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Weldon, Mr CB (Dublin)
Wellwood, Mr C (Cashel)
West, Mr D (Raphoe)
West, Miss RJ (Dromore)
West, Rev Canon TR (Dromore)

Wharton, Rev GV (Dublin)
Wheeler, Mr TN (Limerick)
White, Mr JD (Cork)
White, Mrs ME (Dublin)
White, Ven REB (Cork)
White, Very Rev SR (Killaloe)
Whiteford, Mr GD (Killaloe)
Whiteside, Mrs MEJ (Down)
Wilkinson, Rev AM (Cork)
Wilkinson, Mrs JO (Down)
Williams, Very Rev A (Elphin)
Williams, Mr DH (Dublin)
Williams, Rev Canon DH (Cork)
Williams, Dr J (Clogher)
Williams, Mr TJM (Killaloe)
Williams, Rev Canon TR (Connor)
Willoughby, Rev Canon PM (Cork)
Wills, Mrs AJ (Tuam)
Wilson, Mr J (Clogher)
Wilson, Mr KA (Cashel)
Wilson, Mr RP (Dromore)
Wilson, Rev SG (Kilmore)
Wiseman, Mr GF (Meath)
Witherow, Mr KW (Raphoe)
Witherow, Mr SDG (Raphoe)
Woodman, Mr GD (Connor)
Woods, Rev ECJ (Dublin)
Wray, Mr A (Clogher)
Wright, Rev Canon WS (Connor)
Wynne, Mr D (Dublin)
Wynne, Very Rev FJG (Cashel)

Young, Ms AT (Connor)
Young, Mr WA (Cashel)

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ARMAGH

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0 Adair, Rev WM
3 Barton, Rev Canon JM
3 Hall, Rev KRJ
3 Harper, Rev BJ
0 Scott, Rev Canon T
2 Campbell, Rev JNT
3 McKegney, Rev Canon JW
3 Forster, Rev TS
3 Boyd, Rev SRT
3 Kennedy, Rev Canon MC
3 Coe, Rev D
3 Hoey, Ven RG
0 Moore, Rev Canon CF
3 Hilliard, Rev D
2 Culbertson, Rev EM
3 Graham, Rev M
3 McVeigh, Rev DS
3 McCartney, Rev GW

ARMAGH - LAY

3 Forbes, Mr GA
3 Johnston, Mr LV
2 Leighton, Mrs J
3 Greenaway, Mr D
0 Hamilton, Mr RT
0 Leighton, Mr SEC
0 Madill, Mr T
2 Linton, Mr JE
0 Hume, Mr TJ
0 Cochrane, Mrs E
0 McComb, Mr JD
0 Neill, Mr A
3 Stevenson, Miss MEM
0 Stewart, Mr EL
3 Brodison, Mr WS
0 Milligan, Mr RA
3 Palmer, Mr RF

3 McClure, Mrs E
3 Bruce, Mr JPH
3 Hadden, Mr JR
0 Johnston, Mr G
3 Suitor, Mr WV
3 McKeown, Miss M
0 Ferry, Mr N
0 McKinney, Mr B
0 Lambert, Mrs I
0 Henry, Mr TG
3 Hatrick, Mr LJ
0 Bagnall, Mr C
0 O'Reilly, Mrs E
0 Spiers, Mr A
0 Webb, Mr HRJ

CLOGHER

CLOGHER - CLERICAL

2 Johnston, Rev Canon Dr WJ
3 Armstrong, Rev MA
3 Kerr, Rev BT
3 Stewart, Rev Canon JW
3 Courtney, Rev Canon BJ
3 Robinson, Rev Canon DW
2 Kerr, Rev DP
3 Thompson, Very Rev RC
1 Bourke, Rev Canon SG
0 Heyhoe, Rev Canon JP
3 Matchett, Rev CJ
0 McGirr, Rev Chancellor WE
2 Pringle, Ven CT
2 Linton, Rev BI

CLOGHER - LAY

3 Kerr, Mr J
2 Morrow, Mr SB
3 Watson, Mr JJ

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3 Loane, Mr WI
3 Treacy, Mr JC
3 Irvine, Mr JJ
2 Stewart, Mr H
0 Atwell, Mr TA
1 Williams, Dr J
3 Bleakley, Mr IK
3 Nixon, Miss G
3 Humphries, Miss HE
3 Dickson, Mr WJ
2 Johnston, Mr JID
2 Montgomery, Mr GH
1 Ross, Mr B
3 Wray, Mr A
0 Keating, Mr JH
0 Allen, Mr WJ
2 Hall, Mr JTW
1 Wilson, Mr J
2 Fawcett, Mr JND
0 Loane, Mrs ME
0 Brooker, Mr SF
3 Hurst, Mrs M
0 McMorris, Mr HF
0 Acheson, Mrs J
2 Forde, Mr R

DERRY AND RAPHOE

DERRY - CLERICAL

0 Morton, Very Rev WW
3 McLean, Ven DS
3 Skuce, Rev D
2 Given, Rev HR
2 Quinn, Rev Canon DJ
0 McNee, Rev Canon WC
2 McVeigh, Rev Canon S
3 Ferry, Rev Canon HDJ
3 Creighton, Rev FD
3 Ferry, Rev MRK
2 Clarke, Rev Canon RW
3 Crawford, Rev L
3 Storey, Rev PL
3 Miller, Rev RS

DERRY - LAY

3 Austin, Mr AC
2 Carson, Mr VG
3 Kane, Mr WRG
3 Montgomery, Mr WT
3 Gamble, Mr S
3 Ross, Mr W
3 McFarland, Mr SC
1 Pollock, Mr RA
3 Smallwoods, Mr TA
3 Glenn, Mr G
0 Nicholl, Mr J
2 Moore, Mr A
0 Eakin, Mr JLK
3 Livingston, Mr JHD
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0 Abercorn, The Duke Of
0 Harron, Mr RJ
0 Robinson, Miss M
0 Hunt, Mrs SM
0 McMullan, Mrs T

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3 Fox, Rev R
3 McLaughlin, Rev HJK
3 Crooks, Rev Canon DWT
3 Johnston, Rev Canon WB

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3 Donaghy, Mrs W
0 Laird, Mr G

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0 Rutledge, Mr EG
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0 Mitchell, Mr WD
0 Capper, Mr DJS
2 Cargo, Mr JA
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0 Livingstone, Mrs MH
2 Esdale, Mr TA
3 MacLaughlin, Mrs PW
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 3 Law, Mrs FH
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 3 Logan, Mr R
 2 McBride, Mr N
 0 McCoy, Mr KJ
 3 McMurray, Mr G
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 2 West, Miss RJ
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 3 Bond, Very Rev JFA
 3 Wright, Rev Canon WS
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 2 Young, Ms AT
 3 Wallace, Mr JW
 0 Sims, Dr BA
 3 Turner, Dr J
 3 Gibbons, Miss M
 2 Neill, Mr J
 0 Gibson, Mr K
 3 Acheson, Dr AR
 3 Tweedie, Mr J
 3 Totten, Mr HRJ
 2 Rodgers, His Hon Judge RF
 3 Macartney, Mr AW
 2 Lynas, Mr V
 0 Richardson, Mr J
 3 Turner, Miss CS
 3 Stevenson, Mr T
 0 Morrison, Mr HT
 3 Davison, Dr WD
 3 Stevenson, Mrs EA
 0 Sefton, Mr VJ
 0 Littler, Mr B
 3 Woodman, Mr GD
 3 Hibbert, Mrs GM
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 2 Fullerton, Mr DRG
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3 Totten, Ms PME
3 Cinnamon, Mr AE
3 Patterson, Mrs R
3 Harris, Mr GR
3 Kenwell, Miss BEE
3 Brownlees, Mr JL
0 Watson, Mrs NL
3 Hall, Mrs EA
0 Scholes, Mr WD
3 Scholes, Mr DW
0 McCrossan, Mr R
3 Spiers, Mr DN
3 Hall, Mr A
0 Quigley, Mr J
0 Henry, Mr D
0 Jordan, Mr T
1 Quinn, Mr RE
3 High, Mr MBW
0 Harper, Mr RD

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KILMORE - CLERICAL

3 Davison, Ven GTW
3 Ferguson, Very Rev WR
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3 Lindsay, Rev C
3 McCauley, Rev CWL
0 Regan, Rev N
3 Wilson, Rev SG

KILMORE - LAY

0 Blakely, Mr E
0 Clarke, Mr H
3 Cunningham, Miss M
1 Foster, Mr WH
2 Heaslip, Mr K

3 Hicks, Mrs HR
3 Roberts, Mrs IN
3 Roberts, Mr WJ
0 Rutledge, Mr JET
1 Taylor, Mr GW
0 Trenier, Mr N

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3 Barrett, Rev KAL
0 Catterall, Rev DA
2 Forster, Ven AJ
1 Williams, Very Rev A
2 Atkins, Rev FW
0 Catterall, Rev Canon JM

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2 McElhinney, Mr AC
1 Johnston, Mrs J
3 Gillespie, Mr D
0 Johnston, Mr DHG
0 Anderson, Mr RR
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1 Shannon, Mr JH
0 Price, Mr I
2 O'Hara, Mr BC
0 Clampett, Mr P
1 Satchwell, Mrs V
0 Shaw, Ms HI

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3 Towers, Very Rev PL
3 Dadswell, Ven RE
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3 Hastings, Ven GL
2 Patterson, Very Rev SM
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0 O'Raw, Rev NJ

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3 Auchmuty, Mr DJ
3 Wills, Mrs AJ
3 Bradish, Mr B
3 Gilmore, Mrs LM
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3 Walton, Mrs A
0 Prins, Mr N
1 Shannon, Mr J
3 Thomson, Mrs CH
3 Auchmuty, Mrs BL
1 Walker, Mr RS
3 Johnston, Mr PM
0 Hodgins, Mr J
3 Fair, Mrs S

DUBLIN AND GLENDALOUGH

DUBLIN - CLERICAL

3 Appelbe, Rev Canon FC
3 Sinnamon, Rev Canon WD
3 McEndoo, Rev Canon NG
3 Comerford, Rev Canon P
3 McCullagh, Rev Canon JE
3 Pierpoint, Ven DA
3 Wharton, Rev GV
3 Moynan, Rev Canon DG
3 Poulton, Rev KM
3 Woods, Rev ECJ
3 Empey, Rev Canon CA
3 Stacey, Rev Canon VG
3 McKinley, Rev Canon AHN
0 Brew, Rev WKM
3 Orr, Rev ADH
3 Carroll, Rev JT
3 Gallagher, Rev I
3 Sargent, Rev DC

DUBLIN - LAY

2 McGuinness, Hon Mrs Justice C
3 Jones, Dr V
0 Kirk, Mrs JH

2 Perrin, Mr DG
3 Appleyard, Mr DS
3 Milne, Dr K
3 Webb, Mr MJT
3 McNeile, Mr AN
3 Caird, Mr DN
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3 Beresford, Mrs M
3 White, Mrs ME
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3 Prole, Mrs FAD
3 Armstrong, Mr JV
0 Cromer, Mrs JE
3 Hillis, Dr JP
3 Cadoo, Mrs A
2 Vincent, Mr A
0 Richards, Mr GC
3 Pappin, Mrs JEC
3 Halliday, Mr B
2 Goodwin, Mr WS
0 O'Neill, Mrs H
3 Wynne, Mr D
1 Lewis, Mr EW
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3 Mulligan, Mr AH
3 Millar, Mr DBM
2 Stratford, Mr NR
3 Warburton, Mr HN
0 Williams, Mr DH
3 Grace, Mr BE
3 Brown, Mr B
3 Rooke, Mr P

GLENDALOUGH - CLERICAL

3 Swann, Ven EJ
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3 Sherwood, Rev NJW
3 Butler, Rev Canon GW

GLENDALOUGH - LAY

3 Dungan, Mr K
3 Handy, Ms R
1 Alexander, Mr HJ

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3 McMaster, Mr GW
3 Neill, Mr RS
3 Camier, Mrs AM
3 Tottenham, Mrs ES
3 Neilson, Mr D

MEATH AND KILDARE

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3 Stevenson, Rev LTC
3 Clarke, Rev Canon JDM
3 Jones, Very Rev RW
3 Lawrence, Ven PHA
3 Field, Rev GG
2 Bourke, Rev Canon RSJ
2 Peilow, Rev LEA
0 Rutherford, Rev PM
2 Donohoe, Rev OMR
3 Aiton, Rev JH
3 Armstrong, Rev E

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3 Bruton, Mrs JM
2 Colton, Mr RF
3 Gillespie, Mr DR
3 Kilroy, Major WR
2 Acheson, Mr EA
1 Deverell, Mr W
3 Potterton, Mrs HM
3 Higgins, Mrs FE
1 Kenny, Mr D
3 Oughton, Mr A
1 Bruton, Ms CL
1 Meredith, Mr R
3 Wiseman, Mr GF
3 Gyles, Mrs O
3 Dunne, Mr JK
1 Walford, Capt S
0 Huston, Mr NJ
3 Beattie, Mr A
0 Schmelter, Ms C
3 King, Mr G
0 Taylor, Mr D

3 Reid, Mr J

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3 Lynas, Very Rev NN
3 Cliffe, Rev Canon CG
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3 Byrne, Rev RH
3 Beare, Very Rev W
3 Murray, Ven JG
0 Ritchie, Rev WJ
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3 Gillespie, Rev Canon NG
3 McCullagh, Rev Canon MA
3 Knowles, Very Rev PJ
3 Lester, Very Rev TR

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3 Harper, Mr SR
1 Bradley, Mr G
2 Shirley, Ms S
3 Young, Mr WA
3 Peavoy, Mr J
3 Codd, Mr RP
1 Wallace, Mr C
1 Couchman, Mr JMD
3 Kingston, Mr JW
3 Moynan, Mr RW
2 Nicholson, Mr JW
3 Fryday, Mr JN
2 Clifton-Brown, Mr PC
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3 Rathdonnell, Lord B
3 Donald, Mr TS

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2	Grubb, Mr LM	3	Lynch, Rev EEM
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0	Finlay, Mr DN	3	Williams, Rev Canon DH
0	Galloway, Mr W	1	Nuzum, Rev D
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3	Rothwell, Mr LG	3	Dunne, Very Rev NK
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1	Wilson, Mr KA	0	Olhausen, Rev WP
3	Driver, Mr EGJ	3	Kingston, Rev RG
3	Gilbert, Mr A		
1	Thompson, Mr J		

CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS - LAY

FERNS – CLERICAL

3	Dunne, Ven DPM
3	Hayden, Rev Canon MJJ
3	Gray, Rev Canon RJ
3	Forrest, Very Rev LDA
3	Long, Rev CW
3	Jansson, Rev MP

FERNS - LAY

0	Dungan, Mr IF
3	Forrest, Mrs A
3	Stephens, Mrs M
2	Boyd, Mr R
3	Blake, Ms J
3	Graham, Ms I
3	Thorpe, Mr BL
0	McCormick, Mr RBS
0	Rothwell, Mr KG
3	Stephens, Mrs MM
3	Rothwell, Mrs GE

CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS

CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS - CLERICAL

3	White, Ven REB
3	O'Rourke, Rev BJG
3	Draper, Rev Canon PR
3	Marley, Very Rev AG

3	Baker, Mr WF
3	Roberts, Mr JK
3	Bantry White, Mrs CFR
3	Bird, Mr JAD
3	Buttimer, Mrs EA
2	McCutcheon, Ms C
0	Hastie, Mr KD
3	St Leger, Dr AE
3	Perrott, Mr WT
0	Stanley, Mr JE
0	Dring, Mr JRH
2	Cassidy, Mr F
3	Newenham, Mr REW
3	Vincent, Mr E
3	Bourne, Mr DJ
3	Treacy, Mr FJ
3	Coleman, Mr A
3	Bogan, Ms CPJ
2	Buttimer, Mr R
0	Jennings, Mrs DH
3	St Leger, Mrs EM
3	Dukelow, Ms SR
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1	Jenkins, Mr JB
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3 Romer, Rev WM
3 Galbraith, Rev JA
3 Hanna, Rev PE

LIMERICK - LAY

2 Hardy, Mr TS
3 Schutz, Mrs M
2 Clarke, Mr JW
3 Morrow, Mr WT
2 Peirce, Mr TH
0 Wheeler, Mr TN
3 Brislane, Mr KE

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1 Shannon, Ven MJD
3 Warren, Rev Canon R
2 Shaw, Rev Canon AW

ARDFERT AND AGHADOE - LAY

0 Tough, Mr D
3 Gleasure, Mrs LM
3 Blennerhassett, Mr TN
3 Giles, Mr WTN
3 Boyle, Mrs ME
3 Hilliard, Mr A

2 Keane, Mr P

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3 Carney, Ven RW
0 White, Very Rev SR

3 Neill, Rev Canon SM
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2 Gill, Rev R
0 Nevin, Rev AJ
3 Minion, Rev A

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KILMACDUAGH - LAY*

1 Roe, Mr R
0 Hardy, Mr E
3 Armstrong, Mr A
0 Benson, Mr RW
3 Read, Mr PDG
2 Dempsey, Mr RJ
0 Wallace, Mr RK
1 Williams, Mr TJM
2 Kenny, Mrs FW
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0 Whitford, Mr GD
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STANDING ORDERS

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY, 1965

(amended 1970, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1979, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1997, 2000 and 2003)

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 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.

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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;

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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, but 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 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.

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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.

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.

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(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 or grammatical 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

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- (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 printed copies of 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 copies 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.

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- (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.
 - (e) 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.

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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 negated 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.
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

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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)

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.

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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.

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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 and not less than one hour for the consideration of the report of the Role of the Church Committee.
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.
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

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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.

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.

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GENERAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND

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BILLS AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDA

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.

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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.

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Explanatory Memorandum

In 2003 the Courts and Tribunals Committee, comprising both Archbishops, the Bishop of Cork, ecclesiastical experts, judges and lawyers, was set up by the Archbishop of Armagh to review the structures and procedures relating to the ecclesiastical courts and tribunals of the Church of Ireland which have remained virtually unchanged since the late nineteenth century. Following consideration at General Synod 2005 of an interim report from that Committee to the Standing Committee, the Courts and Tribunals Committee reflected upon points raised during that debate and brought to Standing Committee a draft Bill in November 2007. The draft Bill, following consideration by Standing Committee and by the RCB and its Executive Committee, has been further revised by the Courts and Tribunals Committee.

The Bill, which seeks to revise and replace Chapter VIII of the Constitution with a new Chapter VIII, includes a new disciplinary process sensitive to the concerns of the clergy and the key pastoral role of bishops while at the same time ensuring compliance with the legislation of both jurisdictions in Ireland and the requirements of the European Human Rights legislation.

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to replace Chapter VIII of the Constitution with a revised and amended Chapter VIII as set out in Schedule I to the Bill.

In view of the detailed preparatory work entailed and the timescale for the establishment of the new Disciplinary Bodies Clause 3 contains a proposed date of commencement for the new provisions of 1 January 2009 and Clause 4 makes similar provision for the date for the consequential amendments of existing legislation as set out in Schedule II to the Bill.

Note: For ease of reference, to distinguish between the clauses of the accompanying Bill and the draft provisions of the new Chapter VIII, the draft provisions of the new Chapter VIII as set out in Schedule I to the Bill will, throughout this document, be referred to as “draft section []” as appropriate.

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As stated in the Preliminary provision of the proposed new Chapter VIII, the tribunals and courts defined in Parts I, II and IV shall be the ecclesiastical tribunals of the Church of Ireland and will be called the Diocesan Courts of the several dioceses and united dioceses, the Court of the General Synod and the Disciplinary Tribunal and Appeal Tribunal. Any question of discipline involving any archbishop, bishop or member of the clergy will be dealt with under the new Part IV and similarly any question of doctrine which arises during the course of a disciplinary hearing will be heard and determined under the new Part IV. Questions of discipline will be dealt with by the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Appeal Tribunal and will at no stage come before a Diocesan Court or the Court of the General Synod.

Draft Part I of the new Chapter VIII relates to the Diocesan Courts. Apart from re-numbering and the omission of all references to disciplinary proceedings concerning archbishops, bishops and members of the clergy there are few changes in the provisions relating to these Courts and, unless specifically stated in this Explanatory Memorandum, the new provision is a replica of an existing provision. Draft section 5(b), which replaces section 13 of Chapter VIII, has, apart from amendment to reflect the existence of the new draft Part IV of Chapter VIII, included new figures to update the financial costs of proceedings in the Diocesan Court.

Similarly draft Part II, apart from amendment to delete references to any question of doctrine or ritual or of discipline involving bishops or members of the clergy, replicates the existing provisions of Chapter VIII relating to the Court of General Synod except in respect of draft sections 9(c) and 9(d). These draft subsections would replace existing sections 38 and 39, amended to update the financial costs of proceedings in the Court of General Synod.

Draft Part III of the new Chapter VIII, which contains provisions relating to Diocesan Courts and the Court of General Synod and to the granting of licences, dispensations and faculties, replicates the provisions of the existing Parts III and V of Chapter VIII in relation to those matters amended to delete references to hearings of disciplinary proceedings concerning archbishops, bishops and members of the clergy. Existing section 49 of Part III will become obsolete.

The substantive changes are found in Part IV which is entirely new and provides a new structure for dealing with disciplinary matters and for the establishment and appointment of several new bodies. These bodies will be in addition to the existing Diocesan Courts and the Court of General Synod whose work will continue in all matters as before except in matters of discipline.

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All matters relating to the determination of cases in which a complaint or allegation touching upon or apparently touching upon any conduct (whether by act or omission), behaviour, performance or affairs of any bishop or any member of the clergy in respect of any offence listed under draft section 25 will be dealt with under the new process. Draft section 25 restates the offences previously contained in section 53 of Chapter VIII; only two new offences have been added, namely, substance abuse and neglect of duty.

The new disciplinary bodies are listed in draft section 18 and detailed in draft sections 20-22 but, as provided in draft section 19, no disciplinary process could be initiated under Part IV until pastoral resolution or reconciliation has, in the determination of the appropriate bishop or archbishop, proved impossible or inappropriate.

In draft section 20 provision is made for the appointment by the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Representative Body, of a person to be the Complaints Administrator who must be a human resources practitioner or a lawyer or other similarly qualified person and who must not be an employee of the Representative Body nor a member of the clergy. The role and duties of the Complaints Administrator are set out in draft sections 26-28.

Draft sections 21 and 22 provide for the appointment and election of the bodies which would be the key organs of the new disciplinary process; the composition of these bodies is summarised in the Annex to this Explanatory Memorandum.

Draft section 23 details the funding provisions for the new disciplinary scheme and draft subsection 23(a) includes a requirement for the Complaints Committee, prior to the beginning of each year, to prepare and submit to the Standing Committee an annual budget for consideration and onward transmission to the Representative Body.

The duty of every bishop and every member of the clergy of the Church of Ireland to cooperate fully at every phase of the new disciplinary process is emphasised in draft section 24 which includes in draft subsection (d) a declaration which must be signed by members of the Complaints Committee and any Disciplinary Tribunal or Appeal Tribunal before they can perform any of the duties of such office.

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Draft section 26 sets out who has the right to make a complaint and how it is to be brought to the attention of the Complaints Administrator. In draft subsections 26(a) and (b) it is provided that any bishop, any member of the clergy or any lay member of the Church of Ireland who has a proper interest may do so by means of a written submission signed by that complainant. Draft subsection (c) provides that in respect of complaints arising under either subsection 26(a) or 26(b) the written submission must be accompanied by the sum of £600 or €1,000 (or such other sum as from time to time prescribed by the Rules Committee). The sum will be held by the Complaints Administrator and returned to the Complainant unless the complaint is dismissed by the Complaints Administrator or the Complaints Committee decide that a *prima facie* case has not been made out in respect of the complaint.

Draft section 27 deals with the processing of complaints in respect of members of the clergy. Under draft section 27(a) if the Complaints Administrator were to decide that there were no reasonable grounds for the complaint then, subject to obtaining the written approval of either the chairperson or vice chairperson of the Complaints Committee, the Complaints Administrator could dismiss the complaint. Unless the complaint has been so dismissed under subsection 27(a) or the bishop has already decided that pastoral resolution has not been possible or is inappropriate, the Complaints Administrator must then refer the complaint to the relevant bishop for pastoral resolution under draft section 19. Only after the relevant bishop has determined that pastoral resolution is not possible will the Complaints Administrator refer the complaint to the Complaints Committee.

