make rules and regulations for the times and conduct of meetings of the Chapter and the discharge of its responsibilities. Meetings of the Chapter shall be presided over by the Dean or, in the absence of the Dean, by the member of the Chapter next in order of precedence who is present.

The Functions of the Dean and the Prebendaries

13. The Dean shall be subject to the authority and control of the Ordinary. The Dean shall order the services of the Cathedral and, in matters pertaining thereto, shall direct the clergy and officials. Unless hindered by reasonable cause, the Dean shall attend and assist in the services of the Cathedral on Sundays and week-days.
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14. The Dignitaries shall undertake the customary duties pertaining to their office. Each Dignitary, the Archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, and each Prebendary shall undertake, by arrangement with the Dean, not less than one Sunday in-residence each year in the Cathedral. The Dignitaries, the Archdeacon and the Prebendaries shall also undertake any other duties as decided from time to time by the Dean and Chapter.

The Ecumenical Canon and the Honorary Canons

15. Having consulted with the Dean in order to identify the mind of the Chapter and the needs of the Cathedral, the Bishop may appoint an Ecumenical Canon and not more than two Honorary Canons.

16. Neither the Ecumenical Canon nor an Honorary Canon shall be entitled to a salary.

17. The appointment of an Ecumenical Canon or an Honorary Canon shall not be effective unless and until that person shall make and subscribe before the Bishop the relevant declaration contained in the Schedules I and II hereto annexed.

18. The Ecumenical Canon and the Honorary Canons may be removed by the Bishop for cause shown. The Ecumenical Canon or an Honorary Canon, if not so removed, shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of appointment or until such Canon shall resign from such office. An Ecumenical Canon or Honorary Canon who has served five years may be reappointed.

19. The Ecumenical Canon and the Honorary Canons shall each have a designated stall in the Cathedral while holding such office.

20. The Ecumenical Canon and the Honorary Canons shall be non-voting members of the Chapter and shall not be eligible for election to the Cathedral Board nor may they chair meetings of the Chapter.

21. The Ecumenical Canon may be invited by the Dean or the Bishop to perform all or any of the following duties insofar as the same are consonant with the provisions of Canon 10 –

a. To say or sing Morning or Evening Prayer or the Litany;
b. To read the Holy Scriptures at any service;
c. To deliver an address at any service;
d. To assist at a Baptism, Marriage or Funeral Service or at the Celebration of the Holy Communion;

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if the Ecumenical Canon is authorised to perform a similar duty in his or her own Church.

22. An Honorary Canon may be invited by the Dean or the Bishop to perform all or any of the following duties insofar as the same are consonant with the provisions of Canon 10:
   a. To say or sing Morning or Evening Prayer or the Litany;
   b. To read the Holy Scriptures at any service;
   c. To deliver an address at any service;
   d. To organise lectures, study groups, or educational activities on behalf of the diocese;
   e. To engage in research on behalf of the diocese;
   f. To assist the diocese to engage with social justice issues;
   g. To support or develop mission and outreach programmes in the diocese;
   h. To engage in with such other matters in the Cathedral or the diocese as may be specified by the Dean;

provided that such activities are approved by the Bishop, in consultation with the Dean and provided that same are consonant with the doctrines of the Church of Ireland.

23. The Court of the General Synod shall have authority to determine all questions and disputes that may arise respecting the appointment or removal of the Ecumenical Canon or the Honorary Canons.

The Chapter Clerk

24. The Chapter may appoint a Chapter Clerk, who shall be a member of the Church of Ireland and shall be a licensed priest or deacon, or registered vestryperson, in the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

25. From the next vacancy in the position, the Chapter Clerk shall be appointed by the Chapter and shall initially hold office for three years. The Chapter Clerk may be appointed for further three year periods as determined by the Chapter. The Chapter Clerk shall not be a member of the Chapter.

26. The Chapter Clerk shall, in consultation with the Dean, notify Chapter members of the date, time and venue of Chapter meetings, record minutes of all Chapter meetings, and circulate agendas, minutes and any other documentation as requested by the Dean and Chapter from time to time.

The Dean’s Vicar

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27. There may be one Dean’s Vicar, appointed by the Dean, subject to the approval of the Bishop.