Under draft subsection 27(d) the relevant bishop may suspend from office that member of the clergy until such time as all the disciplinary proceedings have been formally completed and the subsection details the arrangements which will become effective during the period of the suspension. Draft section 28 details the processing of complaints in respect of a bishop. The provisions are very similar to those relating to complaints in respect of a member of the clergy with provision for pastoral resolution by the relevant archbishop and the possibility of continued residence in the see house during any period of suspension.

In draft section 29 provision is made for the investigation of complaints by the Complaints Committee and for the procedures which must be followed by the Complaints Committee before making its decision on whether or not a *prima facie* case against the bishop or member of the clergy exists. If the Complaints Committee were to decide that there was no *prima facie* case then the matter would not proceed further. However, if the Complaints Committee were to decide that there was a *prima facie* case then it could do any of the following:

- (i) decide that no further action be taken on the complaint or any part of it; or
- (ii) defer further consideration of the whole or part of the complaint; or

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- (iii) offer the member of the clergy concerned a “consent order” under draft section 30 (i.e. the imposition of an agreed sanction). If the member of the clergy concerned did not accept the offer the case would be referred to a Disciplinary Tribunal; or
- (iv) refer the matter to mediation; or
- (v) refer the case to a Disciplinary Tribunal as a formal complaint in terms formulated by the Committee.

Draft section 30 details the procedures to be followed where the Complaints Committee decides to deal with a complaint by way of a consent order.

Draft sections 31 and 32 contain the detailed procedures for a formal complaint being brought for hearing to a Disciplinary Tribunal and for the consideration of such complaints by a Disciplinary Tribunal. Under draft section 31 the Disciplinary Tribunal is appointed by the chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel and will consist of a Lawyer as chairperson, one member of the clergy (or, where the complaint being heard is in respect of a bishop’s conduct, one bishop nominated by the House of Bishops) and one layperson. No former member of the Complaints Committee who has been concerned with that complaint may be a member of that Disciplinary Tribunal nor may a person who is ordinarily resident in the diocese in which the member of the clergy is beneficed or licensed.

If the matter were referred to a Disciplinary Tribunal a full hearing would be held in which both sides would be entitled to be represented by lawyers (or suitable others), to examine their own witnesses and to cross examine the other side’s witnesses. The matter would be prosecuted by the Complaints Committee and not the complainant. To the extent that the complaint involves a matter of doctrine or ritual it would be referred by the Tribunal to the House of Bishops for a statement setting out the collective understanding of the House of Bishops of the current and orthodox position of the Church of Ireland on such matter of doctrine or ritual (see draft section 39). Such statement would be binding on the parties and the Tribunal concerned solely in respect of the matter under consideration by the Tribunal.

Under draft section 33 the range of sanctions which could be imposed are similar to those previously contained in sections 57-59 of Chapter VIII and include temporary deprivation of office, deprivation of office or, in the case of a member of the clergy, deposition from holy orders.

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Draft section 34 deals with appeals and the appointment of an Appeal Tribunal. If a bishop or a member of the clergy were dissatisfied with the decision of a Disciplinary Tribunal he or she would be entitled appeal it to an Appeal Tribunal but the Complaints Committee would not have a right of appeal. In draft section 34 the detailed provisions concerning the right of appeal are set out as is the composition of the Appeal Tribunal with safeguards similar to those concerning the Disciplinary Tribunal. No appeal will, however, lie in respect of a matter of doctrine or ritual on which the House of Bishops had issued a statement under draft section 39.

In draft section 35 the procedure for the hearing of appeals by the Appeal Tribunal is detailed and where the appeal is on the grounds that the finding of the Disciplinary Tribunal is wrong the appeal shall be by way of a rehearing. (The draft section would ensure that the procedures adopted by the Appeal Tribunal are fair and consistent with natural justice.) With certain limited exceptions, all proceedings before an Appeal Tribunal (like those before a Disciplinary Tribunal) would be heard in public and the results of their decisions would be published as provided in draft sections 36 and 37.

Draft section 38 relates to orders for costs which may be made by a Disciplinary Tribunal or by an Appeal Tribunal and subsection (f) provides important safeguards on the award of fees, costs and expenses.

Provision is made in draft section 40 for the maintenance of a register of all orders made by any Disciplinary Tribunal and any Appeal Tribunal. Such register will be open to inspection by members of the public in the Representative Church Body Library.

Draft section 41 relates to indemnity and provides that the members of the disciplinary bodies shall be indemnified by the Representative Church Body from all losses and expenses incurred by them in or about the discharge of their respective duties, except for those resulting from their own wilful act, neglect or default.

Transitional provisions in respect of proceedings begun before a Diocesan Court or before the Court of the General Synod before 1st January 2009 are contained in draft section 42.

Note: Appendices A and B which relate to proceedings in the Diocesan Courts and the Court of the General Synod are unchanged.

ANNEX

Provisions detailing composition of the disciplinary bodies

Complaints Committee (qv draft section 21)

- 26 members comprised of one clerical and one lay representative of each diocese or united diocese under jurisdiction of one bishop and two members appointed by the Standing Committee.
- Elected at Diocesan Synod, clerical by clerical members of Diocesan Synod and lay by lay members of Diocesan Synod, to hold office from 1st January of the first year of the General Synod triennium for six years. To be elected every second triennium thereafter. Eligible for re-election.
- Casual vacancies to be filled by clerical/lay members of Diocesan Synod as soon as convenient.
- Quorum for meetings of the Complaints Committee to be six persons of whom two must be members of the clergy and two laypersons.
- Standing Committee to appoint Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Complaints Committee.
- No person to be a member of the Complaints Committee at same time as he or she is a member of the Disciplinary Panel.

Appointment and Composition of the Disciplinary Panel (qv draft section 22)

- 12 persons, four of whom to be members of the clergy and remaining eight to be laypersons of whom four shall be lawyers.
- Elected by Standing Committee prior to commencement of General Synod triennium to hold office from 1st January of first year of General Synod triennium for six years and to be re-elected every second triennium thereafter. Eligible for re-election.
- No member of Standing Committee may be a member of the Disciplinary Panel.
- Casual vacancies to be filled by Standing Committee as soon as convenient.
- Chairperson and vice-chairperson to be appointed by Standing Committee from amongst those members of the Disciplinary Panel who are lawyers.
- No person to be a member of the Disciplinary Panel at the same time as he or she is a member of the Complaints Committee.

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(at the request of the Standing Committee)

BILL

To revise, amend and replace Chapter VIII of the Constitution

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WHEREAS it is desirable to provide a revised scheme of ecclesiastical discipline for the Church of Ireland which would ensure compliance both with the established principles of Canon Law and with the requirements of civil law and natural justice;

AND WHEREAS for such purposes it is necessary to replace Chapter VIII of the Constitution with a revised and amended Chapter VIII as set out in Schedule 1 to this Statute;

AND WHEREAS the provisions of the revised and amended Chapter VIII, contained in Schedule 1 to this Statute, will necessitate consequential amendments to certain provisions of the Constitution as set out in Schedule II;

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Galway in the year 2008 and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In this Statute 'Chapter VIII' means Chapter VIII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.
2. For Chapter VIII there shall be substituted a new Chapter VIII as set out in Schedule I to this Statute.
3. The provisions contained in Section 2 of and Schedule I to this Statute shall come into operation on 1 January 2009.
4. The amendments set out in Schedule II to this Statute shall come into force on 1 January 2009.

SCHEDULE I

CHAPTER VIII

**ECCLESIASTICAL TRIBUNALS,
FACULTIES, REGISTRIES**

1 Preliminary

The tribunals and courts defined in this Chapter shall be the ecclesiastical tribunals of the Church of Ireland; they shall possess the powers and proceed in the manner hereinafter prescribed, and shall respectively be called the Diocesan Courts of the several dioceses and united dioceses, the Court of the General Synod and the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Appeal Tribunal. Any question of discipline involving any Archbishop, bishop or member of the clergy and any question of doctrine that arises during the course of a disciplinary hearing shall be heard and determined under Part IV.

Part I

DIOCESAN COURTS

2 Jurisdiction

- (a) There shall be a Diocesan Court in each diocese or united diocese, which shall have power and jurisdiction to hear appeals from the decision of the Ordinary on all matters so appointed by the law of the Church of Ireland. The Ordinary nevertheless shall have power to refer to the said Court any matter within the jurisdiction of that Court submitted for the Ordinary's consideration without the Ordinary having given a personal decision thereon. In case of such reference the bishop (as Ordinary) shall not be prevented from presiding at the Diocesan Court.

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- (b) In all cases where the parties submit, or are bound by the laws of the Church, the Diocesan Court may hear and determine any questions connected with the property of the Church or the administration thereof, or with ecclesiastical rights generally, which may arise between members of the Church of Ireland, if the respondent be resident within the diocese or united diocese in which the court has jurisdiction.

3 **The Diocesan Court: Judge, Chancellor, Members and Registrar**

- (a) In Part I of this Chapter, the word “**bishop**” shall include an archbishop in relation to any diocese which is normally or temporarily under the governance of an archbishop.
- (b) The bishop of the diocese or the bishop’s commissary shall be the judge in the Diocesan Court: Provided always that in case of the disability of any bishop to sit in the Diocesan Court by reason of illness or any other hindrance, such bishop shall have power to appoint another bishop or other member of the clergy to sit as commissary for and in place of the bishop. The bishop, or the bishop’s commissary, shall in every case be assisted by the chancellor.
- (c) The bishop of each diocese shall from time to time, as occasion may require, appoint under episcopal seal (which appointment shall be filed of record) a fit and proper person as chancellor, to sit with the bishop in the Diocesan Court as assessor, who shall be a person qualified for election as a lay judge of the Court of the General Synod as provided by section 8(e) of this Chapter or a solicitor of ten years’ practice in any part of Ireland, and shall hold office for ten years (which term may be renewed for further terms of ten years), or until resignation, or order of removal by the bishop founded upon a resolution of the diocesan synod: Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent the same person from holding office as chancellor in two or more dioceses.

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- (d) The clergy of the diocesan synod shall elect three members of the clergy, and the lay synod members shall elect three laypersons, as members of the Diocesan Court, who shall be elected to hold office from 1st January of the first year of the General Synod triennium for three years and be elected triennially thereafter, and shall be eligible for re-election. Any casual vacancy by death, resignation, or continued absence from Ireland for twelve months, occurring among the clerical or lay members of any Diocesan Court, shall be filled as soon as conveniently may be by the clerical or lay members, as the case may be, of the diocesan synod of the diocese in which such vacancy shall have occurred. Any person elected to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only so long as the person in whose place such person shall have been elected would have held the office if such vacancy had not occurred. The bishop shall in every case summon by rotation to sit with the bishop in the Diocesan Court one member each of the clergy and of the laity from those so elected, to whom, along with the bishop or the bishop's commissary, all questions of fact shall be referred: Provided, however, that if both parties shall express their consent in writing, it shall be in the power of the bishop or the bishop's commissary to hear and determine the case alone.
- (e) The bishop shall from time to time, as occasion may require, appoint a fit and proper person to be the registrar of the diocese and may also appoint one or more assistant registrars. Each assistant shall perform such of the registrar's duties as the bishop shall assign. Registrars and assistant registrars shall hold office until otherwise directed by the bishop for the time being or until resignation or death. Registrars and assistant registrars shall receive such salary as the diocesan council of the diocese shall appoint, and such travelling or other expenses incident to the performance of their duties as the diocesan council may determine.
- (f) In any special circumstances, particulars whereof shall be filed in the registry of the diocese or united diocese, the bishop may appoint under episcopal seal a fit and proper person to be a deputy chancellor or a deputy registrar of such diocese or united diocese during the continuance of such special circumstances and any such appointment and the duration thereof shall be filed of record. Every deputy so appointed shall during the continuance of such appointment have all the powers and perform all the duties of the chancellor or registrar in the place of whom such deputy is so appointed to act: Provided always that every deputy chancellor shall be qualified as hereinbefore provided with respect to the chancellor.
- (g) Every chancellor, deputy chancellor, registrar, deputy registrar, assistant registrar, and elected member of a diocesan court, shall before entering upon the duties of office, make and sign a declaration in the following form:

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I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am a member of the Church of Ireland, and that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, execute the office of _____ of the diocese (or united diocese, *as the case may be*) of _____ without fear, favour, affection or malice.

4 Diocesan Registry

The Diocesan Registry shall be established in a place to be named by the bishop, and the diocesan council shall make such provision for the safe custody of the registry and its contents as the bishop shall require.

5 Original Proceedings in and Appeals and References to Diocesan Court

- (a) Original proceedings in and appeals and references to Diocesan Court shall be presented by petition in writing, duly signed. The petition shall be lodged with the registrar of the diocese. Such petition shall be in the form set forth in Appendix A hereunto annexed, or as near thereto as the nature of the case will admit. Provided that the petitioner or petitioners, except in the case of an archbishop or bishop, shall be resident within the diocese, or shall have been personally injured or aggrieved by the act complained of.
- (b) The petitioner, or petitioners, except in the case of an archbishop or bishop, shall lodge with the registrar of the diocese a sum of £600 or €1,000 (or such other sum as the Rules Committee may from time to time prescribe) as appropriate, as security for the payment by such petitioner or petitioners of all such costs and expenses as may be ordered by the Diocesan Court, or by the Court of the General Synod.
- (c) The registrar, within seven days after such money is lodged, shall send a copy of the petition to the respondent, in a registered or recorded letter addressed to the respondent's residence or last known place of abode; and, after receiving an answer from the respondent, or, if no answer shall in the meantime have been received, after the expiration of fourteen days from the day on which such copy of the petition shall have been so sent, shall lay before the bishop the petition, and the answer (if any) of the respondent thereto.

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- (d) In all cases where a petition is to be heard in the Diocesan Court, it shall be the duty of the registrar to apply to the chancellor for a citation. The chancellor shall thereupon issue a citation under the chancellor's hand, requiring the attendance of either of the parties before the Diocesan Court, to be held at such time and place as the chancellor shall in such citation appoint: Provided that the first sitting of the court shall be held not less than one fortnight nor more than three calendar months after the date of issue of the citation.
- (e) The chancellor shall, at the instance of either of the parties, issue letters to persons whose evidence may be needed at the hearing, requesting them to attend at such time and place as aforesaid; and, if necessary, requesting them also to bring with them such documents relating to the matters in issue as may be in their possession, power, or procurement.
- (f) When any witness shall be unable or unwilling to attend, the chancellor may appoint, in such manner and on such terms as the chancellor shall see fit, a commissioner to take the testimony of such witness; and such witness may be examined, cross-examined, and re-examined, by the parties, or their agents, solicitors, or counsel, before such commissioner. The examination shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witness and by the commissioner, and shall be forthwith transmitted by the commissioner, under seal, to the chancellor; and the same shall, without further proof, be available and admissible as evidence in all subsequent proceedings in the same case.
- (g) The petition, answer, and every other pleading may at any time be amended in such manner and on such terms as the court (or, if the court is not in session, the chancellor) shall think fit and necessary for the purposes of justice.
- (h) The evidence of all witnesses examined before the court shall be given *viva voce*, and shall be recorded as the court shall direct.
- (i) The court, after hearing the parties, or such of them as shall appear, their agents, solicitors, or counsel, and the witnesses, shall consider the evidence, and may deliver judgment, which shall be reduced to writing, or shall remit the case to the Court of the General Synod. The court shall make such order as to costs and expenses, including the registrar's fees and charges, and as to the disposal of the deposit, if any, as it shall think fit.
- (j) In every case in which a bishop shall institute proceedings in that bishop's own Diocesan Court, the bishop shall, and in all other cases may, direct the chancellor to act in the bishop's place; and such direction shall suffice to confer all the jurisdiction of the bishop on the chancellor in such case.

6 Appeals from Interlocutory Orders of a Diocesan Court

There shall not be any appeal in any suit or other proceeding before a Diocesan Court, without the special leave of the Court, from any interlocutory order not having the effect of a final order, until a final order shall have been pronounced thereon; but when a final order shall have been pronounced, the party appealing therefrom may also appeal from any interlocutory order or orders in the same case.

Part II

THE COURT OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

7 Jurisdiction

- (a) An appeal shall lie to the Court of the General Synod from every judgment and order of a Diocesan Court except in the case of proceedings under Chapter IX, section 16.
- (b) The Court of the General Synod shall have original jurisdiction in the following matters:
 - (i) any question of a legal nature which has arisen, or which may arise, in respect to the proceedings at any election to fill a vacancy in the office of an archbishop or bishop;
 - (ii) any other matter so appointed by the law of the Church of Ireland.
- (c) It shall be in the power of the House of Bishops or of the General Synod to refer to the Court of the General Synod, for hearing and determination, any questions of a legal nature which have arisen or which may arise in the course of their proceedings; and the said Court shall thereupon proceed to hear and determine the same in the same manner as in the case of an appeal, or to advise the House of Bishops or the General Synod in respect of the same, as the case may require.
- (d) The Court of the General Synod shall not determine any matter or question which, in the opinion of the lay judges, is within the jurisdiction and more proper to be submitted to the consideration and decision of a civil tribunal.

8 Constitution and Membership: Registrar

- (a) The Court of the General Synod shall be constituted as follows:

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- (i) In all cases in which the Representative Body is a party the Court shall be constituted of the three lay judges first in order upon the list of the judges elected, in manner hereinafter provided, by the Standing Committee of the General Synod (not being members of the Representative Body) who may be able to attend.
- (ii) In the case of
 - (a) any question of a legal nature which has arisen, or which may arise, in respect to the proceedings at any election to fill a vacancy in the office of an archbishop or bishop; or
 - (b) any questions referred to the Court by the House of Bishops or the General Synod under section 7(c) of this Chapter; or
 - (c) an appeal from a judgment or order of a diocesan court under section 9(d) of this Chapter,the Court shall be constituted of three ecclesiastical and four lay judges.
- (iii) In any other case the Court shall be constituted of two ecclesiastical and three lay judges.
- (b) The ecclesiastical judges to constitute a Court of the General Synod shall be the three or two, as the case may be, members of the House of Bishops, first in order of precedence, who may be able to attend.
- (c) The lay judges to constitute a Court of the General Synod shall be the four or three, as the case may be, persons first in order upon the list of lay judges as is hereinafter provided, who may be able to attend.
- (d) No archbishop or bishop, and no chancellor or deputy chancellor, shall sit in the Court of the General Synod for the hearing of any appeal from the Court of their own diocese.
- (e) Every person being a member of the Church of Ireland who holds or shall have held the office of a judge of the Supreme Court or of the High Court of the Republic of Ireland or of a judge of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland, or who shall have been for not less than ten years a barrister practising at the Irish Bar or at the bar of Northern Ireland, or who shall have been for not less than ten years a practising solicitor admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in Ireland or in Northern Ireland or who holds or has held the office of chancellor of a diocese, shall be qualified for election as a lay judge of the Court of the General Synod.

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- (f) The Standing Committee of the General Synod shall forthwith after the first ordinary session of each General Synod elect ten lay judges, to constitute the list of lay judges, and shall also from time to time fill by election any vacancy or vacancies which may occur in the list of lay judges for the time being and shall report to the following session of the General Synod.
- (g) The registrar of the diocese of Dublin shall be also the registrar of the Court of the General Synod.

9 Proceedings in the Court of the General Synod; Original Jurisdiction

- (a) Original proceedings in and references and remittances to the Court of the General Synod shall be presented by petition in writing, duly signed. The petition shall be lodged with the registrar of the Court of the General Synod, and shall be in the form set forth in Appendix A hereto annexed, or as near thereto as the nature of the case will admit. The petition shall be served upon every person named as respondent. The registrar of the Court of the General Synod shall thereupon issue a citation under the registrar's hand, requiring the attendance of each of the parties before the Court of the General Synod, to be held at such time and place as the registrar shall in such citation appoint,
- (b) The decision of the majority of the members of the Court of the General Synod shall be the decision of the Court.
- (c) The petitioner or petitioners, except in the case of an archbishop or bishop, shall lodge with the registrar of the Court the sum of £600 or €1,000 (or such other sum as the Rules Committee may from time to time prescribe) as appropriate as security for the payment by the petitioner or petitioners of all such costs and expenses of the proceedings as may be ordered by the Court.

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- (d) Every party appealing from a judgment or order of a Diocesan Court shall state the grounds of the appeal in writing, in the form set forth in Appendix B hereunto annexed, or as near thereto as the nature of the case will admit, and shall lodge the same, within fourteen days after the judgment or order, with the registrar of the Court of the General Synod. The person or persons so appealing shall lodge with the registrar of the said Court a sum of €1,000 or £600 (or such other sum as the Rules Committee may from time to time prescribe) as security for to pay all such costs and expenses of the appeal as the appellant or appellants may be ordered by the Court of the General Synod to pay. Thereupon it shall be the duty of the registrar to send a copy of the appeal to the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin, and to the member of the House of Bishops next in order of precedence, and shall obtain from the first in order of precedence of the three ecclesiastical judges of whom the Court may be constituted an order fixing a time and place for hearing the appeal, and the registrar shall summon each member of the Court, and the several parties, to attend at such time and place.
- (e) The registrar, within one week after the appeal shall have been lodged, shall require the registrar of the Diocesan Court to return to the Court of the General Synod the petition, the respondent's answer, if any, and any other pleadings, the notes of the evidence taken in the Diocesan Court, and the written judgment and order of the said Court, and the diocesan registrar shall forthwith return the same accordingly, authenticated by the diocesan registrar's signature.
- (f) The Court of the General Synod, having before it the evidence taken in the Diocesan Court, may allow either party to the appeal to produce additional evidence, either orally or taken by a commission, or by the further examination or cross-examination of witnesses examined before the Diocesan Court. When the parties, or such of them as shall attend upon the appeal, shall have been heard by themselves, their agents, solicitors, counsel, and witnesses, if any, the Court shall deliver such judgment and order as the case may require, which shall be reduced to writing and shall be final.
- (g) The Court of the General Synod shall have power upon appeal to set aside, vary or confirm the judgment or order of the Diocesan Court, and to direct by whom the costs and expenses of the proceedings, including the registrar's fees and charges, shall be defrayed or borne, and to dispose of the deposit or deposits, if any, as it shall think fit.

Part III

PROVISIONS RELATING TO DIOCESAN COURTS AND THE COURT OF THE
GENERAL SYNOD

10 **General**

- (a) The several courts hereinbefore mentioned in Parts I and II of this Chapter shall be open to the public, unless the judge or judges shall deem it expedient to sit in private on account of the matter of the enquiry or misconduct of the audience or any other urgent reason, in which case each of the parties may require that not more than six persons chosen by each of the parties shall be permitted to be present.
- (b) No person who is a party to any suit shall act as a member of the court by which the suit is heard.
- (c) The judge or judges of every court may from time to time adjourn the court as they shall deem fit.
- (d) It shall be the duty of every member of the Church of Ireland to attend and give evidence, when duly summoned to do so, at any hearing or investigation held under the authority of the Constitution.
- (e) Every person who shall be called as a witness at any hearing or investigation held as aforesaid, shall, before giving evidence, make a solemn declaration to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.
- (f) When the court shall have signed its judgment or order, the same shall be filed of record in the registry of the diocese, or of the Court of the General Synod, as the case may be.
- (g) The several proceedings of or on behalf of each court shall be prepared and recorded by the registrar of the court in which the case shall be pending, as the case may require.
- (h) The General Synod may from time to time, by resolution, regulate and provide for the election and summoning of the Court of the General Synod and for giving effect to the provisions of this Chapter, as occasion may require.

11 Rules Committee of Ecclesiastical Tribunals

- (a) The members of the House of Bishops, with the ten elected lay judges of the Court of the General Synod, shall constitute the Rules Committee of ecclesiastical tribunals under parts I and II of this Chapter.
- (b) The Rules Committee, or any three members thereof, one being an archbishop, may make rules for carrying the provisions of Parts I and II of this Chapter into effect, and in particular for regulating all matters relating to procedure, practice, costs, expenses, and fees, giving security for costs, the pronouncement of judgments and orders, the validity of proceedings notwithstanding irregularity or defects of form, proceedings in the case of persons who cannot be found or served, the liability to and recovery of costs and expenses; the forms to be used, and all matters incidental to or connected with the administration of the ecclesiastical law of the Church of Ireland except any question of discipline involving any archbishop, bishop or member of the clergy and except any question of doctrine that arises during the course of a disciplinary hearing.
- (c) Every rule made in pursuance of this section shall be signed by three or more members of the Rules Committee, and shall be presented to the General Synod on the first day of its session next after the making of such rule, and it shall be lawful for the General Synod by a resolution to annul such rule without prejudice to the validity of anything done in the meantime in pursuance thereof; and every such rule, unless annulled as aforesaid, shall, while unrevoked, be of the same validity as if enacted in this Chapter.
- (d) Until further rules shall have been made in pursuance of this section, and subject to such rules when made, the rules, orders, forms and fees, dated 9th May 1935, and laid before the General Synod of 1935, as amended, shall be the rules, orders, forms and fees of the Diocesan Courts and registries, and of the Court of the General Synod and of the registry thereof respectively: Provided however that subject to the proviso to section 3(e) of this Chapter all fees of diocesan courts and registries shall be credited to diocesan funds.

12 Evidence by way of Statutory Declarations

It shall be lawful for the ecclesiastical tribunals under Parts I and II of this Chapter to receive in evidence statutory declarations of witnesses, but upon such terms, if any, as to requiring the cross-examination of the witness either before the court itself or by commission or written interrogatories, or as to allowing such declarations to be answered, as may be directed by the court or prescribed by rules framed in pursuance of this Chapter.

13 Petition for a Rehearing

It shall be lawful for any person aggrieved by any judgment, or order of the Court of the General Synod, at any time within one year next after the date of such judgment, or order, to present a petition to the said Court, praying that the case may be reheard upon grounds to be set forth in such petition, and requesting that the judgment, or order may be set aside or varied; and thereupon it shall be lawful for the said Court, or any two members thereof, upon just and reasonable grounds, to order that the case shall be reheard by the said Court, and such rehearing shall take place when and as the said Court shall direct: Provided that the said Court or such members thereof may impose such terms, by way of security for costs and expenses, and by way of admission or otherwise, as shall be deemed just and proper.

14 Power to grant Licences, Dispensations and Faculties

The archbishops and bishops of the Church of Ireland shall have, and may use, all the same powers of granting licences, dispensations, faculties, and other writings which they had and might have used at the time of the passing of the Irish Church Act, 1869: Provided that all persons feeling aggrieved by the granting or withholding of any faculty, except in the case of the granting or withholding of a faculty for ordination, shall be entitled to have their case heard and determined by the Diocesan Court.

15 Power to declare vacant an Office held by a Layperson

If any layperson shall have been convicted and sentenced, by any of the temporal courts, for any criminal offence, or shall be a fugitive from justice in any case in which a warrant has been issued for such person's apprehension, or shall have ceased to be a member of the Church of Ireland, or shall be incapacitated by mental infirmity, or shall wilfully and without sufficient cause have neglected or refused to attend and give evidence when duly summoned to do so at any trial or investigation held under the authority of the Constitution, the archbishop or bishop of the diocese, with the advice of the archbishop's or bishop's chancellor, may, by order under episcopal hand and seal, declare any office in the Church of Ireland to which such layperson may have been elected or appointed to be vacant, and the same shall thereupon be filled in due course.

16 Costs and Expenses in the Court of the General Synod

- (a) In all proceedings duly taken in the Court of the General Synod, it shall be lawful for the said Court, if in its discretion it shall so think fit, to order the payment, out of the General Purposes Fund, of the costs and expenses, in whole or in part, of such proceedings, or of any other legal proceedings consequent thereon, or incidental thereto; subject to the rules and regulations in force for the time being, and subject also to the provisions, limitations and conditions hereinafter contained in this section 16.
- (b) No costs or expenses shall be paid out of the General Purposes Fund to or for any unsuccessful party - other than an archbishop or bishop.
- (c) No costs or expenses shall, in any case, be paid out of the General Purposes Fund, which can be recovered either from any unsuccessful party, or by enforcing any security given for the payment of costs or expenses in the proceedings.
- (d) No order for the payment of any costs or expenses out of the General Purposes Fund to or for any party - other than an archbishop or bishop - shall be made in any case which, in the opinion of the Court, does not involve or affect the general interest or discipline of the Church, or is not of sufficient importance to justify the application of that fund to the payment of the costs and expenses mentioned in the order.

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- (e) The Court shall have power, in each case, either to order the costs and expenses to be taxed or moderated as prescribed by rules, or to measure and fix the amount to be paid out of the General Purposes Fund.
- (f) The Court shall have power, if, having regard to the length of time occupied by the hearing or to any other special circumstances connected with the case, the Court in its discretion shall so think fit, to order the payment out of the General Purposes Fund of the expenses necessarily incurred by any members of the Court in attending such proceedings.

17 **Costs and Expenses in a Diocesan Court**

It shall be lawful for any diocesan synod, or for any diocesan council, with the authority of or subject to the approval of the synod of the diocese, to make such provision, by means of a diocesan general purposes fund or otherwise, for or towards the payment of the costs and expenses of proceedings duly taken in the Diocesan Court, as may to such diocesan synod or council seem necessary or expedient.

Part IV

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

18 **Definitions and Interpretation**

- (a) Unless the context otherwise requires, in this Part of this Chapter:

“Appellant” means a Respondent who has appealed a finding and/or order of a Disciplinary Tribunal in accordance with section 34;

“Appeal Tribunal” means a tribunal, appointed under section 34 (d) to hear an appeal;

“Complaint” means any complaint or allegation touching or apparently touching upon the conduct (whether by act or omission), behaviour, performance or affairs of any bishop or any member of the clergy in respect of any of the matters mentioned in section 25;

“Complainant” means a person who brings a Complaint to the attention of the Complaints Administrator;

“Complaints Committee” means the committee appointed under section 21;

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“Complaints Administrator” means the person appointed by the Standing Committee with the approval of the Representative Body to be the Complaints Administrator for the purposes of this Part of this Chapter;

“Disciplinary Bodies” means the Complaints Administrator, the Complaints Committee, the Disciplinary Panel, each Disciplinary Tribunal and each Appeal Tribunal;

“Disciplinary Tribunal” means a tribunal appointed under section 31(a) to hear a Formal Complaint;

“Disciplinary Panel” means the panel of persons appointed under section 22;

“Formal Complaint” means a Complaint that has been formulated by the Complaints Committee and referred by it to a Disciplinary Tribunal in accordance with this Part of this Chapter;

“House of Bishops” means the archbishops and bishops of the Church of Ireland for the time being;

“Lawyer” means any person who is or was a judge in any part of Ireland, or is a solicitor or barrister who has practised for more than 10 years in any part of Ireland;

“Respondent” means any bishop or any member of the clergy in respect of whom a Formal Complaint has been referred to a Disciplinary Tribunal; and

“Standing Committee” means the Standing Committee of the General Synod.

- (b) For the purposes of this Part of this Chapter only and not otherwise the term **‘member of the clergy’** shall, unless otherwise specifically provided, mean a deacon or priest of the Church of Ireland and the term **‘bishop’** shall include an archbishop.
- (c) References in this Part of this Chapter to sections are, unless otherwise stated, references to sections of this Part of this Chapter.

19 Pastoral Resolution

- (a) All members of the church are called to exercise a ministry of reconciliation. It is preferable, therefore, that all complaints and disputes be resolved pastorally within each diocese; that complaints against clergy be dealt with pastorally by diocesan bishops; or, in the case of complaints against a bishop by the archbishop of the province; or in the case of an archbishop by the archbishop of the other province.
- (b) Bishops have a general duty whenever it is appropriate to endeavour to reconcile the parties involved in any complaint and achieve an outcome within their diocese accepted by all the parties as a first step before the disciplinary processes in this Chapter are set in motion. In fulfilling this function a bishop may put in place an enquiry, a process of conciliation or mediation or such other process of reconciliation or resolution as the bishop shall think appropriate.
- (c) Only where a bishop, in that bishop's absolute discretion, determines that such pastoral resolution or reconciliation has not been possible or is not appropriate should recourse be had to the disciplinary process set out in this Part of this Chapter.

20 Appointment of a Complaints Administrator

The Standing Committee shall, in consultation with the Representative Body, from time to time appoint a person on such terms and subject to such conditions as it may think fit to be the Complaints Administrator for the purposes of this Part of this Chapter and, with the approval of the Representative Body, may remove any person so appointed and appoint another in his or her place. The person so appointed shall be a human resources practitioner or a Lawyer or other suitably qualified person. No person who is an employee of the Representative Body or a member of the clergy may be appointed as the Complaints Administrator.

21 Appointment and Composition of the Complaints Committee

- (a) The Complaints Committee shall consist of one clerical and one lay representative of each diocese or united diocese under the jurisdiction of one bishop and two members appointed by the Standing Committee.

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- (b) The clergy of the diocesan synod of each diocesan or united diocesan synod shall elect one member of the clergy as a member of the Complaints Committee. The lay members of each diocesan or united diocesan synod shall elect a layperson as a member of the Complaints Committee. The members so elected shall be elected to hold office from 1st January of the first year of the General Synod triennium for six years and be elected every second triennium thereafter, and shall be eligible for re-election.
- (c) Any casual vacancy by death, resignation, or continued absence from Ireland for twelve months, occurring among the clerical or lay members of the Complaints Committee, shall be filled as soon as conveniently may be by the clerical or lay members, as the case may be, of the diocesan synod or united diocesan synod which elected the person being replaced. Any person elected to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only for so long as the person in whose place he or she shall have been elected would have held the office if such vacancy had not occurred.
- (d) The quorum for meetings of the Complaints Committee shall be six persons, so long as there are at least two members of the clergy and two laypersons attending thereat. Any meeting of the Complaints Committee at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all the functions and powers conferred upon the Complaints Committee by this Part of this Chapter.
- (e) The Complaints Committee may delegate such of its functions and powers to sub-committees of its own members as it may deem necessary or convenient. Any sub-committee so formed shall comprise at least two members of the clergy and two laypersons and shall, in the exercise of the functions and powers so delegated, conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Complaints Committee.
- (f) The Standing Committee shall from time to time appoint a chairperson and a vice-chairperson of the Complaints Committee from amongst the members of the Complaints Committee.
- (g) No person shall be a member of the Complaints Committee at the same time as he or she is a member of the Disciplinary Panel.

22 Appointment and Composition of the Disciplinary Panel

- (a) The Disciplinary Panel shall consist of not less than four members of the clergy and not less than eight laypersons of whom at least four shall be Lawyers.

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- (b) The Standing Committee shall prior to the commencement of the General Synod triennium appoint the members of the Disciplinary Panel. The members so appointed shall be appointed to hold office from 1st January of the first year of the General Synod triennium for six years and be appointed every second triennium thereafter, and shall be eligible for re-appointment. No member of the Standing Committee may be a member of the Disciplinary Panel.
- (c) Any casual vacancy by death, resignation, or continued absence from Ireland for twelve months, occurring among the members of the Disciplinary Panel, shall be filled as soon as conveniently may be by the Standing Committee. Any person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only so long as the person in whose place he or she shall have been appointed would have held the office if such vacancy had not occurred.
- (d) The Standing Committee shall from time to time appoint from those members of the Disciplinary Panel who are Lawyers a chairperson and a vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel.
- (e) No person shall be a member of the Disciplinary Panel at the same time as he or she is a member of the Complaints Committee.

23 Funding of Complaints Committee

- (a) Prior to the beginning of each year the Complaints Committee shall prepare and submit to the Standing Committee for consideration and onward submission to the Representative Body an annual budget for that year.
- (b) The Representative Body may approve, with or without amendment, the annual budget. Where the Representative Body wishes to approve an annual budget with amendment it must first consult with the Standing Committee and the chairperson and/or vice chairperson of the Complaints Committee.
- (c) The Complaints Committee may if it considers it necessary to do so, undertake, during the course of a year, an interim review of its annual budget and following such review submit an amended or supplementary budget to the Standing Committee for consideration and onward submission to the Representative Body for approval. Section 23(b) applies with any necessary changes if an amended or a supplementary annual budget is submitted.
- (d) In each year the Representative Body shall provide, in such instalments as it sees fit, a grant equal to the budget approved in accordance with Section 23(b) for that

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financial year (including any amended or supplementary budget approved for that year). Any part of such a grant not expended or committed in that year shall be returned to the Representative Body.

- (e) Within one month of the end of each year the Complaints Committee shall submit to the Representative Body and the Standing Committee an income and expenditure account for the Complaints Committee for that year.

24 Duty to co-operate and Duty to have regard to Bishop's Role

- (a) It shall be the duty of every bishop and every member of the clergy of the Church of Ireland to co-operate fully at every phase of the disciplinary process provided for under this Part of this Chapter. It shall be the duty of every bishop and every such member (including those who are not involved in or the subject of the said disciplinary process) to provide such information, explanations, documents and computer and other electronic records as the Complaints Administrator, the Complaints Committee, a Disciplinary Tribunal or an Appeal Tribunal, as the case may be, may consider necessary to enable them to carry out their respective duties under this Part of this Chapter.
- (b) It shall be the duty of every lay member of the Church of Ireland to co-operate fully at every phase of the disciplinary process provided for under this Part of this Chapter. It shall be the duty of every such member (including such members who are not involved in or the subject of the said disciplinary process) to provide such information, explanations, documents and computer and other electronic records as the Complaints Administrator, the Complaints Committee, a Disciplinary Tribunal or an Appeal Tribunal, as the case may be, may consider necessary to enable them to carry out their respective duties under this Part of this Chapter.
- (c) The bishops and archbishops of the Church of Ireland have by virtue of their respective offices and consecration a role in administering discipline and each of the Disciplinary Bodies shall, in exercising its functions under this Part of this Chapter, have due regard to that role as outlined in section 19.
- (d) Members of the Complaints Committee and any Disciplinary Tribunal or Appeal Tribunal shall not be capable of performing any of the duties of office until they have signed the following declaration:

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I, A.B.,¹ (do solemnly declare that I am a member of the Church of Ireland, and a communicant of the said Church, and) being fully sensible how important it is that complaints involving members of the clergy and bishops of the Church of Ireland be adjudicated on in a fair and unbiased manner in accordance with proper procedures undertake that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my knowledge and power perform my duties as a member of

without fear or favour or affection or ill-will towards any person, and that I will uphold the Constitution and other laws of the Church of Ireland for the glory of God, the good of his Church, and the welfare of his people.

(Signed),

A.B.

Dated day of

25 Liability of Members of the Clergy and Bishops to Disciplinary Action

A member of the clergy or a bishop shall be liable to disciplinary action if he or she is guilty of:

- an act or omission which would have been a breach or violation of the ecclesiastical law of the United Church of England and Ireland, and an offence punishable by such law in Ireland, at the time of the passing of the Irish Church Act, 1869, and which is a breach or violation of the ecclesiastical law of the Church of Ireland for the time being;
- any crime for the time being punishable by law in any part of Ireland;
- failure to obey any order of a Diocesan Court, the Court of the General Synod or any Disciplinary Body;
- immorality;
- drunkenness or substance abuse;
- neglect of duty;
- conduct unbecoming to the sacred calling of a person in holy orders;

¹ The words in brackets shall be omitted when the declaration is made by a member of the clergy.

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- any other act or omission which is a breach or violation of the canons or other laws of the Church of Ireland, for the time being; or
- teaching or publishing of any doctrine contrary to the doctrines of the Church of Ireland.

26 Right to Make a Complaint

- (a) Any bishop, any member of the clergy or any lay member of the Church of Ireland who has a proper interest may bring to the attention of the Complaints Administrator any Complaint in respect of a member of the clergy by means of a written submission signed by such person.
- (b) Any bishop or any member of the clergy or any lay member of the Church of Ireland who has a proper interest may bring to the attention of the Complaints Administrator any complaint in respect of a bishop by means of a written submission signed by such person.
- (c) Any such written submission must be accompanied by the sum of £600 or €1,000 (or such other sum as the Rules Committee may from time to time prescribe). Such sum shall be held by the Complaints Administrator and shall be returned to the Complainant unless the Complaint is dismissed pursuant to section 27(a), 28(a) or the Complaints Committee is of the opinion that a prima facie case has not been made out in respect of the Complaint. Where such a written submission is made by a lay member or members of the Church of Ireland, it must incorporate a written confirmation on the part of each such lay member that he or she is a member of the Church of Ireland.

27 Processing of Complaints in respect of Members of the Clergy by the Complaints Administrator

- (a) If the Complaints Administrator is of the opinion that a Complaint made in respect of a member of the clergy discloses no reasonable grounds upon which a case could be made that the member of the clergy is liable to disciplinary action under this Part of this Chapter then, subject to obtaining the written approval of either the chairperson or vice chairperson of the Complaints Committee, the Complaints Administrator may dismiss the Complaint. Such a dismissal shall not be a defence to a subsequent Complaint in relation to the same or substantially the same matters.

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- (b) Unless a Complaint made in respect of a member of the clergy has been dismissed under section 27(a) or the relevant bishop has already determined that pastoral resolution in accordance with section 19 has not been possible or is not appropriate, the Complaints Administrator shall convey details of the Complaint to the bishop of the diocese in which the member of the clergy against whom the Complaint has been made is beneficed or licensed for pastoral resolution in accordance with section 19.
- (c) If and when a bishop determines that pastoral resolution of a Complaint in respect of a member of the clergy which has been referred to the bishop for pastoral resolution in accordance with section 19 is not possible or not appropriate, the Complaints Administrator shall convey such Complaint made to the Complaints Committee.
- (d) The bishop of the diocese in which the member of the clergy against whom a Complaint has been made is beneficed or licensed may, if the bishop considers it proper to do so, suspend from office that member of the clergy until such time as all disciplinary proceedings under this Part of this Chapter relating to that Complaint have been finally completed. Any member of the clergy so suspended may continue to reside in the glebe house and shall be entitled to a full stipend for the period of such suspension and such expenses as the bishop may determine. He or she must, however, if so required by the relevant bishop, deliver up to the bishop all books, keys and other property held by him or her by virtue of his or her office as are necessary to enable any member of the clergy, appointed by the bishop to look after the benefice during his or her period of suspension, to carry out his or her functions.

28 Processing of Complaints in respect of a Bishop by the Complaints Administrator

- (a) Where a Complaint is made against a bishop or archbishop, the Complaints Administrator shall, in the first instance, consult with the archbishop of the province, or in the case of an archbishop, the archbishop of the other province, and together they shall determine whether reasonable grounds have been disclosed upon which a case could be made that the bishop or archbishop is liable to disciplinary action under this Part of this Chapter. If they are of the opinion that the Complaint discloses no reasonable grounds then, subject to obtaining the written approval of either the chairperson or vice chairperson of the Complaints Committee, the Complaints Administrator may dismiss the Complaint. Such a dismissal shall not be a defence to a subsequent complaint in relation to the same or substantially the same matters.

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- (b) Unless a Complaint made in respect of a bishop has been dismissed under section 28(a) or the relevant archbishop has already determined that pastoral resolution in accordance with section 19 has not been possible or is not appropriate, the Complaints Administrator shall convey details of the Complaint to the archbishop of the relevant province or, in the case of an archbishop, the other province for pastoral resolution in accordance with section 19.
- (c) If and when an archbishop determines that pastoral resolution of a Complaint in respect of a bishop which has been referred to the archbishop for pastoral resolution in accordance with section 19 is not possible or not appropriate, the Complaints Administrator shall convey such Complaint made to the Complaints Committee.
- (d) The archbishop of the relevant province (or, in the case of a Complaint made against an archbishop, the archbishop of the other province) may, if the archbishop considers it proper to do so, suspend a bishop against whom a Complaint has been made from office until such time as all disciplinary proceedings under this Part of this Chapter relating to that Complaint have been finally completed. Any bishop so suspended may continue to reside in the see house and shall be entitled to a full stipend for the period of such suspension. The bishop must, however, if so required by the relevant archbishop, deliver up all books, keys and other property held by the bishop by virtue of the bishop's office.

29 Investigation of Complaints by the Complaints Committee

- (a) Where a Complaint has been conveyed to the Complaints Committee by the Complaints Administrator, the Complaints Committee shall investigate the Complaint in order to decide whether or not a prima facie case has been made out that the bishop or the member of the clergy concerned is liable to disciplinary action under this Part of this Chapter.

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- (b) Before reaching a decision as to whether or not such a prima facie case has been made out, the Complaints Committee shall:
 - (i) provide to the bishop or member of the clergy concerned, where the Complaint has been brought to the attention of the Complaints Administrator in writing, a copy of such writing and, where the Complaint was brought to the attention of the Complaints Administrator otherwise than in writing or came to the attention of the Complaints Administrator otherwise than as a result of a Complaint made by a Complainant, a synopsis prepared by the Complaints Administrator of the Complaint together with brief details of the material then before the Committee and upon which it proposes to base its decision as to whether or not a prima facie case has been made out; and
 - (ii) give the bishop or member of the clergy concerned an opportunity of making such written representations to it as he or she may consider appropriate to the deliberations of the Committee.
- (c) In addition the Complaints Committee may, in its absolute discretion, give the bishop or member of the clergy concerned, the Complainant and the Complaints Administrator an opportunity of being heard before it. If the Complaints Committee gives any of such persons such an opportunity it shall offer a like opportunity to the other(s) of them.
- (d) If the Complaints Committee is of the opinion that a prima facie case has not been made out in respect of any Complaint, it shall so notify in writing the bishop or member of the clergy concerned, the Complainant and the Complaints Administrator.
- (e) If the Complaints Committee is of the opinion that a prima facie case as aforesaid has been made out, it may in its absolute discretion:
 - (i) decide that no further action be taken on the Complaint or any specified part of it; or
 - (ii) decide that, notwithstanding such prima facie case, further consideration of the whole or part of the Complaint be deferred on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate; or
 - (iii) deal with the whole or part of the Complaint by way of a consent order under section 30; or

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- (iv) refer the Complaint to mediation in such manner as the Committee may direct; or
- (v) refer the whole or part of the Complaint to a Disciplinary Tribunal as a Formal Complaint in terms formulated by the Committee,

and the Complaints Committee shall notify, in writing, the bishop or member of the clergy concerned, the Complainant and the Complaints Administrator that a prima facie case has been made out against the bishop or member of the clergy concerned, and which course of action, of those listed in this section, the Complaints Committee intends to take.

30 Consent Orders

- (a) Where the Complaints Committee decides to deal with a Complaint by way of a consent order the provisions of this section shall apply.
- (b) The Complaints Committee may, with the agreement of the bishop or the member of the clergy concerned, make any one or more of the orders which, on finding a Formal Complaint proved, a Disciplinary Tribunal would have power to make in respect of a Respondent.
- (c) Any such order may be made upon such terms and conditions (if any) as the Complaints Committee may, in its absolute discretion, consider appropriate.
- (d) Before making any order under section 30(b) the Complaints Committee shall serve on the bishop or member of the clergy concerned a notice describing the order which it would make if the bishop or member of the clergy agrees.
- (e) A notice under section 30(d) must:
 - (i) explain the extent to which the finding of the Complaints Committee would be published and/or otherwise communicated to others; and
 - (ii) state that, if the bishop or member of the clergy does not agree in writing to the proposed action within a stated period, of not less than fourteen days, the Complaint will be referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal as a Formal Complaint.

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- (f) If, within the period stated in the notice (or such extended period, if any, as the Complaints Committee, in its absolute discretion, may allow), the bishop or member of the clergy concerned agrees in writing to the Complaints Committee proceeding as proposed in the notice, the Committee shall make the order specified in the notice unless, having regard to any further information which it has received, it is of the opinion:
 - (i) that a lesser or no sanction is appropriate, in which case it shall impose a lesser or no sanction, as the case may be;
 - (ii) that a smaller or no sum is appropriate by way of costs, in which case it shall order a smaller sum to be paid by way of costs or make no order as to costs, as the case may be;
 - (iii) that no prima facie case exists, in which case it shall so find; or
 - (iv) that a greater sanction is appropriate, in which case before taking any order that goes beyond that described in the notice served under section 30(d) it shall serve on the member of the clergy concerned a supplemental notice identifying the further information and indicating the alternative order the Complaints Committee intends making.
- (g) If the bishop or member of clergy concerned does not, within the period stated in the notice or supplemental notice (or such extended period as the Complaints Committee in its absolute discretion may have allowed), agree in writing to the Complaints Committee proceeding as proposed in such notice, the Complaints Committee shall refer the Complaint as a Formal Complaint to the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (h) The Complaints Committee may publish details of each consent order made by it in the Journal of the General Synod, and may otherwise publish or communicate details of any consent order in such manner as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit.