28. The Dean’s Vicar shall be in priest’s orders and shall be paid a stipend.

29. The Dean’s Vicar shall perform such functions in the Cathedral and its parish as may from time to time be determined by the Dean in consultation with the Bishop.

30. The Dean’s Vicar shall hold office for a term of five years, but shall be eligible for re-appointment and may be removed by the Dean for cause shown with the approval of the Bishop.

Minor Canons

31. There may be up to four Minor Canons, with or without salaries, appointed by the Dean and Chapter. The Minor Canons shall be clergy licensed or beneficed in the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. Appointments of Minor Canons shall be notified to the Bishop. Minor Canons may from time to time be removed by the Dean and Chapter for cause shown, with the approval of the Bishop.

Vestry Members

32. There shall be vestry members for the Cathedral, and in this regard the provisions of Chapter III shall apply save and insofar as the same are inconsistent with the provisions of this Statute.

33. The general vestry shall consist of (i) all the clergy of the Church of Ireland having stalls in the Cathedral and (ii) all those entitled to be registered vestry members of the Cathedral parish.

34. The Registered Vestry Members shall annually, at the Easter General Vestry, elect twelve Select Vestry Members, and triennially four Parochial Nominators and four Supplemental Parochial Nominators, and they shall also elect triennially Synod Members and Supplemental Synod Members to sit as members of the Diocesan Synod of Cork, Cloyne and Ross; and the said Nominators and Synod Members shall be elected in the same manner and have same privileges as Nominators and Synod Members elected for parishes. The number of Synod Members shall be such as determined by the Diocesan Synod of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

35. The Dean (or the Incumbent of St Fin Barre’s Union of Parishes, if the said incumbency is not held by the Dean) shall annually, at the Easter General Vestry,
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appoint one Cathedral Warden and one Glebewarden and the Registered Vestry Members shall annually appoint one Cathedral Warden and one Glebewarden, and those Wardens shall have the same powers, rights and privileges as Churchwardens and Glebewardens elected by parishes unless otherwise ordered by the Cathedral Board.

Cathedral Board

36. From the date of the Easter General Vestry in 2019, there shall be a Cathedral Board comprised as follows:

a. The Dean (ex officio);
b. The Honorary Treasurer of the Select Vestry;
c. Two Representatives of the Select Vestry elected annually at the meeting of the Select Vestry immediately following the Easter General Vestry;
d. Four Chapter Canons, nominated triennially by the Chapter.
e. Two Representatives from the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, nominated triennially by the Bishop, and approved by the Diocesan Council. Before nominating the two said representatives, the Bishop shall have consulted with the Dean, who shall in turn have consulted with the Chapter and Vestry Representatives.
f. Two Lay Community Representatives, co-opted annually by the other members of the Cathedral Board.

37. Members of the Cathedral Board shall be eligible for re-election or re-nomination, as the case may be.

38. Casual vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment which has given rise to the vacancy.

39. The Cathedral Board shall have power to co-opt additional non-voting consultant members for the duration of special projects as required. A consultant member may only attend such portions of meetings of the Cathedral Board as relate to any project with which that consultant member is involved.

40. The Cathedral Board shall be chaired by the Dean or, in the absence of the Dean, by the member of the Chapter next in order of precedence who is present, such chair having both an ordinary and a casting vote.

41. The Cathedral Board shall have power to make rules and regulations for the times and conduct of its meetings and the discharge of its responsibilities.

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42. A special meeting of the Cathedral Board may be summoned by the Dean or, in the absence of the Dean, by the most senior Chapter Representative, or at any time on the written requisition of five members of the Cathedral Board.

43. The Cathedral Board shall have the control, charge and management of the following:

   a. All financial, legal and insurance matters pertaining to the Cathedral; provided that the Cathedral Board may delegate such financial matters to the Select Vestry as it may from time to time determine.

   b. The preservation, restoration, repair and conservation management of the fabric of the Cathedral and all permanent structures therein and of all other properties in the Cathedral parish; provided that the Cathedral Board may delegate such functions in relation to the preservation and repair to the Select Vestry as it may from time to time determine.

   c. The ornaments of the Cathedral, the monuments, tablets, windows and brasses to be placed in the Cathedral; provided that none shall be erected or placed in the Cathedral, or removed therefrom, without the consent or approval of the Dean, the Chapter, the Select Vestry and of the Bishop.

   d. The appointment, management and removal of staff and lay officials of the Cathedral.

   e. Formulation, review and implementation of Cathedral policies and procedures.

   f. Strategic planning, marketing and promotion programmes for the Cathedral.

   g. Oversight of the Cathedral’s archives, including their conservation and location.