31 Disciplinary Tribunals

- (a) When a Formal Complaint is referred to a Disciplinary Tribunal by the Complaints Committee, the chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel or, failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of such Panel shall appoint a Disciplinary Tribunal from, except for any bishop appointed, the members of the Disciplinary Panel to hear the Formal Complaint. The Tribunal shall consist of a Lawyer as chairperson and one member of the clergy (or, where the Respondent is a bishop, one bishop nominated by the House of Bishops) and one layperson. No former member of the Complaints Committee who has been concerned with the Complaint which is the subject of the Formal Complaint shall be eligible for appointment to such Disciplinary Tribunal. No person who is ordinarily resident in the diocese in which the Respondent is beneficed or licensed shall be eligible for appointment to such Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (b) If, for any reason, prior to the time fixed for the hearing of the Formal Complaint, any member of the Tribunal becomes unable to act, the chairperson or, failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel shall co-opt another eligible person from the Disciplinary Panel to act in his or her place.
- (c) If, for any reason, any member of the Disciplinary Tribunal (other than the chairperson thereof) is, during the course of the hearing, unable to continue to attend the hearing, the remaining members, provided that they are not less than two in number, may continue with the hearing, but if the Respondent is present they shall do so only if he or she consents. Save as aforesaid the Formal Complaint shall be re-heard by a new Disciplinary Tribunal appointed by the chairperson or, failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel in accordance with section 31(a).
- (d) If at any time during the hearing of a Formal Complaint, the Disciplinary Tribunal is of the opinion that it is for any reason inappropriate for it to complete the hearing, the chairperson or failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel shall appoint a new Disciplinary Tribunal to re-hear the Formal Complaint.
- (e) Where a Formal Complaint is re-heard pursuant to sections 31(c) or 31(d), none of the members of the original Tribunal may be appointed to the new Tribunal.

32 Consideration of Formal Complaints by Disciplinary Tribunal

- (a) As soon as practicable after its appointment, the Disciplinary Tribunal shall notify the Respondent, the Complaints Committee and, if there is one, the Complainant of the time (which shall not be sooner than 42 days from the date of such Notification) and place fixed for the hearing of the Formal Complaint.
- (b) The Disciplinary Tribunal shall give the person or persons presenting and prosecuting the Formal Complaint the opportunity of:
 - (i) attending and being heard at the hearing of the Formal Complaint;
 - (ii) adducing documentary evidence;
 - (iii) calling witnesses (including, if desired, any Complainant) to give evidence;
 - (iv) cross-examining witnesses called by the Respondent; and
 - (v) making such submissions as he or she wishes to the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (c) The Disciplinary Tribunal shall give the Respondent the opportunity of:
 - (i) attending and being heard at the hearing of the Formal Complaint;
 - (ii) if he or she so desires, being represented before the Disciplinary Tribunal by a member of the clergy, a solicitor or a barrister;
 - (iii) in addition to being given in advance of the hearing the material as provided for under section 32(e), hearing the evidence against him or her;
 - (iv) cross-examining witnesses called by the person or persons presenting and prosecuting the Formal Complaint in accordance with section 32(h);
 - (v) adducing documentary evidence;
 - (vi) calling witnesses to give evidence on his or her behalf; and
 - (vii) making such submissions as he or she wishes to the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (d) The Complainant who made the Complaint giving rise to a Formal Complaint may attend any hearing of the Disciplinary Tribunal relating to that Complaint even if the Tribunal determines that the hearing shall be held in private. Any Complainant attending a hearing shall do so as an observer only and shall not have any right of audience save as provided in section 37(c).

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- (e) At least fourteen days in advance of the hearing, the Complaints Administrator shall deliver to the Respondent copies of or a summary of any documents or other materials, if any, which, in addition to those made available to the Respondent under section 29(b), the person presenting and prosecuting the Formal Complaint intends to rely on, and a list of such witnesses as he or she proposes calling at the hearing.
- (f) At least seven days in advance of the hearing, the Respondent shall deliver to the Complaints Administrator a summary of the arguments to be presented in his or her defence, together with copies of such supporting documents as he or she proposes to rely on, and a list of such witnesses as he or she proposes calling on his or her behalf at the hearing. However, no failure by the Respondent to comply with this section 32(f) shall restrict the Respondent's rights under section 32(c). The Respondent shall not be precluded from raising any argument or relying on any document which was not included in the material so delivered or calling any witness who was not included in the list of witness so delivered.
- (g) If the Respondent does not attend the hearing fixed as aforesaid, then, the Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, either:
 - (i) provided the Disciplinary Tribunal is satisfied that notice of that hearing was given to the Respondent, proceed to hear the Formal Complaint in the absence of the Respondent; or
 - (ii) adjourn the hearing to such other date, venue and time as the Tribunal may in its absolute discretion, determine.

If it does so adjourn the hearing, the Disciplinary Tribunal shall give to the Respondent notice of the adjourned hearing.

- (h) The Complaints Committee may:
 - (i) appoint a solicitor or another suitable person; or
 - (ii) instruct a solicitor to brief counsel,to present and prosecute such Formal Complaint before the Disciplinary Tribunal appointed to hear such Formal Complaint and to appear on any appeal therefrom before the Appeal Tribunal appointed to hear such appeal.
- (i) A Disciplinary Tribunal may instruct a solicitor to act, or to brief counsel to act, as legal assessor on the hearing of any Formal Complaint.

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- (j) A Formal Complaint may only be withdrawn with the consent of the Disciplinary Tribunal appointed to hear that Formal Complaint.
- (k) A Disciplinary Tribunal may, on the application of the person or persons appointed under section 32(h), agree to the amendment of the terms of a Formal Complaint, provided it is satisfied that the Respondent would not be unfairly prejudiced thereby.
- (l) If, during the course of hearing a Formal Complaint, it becomes apparent to a Disciplinary Tribunal that the Respondent may be liable to disciplinary action in accordance with this Part of this Chapter in relation to matters not the subject matter of the Formal Complaint, it may amend the terms of the Formal Complaint to include those additional matters or it may bring those matters to the attention of the Complaints Administrator. If a Disciplinary Tribunal decides to amend a Formal Complaint it may, on the application of the Respondent or the person or persons appointed under section 32(h), adjourn the hearing for such period of time as may seem fit in the circumstances.
- (m) A Disciplinary Tribunal shall have a general discretion to grant extensions and abridgments of time, adjournments and postponements where it considers it fair and proper to do so.

33 Findings and Orders of Disciplinary Tribunals

- (a) If a Disciplinary Tribunal appointed to hear a Formal Complaint finds that the Formal Complaint has been proved in whole or in part in accordance with the standard of proof applicable in accordance with section 33(b), it shall make a finding to that effect; but if it finds that the Formal Complaint has not been proved in accordance with such applicable standard of proof, it shall dismiss the Formal Complaint.
- (b) Subject to section 33(c), a Formal Complaint against a Respondent shall not be proved in whole or in part unless and until it has been proved by the Complaints Committee to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Tribunal in accordance with the standard of proof applicable under this section. The standard of proof applicable shall be proof on the balance of probabilities.
- (c) If, in any proceedings before a Disciplinary Tribunal, it is proved that a member of the clergy has been found guilty of any crime for the time being punishable by law in any part of Ireland he or she shall be taken to have committed that crime unless the contrary is proved.

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- (d) If a Disciplinary Tribunal makes a finding that a Formal Complaint has been proved in whole or in part, it may make any one or more of the following orders against the Respondent as it considers appropriate having regard to the status of the Respondent, the Tribunal's views as to the nature and seriousness of the Formal Complaint, any previous Complaint in respect of which a finding or a finding and an order have been made against the Respondent and any other circumstances that the Tribunal considers relevant:
- (i) an order that no further action be taken on the Formal Complaint;
 - (ii) an order admonishing the Respondent;
 - (iii) an order severely admonishing the Respondent;
 - (iv) an order temporarily depriving the Respondent (who is a member of the clergy) of the Respondent's office;
 - (v) an order depriving the Respondent (who is a member of the clergy) of the Respondent's office;
 - (vi) an order deposing the Respondent (who is a member of the clergy) from holy orders;
 - (vii) an order temporarily depriving the Respondent (who is a bishop) of the Respondent's office; and
 - (viii) an order permanently depriving the Respondent (who is a bishop) of the Respondent's office.
- (e) If a Disciplinary Tribunal temporarily deprives a Respondent of his or her office it may also:
- (i) order the Respondent to deliver up all books, keys, and other property held by him or her by virtue of his or her office for the duration of the suspension; and / or
 - (ii) order that any moneys payable as stipend to the Respondent shall be sequestered for such period and subject to such conditions as the Disciplinary Tribunal may think fit.
- (f) A Disciplinary Tribunal may make an order requiring the Respondent to do or to refrain from doing an act.

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- (g) A Disciplinary Tribunal may also make an order for costs in accordance with section 38₂.
- (h) Any such order as is referred to in sections 33(d), 33 (e), 33 (f) and 33 (g) may be made upon such terms and conditions (if any) as the Disciplinary Tribunal may in its absolute discretion, consider appropriate.
- (i) Subject to section 34(i), an order of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall take effect from the expiry of the appeal period referred to in section 34(c). Notice of any finding or order of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall as soon as practicable be given to the Respondent and, if there is one, to the Complainant and to the Complaints Committee.
- (j) Details of each order made by a Disciplinary Tribunal shall be published in the Journal of the General Synod.
- (k) A copy of all pleadings and documents filed in any proceedings before a Disciplinary Tribunal shall be filed of record in the registry maintained by the Complaints Administrator. All such pleadings and documents shall be open to inspection by the parties to the proceedings in question and, at the discretion of the Complaints Committee, to any other person.

34 Appeals and Appointment of Appeal Tribunal

- (a) A Respondent may appeal against a finding or order of a Disciplinary Tribunal on the grounds that:
 - (i) the finding is wrong; and / or
 - (ii) the order is excessive; and / or
 - (iii) the finding and / or the order is flawed because of a serious procedural or other irregularity in the proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (b) No appeal shall lie in respect of a matter of doctrine or ritual on which the House of Bishops has issued a statement in accordance with section 39.

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- (c) If a Respondent wishes to appeal a finding or order of a Disciplinary Tribunal, he or she must within 21 days (or such longer period as the Disciplinary Tribunal may allow) of the date of the service upon him or her of such order, give notice of appeal to the chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel. Any such notice shall state the grounds of appeal and the grounds so stated shall not thereafter be amended except with the leave of the Appeal Tribunal appointed to hear such appeal.
- (d) The chairperson or, failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel shall as soon as practicable after the receipt of such notice of appeal appoint an Appeal Tribunal from, except for any bishops appointed, the members of the Disciplinary Panel. Where the Appellant is a member of the clergy the Appeal Tribunal shall consist of a lawyer as chairperson, one layperson and one member of the clergy. Where the Appellant is a bishop, the Appeal Tribunal shall consist of a lawyer as chairman, two laypersons and two bishops nominated by the House of Bishops. No former member of the Complaints Committee or Disciplinary Panel who has been concerned with the Complaint or Formal Complaint which is the subject of the appeal shall be eligible for appointment to such Appeal Tribunal. No person who is ordinarily resident in the diocese in which the Appellant is beneficial or licensed shall be eligible for appointment to such Appeal Tribunal.
- (e) If, for any reason, prior to the time fixed for the hearing of the Appeal, any member of the Appeal Tribunal becomes unable to act, the chairperson or, failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel shall co-opt another eligible person from the Disciplinary Panel to act in his or her place.
- (f) If, for any reason, any member of the Appeal Tribunal (other than the chairperson thereof) is, during the course of the hearing, unable to continue to attend the hearing, the remaining members, provided that they are not less than three in number, may continue with the hearing, but if the Appellant is present they shall do so only if he or she consents. Save as aforesaid the appeal shall be re-heard by a new Appeal Tribunal appointed by the chairperson or, failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel.
- (g) If at any time during the course of the hearing of an appeal the Appeal Tribunal is of the opinion that it is for any reason inappropriate for it to complete the hearing, the chairperson or, failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel shall appoint a new Appeal Tribunal to re-hear the appeal.
- (h) Where an appeal is re-heard pursuant to sections 34(f) or 34(g), none of the members of the original Appeal Tribunal may be appointed to the new Appeal Tribunal.

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- (i) If notice of appeal is served on the chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel in accordance with section 34(c) the order of Disciplinary Tribunal shall not have effect until the appeal has been withdrawn or determined and, where determined, it shall only have effect in accordance with the order of the Appeal Tribunal.

35 Hearing of Appeals by Appeal Tribunal

- (a) As soon as practicable after its appointment, the Appeal Tribunal shall notify the Appellant, the Complaints Committee and, if there is one, the Complainant of the time (which shall not be sooner than 42 days from the date of such notification) and place fixed for the hearing of the appeal.
- (b) Unless the Appellant, the Complaints Committee and the Appeal Tribunal agree otherwise, appeals shall be conducted and heard as follows:
 - (i) in the case of an appeal on the grounds set out in section 34(a)(i) (or an appeal which includes those grounds), the appeal (or that part of the appeal, as the case may be) on such grounds shall be by way of re-hearing and shall be conducted and heard as though at first instance, in which case, the Complaints Committee shall first present its case to the Appeal Tribunal with the same burden and standard of proof as applied before the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Appellant may then present its case; and
 - (ii) in the case of an appeal made on the grounds set out in sections 34(a)(ii) or 34(a)(iii) (or an appeal which includes those grounds), the appeal (or that part of the appeal, as the case may be) on such grounds shall be heard in such manner as the Appeal Tribunal appointed to hear such appeal may, in its absolute discretion, direct.

The Appeal Tribunal appointed to hear an appeal may, in its absolute discretion, admit any evidence not presented at the hearing of the Formal Complaint by the Disciplinary Tribunal. If either the Appellant or the Complaints Committee wish to introduce any new evidence not presented at the hearing of the Formal Complaint by the Disciplinary Tribunal they shall give the other and the Disciplinary Tribunal notice of such desire at least 14 days prior to the date set for the hearing of the appeal.

- (c) The Appeal Tribunal shall give the Appellant the opportunity of:
 - (i) attending and being heard at the hearing of appeal;

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- (ii) if he or she so desires, being represented before the Appeal Tribunal by a member of the clergy, a solicitor or a barrister;
 - (iii) hearing the evidence put forward by or on behalf of the Complaints Committee;
 - (iv) cross-examining witnesses called by the person or persons appointed under section 32(h);
 - (v) adducing documentary evidence;
 - (vi) calling witnesses to give evidence on his or her behalf; and
 - (vii) making such submissions as he or she wishes to the Appeal Tribunal.
- (d) The Appeal Tribunal shall give the Complaints Committee the opportunity of:
- (i) attending and being heard at the hearing of the appeal;
 - (ii) adducing documentary evidence;
 - (iii) calling witnesses (including, if desired, any Complainant) to give evidence;
 - (iv) cross-examining witnesses called by the Appellant; and
 - (v) making such submissions as they wish to the Appeal Tribunal.
- (e) The Complainant who made the Complaint giving rise to the appeal may attend at the hearing of the appeal even if the Appeal Tribunal determines that the hearing shall be held in private. Any Complainant attending a hearing shall do so as an observer and shall have no right of audience save as provided in section 37(c).
- (f) If the Appellant does not attend the hearing fixed as aforesaid, then the Appeal Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, either:
- (i) provided that the Appeal Tribunal is satisfied that notice of that hearing was given to the Appellant or Appellants, dismiss the appeal; or
 - (ii) adjourn the appeal hearing to such other date, venue and time as it may, in its absolute discretion, determine.

If it does so adjourn the hearing, the Appeal Tribunal shall give to the Appellant notice of the dismissal and / or adjourned hearing.

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- (g) If the Appeal Tribunal dismisses an appeal pursuant to section 35(f) and the Appellant applies to have the appeal re-listed for hearing within 21 days of the Notice of Dismissal being sent to the Appellant, the Appeal Tribunal may re-list the appeal if, in its absolute discretion, it is satisfied that the non-attendance of the Appellant at the appeal was for some reason which merits the reversal of the dismissal.
- (h) The Appeal Tribunal may instruct a solicitor to act, or to brief counsel to act, as legal assessor on the hearing of any appeal.
- (i) An appeal may only be withdrawn with the consent of the Appeal Tribunal appointed to hear that appeal.
- (j) If, during the course of hearing an appeal, it becomes apparent to an Appeal Tribunal that the Appellant may be liable to disciplinary action in accordance with this Part of this Chapter in relation to matters not the subject matter of the appeal, it may bring those matters to the attention of the Complaints Administrator.
- (k) An Appeal Tribunal shall have a general discretion to grant extensions and abridgments of time, adjournments and postponements where it considers it fair and proper to do so.

36 Orders of Appeal Tribunal

- (a) On any appeal, the Appeal Tribunal may affirm, vary or rescind any finding or order of the Disciplinary Tribunal in respect of which the appeal was brought, and may substitute any other finding or order (on such terms and conditions (if any) as it, in its absolute discretion, considers appropriate) which the Disciplinary Tribunal might have made on the original Formal Complaint, or may, if the Appeal Tribunal, in its absolute discretion, considers it appropriate, order that the Formal Complaint which resulted in the finding or order of the Disciplinary Tribunal in respect of which the appeal was brought be heard de novo by a different Disciplinary Tribunal. An Appeal Tribunal may also make an order for costs under section 38.
- (b) An order of the Appeal Tribunal shall take effect as from the date thereof unless the Appeal Tribunal, in its absolute discretion, directs that it shall take effect from some other date (not being earlier than the date of the order appealed against) as shall be specified in the order.

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- (c) Notice of any finding or order of the Appeal Tribunal shall as soon as practicable be given to the Appellant, and, if there is one, to the Complainant and to the Complaints Committee.
- (d) Details of each order made by an Appeals Tribunal shall be published in the Journal of the General Synod.
- (e) A copy of all pleadings and documents filed in any proceedings before an Appeal Tribunal shall be filed of record in the registry maintained by the Complaints Administrator. All such pleadings and documents shall be open to inspection by the parties to the proceedings in question and, at the discretion of the Complaints Committee, to any other person.

37 Hearings of Tribunals to be in Public

- (a) All hearings by a Disciplinary Tribunal or an Appeal Tribunal may be held in public unless:
 - (i) not later than 14 days before the date set for the hearing, an application is made to the Tribunal by the Complainant, the Respondent or Appellant (as the case may be) or the Complaints Committee to have the hearing or part of it held in private; and
 - (ii) the Tribunal, in its absolute discretion, determines that the holding in public of any hearing or any part thereof would be inappropriate.

If the Tribunal determines that any hearing or any part thereof should not be held in public, then that hearing or the relevant part thereof shall be held in private.

- (b) On receipt of an application under section 37(a), the Tribunal will inform the Complainant, the Respondent or Appellant (as the case may be) and the Complaints Committee of the fact that application has been made to the Tribunal to have the whole or part of the hearing held in private and invite the said persons (and any other person it considers may be affected) to make such written submissions, if any, as they wish on the issue of whether or not the hearing, or the part of the hearing in issue, should be heard otherwise than in public.

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- (c) In addition the Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, give each of the Respondent or Appellant (as the case may be), the Complainant and the Complaints Committee (and any other person it considers may be affected) an opportunity of being heard before it in relation to whether or not the hearing or any part thereof should be heard in private. If the Tribunal gives any of such persons such an opportunity it shall offer a like opportunity to the other or others of them. Any such hearing shall be in private.
- (d) A Tribunal shall not consider an application to have a hearing held in private which is brought otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this section 37 and, in particular, shall not consider an application which is not brought within the time period specified in section 37(a).
- (e) A Tribunal may require any person attending a hearing (whether held in public or private) to give their name and address.
- (f) A Tribunal may expel from a hearing any person who is or becomes disruptive to the proceedings of such Tribunal or who fails to comply with section 37(e).

38 Costs

- (a) In addition to such other orders as may be made by a Disciplinary Tribunal or an Appeal Tribunal (including an order that no further action be taken) a Disciplinary Tribunal or an Appeal Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, direct that the Respondent or Appellant, as the case may be, pay the Complaints Committee such sum for costs as the Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, determine.
- (b) In determining such sum for costs:
 - (i) the Disciplinary Tribunal may take account of any and all fees, costs and expenses of whatsoever nature incurred by or on behalf of the Disciplinary Bodies, in relation to the Complaint and Formal Complaint; and
 - (ii) the Appeal Tribunal may take account of such fees, costs and expenses as the Disciplinary Tribunal may take account of and also any and all fees, costs and expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Disciplinary Bodies in relation to the appeal.

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- (c) Any such costs shall be paid within twenty-one days of the date of the service upon the Respondent or Appellant, as the case may be, of the order in respect of costs save that if notice of appeal in accordance with section 34(c) is given costs awarded by a Disciplinary Tribunal shall not be payable until the determination of the appeal, and then subject to any order made by the Appeal Tribunal in relation thereto.
- (d) Any sum payable under any order for costs shall be deemed to be a contract debt due from the Respondent or Appellant in question to the Complaints Committee and shall be recoverable by action.
- (e) Save as provided in section 38(f), neither a Respondent nor an Appellant, as the case may be, shall be entitled to any award of costs as against any Disciplinary Body or any other party whatsoever in relation to any fees, costs and expenses of whatsoever nature incurred by or on behalf of the Respondent or the Appellant, as the case may be, in relation to the Complaint, Formal Complaint or the appeal.
- (f) If a Complaint is found not proven in whole or in part, the Respondent or the Appellant (as the case may be) may apply to the Disciplinary Tribunal or the Appeal Tribunal for his or her costs. However, costs do not automatically follow the event. The Disciplinary Tribunal or the Appeal Tribunal may order the payment in favour of the Respondent or the Appellant out of the General Purposes Fund of such sum for costs as the Disciplinary Tribunal or the Appeal Tribunal may determine, up to the maximum level as decided upon from time to time by the Representative Body, upon consideration of the following factors:
 - (i) the extent to which the Disciplinary Bodies acted reasonably in the exercise of their respective duties;
 - (ii) the financial prejudice to the Respondent or Appellant concerned if an order for costs was not to be made in his or her favour;
 - (iii) whether it is just and reasonable to award costs; and
 - (iv) the need for the Disciplinary Bodies to make reasonable and apparently sound decisions without the General Synod suffering financial prejudice if those decisions are successfully challenged.

Payment of any sum so ordered to be paid out of the General Purposes Fund may, in the light of the resources available to the General Purposes Fund and the other demands on it, be deferred and paid over such period of time as the Representative Body may consider is reasonable in the circumstances.

- (g) An Appeal Tribunal may, in its order, reduce or increase any costs ordered by the Disciplinary Tribunal in addition to any order it may make in relation to the costs of the appeal.

39 Matters of Doctrine and Ritual

- (a) Where, in any matter which may be before a Disciplinary or Appeal Tribunal, a question relating to the doctrine or ritual of the Church of Ireland arises that Tribunal shall, if it considers that an understanding of the doctrine or ritual concerned is necessary to enable it to make a ruling on the matter, request the House of Bishops to issue a statement setting out the collective understanding of the House of Bishops of the current and orthodox position of the Church of Ireland on such doctrine and ritual.
- (b) A Disciplinary Tribunal or Appeal Tribunal which has made a request to the House of Bishops in accordance with section 39(a) shall adjourn, in such manner as it thinks fit, the hearing of the matter that has given rise to such request until the House of Bishops has given its statement.
- (c) The terms of the request to the House of Bishops will be settled by agreement between the Respondent or Appellant (as the case may be) on the one hand and the person or persons appointed under section 32(h) on the other hand with the approval of the relevant Tribunal or, in default of agreement, by the relevant Tribunal. Once settled the request will be signed by the chairperson of the Tribunal and forwarded to the secretary to the House of Bishops.
- (d) The Respondent or, as the case may be, the Appellant and the person or persons appointed under 32(h) shall be entitled to make written submissions to the House of Bishops on the subject matter of the request.
- (e) On receipt of a request under this section the House of Bishops shall meet to consider such request and, having considered any written submissions made to it and followed whatever procedures, in its absolute discretion, it considers appropriate, shall give its statement in writing on the request. Where the matter giving rise to the request involves a bishop, such bishop shall not partake in the consideration by the House of Bishops of the question of doctrine or ritual that arises.
- (f) The statement of the House of Bishops on a request made in accordance with this section shall be binding on the Respondent or, as the case may be, the Appellant and the Tribunal concerned solely in respect of the matter under consideration by the Tribunal.

40 Register

- (a) The Complaints Administrator shall maintain a register of all orders made by any Disciplinary Tribunal and any Appeal Tribunal. Such register will be open to inspection by members of the public during normal opening hours at the Representative Church Body Library.
- (b) If any person believes that an error has been made in any entry in such register, he or she may apply to the Complaints Administrator to have the error rectified. If the Complaints Administrator determines that an error has been made the Complaints Administrator shall duly rectify the register.

41 Indemnity

- (a) The members of the Disciplinary Bodies shall be indemnified by the Representative Body from all losses and expenses incurred by them in or about the discharge of their respective duties, except for any loss or expense as happen from their own respective wilful act, neglect or default.
- (b) No member of a Disciplinary Body shall be liable for any act, omission or default of any other member of a Disciplinary Body unless the same happens from his or her own wilful act, neglect or default.

42 Transitional Provisions

- (a) Any proceedings commenced before a Diocesan Court or the Court of the General Synod before 1 January 2009 shall continue to be governed by the provisions in that behalf of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland as were in force immediately prior to that date.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything in this Part of this Chapter, no sanction may be imposed on a bishop or a member of the clergy by a Disciplinary Tribunal or by an Appeal Tribunal, which was not provided for in the Constitution of the Church of Ireland effective at the time the event, which rendered such bishop or member of the clergy liable to such sanction, occurred.

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- (c) No bishop or member of the clergy may be subject to disciplinary action on grounds that would not have rendered the bishop or member of the clergy in question liable to disciplinary action under the Constitution of the Church of Ireland effective at the time the alleged event, giving rise to such disciplinary action, occurred.

APPENDIX A

FORM OF PETITION

In the Diocesan Court of _____ [or In the Court of the General Synod,
as the case may be].

A. B., Petitioner.
C. D., Respondent.

I, A.B. of _____, a member of the Church of Ireland and having agreed to
submit to the authority of the Church of Ireland and the laws and tribunals thereof, petitioner,
do hereby seek the following relief [*here state the relief sought*]

I seek that relief on the following grounds, that is to say [*here state the grounds*],
A. B., petitioner.

Dated this _____ day of _____ .

APPENDIX B

FORM OF APPEAL

In the Court of the General Synod.

A. B., Appellant.
C. D., Respondent.

I, A. B., the respondent [*or petitioner, as the case may be*], in a cause in the Diocesan Court of
the dioceses of _____, in which C.D., now of _____, herein named
as respondent, was petitioner [*or respondent, as the case may be*], do hereby appeal from the
judgment or order of the said Diocesan Court, pronounced in the said cause on the _____ day
of _____, upon the following grounds, that is to say [*here state the grounds
of the appeal*]. And having lodged £ _____ / € _____ as security for the costs and expenses, I
require my appeal to be heard by the Court of the General Synod.

A. B., appellant.

Dated this _____ day of _____ .

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SCHEDULE II

**AMENDMENTS TO SEVERAL CHAPTERS OF
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND**

1. For section 31 (1) (b) of Chapter IV there shall be substituted:

‘(b) a judgment of the Court of General Synod under section 34 of this Chapter or an order made by a Disciplinary Tribunal under section 32 (d) (v) or (vi) of Chapter VIII or an order made by an Appeal Tribunal under section 35 of Chapter VIII.’
2. For section 43 of Chapter IX there shall be substituted:

‘43. Penalty for wilful breach of any Canon

Any lay member of the Church of Ireland accused of any violation of those Canons may be charged before the Court of General Synod or the Diocesan Court (as the circumstances of the case may require) in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.’
3. In section 23 of Chapter XIV for the words ‘courts of the Church of Ireland’ there shall be substituted the words ‘courts and tribunals of the Church of Ireland.’

BILL NO 2

Explanatory Memorandum

As indicated in the Report to General Synod of 2007 the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Board in conjunction with the Representative Church Body, the Trustee, has been considering amendments to the Scheme in an endeavour to maintain the solvency of the Fund in the longer term. Following actuarial advice this Bill seeks to introduce a new Normal Retirement Age for all new members, including deferred members who re-enter the Scheme, on or after 1 January 2009 and to amend the early and late retirement factors applicable to clergy pensions.

Accordingly, clause 3 seeks to substitute for section 2 of Chapter XIV a new section 2 which, in subsection (d), includes a definition of 'normal retirement age'. For those members who are members of the Fund on or before 31 December 2008 this shall be 'age 65' while in respect of those members who become members of the Fund on or after 1 January 2009 'normal retirement age' shall mean 'age 67'. For those members who have ceased to be contributing members and who re-enter membership of the Fund on or after 1 January 2009 'normal retirement age' shall mean 'age 67'.

Consequential amendments to sections 34, 40(4), 51, 52(2), 53(1)(a), 72(1), 72(5), 78, 79(2) and 80(1) substituting the phrase 'normal retirement age' for references to the age of 65 are contained in clauses 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19 and 20.

Clause 2 seeks to make consequential amendments to section 24 of Chapter VI of the Constitution in respect of the 'normal retirement age' of bishops.

Clause 6 seeks to substitute a new section 42 for section 42 of Chapter XIV which, in subsection (1), would ensure that there would be no change in the calculation of pension entitlements of a member who is a member of the Fund on or before 31 December 2008 and for whom normal retirement age is 65. Under the provisions of subsection (2) such a member who completes 40 years' service in the Church of Ireland before reaching the age of 65 years shall be deemed for the purposes of subsection (1) to have reached the age of 65.

A new section 43, which would be substituted by the clause 7, sets out the means of calculating the pension entitlement of a member who enters membership of the Fund on or after 1 January 2009 and for whom normal retirement age will be age 67. As with existing members of the Fund the calculation will be based on 40/60ths of the minimum approved stipend for each year of service or part thereof up to a maximum of 40 years' service but will be calculated upon reaching age 67.

Under the provisions of the new section 43(2) those members who join the scheme on or after 1 January 2009 and who will have completed 42 years' service prior to age 67 may retire on full pension once the 42 years' service has been completed.

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Clause 8 seeks to substitute a new section 44 into Chapter XIV. There would be no change in the early retirement percentage rates for those clergy wishing to retire on or before 31 December 2008 but who have not yet reached normal retirement age and have not yet completed 40 years' service on that date.

However, on actuarial advice, it is necessary to revise the early retirement percentage rates applied in the calculation of pensions for clergy who wish to retire on or after 1 January 2009 and who wish to receive a pension prior to the relevant normal retirement age. To incorporate the two normal retirement ages the proposed new early retirement table, as detailed in new section 44(2), is structured on the basis of years before normal retirement age with the appropriate revised percentage rates.

Clause 9 deals with retirement on ill-health grounds and seeks to provide a new section 45 in Chapter XIV which replicates the provisions of the existing section 44 with the substitution of a reference to the 'relevant normal retirement age' for the words 'the age of 65'. The applicable benefits have not changed and apply to the relevant 'normal retirement age'.

Clause 10 seeks to provide a new section 46 in Chapter XIV dealing with late retirement factors. All members who have reached normal retirement age (age 65) on the date of these proposed changes (1 January 2009) will retain the existing late retirement factor which they will have earned or a calculation based on accrued service and the minimum approved stipend as at 31 December 2008, whichever gives the greater pension as at 31 December 2008. The enhancement to this calculated pension, for retirement on or after 1 January 2009, will then only be based on the proposed 'Years after normal retirement age' table in the new section 47(1). The year 2009 will be deemed to be Year 1 after normal retirement age for the purposes of the calculation.

Under the provisions Clause 11 a new section 47 relates to the method of calculating late retirement factors to be applied in respect of the enhancement of pensions of those members who reach normal retirement age on or after 1 January 2009 and who retire at some time after that date. Such members will receive the enhancement of their pension (as calculated upon reaching normal retirement age) based solely on a rate (or proportion thereof) from the 'Years after normal retirement age' table in either sub-section (1) or (2) as relevant. Sub-section (1) relates to clergy who are members of the Fund as at 31 December 2008 and therefore can remain in the service of the Church for ten years after reaching normal retirement age of 65. Sub-section (2) relates to clergy who become members of the Fund on or after 1 January 2009 and therefore can remain in the service of the Church for eight years after reaching normal retirement age of 67.

The new draft section 48(1) contained in clause 12 simply reflects the changes in the numbering of the previous sections. There is no change to the facility that enables clergy to

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purchase additional service (within Revenue limits) to ensure a full pension at normal retirement age i.e. 40 years' service at either age 65 or 67 as relevant.

Similarly, clauses 17 and 18 deal with consequential drafting amendments and repeals.

Finally clause 21 seeks to amend the provisions of section 86(1) and (2) in relation to commutation of pensions to take account of changes effected by statutory law in the United Kingdom. Previously, under the rules of the scheme and pension regulations, all clergy had the option to allow a portion of the pension, as calculated, to be commuted at normal retirement age (that is, to take a lump sum at normal retirement age with net pension commencing payment on retirement) and for that member to remain in the service of the Church of Ireland. This does not change for members falling under Republic of Ireland statutory pension regulations.

In the United Kingdom, under the new statutory provisions it is now only possible to commute a portion of pension on retirement. The change does not mean any reduction in overall benefits to clergy. This was detailed in a circular dated 1 May 2007 to all clergy.

Clergy falling under the United Kingdom statutory pension regulations still have the option to commute a portion of their pension at retirement under the provisions of section 86(2).

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LADY SHEIL
REV FJ MCDOWELL

(on behalf of the Representative Church Body
and of the Church of Ireland Pensions Board)

BILL

To amend Chapters VI and XIV of the Constitution

WHEREAS a change is required in the normal retirement age for clergy who on or after 1 January 2009 become members of the Clergy Pensions Fund established under Chapter XIV of the Constitution and hereinafter referred to as 'The Fund' and whereas in order to maintain the solvency of the Fund it is also necessary to make changes to the early and late retirement factors affecting clergy who are members of the Fund;

AND WHEREAS for such purposes it is necessary to amend Chapters VI and XIV of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS the Church of Ireland Pensions Board has certified that on the enactment of this Statute the Fund should remain solvent as required by Section 16(1) of Chapter XIV 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 Galway in the Year 2008, and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. In this Statute 'Chapter XIV' means Chapter XIV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.
2. (i) For section 24 of Chapter VI of the Constitution there shall be substituted the following:
24. In this part "normal retirement age" and "episcopal service" shall have the meanings given to them by section 2 of Chapter XIV.
(ii) In subsections 25, 26, 27 and 28 of the said Chapter VI for the words 'the age of 65 years' wherever they occur there shall be substituted the words 'normal retirement age'.
3. For section 2 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:
 2. For the purpose of this Chapter and of any regulations made thereunder, except so far as is otherwise provided or the context otherwise requires:

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- (a) the “Board” means the Church of Ireland Pensions Board established in accordance with this Chapter.
- (b) “voluntary member” means a member of the clergy who was permitted to continue to be a contributor in accordance with section 22 of Chapter XIV of the Constitution 1972.
- (c) “orphan” or “child” as the case may be shall include a stepchild and a child legally adopted by a member of the Fund.
- (d) “normal retirement age” shall mean in respect of those members who are members of the Fund on or before 31 December 2008 age 65, or in respect of those members who become members of the Fund on or after 1 January 2009 age 67, subject to the proviso that in respect of those members who have ceased to be contributing members and who re-enter membership of the Fund on or after 1 January 2009 normal retirement age shall mean age 67.
- (e) “benefits” shall include
 - (i) retirement pension or retirement annuity payable to a member of the clergy;
 - (ii) pension or annuity payable to a surviving spouse;
 - (iii) child dependency allowances;
 - (iv) a lump sum payable either to a member or to such member’s legal personal representatives.
- (f) “member of the clergy” shall include an archbishop and bishop, but shall not include an auxiliary deacon or an auxiliary priest licensed as such under the rules drawn up by the House of Bishops and approved by the General Synod.
- (g) “contribution” shall mean a contribution payable under this Chapter together with any interest charged thereon.
- (h) “year of service” shall mean a year in respect of which a contribution has been paid to the Fund or, in accordance with any reciprocal agreement with another Church, is deemed to have been paid.
- (i) “episcopal service” shall mean service as a member of the House of Bishops of the Church of Ireland.

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- (j) “accrued service” shall mean the number of years service which a member has completed and in the event of the final year of service being incomplete shall include such part of that year as was completed in terms of days.
 - (k) “total prospective service” shall mean the number of years service which a member would have achieved on reaching normal retirement age having remained a member until that date.
 - (l) “accrued pension accumulation” in respect of a member of the clergy who ceases to be a contributing member shall be the benefits to which the member would have been entitled on reaching normal retirement age calculated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter (but based upon the minimum approved stipend prevailing at the date on which the member ceased to be a contributing member) reduced by applying to such benefits the ratio of such person’s accrued service to total prospective service.
 - (m) “Revenue Authorities” means, in relation to the Republic of Ireland the Revenue Commissioners and in relation to Northern Ireland the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.
- 4. In section 34 of Chapter XIV for the words “the age of 65 years” there shall be substituted the words “normal retirement age”.
 - 5. In section 40(4) of Chapter XIV for the words “age 65” wherever they occur there shall be substituted the words “normal retirement age.”
 - 6. For section 42 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:
 - 42.(1) A member, who is a member of the Fund on or before 31 December 2008 and for whom normal retirement age is 65, who retires on reaching the age of 65 shall receive a pension calculated in the following manner, that is to say, the number of completed years of service in the Church of Ireland, but excluding such years in excess of 40, multiplied by one sixtieth part of the minimum approved stipend for the purposes of section 51(1) of Chapter IV in force on the last day of service.
 - (2) Such a member who completes 40 years’ services in the Church of Ireland before reaching the age of 65 years shall be deemed for the purposes of this section to have reached that age.

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7. For section 43 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:
- 43.(1) A member, who has entered membership of the Fund on or after 1 January 2009 and for whom normal retirement age is 67, who retires on reaching the age of 67 shall receive a pension calculated in the following manner, that is to say, the number of completed years of services in the Church of Ireland, but excluding such years in excess of 40, multiplied by one sixtieth part of the minimum approved stipend for the purposes of section 51(1) of Chapter IV in force on the last day of service.
- (2) Such a member who completes 42 years' service in the Church of Ireland before reaching the age of 67 years shall be deemed for the purposes of this section to have reached that age.
8. For section 44 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:
- 44.(1) On or before 31 December 2008 a member of the Fund who has completed two years' service in the Church of Ireland may retire after attaining the age of 60 years at such member's own option, and the pension payable shall be the product of a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 42, multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the following table:

Optional Retirement Age	Rate %
60	79
61	83
62	87
63	91
64	95

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- (2) On or after 1 January 2009 a member of the Fund who has completed two years' service in the Church of Ireland may retire after attaining the age of 60 years at such member's own option, and the pension payable shall be the product of a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 42 or section 43 as the case may be, multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the following table which shall be operative in respect of pensions, payment of which commences on or after 1 January 2009:

Years before normal retirement age	Rate %
7	67
6	71
5	75
4	79
3	84
2	89
1	94

9. For section 45 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:
45. A member who is under normal retirement age and who retired on the grounds of ill health under section 41(b) and who cannot be expected to return to duty or take up regular employment shall receive a disability pension for the duration of such member's incapacity for work equal to 90% of a pension calculated in the manner laid down in section 42 or section 43 as the case may be, subject to a minimum pension of 15% of the minimum approved stipend for the purposes of section 51 (1) of Chapter IV in force on the last day of service.

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Provided that if a member to whom this section refers is unable to carry out ministerial or official duties for a period of six months (or such shorter period not in any event being less than three months as the Board may in any particular case determine) before the date of retirement, such member's pension shall be calculated in the manner laid down in section 42 or section 43 as the case may be, subject to a minimum pension of 15% of the minimum approved stipend for the purposes of section 51(1) of Chapter IV in force on the last day of service.

10. For section 46 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:

- 46.(1) A member in the service of the Church of Ireland who reaches the age of 65 and who retires on or before 31 December 2008 shall be entitled to a pension calculated in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.
- (2) A member in the service of the Church of Ireland on 31 December 2008, who has reached the age of 65 years on that date and retires on or after 1 January 2009, shall be entitled to a pension calculated in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) of this section and section 47(1) calculated in the following manner: the pension as calculated as at 31 December 2008 in accordance with subsection (3) of this section multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the Table as set out in section 47(1). The year 2009 (or a portion thereof if less than one year) will be deemed to be Year 1 after normal retirement age for the purposes of the calculation.

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- (3) In respect of a member who retires under either subsections (1) or (2) above, the following shall be the basis of calculation:

The pension shall be the product of a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 42 applied as on the day on which such member reached the age of 65 years, multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the following table:

Postponed Retirement Age	Rate %
66	110
67	122
68	135
69	149
70	165
71	182
72	201
73	222
74	245
75	271

Provided that, if the pension were to be greater if it were calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 42 relating to:

- (a) years of service to the date of retirement excluding any years in excess of 45; and
- (b) minimum approved stipend for 2008 for the purposes of section 51(1) of Chapter IV,

that member shall receive instead such increased pension.

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11. For section 47 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:

47. (1) A member in the service of the Church of Ireland who is a member on 31 December 2008 but has not yet reached normal retirement age, shall be entitled to a pension which shall be the product of a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 42 applied on the day on which that member reached normal retirement age, multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the following table:

Years after normal retirement age	Rate %
1	106
2	113
3	121
4	129
5	138
6	147
7	157
8	169
9	181
10	194

- (2) A member in the service of the Church of Ireland who becomes a member on or after 1 January 2009 shall be entitled to a pension which shall be the product of a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 43 applied on the day on which that member reaches normal retirement age, multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the following table:

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Years after normal retirement age	Rate %
1	106
2	113
3	121
4	129
5	138
6	147
7	157
8	169

12. For section 48(1) of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:
 48. (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of sections 26, 34 and 35 of this Chapter and subject to sections 43, 47, and 48 of this Chapter and to subsection (2) below a member, in anticipation of such member's inability to complete, for pension purposes, 40 years of service before reaching normal retirement age, may make additional personal contributions in respect of that member's membership of the Fund.
13. In section 51 of Chapter XIV for the words 'the age of 65 years' there shall be substituted the words 'normal retirement age.'
14. In section 52(2) for the words 'the age of 65 years' there shall be substituted the words 'normal retirement age'.
15. In section 53(1)(a) for the words 'the age of 65 years' there shall be substituted the words 'normal retirement age' and for the words '65 years of age' there shall be substituted 'normal retirement age'.
16. (i) In section 72(1) for the words 'under 65 years' there shall be substituted 'under normal retirement age'; and

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- (ii) In section 72(5) for the words ‘the age of 65 years’ there shall be substituted ‘normal retirement age’.
- 17.
 - (i) In section 74(1) the words ‘(other than any to whom section 46 applies)’ shall be repealed; and
 - (ii) In section 74(2)(i) for the words ‘under section 45’ there shall be substituted the words ‘under section 47’.
- 18. In section 76(b) for the words ‘under sections 42 to 45 (inclusive)’ there shall be substituted the words ‘under section 42 to 47 inclusive’.
- 19. In section 78, 79(2) and 80(1) for the phrase ‘the age of 65 years’ wherever it occurs there shall be substituted the phrase ‘normal retirement age’.
- 20. In section 80(1) for the words ‘65 years of age’ there shall be substituted the words ‘normal retirement age’.
- 21. For subsections (1) and (2) of section 86 there shall be substituted the following:
 - 86. (1) A member in the service of the Church of Ireland in the Republic of Ireland on reaching normal retirement age may opt either
 - (a) to commute not more than one fourth of the pension to which such member would be entitled upon retiring on that day into a lump sum at the rate of €9 of lump sum for each €1 of pension commuted, in which case the lump sum shall be payable forthwith and the pension entitlement under section 42, section 46, section 47 or section 74 shall be reduced by a percentage identical with the percentage of the pension which has been commuted; or
 - (b) to defer a decision until retirement.
 - (2) A member who retires from the service of the Church of Ireland before reaching normal retirement age, or who retires after reaching that age (having deferred a decision under sub-section (1) if appropriate) may opt to commute not more than one fourth of the pension to which such member is entitled into a lump sum at the rate of £9 of lump sum for each £1 of pension commuted or €9 of lump sum for each €1 of pension commuted (as the case may be).

BILL NO 3

Explanatory Memorandum

Under the current General Synod Act the Archdeacon of Connor is ‘automatically’ Precentor of the Cathedral.

The Diocese of Connor has recently established the position of Archdeacon of Belfast.

Both the former and the present Bishop of Connor consider that it would be appropriate that the Archdeacon of Belfast be the Precentor of Belfast Cathedral.

The intention is that section 5 of the General Synod Act 1944 (amended in 1984) should be further amended by substituting for the words “...the Precentor, who shall be the Archdeacon of Connor”, the words “...the Precentor who shall be the Archdeacon of Belfast”.

VERY REV JFA BOND
VEN SB FORDE

BILL

To amend the Statute, Chapter V of 1944

WHEREAS it is desirable to make future provision for the regulation of the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Anne, Belfast.

AND WHEREAS the Diocesan Synod of Connor with the consent of the Standing Committee of the General Synod, on 12 October 2006, established an Archdeaconry of Belfast pursuant to Section 38 (a) of Chapter II of the Constitution.

AND WHEREAS the provisions of this Bill have the consent of the Ordinary and the approval of the Bishop of Down and Dromore and were adopted by the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Anne, Belfast, by resolution passed at a meeting held on Thursday 8th November 2007.

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Galway in the year 2008 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. That portion of Section 5 of the Statute Chapter V of 1944 (as amended) which provides for the filling of the office of Precentor shall be amended by deleting the words “Archdeacon of Connor” and substituting therefore the words “Archdeacon of Belfast”.

BILL NO 4

Explanatory Memorandum

At present a rural deanery may only be made up from parishes in the same archdeaconry which itself may be identical with a diocese or be a division of a diocese. This may prevent structuring a rural deanery to have a geographical integrity or a more logical grouping to promote co-operation for mission.

Whilst this could also be achieved by adjusting the boundaries of an archdeaconry or of a diocese within a united diocese there may be good local or historical reasons for not doing this. This measure would allow a rural deanery to transcend archdeaconry or diocesan boundaries within a united diocese.

VEN PF PATTERSON
VEN WJ SCOTT

BILL

To amend Part III, Section 42 and 43 of Chapter II of the Constitution

WHEREAS it is expedient to permit rural deaneries to be a division of an archdeaconry or of a diocese or united dioceses under the jurisdiction of one bishop;

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Galway in the year 2008 and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. For Section 42 and 43 of Part III of Chapter II of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, there shall be substituted the following:
 42. Each diocese or united dioceses under the jurisdiction of one bishop, or any archdeaconry in such diocese or united dioceses, may be divided into such number of rural deaneries as the diocesan synod or diocesan synods of the said diocese or united dioceses, shall from time to time determine, and the parishes to be included in each such rural deanery shall be determined by the said diocesan synod or diocesan synods.
 43. Rural deans shall be appointed by the bishop of the diocese from among the beneficed or licensed clergy of the diocese or the united dioceses and shall hold office during the bishop's will and pleasure.

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Third Ordinary Session, held in Galway, on 13, 14 and 15 May 2008

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 13 MAY 2008

On this day, according to the summons of His Grace the Lord Primate, the Synod assembled in the Radisson SAS Hotel, Galway.

The Chair was taken at 11.00am by His Grace the Lord Primate.

A hymn was sung and a portion of Holy Scripture and Prayer were read by the Rt Rev AF Abernethy, Bishop of Connor.

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

Nomination of an Assessor

The President nominated Mr MC Davey to act as his Assessor.

Election of a Clerical Honorary Secretary

It was proposed by the Very Rev NN Lynas, seconded by the Very Rev JMG Sirr and passed:

That the following be elected as a Clerical Honorary Secretary of the General Synod:

Ven REB White

President's Address

His Grace the Lord Primate delivered an address.

Members of the General Synod, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Members of the General Synod, our annual meeting is one of those crucial institutions of the Church of Ireland which binds us together as a family even though we live, work and minister in very different social and political contexts within our island. This year is no exception as we are welcomed to the fair city of Galway.

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Our visit to Galway is unique in three respects: first, because we have never met in this city before; second, because we have never met in Connacht before and, therefore, our visit completes the sequence of meetings that has taken us to all four of the historic provinces of Ireland; and third, because this is the first time a meeting of the General Synod will have been addressed by a head of state.

Tomorrow it will be our great honour to receive a visit from President Mary McAleese, who will address the Synod after lunch. To enable this to happen, immediately before lunch tomorrow, the Synod will be asked for consent to suspend Standing Orders for the duration of the President's visit.