44. The Select Vestry, the Cathedral Board and the Chapter shall together, and by a two-thirds majority of each, agree and enact bye-laws to regulate the working relationships between each such body and to facilitate efficient and regular communication between each such body. The said bye-laws shall not come into effect unless and until approved by the Diocesan Council.

Miscellaneous

45. Matters relating to the Cathedral not provided for herein or by the law of the Church of Ireland, shall be determined by the Board.
46. It shall be lawful for the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross to make regulations for carrying this Statute into effect.

47. Nothing contained in this Statute shall affect the provisions of Statute, Chapter I of 1890 or Statute, Chapter I of 1892.

**Citation**

48. This Statute may be referred to as the Cork Cathedral Act 2018.

**SCHEDULE I**

**DECLARATION FOR SUBSCRIPTION**

**(ECUMENICAL CANON)**

I, A.B., do hereby solemnly declare that:

1. I am a minister or accredited preacher of ………… Church.

2. I agree to be bound by the provisions of Part II of Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and, to that extent only, I submit myself to the authority of the Church of Ireland, and to the laws and tribunals thereof.

3. I do declare that I will perform Canonical obedience to the Ordinary of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork and his successors, Bishops of Cork. I will observe the statutes and ancient customs of the Cathedral Church, so far as they are not repugnant to the laws of the Church of Ireland, and will keep private and undisclosed the secrets of the Chapter.

I subscribe the above declaration to be appointed to the office of Ecumenical Canon of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork.

This ……… day of ….. 20…. .

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I, A.B., do hereby solemnly declare that:

1. I am a member of ……………….. Church.

2. I agree to be bound by the provisions of Part II of Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and, to that extent only (unless already otherwise so bound), I submit myself to the authority of the Church of Ireland, and to the laws and tribunals thereof.

3. I do declare that I will perform Canonical obedience to the Ordinary of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork and his successors, Bishops of Cork. I will observe the statutes and ancient customs of the Cathedral Church, so far as they are not repugnant to the laws of the Church of Ireland, and will keep private and undisclosed the secrets of the Chapter.

I subscribe the above declaration to be appointed to the office of Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Church of St Fin Barre, Cork.

This …… day of ……  20 …..
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CHAPTER V

To suspend temporarily the operation of provisions in Chapter VI of the Constitution in respect of constituting, convening and holding an electoral college in the case of a vacancy in the see of Tuam, Killala and Achonry or Limerick, Ardfert, Aghadoe, Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert, Kilmacduagh and Emly

WHEREAS the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry and the United Dioceses of Limerick, Ardfert, Aghadoe, Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert, Kilmacduagh and Emly, are engaged in discussions which may possibly lead to uniting, dividing, or altering the boundaries of the two united dioceses at a future date in accordance with Section 31 of Chapter I of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland;

AND WHEREAS the respective diocesan councils of the two united dioceses are desirous that if a vacancy should arise in either or both of their sees whilst such discussions are continuing, there should be provision to defer the filling of such vacancy or vacancies so as to facilitate the said discussions;

AND WHEREAS section 3 and section 8 of Part I of Chapter VI of the Constitution would otherwise require an episcopal electoral college to be constituted, convened and held within certain time limits for the purpose of electing a bishop for the vacant see or sees;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2018 and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In this Statute “Chapter VI” means Chapter VI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and “the two united dioceses” means the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry and the United Dioceses of Limerick, Ardfert, Aghadoe, Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert, Kilmacduagh and Emly.

2. Subject to Section 3, if the see of either or both of the two united dioceses shall become vacant on or before 30th September 2019 the operation of the provisions in section 3 and section 8 of Part I of Chapter VI in relation to the constituting, convening and holding of an episcopal electoral college for the purpose of filling the said vacancy or vacancies shall be suspended until 30th September 2019.

3. The Standing Committee may from time to time, by resolution, extend the period of suspension of the operation of the said provisions by such period or periods as may be requested in writing by the diocesan councils of the two united dioceses, provided however that no such suspension of the operation of the said provisions may continue beyond 30th September 2020.

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