Much has been said about momentous and historic changes taking place both in the Republic and in Northern Ireland. When we met last year our meeting coincided with the inaugural day of the partnership government in Northern Ireland. One year later the United Kingdom has a new Prime Minister, the Republic of Ireland has a new Taoiseach and Northern Ireland has a new First Minister in waiting. Comfortingly, transition has so far not threatened stability. This is due, in no small measure, to the commitment of all those in positions of political influence and responsibility. They deserve to be assured of the support and prayers of the churches as they work to achieve the normalisation of society and transition to structures and relationships built upon freedom, honesty, justice, equality, trust and compassion. This is no easy task. It is a task from which, I believe, they will not allow themselves to be diverted by the abhorrent assassination attempt last evening on a member of the PSNI at Spamount near Castledearg. Our first concern in this Synod must be to pray for the full recovery of the officer concerned. Our second, is to thank God for the courage of the member of the public who pulled the officer from the wreckage. Our third, is to declare unequivocally that such actions by whomsoever perpetrated are totally unacceptable, an affront to God, to human decency and to the democratically expressed will of the overwhelming majority of people in Ireland today. The perpetrators are yesterday's men, they do not represent the aspirations of any significant body of opinion in Ireland. The future will not be determined by violence, it will be determined by building on trust, respect and consensus. Devolution of policing and justice powers in Northern Ireland poses particular challenges. Nevertheless, this additional piece of the jigsaw is rightly regarded as an essential component in completing the transition to normality, signalling a new level of confidence in the robust nature of the new political dispensation.

There is emerging, albeit piecemeal and despite events like yesterday's atrocity, a new vision of an Ireland that lives *with* its past but not *in it*. It is a vision, at least partially shaped by recognition of the interdependent nature of contemporary life, in an interdependent Europe in the context of global economic interdependence.

If I am right that one of the characteristics of any new vision of Ireland must incorporate interdependence as a significant component, it is necessary also to assert the falsity of those outdated understandings which assume that all of life is a nil sum game: that is to

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say that for there to be winners there must always be losers. Experience insists that either *all must be* winners or *all will be* losers. No conflict is fully ended and no economic benefit permanently assured until all parties derive some, preferably equal, advantage. What might most threaten continued stability in Northern Ireland is any well-founded perception that one group has gained at the expense of another. Peace and stability depend on the creation of “win-win” situations.

Such an outcome is of equal importance to the grievously suffering people of Israel and Palestine. As long as Palestinians suffer what they experience as Israeli occupation, aggression and oppression, and as long as Israelis endure guerrilla attacks undertaken by militant Palestinians (some of whom deny the right of the state of Israel to exist) so long will there be no justice, no peace, no stability and no hope. And yet justice, peace, stability and hope are what all right-minded Israelis and Palestinians long for, including the Christians of the Holy Land, most of whom are ethnic Palestinians. If the vision of peace and an interdependent future can take root in Ireland, aided by the patient commitment and enlightened self-interest of the governments of the United Kingdom, the United States and the Republic of Ireland, may not a similar vision overtake the embattled peoples of Israel and Palestine?

My recent visit to the Holy Land in the company of Cardinal Brady, Moderator Finlay and President of the Methodist Church Rev R Cooper, at the invitation of local church groups and with the generous support of Trocaire and Christian Aid, was a harrowing but not hopeless experience. I find myself deeply moved by the resilience of West Bank Palestinians in circumstances of intolerable hardship, denial of dignity and severe restriction of freedom of movement. I weep that the only Israelis encountered by Palestinians are either young conscript soldiers at innumerable checkpoints, or armed settlers who, in turn are guarded by the Israeli defence forces. The settlers continue to be permitted to occupy greater and greater tracts of what was Palestinian land and they are provided with infrastructure, including good roads and assured water and electricity supplies, far superior to that afforded to resident Palestinians.

The denial of opportunity for ordinary Israelis to meet ordinary Palestinians, share their stories, their hopes and especially their fears, is a tragic consequence of the policy of separation symbolised most dramatically by the Separation Barrier. Israel rightly requires security for its citizens with freedom from attacks by militants. There is no doubt that the building of the Separation Barrier has significantly reduced the number of such attacks. Yet, in truth, security is never guaranteed by force of arms, but only by the creation of circumstances that disarm hostility. I believe that any country which takes upon itself the responsibility to annex additional territory also takes upon itself the responsibility to treat the inhabitants of the annexed territory with the same respect, care, justice and equality it accords to its own citizens. Not to do so is at the least discrimination and at worst may amount to collective punishment.

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I pray that the efforts of Secretary of State Rice and other members of the Quartet may be successful. Failure to reach an agreement before the end of the term of President George W Bush may presage further long delay since new American administrations rarely engage in their first term of office. The longer the delay, the greater the likelihood that moderates will be supplanted by extremists.

Meanwhile, the Christians of Israel and Palestine are steadily reducing, both in numbers and as a proportion of the population of both Israel and the West Bank. I should make it clear that Christians express no sense of any threat from Islam. Rather what threatens them is the intolerable conditions in which they are forced to live together with opportunities for a peaceful and prosperous future elsewhere.

For two thousand years the ancestors of Palestinian Christians have worshipped at and preserved the Holy Places. The places themselves, evocative though they be, are inanimate stones. It is the people who are the “Living Stones” and who, through living and worshipping there, make the Holy Land much more than merely a museum. The Living Stones need our active support and solidarity. They need to know that they are not the forgotten people of the Middle East. We need to ensure that those who go on pilgrimage to the Holy Land are as committed to the Living Stones as they are to the Holy Places. Let us put Palestinian Christians at the heart of our continual prayers for peace and justice.

As in Ireland so in Israel and Palestine, religion is a component of a conflict about land and identity. It seems to me that it is important for people of faith to try to contribute positively to the resolution of such conflict. Three great faiths have the Holy Land as both meeting place and common ground. In these days of inter-faith dialogue might it be possible to pursue the search for peace and parity of esteem by an exploration and articulation of shared ethical values? Spiritual values have the power to influence both political thought and social action. Pursuit of an articulation of shared ethical values could offer possibilities that build upon factors that Christians, Muslims and Jews already have in common, namely monotheistic faith and some shared spiritual roots in Old Testament scripture. If religion is part of the problem it must become part of the solution. Only by working constructively towards it may religious people, with integrity, pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

If I have spoken a little about the emergence of a new vision for Ireland, let me now speak about the identification of a new and sustaining vision for the Church of Ireland in the 21st century. Members will recall that last year I asked radical questions about the way in which we do our business in General Synod and the appropriateness of the structures we have inherited for the pursuit of our contemporary mission. You will also recall that I wrote to every member of the General Synod, inviting comments and suggestions for improvement. Fifty responses were received. They have been collated and summarised and are set out for your information on the sheets to be found on your seats in this Synod Hall. I want to thank all who responded, and I wish to commend the

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outcome to the Standing Committee for mature consideration. You will observe that already the most popular of the suggestions - that of meeting over a weekend rather than midweek – will be trialled in Armagh in 2009.

Alongside that exercise relating to the work of the General Synod there had already been inaugurated an examination of our central committee structures. As part of that examination, every committee was requested by the Honorary Secretaries to contribute to the review. The Honorary Secretaries wrote in similar terms to the House of Bishops.

The bishops recognised immediately that before we could usefully comment on the appropriateness of structures there was a need to articulate a vision for the work of the Church that new structures might be expected to facilitate. Therefore we had to answer a question something like this: “What vision do we have of the life and work of the Church of Ireland in the 21st century as we seek to participate in God’s mission to the world?” We were particularly led to engage with this issue in light of our experience in re-thinking training for ministry. I shall say more on that subject later.

During the process of reviewing the work of the Church of Ireland Theological College, the review team communicated to the bishops the following observation: “We cannot offer a view about the shape of training for ministry until you tell us what type of ministry will be required by the Church of the 21st century.” In short the team sought a “mission statement”. The mission statement we ultimately agreed upon is this:

The Church of Ireland, as an authentic part of the universal church of God, is called to develop growing communities of faith, in and through which the Kingdom of God is made known, and in which the whole people serve together as followers of Jesus Christ for the good of the world to the Glory of God.

Three key words were extracted from that “mission statement” to summarise its key components. The words are

Growth – Unity – Service

That initial statement and its three components surfaced afresh as the bishops worked together to articulate a vision for the Church. Here is the vision the bishops enthusiastically agreed upon. It is a shared vision, the corporate vision of the Bishops of the Church of Ireland. We commend it to the whole church.

In the power of the Spirit, our mission requires us to order our contemporary worship and life in a manner that nurtures growth, promotes unity and liberates us for service in the world that is God’s

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WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Through stillness, through celebrating, through drinking deeply of the wells of salvation, we are called to explore God's beauty and love, to renew the face of the earth and to recover the divine image that is within us.

Hence we must:

- **Acknowledge that worship is humanity's primary purpose;**
- **Offer worship that articulates truth and evokes holy beauty;**
- **Ensure that our worship is rooted in the faith once delivered, but is never static;**
- **Pray that it may be magnetically attractive, energising and informing the building of the kingdom;**
- **Rejoice that through it countless individuals form one body in Christ.**

UNITY & DIALOGUE

The Church is called to be an agent of God's purpose to bring all things together in Christ; to be the sign, instrument and first fruits of that oneness in Christ that is God's gift and God's will.

Hence we must:

- **Strive to live in unity and peace among ourselves and with the whole family of God;**
- **Model respectful relations with humanity and the whole created order;**
- **Develop common life and action with other Christian traditions;**
- **Work for greater mutual understanding with those of other faiths and of none.**

LIVING GOD'S KINGDOM & SERVING THE WORLD

Aligning ourselves daily with Christ's own prayer and example, the calling of the Church is to pray for, discern and realise the presence of God's kingdom among us.

Hence we must:

- **Engage compassionately with the world and society in all its rich variety of need and opportunity;**
- **Be both disciples and discipling; perpetual learners in the school of Christ as we ourselves strive to teach and serve others;**

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- **Daily and energetically embody and proclaim the values of the Kingdom for whose coming we long. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus! Amen**

This is the statement of vision discerned by the bishops. We are mindful that the mission in which we are engaged is not our mission, it is God's mission. Our task, therefore, has been to be directed by God through the operation of the Holy Spirit. That is why, as bishops, we set about our task jointly, receiving from one another and recognising that corporate discernment is needed to balance individual enthusiasms.

Our statement of vision has been offered to the Standing Committee and to the Representative Church Body. We believe it may be an important component in assisting the process of decision making at central church level. In particular, it offers an approach to the process of re-structuring our committees and ordering future priorities.

- I can imagine the work of the Church of Ireland at central level as being structured in three divisions reflecting the three categories of “growth”, “unity” and “service”.
- I can imagine that this could give a rationale for the re-shaping of committee structures within each division, with many committees disappearing and new ones emerging.
- I can imagine the coordination of the work of committees within each division with an emphasis on working synergistically and a practice of calling temporary working groups to address identified issues rather than creating portmanteau committees formed to work indefinitely.
- I can imagine one identified member of staff of the RB for each of the three divisions, providing administrative support and coordination.
- I can also imagine the work of the General Synod being shaped in such a way that one division each year might be given priority in reporting to the synod through the triennial cycle.
- I also suggest that the mission and vision statements taken together set overall priorities for the work of the Church of Ireland, making it easier to determine the focus of our energies.

So far I have addressed the issue as though both the mission and the vision statements are intended to apply only to the work of the Church at the centre. This is absolutely not the intention of the bishops. Important though the work of the Church in its central councils may be, we all recognise that the work of the kingdom takes place first and foremost in the dioceses and parishes. The bishops are very clear that these statements are intended to have particular relevance in shaping daily life at diocesan and parish level. We are also clear that there is a tremendous variety of need and emphasis among dioceses. Each diocese, therefore, under the leadership of its bishop and through its synod and diocesan council, is free to interpret the components of the mission and vision statements in ways that most faithfully meet the priorities of mission in their own back yard. One size does not fit all. We offer our vision so that each diocese and parish in its own way can

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consider its individual expression of God's mission in the light of a vision for the Church as a whole. We offer our vision also in the profound conviction that a vision is an empowering thing, inspiring engagement, energising intent and directing action. Catching a vision can bring about profound changes in thinking and acting in the name of God. To illustrate this, I want now to break with the pattern of past Presidential addresses to offer a video clip of the way in which a shared new vision can bring new life and new opportunities in parish life. I recognise within this example the empowerment that comes through vision. I also draw attention to the tenacity and sheer constancy of nerve required to turn vision into venture: being visionary requires, perhaps, even more perspiration than it does inspiration, without both the end result will be failure.

Video Presentation of the Jethro Centre, Lurgan.

Part of what the General Synod ought to be about is the sharing of insight, information and imagination. That was my purpose in examining the vision and venture of the Parish of Shankill, Lurgan. I do not imply that similar ventures are appropriate in other parishes. Rather, I want to encourage the conviction that, by seeking and sharing the right vision, extraordinary things are possible in the service of God. Suitable parish halls are part of the concern of most parishes. In the case of Lurgan, the realisation of a grander vision shows how the needs of a parish can make a major contribution to the well being of wider society.

While we are thinking in expansive terms, I want to return to the exercise I referred to earlier in connection with the re-shaping of ministerial training. As we began to grapple with issues of training for ordained ministry certain things rapidly became apparent.

First, the old and ultimately false distinction between training for stipendiary ministry and training for non-stipendiary ministry is unsustainable. Men and women should be trained for ministry, the distinction between stipendiary and non-stipendiary is a matter of deployment not training.

Second, non-residential, distance learning models of training are more suitable for some candidates than for others. Therefore, both pathways should be available to candidates who then choose the pathway most suited to their personal circumstances. The outcome will be that there will be no qualitative difference between those trained on the residential pathway and those trained on the distance learning pathway. The latter will take longer than the former but the qualifications will be fully equivalent. Transfer, therefore, from a non-stipendiary appointment to a stipendiary appointment will be a deployment issue not a training and qualification issue.

Third, there needs to be much closer integration of theory and practice; that is to say, we need to develop a model that from the outset provides for theologically reflective practitioners. This will involve blocks of "on the job" training overseen by incumbent clergy with gifts and specifically developed skills in the art of training. The outcome

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should be that clergy entering their curacy proper will be much better trained and resourced than currently they are.

Fourth, we need to develop a culture of life-long learning so that Continuing Ministerial Education is not confined merely to the first three years of ministry. Furthermore, because diocesan provision for CME is very diverse, we need to develop a system that is managed and partly provided centrally, so that all clergy have access to the same resources regardless of the diocese in which they serve.

Fifth, because men and women are accepted for training from a wide variety of backgrounds and with various levels of experience and academic achievement, we need to ensure that a standard level of prior accredited learning has been achieved before entry, not merely to meet the entrance requirements of the university but also to be fair to all students offering themselves for training. Therefore, we require a Foundation Year, devised and resourced centrally but delivered at the Fellowship of Vocation stage, so that, not only is that year put to good use by all candidates, but also that even those who decide not to offer for selection may receive a valuable and accredited grounding in Christian studies.

As the bishops' vision for ministerial training clarified, certain other issues emerged. The first is that training for ordained ministry is, nowadays, only part of the full scope of training for Christian ministry. The ministry is Christ's, the ministering community is the whole people of God, expressed locally in diocese and parish. Many needs and opportunities for ministry are emerging which cannot and should not become the responsibility of ordained clergy but are distinctively part of the ministry of the laity. Such lay ministry, however, needs to be called out, resourced and enabled through training; it also needs to be recognised, validated and authorised appropriately.

It is too small a thing, therefore, in the changing circumstances of the Church of the 21st century, to focus solely on training for ordained ministry. We need also to aspire to provide training for lay ministry, together with the provision of an educational resource for church people who simply hunger to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Christian Way. The institution that succeeds the Church of Ireland Theological College should be one enabled to satisfy these much wider aspirations.

I need to make it plain that the conclusions the bishops reached do not stand as criticism of the work of our Theological College, its Principal or Staff. On the contrary, the College has nobly fulfilled all that we have ever asked of it in the past. What we now envisage, however, is something entirely new.

Some concerns have long been evident, not least that the present Theological College buildings are inadequate even for their existing purpose and that, even were nothing to change, major expenditure would be required to rebuild or re-fit. With a new and larger

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vision, plant that is already inadequate becomes a total inhibitor of change. We had to consider alternatives.

Freed of the constraint of thinking solely in terms of the existing estate, the bishops were prompted to ask, “Does not consideration of a new Theological Institute open the way to a wider examination of the location and suitability of the whole of the estate occupied by the central organs of the Church?” Furthermore, “Might there not be virtue in bringing together, on a single site, all the major components of our central church functions: Theological Institute, Church of Ireland House, Representative Body Library, perhaps even the Church of Ireland College of Education? Might there be scope for shared meeting facilities, teaching facilities, utilities, accommodation, refectory and IT? Might not such a development become a ‘flagship’ signifying and facilitating efficient interaction between components of the Church which otherwise have little such opportunity?” It had, after all, been clear from the outset that relocation of the Theological Institute should not go ahead without relocation of the Representative Church Body Library, since the library is an essential resource for both the staff and the student body.

I can report to you that the Representative Church Body, the Chief Officer and his colleagues have been immensely helpful in investigating the possibilities offered by the bishops’ vision. Furthermore, an enormous amount of work has gone into developing the proposed new curriculum as well as agreeing and defining the requirements for access to the new Master in Ministry course. Negotiations with Trinity College have been protracted. However, time available for concluding negotiations is not unlimited and full agreement needs to be concluded with despatch. I need to make it clear that the bishops are fully committed to the new direction I have set out and that we are reassured in this by our consultations within the wider Anglican Communion through TEAC (Theological Education in the Anglican Communion), by the support we have received from distinguished educators, and by the positive response our plans have elicited from within the Church of Ireland.

Finally, on this issue, I need to say this: the gifts and the sheer tenacity and capacity for hard work displayed by my colleagues in the House of Bishops fill me with considerable awe. Work on the Theological Institute has engaged a team led by the Bishop of Clogher and which has included, from time to time, the Bishops of Connor, Kilmore, Derry, Cashel and Meath. The Archbishop of Dublin has been particularly involved in facilitating the discussions with Trinity College. I pay tribute to the vast amount of thought and work all have contributed. The overall vision has been that of the whole House but the brunt of the work of coordination has been undertaken by the Ministry Formation team facilitated and guided by Mr Andrew McNeile and Professor Áine Hyland, Vice President of University College, Cork. We owe them all a great debt of gratitude.

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I have, nevertheless, to accept that not everything has been handled as well as we should have liked. It would be untrue to say that we have made no mistakes in taking forward our proposals, particularly in managing the flow of information between the bishops and the staff of the Theological College. I want to express to the staff our regret that sometimes we could not, for reasons of confidentiality, keep them fully informed. I hope that Professor Empey and his colleagues will accept the genuineness of my expression of regret. This has been and remains a complicated and fast moving scenario throughout which we have learned important lessons. We remain genuinely grateful to the staff of the Theological College for their service to the Church of Ireland over the past years. We are also very appreciative of the support and help of the Chief Officer and the staff of the RB for their professionalism and support.

Before I leave the topic of ministerial training, I want to pay particular tribute to Canon Professor Adrian Empey who has been Principal of the Church of Ireland Theological College for the past seven years. Adrian Empey is a scholar of international repute who also brought to his oversight of clergy training a wide experience in parochial ministry, both urban and rural. He took responsibility for the Theological College at a crucial time for the Church of Ireland, during a period of great change, which also included the first formal academic inspection of the College – an exercise he encouraged and supported throughout. In thanking him for all that he has contributed throughout his ministry, I take this opportunity to wish him and Mrs June Empey everything that is good for a long and rewarding retirement.

When I was elected Primate 17 months ago I remarked upon the range and quality of the talents present among the members of the House of Bishops. I also indicated my belief in the strength of the team compared with the incomplete range of the gifts possessed by any one of its members. I am strongly confirmed in that belief as I enter my second year as Primate. It is a privilege to serve the church as part of such a team.

One member of the team in the House of Bishops was Bishop Michael Mayes, formerly Bishop of Limerick. Bishop Michael is a distinguished and much loved servant of the Church of Ireland: indeed the extended Mayes family has served in the ministry of the Church over three generations. Michael's ministry took him as far afield as Japan, where he served with USPG; to that academy of the episcopate known as the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross; to the Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh in succession to Bishop Gilbert Wilson; and finally to the Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe in succession to Bishop Edward Darling. Bishop Michael has been very closely associated with the work of the Bishops' Appeal and he also served with great distinction on the Commission on Ministry and its predecessors, functioning also as coordinator of training for the Auxiliary Ministry. Within the House of Bishops, Michael acted as Secretary of the House and here his consummate drafting skills were much appreciated. His was always a wise and constructive head whose counsel will be very much missed.

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It is a pleasure to welcome as Bishop Michael's successor to the See of Limerick Canon Trevor Williams.

Another, whose loss to the Church of Ireland, but especially to the diocese of Dublin has been grievous indeed, is the late Dean Desmond Harman. A distinguished, thoughtful and industrious son of Carrick on Shannon, Des Harman served the whole of his ministry in Dublin, finally succeeding Dean John Paterson as a Dean of Christ Church. There, his gifts of music and administration, as well as his pastoral skills, enhanced the already notable reputation of the cathedral and its worship, as well as securing its financial sustainability.

Desmond Harman also served the Church with great distinction on the Standing Committee, especially during his tenure as an Honorary Secretary. There his acuity of mind allied to his direct and incisive manner made a major contribution to the smooth running of this our main, central, consultative and executive committee. Desmond brought similar skills to the work of Bishops' Appeal, giving clear direction and purpose to its deliberations; and his contributions were much admired in other central bodies, including the Central Communications Board. The untimely and sudden death of Dean Harman is deeply regretted by us all.

Tenure as an Honorary Secretary makes heavy demands upon the individuals concerned. It is, therefore, reassuring to see Mr Sam Harper once again in rude good health and to be able to report that Canon Ian Ellis is making a full recovery from his recent surgery. We wish them both well. We also welcome the Venerable Robin Bantry White to the quartet of Honorary Secretaries.

The fourth member of the quartet, Lady Sheil, has had a particularly busy year, especially in connection with the changes required for the Clergy pension scheme, and also the proposals for the replacement of Chapter VIII of the Constitution. Lady Sheil will lead discussion on both of these important items at this meeting of the General Synod.

In drawing my address to a conclusion may I return to the theme with which I began, namely that of capturing and realising the divine vision of God for the work of His Church. Without a vision the people perish. I commend to you all, for interpretation in the circumstances that are uniquely your own, the vision of the bishops for the Church of Ireland. May it nourish and direct us as we seek to discern what God is already doing and then to join in.

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Motions on Procedure

It was proposed by the Honorary Secretaries and passed:

That motion No 1 on procedure be passed.

FIRST DAY

11.00am President takes the chair
Reading of Holy Scripture and Prayer
to List of members of the General Synod to be laid on the table
Nomination of an Assessor
12.45pm Election of a Clerical Honorary Secretary
President's Address
Welcome official guests
Motion No 1 (Timetable)
Formal business and communications
Bill Nos 1 to 4

2.00pm Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO51)
Continuation of Bill Nos 1 to 4
Resolutions for Special Bills in 2009
to Report of the Pensions Board (not more than 45 minutes)
Report of the Church in Society Committee (not more than 30 minutes)
Motion No 2 (Church in Society) (not more than 15 minutes)
6.00pm Report of the Church of Ireland Youth Department (not more than 30 minutes)

SECOND DAY

10.00am Reading of Holy Scripture and Prayer
Formal business and communications
to Report of the Representative Church Body (not more than 2 hours)
Motion No 3 (Financing of the Episcopal Ministry) (not more than 10 minutes)
12.45pm Commission on Church Buildings (not more than 10 minutes)
Motion No 4 (Commission on Church Buildings) (not more than 10 minutes)

2.00pm Synod will be addressed by Her Excellency the President of Ireland
Answers for requests for information (if any) (SO51)
to Report of the Standing Committee (not more than 2 hours)
Motion No 5 (Standing Committee) (not more than 5 minutes)
6.30pm Motion No 6 (Reporting Procedure) (not more than 10 minutes)
Report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee (not more than 30 minutes)
Report of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue (not more than 30 minutes)
Report of the Commission on Ministry (not more than 30 minutes)
Motion No 7 (Part-time Stipendiary Ministry) (not more than 15 minutes)

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THIRD DAY

10.00am	Reading of Holy Scripture and Prayer Formal business and communications
to	Bill Nos 1 to 4: Further stage as ordered on the first day Report of the Board of Education (not more than 1 hour 30 minutes)
1.00pm	Report of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council (not more than 30 minutes)
2.00pm	Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO51) Report of the Covenant Council (not more than 30 minutes)
to	Motion No 8 (The Covenant Council) (not more than 15 minutes) Report of the Council for Mission (not more than 30 minutes)
4.30pm	Motion No 9 (The Council for Mission) (not more than 10 minutes) Report of the Ministry for Healing (not more than 10 minutes) Report of the Board for Social Responsibility (NI) (not more than 30 minutes) Motion No 10 (The Board for Social Responsibility (NI)) (not more than 5 minutes) Report of the Board for Social Responsibility (RI) (not more than 20 minutes) Motion No 11 (The Journal) (not more than 5 minutes) Any outstanding items will be put from the Chair without debate

If business listed for any period is completed before the hour appointed, reports listed for Thursday afternoon will be taken in reverse order, commencing with the Board for Social Responsibility (RI).

References in this motion to a “report” shall include any resolutions accompanying such report on the agenda paper.

Reports of Committees and Boards

The following reports were presented:

Representative Church Body
Church of Ireland Pensions Board
Standing Committee
Board of Education
Church in Society Committee
Church of Ireland Youth Department
Commission on Church Buildings
Liturgical Advisory Committee
Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue
Commission on Ministry
Church of Ireland Marriage Council
The Covenant Council
Council for Mission

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Ministry for Healing
Board for Social Responsibility (NI)
Board for Social Responsibility (RI)
Priorities News
Incorporated Society: Report and Accounts to 31 July 2007

Communication from Diocesan Synod

The following communication was received from the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross:

Diocesan Regulations and Rules to Order the Diocesan Synod

Privilege

By leave of the House, Rev Brendan Leahy was invited to address the House on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church.

By leave of the House, the Very Rev Dr David Clarke was invited to address the House on behalf of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

Bills

A copy of the Bills Pamphlet was laid on the Table.

Report of the Bills Committee

MEMBERS:

Rt Rev WP Colton (Chairman); Mr MC Davey; Ven RG Hoey; Mr GC Richards; Lady Sheil; Rev AM Wilkinson.

In accordance with Standing Order 24(b) the Bills Committee met at Church of Ireland House, Rathmines, Dublin 6 at 5.15pm on Tuesday 14 April 2008.

BILLS:

The Committee considered the legal and drafting aspects of Bill Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the attached Bill Pamphlet.

The Committee made no comment on Bill Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4.

RESOLUTIONS FOR SPECIAL BILLS IN 2009:

The Committee considered the legal and drafting aspects of Resolutions No 1 and 2 for Special Bills in 2009.

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The Committee made no comment on Resolutions No 1 and 2.

Bill (No 1) To revise, amend and replace Chapter VIII of the Constitution

It was proposed by the Rev AM Wilkinson, seconded by Lady Sheil and passed:

That leave be given to introduce Bill No 1.

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.

It was proposed by the Ven PF Patterson, seconded by the Rev AJ Forster and lost:

Delete Section 39 Matters of Doctrine and renumber sections 40, 41 and 42 as 39, 40 and 41 respectively.

VOTING: Ayes: 93 Noes: 222

The Clauses were passed.

The Schedules were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

The House resumed.

Thursday 15 May was fixed for the next stage.

Adjournment

The House adjourned at 1.00pm and resumed at 2.00pm.

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Bill (No 2) To amend Chapters VI and XIV of the Constitution

It was proposed by Lady Sheil and seconded by the Rev FJ McDowell:

That leave be given to introduce Bill No 2.

Having given notice under Standing Order 29(a), the Ven PF Patterson opposed the Bill in principle.

Following a vote, the Synod gave leave to introduce Bill No 2.

It was proposed by Lady Sheil, seconded by the Rev FJ McDowell and passed:

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.

Thursday 15 May was fixed for the next stage.

Bill (No 3) To amend the Statute, Chapter V of 1944

It was proposed by the Very Rev JFA Bond, seconded by the Ven SB Forde 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 Clause was passed.

The Preamble was passed.

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The Bill was reported.

The House resumed.

Thursday 15 May was fixed for the next stage.

Bill (No 4) To amend Part III, Section 42 and 43 of Chapter II of the Constitution.

It was proposed by the Ven PF Patterson, seconded by the Ven WJ Scott 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.

The Clause was passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

The House resumed.

Thursday 15 May was fixed for the next stage.

Resolution No 1

It was proposed by the Very Rev PW Rooke, seconded by Mr DB O'Callaghan and passed:

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 2009, to amend the *Book of Common Prayer* by including therein the *Declaration* as set out in the accompanying Schedule, in the following terms

WHEREAS it is desirable that the *Declaration*, as set out in the accompanying Schedule, be included in the *Book of Common Prayer*, immediately preceding the *Articles of Religion*;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to include the *Declaration*, which was adopted by a Resolution of the General Synod of 1999, with regard to its

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understanding of the historic formularies of the Church of Ireland, in the *Book of Common Prayer*;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Galway in the year 2008, and by the authority of the same, as follows;

1. In all future printings of *The Book of Common Prayer* there shall be included the *Declaration*, as set out in the accompanying Schedule, immediately preceding the *Articles of Religion*.

VOTING:	Clerical	Ayes: 102	Noes: 7
	Lay	Ayes: 143	Noes: 24

Resolution No 2

It was proposed by the Rev Canon RB Rountree, seconded by the Bishop of Cashel and Ossory and passed:

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 2009 to amend *Marriage One* and *Marriage Two* in *The Book of Common Prayer* (2004), in the following terms:

MARRIAGE ONE

On page 406 under "*The priest says to the congregation*" delete the last two lines "*Therefore if any man ...hold his peace* "

On page 406 the rubric "*The minister says to the couple*" to read

"The minister may say to the couple".

On page 406 after "*neither is their matrimony lawful*" insert the following rubric:

"[RI] Unless the declarations of no civil impediment have already been made by the couple prior to the marriage in the presence of the Registered Solemniser and the two witnesses the man and the woman each make the required declaration now."

On page 415 delete "*On the day... costs incurred*"

MARRIAGE TWO

On page 419 under the heading "THE MARRIAGE" delete the first two paragraphs "*The minister says to the congregation...you must declare it now*".

On page 419 under the heading "THE MARRIAGE" substitute:

"The minister may say to the couple:

God, the judge of all
knows the secrets of our hearts;

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therefore if either of you knows any reason
why you may not lawfully marry
you must declare it now.

*[RI] Unless the declarations of no civil impediment have already been made
by the couple prior to the marriage in the presence of the Registered
Solemniser and the two witnesses the bride and bridegroom each make the
required declaration now."*

On pages 429 and 430 delete "On the day of the marriage..... *Marriage Law in
the Republic of Ireland*"

VOTING:	Clerical Ayes:	100	Noes:	1
	Lay Ayes:	124	Noes:	2

Chair

The Archbishop of Dublin took the chair.

Church of Ireland Pensions Board

It was proposed by the Ven DS McLean, seconded by the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and
Ross and passed:

That the Report of the Church of Ireland Pensions Board be received and
adopted.

Church in Society Committee

It was proposed by the Rev KRJ Hall, seconded by the Bishop of Clogher and passed:

That the Report of the Church in Society Committee be received.

Chair

The Archbishop of Armagh resumed the chair

The Benediction was pronounced and the Synod adjourned until Wednesday 14 May
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SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2008

The Chair was taken at 10.00am by His Grace the Lord Primate.

A hymn was sung and a portion of Holy Scripture and Prayer were read by the Rt Rev AF Abernethy, Bishop of Connor.

Communication from the Representative Church Body

The following communication was received from the Representative Church Body:

To the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod

Co-opted Members

I wish to advise you that at its meeting on 14 May 2008 the Representative Church Body elected the following as co-opted members:

Mr TB McCormick
Mr W Oliver
Mr RP Wilson

Denis C Reardon
Chief Officer and Secretary

Communication from the Record Committee

The following communication was received from the Record Committee

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 in duplicate and they now present two copies which have been compared, certified and sealed, and signed by His Grace the Lord Primate.

SR Harper
Chairman

Privilege

By leave of the House, the Very Rev Dr David Ison was invited to address the House on behalf of the Church of England.

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By leave of the House, the Rev Colin Campbell was invited to address the House on behalf of the Irish Council of Churches.

Church in Society Committee

It was proposed by the Very Rev FJG Wynne, seconded by the Rev Canon TR Williams and passed:

That the General Synod notes and approves the range of issues dealt with by the Church in Society Committee during this triennium.

That the General Synod encourages the Committee in its exploration of further issues including any which may be raised on the floor of this Synod.

Church of Ireland Youth Department

It was proposed by the Rev RS Miller, seconded by the Bishop of Tuam and passed:

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

Representative Church Body

It was proposed by Mr S Gamble, seconded by the Ven PF Patterson and passed:

- a) That the Report of the Representative Church Body be taken into consideration.

I Allocations

- b) (i) That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations for 2008 from the balance on the General Funds Revenue Account for the year ended 31 December 2007:

Group A	Maintenance of the Stipendiary Ministry	1,537,954	€
Group B	Pension Related Costs	1,278,829	
Group C	Training of Ordinands	1,660,687	
Group D	General Synod Activities	1,531,574	
Group E	Miscellaneous Financing	35,728	
		<u>6,044,772</u>	

II Minimum Approved Stipends

- b) (ii) That in accordance with Section 51 (1) of Chapter IV of the Constitution and with effect from 1 January 2009

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- (a) no stipend shall be less than £25,498 per annum in Northern Ireland or €36,219 per annum in the Republic of Ireland in the case of an Incumbent or a member of the clergy appointed as Bishop's Curate under the provisions of Section 42 of Chapter IV or of a Diocesan Curate over the age of 30 years appointed under the provisions of Section 43 of Chapter IV.
- (b) the stipend for a Curate-Assistant shall be in accordance with the following scale:

First Year	75.0% of minimum stipend for incumbent
Second Year	77.5% “
Third Year	80.0% “
Fourth Year	82.5% “
Fifth and succeeding Years	85.0% “

- c) That the Report of the Representative Church Body be adopted subject to the Resolutions already passed relating thereto.

Chair

The Bishop of Meath and Kildare took the Chair.

Financing of the Episcopal Ministry

It was proposed by Dr AR Acheson, seconded by Major WR Kilroy and passed:

The General Synod requests the Representative Church Body to publish the costs of the Episcopal ministry of the Church of Ireland. The General Synod further requests that these costs be published annually with the Financial Statements reported to it by the Representative Body, the first such publication to be at its Ordinary Meeting in 2009.

In accordance with Chapter I, Section 22 of the Constitution, the Chair stated that the House of Bishops wished to vote separately. The House of Bishops passed the motion.

Standing Orders

Standing Orders were suspended at 12.55pm to allow the President of Ireland to address the Synod at 2pm.

Adjournment

The House adjourned at 12.55pm and resumed at 1.55pm.

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Chair

The Archbishop of Dublin took the Chair at 1.55pm and at 2pm asked the Synod to stand and welcome the President of Ireland, Mary McAleese.

President of Ireland

The Archbishop of Armagh welcomed the President of Ireland, Mary McAleese and invited her to address the Synod.

Good afternoon to you all, and thank you very much, Archbishop Harper, for the very kind invitation to join you this afternoon. This is, to my knowledge, the first time that a sitting President of Ireland has addressed the Synod like this, and it provides a welcome opportunity, I think, to reflect on the significant journeys that we have all made in Ireland, from a past which though steeped in the Christian tradition, has at times struggled to credibly showcase Christian values of love, forgiveness, mutual respect and good neighbourliness. Today, though the story is an encouraging and reassuring one of transcendence, of remarkable progress, of a manifest shift from a culture of conflict to a culture of peace. For those who have always believed in and prayed for the triumph of the great discipline of love these are days to relish and to be grateful for. It is also a time to say thank you for the quiet, relentless and often courageous work of the Churches in nudging, cajoling, persuading and leading us in all our prickly differences to the increasingly secure common ground of mutual respect on which we build a shared future.

We stand today at what I believe to be a pivotal moment in Irish history, one of those rare moments when all the accreted pain, planning and persuasion, do indeed lead to a sea change, to a sharp and manifest shift in direction.

Over the course of the past decade, we have seen the steady advance of the process of releasing ourselves from the grip of history's vanities and a wasteful past. The confluence of peace and prosperity has utterly changed our context and while neither can be taken for granted and both require constant nurturing, the untilled landscape that lies ahead of us demands a response from us as to how we will construct and safeguard our fresh new narrative and in particular what values and aspirations will inform and shape it. What we sow now, generations of Irish men and women will reap for years to come. The seeds of our historic problems were sown centuries ago in political and religious conflicts. Their bitter harvest endured too long. The seeds of today's high achieving, problem-solving Ireland were sown in the widening of access to education that admission to membership of the European Union. Their harvest has been benign and is still coming in. The seeds of tomorrow's Ireland are in part being sown in the growth and development of the new relationships constructed under the Good Friday agreement. They are being sown in this global marketplace. They are being sown in the giddy array of recent change wrought on all areas of Irish life, the Churches included, which have shifted long-familiar compass points and made redundant old language, old perspectives. Though largely positive and driving towards a consciousness of greater social inclusion and equality, these changes

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have profound implications for the individual elements that make up our civic network and for all of us as community. I know it is these implications which are a particular focus of this Synod and I wish you well in your deliberations, for your steady and strong leadership will be important as we map the shared journey ahead. As an all-island body, as a church body which promotes the Christian message, I think deepening, spreading and sustaining the growing culture of reconciliation will be very close to your hearts. For the first time ever, this island has a chance to feel the surging power that comes from working hand-in-hand rather than going toe-to-toe. The site of the Battle of the Boyne, where Williamites triumphed and Jacobites were defeated has suddenly become a symbol of a new, contemporary friendship and indeed partnership between the children of the winners and losers, all of whom are now winners in this new and generous dispensation. Nationalist and Unionist, republican and loyalist now have the space and the opportunity to impress and persuade one another by civilised debate and discussion, by the outworkings of peaceful politics and the new shared platforms at all sorts of levels through which ancient mistrusts will, please God, give way to a culture of effective, mutually beneficial, collaboration.

I am ever conscious that we are the first generation of Irish men and women who have been privileged to have been granted the potential of altering the course of our island's history on such a grand and humanly uplifting scale. Our depressing history of high unemployment and emigration, the mess of distorted relationships reaching East and West, North and South, between Catholic and Protestant, and between our island's two competing nationalisms, one Irish, the other Unionist, these things are fading into the footnotes of history. That weed-ridden landscape, that spewed toxic seeds long and far ahead of it, is now well into the process of being cleansed but it is a process and it is still very far from complete. The ages old quagmire of mutual antipathy is manifestly now infused with something Christians should be exhilarated by: the undeniable evidence of a spirit of tolerance and of love at work among us. The past year in particular has seen an almost miraculous release of positive energies, of softer language, of more respectful relationships, for working partnerships between old enemies who now characterise themselves as colleagues. Are these not the very things that vindicate the work of all those who laboured so long and so hard, often it must be said, with scant possibility of success, among them so many of the members of the Church of Ireland and the other Churches, who were the persuaders, the evangelisers, who insisted that peaceful politics would work and only peaceful politics could work.

Last month I addressed the Jesuit Province Assembly, where I recalled, as I do now, how deeply implicated are the Churches in the journey we have made thus far and will be in the journey ahead. For underpinning the work of peace and prosperity-building is the gospel challenge to love one another, to forgive one another, and to be charitable to one another, especially to those from whom we have been most estranged. Sometimes the Churches have been accused of being part of the problem, of perhaps not extending themselves fully to check or to counter the tides of sectarianism that have at times seemed to engulf aspects of our relations. That is far from the whole truth. In some of the most inhospitable of circumstances the Churches have been the carers for the bereaved

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and wounded, the consistent persuaders for peace and the unobtrusive but determined builders of healthy cross-community and cross-border relationships. The Churches have traditionally been an integral part of the problem-solving lattice work of Irish society, whether at home, assisting us in our efforts to meet the challenges of our daily lives, or on a wider field, reminding us of our responsibilities abroad, as members of the deeply unequal global human family.

With the things that paralysed us behind us and a fascinating momentum at our hand this island has the chance not just to heal itself and reveal its best potential yet but to be a light to the world where so many live in the darkness and defeat of conflict, poverty and disease. Our story of transcendence is not just our hope it is also theirs.

Having successfully made a dent in the big issues of prosperity and peace our energies are now needed for the heart-to-heart persuasion needed to construct a world of humanly decent values that are lived and honoured, respected and embedded. Not all our age old problems are behind us – some get worse and some new ones face us. There is the cultural aneurism of alcohol and drug abuse with their legacy of family and community violence which make life so miserable; there are the children who desperately need love to complete them humanly but whose very human formation is being destroyed by abuse and neglect from those who are supposed to love them most. There are young people with more freedom than ever before but much less guidance; the coarsening of everyday social discourse – ironically at the very time when the language of politics has softened our culture of courtesy is weakening. There are many still knocking at the door of social inclusion and many strangers from abroad who want to be good neighbours and friends in this, their adopted homeland. There is a legion of things that can make a life difficult and lonely. Here are people who need company on life's journey and good guides. In the ups and downs and uncertainties of their lives – our lives – lie unprecedented opportunities for the Churches with their distilled, chastening and chastened wisdom, their long experience and their unique vocation of care. In a world grown uncertain around values and behaviour we need to ensure we root the best of values in the soil of the present so that ours will not be another bitter harvest of dysfunction.

The tight leash of history has been loosened and we have crossed so many bridges whose load-bearing capacity we were unsure of. Now safely across, for the first time, we find ourselves with the hard-earned momentum to take a fascinating journey together, one to make successive generations truly proud. Ireland is neither Catholic nor Protestant, neither agnostic nor atheist, neither Islamic nor Jewish but it is a welcoming homeland for people of all faiths and of none. It is a homeland indebted to a rich and complex Christian heritage and with a rich and complex multi-faith heritage already in the making. This State by its Constitution promises to respect and honour religion, to guarantee freedom of conscience and freedom to profess and practice religion. It elevates no one religion above another and our Government in recent years has – uniquely among Western nations – set up a forum for dialogue between the State and the Churches and Faiths that make up Irish society.

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In a way we are now at a kind of zero-hour, a moment when the directions of our next steps will fundamentally determine the trajectory of our history for generations to come. This period of reseeded is a time for patient, courageous, visionaries who dare to believe in a bumper harvest, not simply of the consumer goods or gadgets, or the personal comforts bought with accumulated wealth, but of an island at peace, a place of vibrant caring communities, of graciousness and good neighbourliness and above all a place where all the children of the nation are and feel cherished equally. It seemed a very tall order when that oft-quoted phrase was first used nearly a century ago but somehow it seems more achievable now. It won't happen by coincidence but by commitment. Mustering that commitment is the challenge for all of us in Ireland. It will, please God, bring as-yet-unimagined blessings to Ireland for many generations to come. You will be important voices and guides in this emerging Ireland. In a raucously cacophonous world it can be hard to be heard. In a very individuated and differentiated world it can be hard to gather the crowd behind you. Yet, it is only hard, not impossible. More importantly it is absolutely vital that your voice, your values, your roadmap should help to inform our crucial next steps. That is why I wish you every success over the course of the Synod where you set about applying the work of your hands, heart, mind and soul to how to make the island of Ireland the best it can be through the active citizenship of its people, bonded now in an historic and exceptional solidarity and for the first time able to say – they will know we are Christians by our love.

Following the President's speech, the Archbishop of Armagh invited Mr SR Harper to present the President with a replica of St. Patrick's Bell of Armagh. The Synod stood as the President of Ireland left the room, accompanied by the Archbishop of Armagh.

Standing Orders

Standing Orders were resumed at 2.55pm.

Commission on Church Buildings

It was proposed by Mr WF Baker, seconded by the Very Rev JMG Sirr and passed:

That the Report of the Commission on Church Buildings be received.

Chair

The Archbishop of Armagh resumed the chair.

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Commission on Church Buildings

It was proposed by Mr WF Baker, seconded by the Very Rev JMG Sirr and passed:

That the unexpended allocation held by the Commission be transferred back to the Representative Church Body and that the Representative Church Body be requested to present a Bill to the General Synod of 2009 to disband the Commission.

Chair

The Archbishop of Dublin took the chair.

Standing Committee

It was proposed by the Rev TS Forster, seconded by Mr MJT Webb and passed:

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

That the report, *Living with Difference – A Reality Check*, be received by the General Synod 2008.

That a small implementation group be appointed by the Standing Committee, for a period of three years, to identify the priorities from the report, *Living with Difference – A Reality Check*, and to bring forward specific resolutions to the Standing Committee to implement the recommendations contained in the report.

That this group shall make regular reports to the Standing Committee.

Chair

The Archbishop of Armagh resumed the chair.

Reporting Procedure

It was proposed by Mr AN McNeile, seconded by Mr HRJ Totten and passed:

That this General Synod endorses and supports the Honorary Secretaries' request of all Committees and Boards to submit their purpose and future aims and objectives as a part of their submission to the *Book of Reports* and requires that this should henceforwards be part of the standard reporting format.

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Liturgical Advisory Committee

It was proposed by the Rev GG Field, seconded by the Rev MP Jansson and passed:

That the Report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee be received.

Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue

It was proposed by the Bishop of Meath and Kildare, seconded by Dr K Milne and passed:

That the Report of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue be received.

That the following be elected members of the Commission:

The Archbishops and Bishops

Rev Canon P Comerford	Dr K Milne
Rev Canon DWT Crooks	Mr WT Morrow
Rev Canon Dr IM Ellis	Rev DR Nuzum
Mr SR Harper	Very Rev PW Rooke
Rev IJE Knox	Ms CS Turner
Rev Canon WA Lewis	Rev OC Ulogwara
Rev DM McCallig	Rev GV Wharton
Rev FJ McDowell	Rev Canon TR Williams
Mrs R McKelvey	Mrs AJ Wills

That the following represent the Church of Ireland on the Irish Council of Churches:

Rt Rev AF Abernethy	Mr J McGaffin
Mr GC Casey	Mrs R McKelvey
The Most Rev RL Clarke	Rev Canon JCD Mayes
Rev Canon Dr IM Ellis	Dr K Milne
Rev Canon R Fox	Mr WT Morrow
Ms R Handy	Rev DR Nuzum
Mr SR Harper	Rev TDB Pierce
Rev EJ Harris	Rev OC Ulogwara
Rev Canon WA Lewis	Rev Canon TR Williams
Rev MWJ Loney	

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Israel and Palestine

It was proposed by the Bishop of Clogher, seconded by the Rev Canon P Comerford and passed:

This Synod expresses deep concern over tragic events in Israel and Palestine, and calls upon the people of the Church of Ireland, all people of faith and goodwill, to act upon shared hopes for justice, so that Israelis and Palestinians may be enabled to live in peace.

This Synod, on behalf of the Church of Ireland, also associates itself with sister Churches in the region, by calling for participation in the WCC Week of Action and Advocacy (4-10 Jun 2008): *It's Time for Palestine: It's Time for Peace*. The Synod notes and commends the invitation to pray with them *The Jerusalem Prayer* for a just peace, on Sunday 8th June, 2008.

Commission on Ministry

It was proposed by the Very Rev SM Patterson, seconded by Mr AN McNeile and passed:

That the Report of the Commission on Ministry be received.

That the Rev Canon KM Poulton be elected as a member of the Commission on Ministry to fill the vacancy among the clerical members elected by the General Synod.

The Benediction was pronounced and the Synod adjourned until Thursday 15 May 2008.

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THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY 15 MAY 2008

The Chair was taken at 10.00am by His Grace the Lord Primate.

A hymn was sung and a portion of Holy Scripture and Prayer were read by the Rt Rev AF Abernethy, Bishop of Connor.

Privilege

By leave of the House, Rev Robert Cooper, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, was invited to address the House on behalf of the Methodist Church in Ireland.

Part-time Stipendiary Ministry

It was proposed by Mr WF Baker, seconded by Ven REB White and passed:

That the House of Bishops and the Commission on Ministry be requested to make arrangements for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2009 to extend the provisions of Chapter IX, Section 34(4) of the Constitution relating to part-time stipendiary ministry, to be amended as necessary, to members of the clergy serving in the Non-Stipendiary Ministry.

Bill (No 1) To revise, amend and replace Chapter VIII of the Constitution

As ordered Bill No 1 was received for final consideration.

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by the Rev AM Wilkinson, seconded by Lady Sheil and passed:

That the Bill to revise, amend and replace Chapter VIII of the Constitution be read a third time and passed.

Bill (No 2) To amend Chapters VI and XIV of the Constitution

As ordered Bill No 2 was received for final consideration.

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by Lady Sheil, seconded by the Rev FJ McDowell and passed:

That the Bill to amend Chapters VI and XIV of the Constitution be read a third time and passed.

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Bill (No 3) To amend Statute, Chapter V of 1944

As ordered Bill No 3 was received for final consideration.

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by the Very Rev JFA Bond, seconded by the Ven SB Forde and passed:

That the Bill to amend the Statute, Chapter V of 1944 be read a third time and passed.

Bill (No 4) To amend Part III, Section 42 and 43 of Chapter II of the Constitution.

As ordered Bill No 4 was received for final consideration.

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by the Ven PF Patterson, seconded by the Ven WJ Scott and passed:

That the Bill to amend Part III, Section 42 and 43 of Chapter II of the Constitution be read for a third time and passed.

Chair

The Archbishop of Dublin took the chair.

Board of Education

It was proposed by the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, seconded by Mr A Oughton and passed:

That the Report of the Board of Education be received.

Chair

The Archbishop of Armagh resumed the chair.

Church of Ireland Marriage Council

It was proposed by the Rev FJ McDowell, seconded by the Rev Canon JPO Barry and passed:

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

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That the following be elected as members of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council for the period ending 31 May 2010:

Mrs J Bunting	Rev FJ McDowell
Mrs H Caird	Rev MEE McElhinney
Mrs D Cromey	Ms L Sands
Mrs G Good	Mrs O Thorpe
Rev BJ Harper	
Rev BJ Hayes	A Bishop nominated by the House of Bishops

Adjournment

The House adjourned at 1.00pm and resumed at 2.00pm.

Request for Information (Standing Order No 51)

Rev S Johnson and others

Is it too late for the Standing Committee to review the decision to have the 2009 Synod in Armagh to be held on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday?

This decision disenfranchises many of the clergy, diocesan and parish readers who will have to leave perhaps as early as Saturday lunchtime to return to distant parishes to lead worship on Sunday.

It also seriously risks the presence of a quorum on the Sunday.

The following response to the request for information was delivered by Mr SR Harper:

The facilities required to host the General Synod of the Church of Ireland are expansive and complex. Therefore reservations must be made almost two years in advance *ergo* it is too late to change the dates for next year's General Synod in Armagh.

The General Synod of the Church of Ireland has, in recent years, been encouraged to create greater inclusiveness by facilitating those (particularly younger people) who have difficulty in attending mid-week.

The Standing Committee, while recognising that a weekend Synod would pose problems for parochial clergy, decided to arrange the 2009 General Synod in Armagh on a weekend which for many only included one working day.

This decision has been taken at the beginning of a triennium to encourage potential members to allow their names to be considered in diocesan elections.

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Following the General Synod in Armagh in 2009, the Standing Committee will assess if a weekend Synod is the way forward.

The Covenant Council

It was proposed by the Rev Canon CA Empey, seconded by the Bishop of Down and Dromore and passed:

That the Report of the Covenant Council be received.

That the General Synod requests the Standing Committee to deal urgently with the issue of producing ecumenical canons, and further requests that one Methodist member and one Church of Ireland member from the Covenant Council be co-opted to any group asked to further the task.

That the General Synod continue to encourage Church of Ireland congregations to celebrate the Covenant relationship with neighbouring Methodist congregations on or around 26 September each year.

That the following be appointed as the Church of Ireland members of the Covenant Council:

Rt Rev Harold Miller, Bishop of Down and Dromore (co-Chair)
Mr David Brown
Ms Elva Byrne
Very Rev Nigel Dunne (Secretary)
Rev Dr Maurice Elliott
Rev Canon Adrian Empey
Rev Canon Virginia Kennerley
Mr Cyril McElhinney
Dr Andrew Pierce
Rev Peter Thompson

Council for Mission

It was proposed by the Rev SG Wilson, seconded by Miss M Gibbons and passed:

That the Report of the Council for Mission be received.

That the General Synod recognises the importance of the efforts of the Church of Ireland Council for Mission and notes the proposal to gather statistical information from parishes and dioceses.

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Church’s Ministry of Healing

It was proposed by Mr D Caird, seconded by the Rev Canon DL Brown and passed:

That the Report of the Church’s Ministry of Healing be received.

Board for Social Responsibility (NI)

It was proposed by Dr J Turner, seconded by Mr G Glenn and passed:

That the Report of the Board for Social Responsibility (NI) be received.

That the Church of Ireland Board for Social Responsibility (NI) be renamed “The Board for Social Action (NI)”.

Board for Social Responsibility (RI)

It was proposed by Cllr L Hatrick, seconded by Mrs M Thompson and passed:

That the Report of the Board for Social Responsibility (RI) 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 during this session, with such appendices as they think expedient.

Attendance of Members

	Clerical	Lay	Total
Tuesday 13 May 2008	168	275	443
Wednesday 14 May 2008	174	273	447
Thursday 15 May 2008	149	220	369

The Benediction was pronounced and the session terminated at 3.35pm.

RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL SYNOD SESSION 2008

Bills

To revise, amend and replace Chapter VIII of the Constitution.
First reading passed.
Second reading passed.
Third reading passed.

To amend Chapters VI and XIV of the Constitution.
First reading passed.
Second reading passed.
Third reading passed.

To amend the Statute, Chapter V of 1944.
First reading passed.
Second reading passed.
Third reading passed.

To amend Part III, Section 42 and 43 of Chapter II of the Constitution.
First reading passed.
Second reading passed.
Third reading passed.

Board for Social Responsibility (NI)

That the Report of the Board for Social Responsibility (NI) be received.

That the Church of Ireland Board for Social Responsibility (NI) be renamed “The Board for Social Action (NI)”.

Board for Social Responsibility (RI)

That the Report of the Board for Social Responsibility (RI) be received.

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Board of Education

That the Report of the Board of Education be received.

The Book of Common Prayer

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod 2009, to amend the *Book of Common Prayer* by including therein the *Declaration* as set out in the accompanying Schedule, in the following terms

WHEREAS it is desirable that the *Declaration*, as set out in the accompanying Schedule, be included in the *Book of Common Prayer*, immediately preceding the *Articles of Religion*;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to include the *Declaration*, which was adopted by a Resolution of the General Synod of 1999, with regard to its understanding of the historic formularies of the Church of Ireland, in the *Book of Common Prayer*;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Galway in the year 2008, and by the authority of the same, as follows;

1. In all future printings of the *Book of Common Prayer* there shall be included the *Declaration*, as set out in the accompanying Schedule, immediately preceding the *Articles of Religion*.

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod 2009 to amend *Marriage One* and *Marriage Two* in the *Book of Common Prayer* (2004), in the following terms:

MARRIAGE ONE

On page 406 under "*The priest says to the congregation*" delete the last two lines "*Therefore if any man ...hold his peace* "

On page 406 the rubric "*The minister says to the couple*" to read "*The minister may say to the couple*".

On page 406 after "*neither is their matrimony lawful*" insert the following rubric:

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“[RI] Unless the declarations of no civil impediment have already been made by the couple prior to the marriage in the presence of the Registered Solemniser and the two witnesses the man and the woman each make the required declaration now.”

On page 415 delete “*On the day... costs incurred*”

MARRIAGE TWO

On page 419 under the heading “THE MARRIAGE delete the first two paragraphs “*The minister says to the congregation...you must declare it now*”.

On page 419 under the heading “THE MARRIAGE” substitute:

“The minister may say to the couple:

God, the judge of all
knows the secrets of our hearts;
therefore if either of you knows any reason
why you may not lawfully marry
you must declare it now.

[RI] Unless the declarations of no civil impediment have already been made by the couple prior to the marriage in the presence of the Registered Solemniser and the two witnesses the bride and bridegroom each make the required declaration now.”

On pages 429 and 430 delete “*On the day of the marriage..... Marriage Law in the Republic of Ireland*”

Church in Society Committee

That the Report of the Church in Society Committee be received.

That the General Synod notes and approves the range of issues dealt with by the Church in Society Committee during this triennium.

That the General Synod encourages the Committee in its exploration of further issues including any which may be raised on the floor of this Synod.

Church of Ireland Council for Mission

That the Report of the Council for Mission be received.

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That the General Synod recognises the importance of the efforts of the Church of Ireland Council for Mission and notes the proposal to gather statistical information from parishes and dioceses.

Church of Ireland Marriage Council

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

That the following be elected as members of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council for the period ending 31 May 2010:

Mrs J Bunting	Rev FJ McDowell
Mrs H Caird	Rev MEE McElhinney
Mrs D Cromey	Ms L Sands
Mrs G Good	Mrs O Thorpe
Rev BJ Harper	
Rev BJ Hayes	A Bishop nominated by the House of Bishops

Church of Ireland Pensions Board

That the Report of the Church of Ireland Pensions Board be received and adopted.

Church of Ireland Youth Department

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

Church's Ministry of Healing

That the Report of the Church's Ministry of Healing be received.

Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue

- (a) That the Report of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue be received.

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- (b) That the following be elected members of the Commission:

The Archbishops and Bishops	
Rev P Comerford	Dr K Milne
Rev Canon DWT Crooks	Mr WT Morrow
Rev Canon Dr IM Ellis	Rev DR Nuzum
Mr SR Harper	Very Rev PW Rooke
Rev IJE Knox	Ms CS Turner
Rev Canon WA Lewis	Rev OC Ulogwara
Rev DM McCallig	Rev GV Wharton
Rev FJ McDowell	Rev Canon TR Williams
Mrs R McKelvey	Mrs AJ Wills

- (c) That the following represent the Church of Ireland on the Irish Council of Churches:

Rt Rev AF Abernethy	Mr J McGaffin
Mr GC Casey	Mrs R McKelvey
The Most Rev RL Clarke	Rev Canon JCD Mayes
Rev Canon Dr IM Ellis	Dr K Milne
Rev Canon R Fox	Mr WT Morrow
Ms R Handy	Rev DR Nuzum
Mr SR Harper	Rev TDB Pierce
Rev EJ Harris	Rev OC Ulogwara
Rev Canon WA Lewis	Rev Canon TR Williams
Rev MWJ Loney	

Commission on Church Buildings

That the Report of the Commission on Church Buildings be received.

That the unexpended allocation held by the Commission be transferred back to the Representative Church Body and that the Representative Church Body be requested to present a Bill to the General Synod of 2009 to disband the Commission.

Commission on Ministry

That the Report of the Commission on Ministry be received.

That the Rev Canon KM Poulton be elected as a member of the Commission on Ministry to fill the vacancy among the clerical members elected by the General Synod.

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The Covenant Council

That the Report of the Covenant Council be received.

That the General Synod requests the Standing Committee to deal urgently with the issue of producing ecumenical canons, and further requests that one Methodist member and one Church of Ireland member from the Covenant Council be co-opted to any group asked to further the task.

That the General Synod continue to encourage Church of Ireland congregations to celebrate the Covenant relationship with neighbouring Methodist congregations on or around 26 September each year.

That the following be appointed as the Church of Ireland members of the Covenant Council:

Rt Rev Harold Miller, Bishop of Down and Dromore (co-Chair)
Mr David Brown
Ms Elva Byrne
Very Rev Nigel Dunne (Secretary)
Rev Dr Maurice Elliott
Rev Canon Adrian Empey
Rev Canon Virginia Kennerley
Mr Cyril McElhinney
Dr Andrew Pierce
Rev Peter Thompson

Election of a Clerical Honorary Secretary

That the following be elected as a Clerical Honorary Secretary of the General Synod:

Ven REB White

Financing of the Episcopal Ministry

The General Synod requests the Representative Church Body to publish the costs of the Episcopal ministry of the Church of Ireland. The General Synod further requests that these costs be published annually with the Financial Statements reported to it by the Representative Body, the first such publication to be at its Ordinary Meeting in 2009.

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Israel and Palestine

This Synod expresses deep concern over tragic events in Israel and Palestine, and calls upon the people of the Church of Ireland, all people of faith and goodwill, to act upon shared hopes for justice, so that Israelis and Palestinians may be enabled to live in peace.

This Synod, on behalf of the Church of Ireland, also associates itself with sister Churches in the region, by calling for participation in the WCC Week of Action and Advocacy (4-10 Jun 2008): *It's Time for Palestine: It's Time for Peace*. The Synod notes and commends the invitation to pray with them *The Jerusalem Prayer* for a just peace, on Sunday 8 June, 2008.

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 during this session, with such appendices as they think expedient.

Liturgical Advisory Committee

That the Report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee be received.

Part-time Stipendiary Ministry

That the House of Bishops and the Commission no Ministry be requested to make arrangements for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2009 to extend the provisions of Chapter IX, Section 34(4) of the Constitution relating to part-time stipendiary ministry, to be amended as necessary, to members of the clergy serving in the Non-Stipendiary Ministry.

Reporting Procedure

That this General Synod endorses and supports the Honorary Secretaries' request of all Committees and Boards to submit their purpose and future aims and objectives as a part of their submission to the *Book of Reports* and requires that this should henceforwards be part of the standard reporting format.

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Representative Church Body

- a) That the Report of the Representative Church Body be taken into consideration.

I Allocations

- b) (i) That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations for 2008 from the balance on the General Funds Revenue Account for the year ended 31 December 2007:

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Group A	Maintenance of the Stipendiary Ministry	1,537,954
Group B	Pension Related Costs	1,278,829
Group C	Training of Ordinands	1,660,687
Group D	General Synod Activities	1,531,574
Group E	Miscellaneous Financing	35,728
		<u>6,044,772</u>

II Minimum Approved Stipends

- b) (ii) That in accordance with Section 51 (1) of Chapter IV of the Constitution and with effect from 1 January 2009
- (a) no stipend shall be less than £25,498 per annum in Northern Ireland or €36,219 per annum in the Republic of Ireland in the case of an Incumbent or a member of the clergy appointed as Bishop's Curate under the provisions of Section 42 of Chapter IV or of a Diocesan Curate over the age of 30 years appointed under the provisions of Section 43 of Chapter IV.
- (b) the stipend for a Curate-Assistant shall be in accordance with the following scale:

First Year	75.0% of minimum stipend for incumbent
Second Year	77.5% “
Third Year	80.0% “
Fourth Year	82.5% “
Fifth and succeeding Years	85.0% “

- c) That the Report of the Representative Church Body be adopted subject to the Resolutions already passed relating thereto.

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Standing Committee

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

That the report, *Living with Difference – A Reality Check*, be received by the General Synod 2008.

That a small implementation group be appointed by the Standing Committee, for a period of three years, to identify the priorities from the report, *Living with Difference – A Reality Check*, and to bring forward specific resolutions to the Standing Committee to implement the recommendations contained in the report.

That this group shall make regular reports to the Standing Committee.

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STATUTES

OF

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND

passed in

THE SESSION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD 2008

CHAPTER I

To revise, amend and replace Chapter VIII of the Constitution

WHEREAS it is desirable to provide a revised scheme of ecclesiastical discipline for the Church of Ireland which would ensure compliance both with the established principles of Canon Law and with the requirements of civil law and natural justice;

And WHEREAS for such purposes it is necessary to replace Chapter VIII of the Constitution with a revised and amended Chapter VIII as set out in Schedule 1 to this Statute;

And WHEREAS the provisions of the revised and amended Chapter VIII, contained in Schedule 1 to this Statute, will necessitate consequential amendments to certain provisions of the Constitution as set out in Schedule II;

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Galway in the year 2008 and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In this Statute 'Chapter VIII' means Chapter VIII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.
2. For Chapter VIII there shall be substituted a new Chapter VIII as set out in Schedule I to this Statute.
3. The provisions contained in Section 2 of and Schedule I to this Statute shall come into operation on 1 January 2009.
4. The amendments set out in Schedule II to this Statute shall come into force on 1 January 2009.

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CHAPTER VIII

**ECCLESIASTICAL TRIBUNALS,
FACULTIES, REGISTRIES**

1 Preliminary

The tribunals and courts defined in this Chapter shall be the ecclesiastical tribunals of the Church of Ireland; they shall possess the powers and proceed in the manner hereinafter prescribed, and shall respectively be called the Diocesan Courts of the several dioceses and united dioceses, the Court of the General Synod and the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Appeal Tribunal. Any question of discipline involving any Archbishop, bishop or member of the clergy and any question of doctrine that arises during the course of a disciplinary hearing shall be heard and determined under Part IV.

Part I

DIOCESAN COURTS

2 Jurisdiction

- (a) There shall be a Diocesan Court in each diocese or united diocese, which shall have power and jurisdiction to hear appeals from the decision of the Ordinary on all matters so appointed by the law of the Church of Ireland. The Ordinary nevertheless shall have power to refer to the said Court any matter within the jurisdiction of that Court submitted for the Ordinary's consideration without the Ordinary having given a personal decision thereon. In case of such reference the bishop (as Ordinary) shall not be prevented from presiding at the Diocesan Court.

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- (b) In all cases where the parties submit, or are bound by the laws of the Church, the Diocesan Court may hear and determine any questions connected with the property of the Church or the administration thereof, or with ecclesiastical rights generally, which may arise between members of the Church of Ireland, if the respondent be resident within the diocese or united diocese in which the court has jurisdiction.

3 **The Diocesan Court: Judge, Chancellor, Members and Registrar**

- (a) In Part I of this Chapter, the word “**bishop**” shall include an archbishop in relation to any diocese which is normally or temporarily under the governance of an archbishop.
- (b) The bishop of the diocese or the bishop’s commissary shall be the judge in the Diocesan Court: Provided always that in case of the disability of any bishop to sit in the Diocesan Court by reason of illness or any other hindrance, such bishop shall have power to appoint another bishop or other member of the clergy to sit as commissary for and in place of the bishop. The bishop, or the bishop’s commissary, shall in every case be assisted by the chancellor.
- (c) The bishop of each diocese shall from time to time, as occasion may require, appoint under episcopal seal (which appointment shall be filed of record) a fit and proper person as chancellor, to sit with the bishop in the Diocesan Court as assessor, who shall be a person qualified for election as a lay judge of the Court of the General Synod as provided by section 8(e) of this Chapter or a solicitor of ten years’ practice in any part of Ireland, and shall hold office for ten years (which term may be renewed for further terms of ten years), or until resignation, or order of removal by the bishop founded upon a resolution of the diocesan synod: Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent the same person from holding office as chancellor in two or more dioceses.

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- (d) The clergy of the diocesan synod shall elect three members of the clergy, and the lay synod members shall elect three laypersons, as members of the Diocesan Court, who shall be elected to hold office from 1st January of the first year of the General Synod triennium for three years and be elected triennially thereafter, and shall be eligible for re-election. Any casual vacancy by death, resignation, or continued absence from Ireland for twelve months, occurring among the clerical or lay members of any Diocesan Court, shall be filled as soon as conveniently may be by the clerical or lay members, as the case may be, of the diocesan synod of the diocese in which such vacancy shall have occurred. Any person elected to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only so long as the person in whose place such person shall have been elected would have held the office if such vacancy had not occurred. The bishop shall in every case summon by rotation to sit with the bishop in the Diocesan Court one member each of the clergy and of the laity from those so elected, to whom, along with the bishop or the bishop's commissary, all questions of fact shall be referred: Provided, however, that if both parties shall express their consent in writing, it shall be in the power of the bishop or the bishop's commissary to hear and determine the case alone.
- (e) The bishop shall from time to time, as occasion may require, appoint a fit and proper person to be the registrar of the diocese and may also appoint one or more assistant registrars. Each assistant shall perform such of the registrar's duties as the bishop shall assign. Registrars and assistant registrars shall hold office until otherwise directed by the bishop for the time being or until resignation or death. Registrars and assistant registrars shall receive such salary as the diocesan council of the diocese shall appoint, and such travelling or other expenses incident to the performance of their duties as the diocesan council may determine.
- (f) In any special circumstances, particulars whereof shall be filed in the registry of the diocese or united diocese, the bishop may appoint under episcopal seal a fit and proper person to be a deputy chancellor or a deputy registrar of such diocese or united diocese during the continuance of such special circumstances and any such appointment and the duration thereof shall be filed of record. Every deputy so appointed shall during the continuance of such appointment have all the powers and perform all the duties of the chancellor or registrar in the place of whom such deputy is so appointed to act: Provided always that every deputy chancellor shall be qualified as hereinbefore provided with respect to the chancellor.
- (g) Every chancellor, deputy chancellor, registrar, deputy registrar, assistant registrar, and elected member of a diocesan court, shall before entering upon the duties of office, make and sign a declaration in the following form:

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I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am a member of the Church of Ireland, and that I will faithfully, and to the best of my ability, execute the office of _____ of the diocese (or united diocese, *as the case may be*) of without fear, favour, affection or malice.

4 Diocesan Registry

The Diocesan Registry shall be established in a place to be named by the bishop, and the diocesan council shall make such provision for the safe custody of the registry and its contents as the bishop shall require.

5 Original Proceedings in and Appeals and References to Diocesan Court

- (a) Original proceedings in and appeals and references to Diocesan Court shall be presented by petition in writing, duly signed. The petition shall be lodged with the registrar of the diocese. Such petition shall be in the form set forth in Appendix A hereunto annexed, or as near thereto as the nature of the case will admit. Provided that the petitioner or petitioners, except in the case of an archbishop or bishop, shall be resident within the diocese, or shall have been personally injured or aggrieved by the act complained of.
- (b) The petitioner, or petitioners, except in the case of an archbishop or bishop, shall lodge with the registrar of the diocese a sum of £600 or €1,000 (or such other sum as the Rules Committee may from time to time prescribe) as appropriate, as security for the payment by such petitioner or petitioners of all such costs and expenses as may be ordered by the Diocesan Court, or by the Court of the General Synod.
- (c) The registrar, within seven days after such money is lodged, shall send a copy of the petition to the respondent, in a registered or recorded letter addressed to the respondent's residence or last known place of abode; and, after receiving an answer from the respondent, or, if no answer shall in the meantime have been received, after the expiration of fourteen days from the day on which such copy of the petition shall have been so sent, shall lay before the bishop the petition, and the answer (if any) of the respondent thereto.

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- (d) In all cases where a petition is to be heard in the Diocesan Court, it shall be the duty of the registrar to apply to the chancellor for a citation. The chancellor shall thereupon issue a citation under the chancellor's hand, requiring the attendance of either of the parties before the Diocesan Court, to be held at such time and place as the chancellor shall in such citation appoint: Provided that the first sitting of the court shall be held not less than one fortnight nor more than three calendar months after the date of issue of the citation.
- (e) The chancellor shall, at the instance of either of the parties, issue letters to persons whose evidence may be needed at the hearing, requesting them to attend at such time and place as aforesaid; and, if necessary, requesting them also to bring with them such documents relating to the matters in issue as may be in their possession, power, or procurement.
- (f) When any witness shall be unable or unwilling to attend, the chancellor may appoint, in such manner and on such terms as the chancellor shall see fit, a commissioner to take the testimony of such witness; and such witness may be examined, cross-examined, and re-examined, by the parties, or their agents, solicitors, or counsel, before such commissioner. The examination shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witness and by the commissioner, and shall be forthwith transmitted by the commissioner, under seal, to the chancellor; and the same shall, without further proof, be available and admissible as evidence in all subsequent proceedings in the same case.
- (g) The petition, answer, and every other pleading may at any time be amended in such manner and on such terms as the court (or, if the court is not in session, the chancellor) shall think fit and necessary for the purposes of justice.
- (h) The evidence of all witnesses examined before the court shall be given *viva voce*, and shall be recorded as the court shall direct.
- (i) The court, after hearing the parties, or such of them as shall appear, their agents, solicitors, or counsel, and the witnesses, shall consider the evidence, and may deliver judgment, which shall be reduced to writing, or shall remit the case to the Court of the General Synod. The court shall make such order as to costs and expenses, including the registrar's fees and charges, and as to the disposal of the deposit, if any, as it shall think fit.
- (j) In every case in which a bishop shall institute proceedings in that bishop's own Diocesan Court, the bishop shall, and in all other cases may, direct the chancellor to act in the bishop's place; and such direction shall suffice to confer all the jurisdiction of the bishop on the chancellor in such case.

6 Appeals from Interlocutory Orders of a Diocesan Court

There shall not be any appeal in any suit or other proceeding before a Diocesan Court, without the special leave of the Court, from any interlocutory order not having the effect of a final order, until a final order shall have been pronounced thereon; but when a final order shall have been pronounced, the party appealing therefrom may also appeal from any interlocutory order or orders in the same case.

Part II

THE COURT OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

7 Jurisdiction

- (a) An appeal shall lie to the Court of the General Synod from every judgment and order of a Diocesan Court except in the case of proceedings under Chapter IX, section 16.
- (b) The Court of the General Synod shall have original jurisdiction in the following matters:
 - (i) any question of a legal nature which has arisen, or which may arise, in respect to the proceedings at any election to fill a vacancy in the office of an archbishop or bishop;
 - (ii) any other matter so appointed by the law of the Church of Ireland.
- (c) It shall be in the power of the House of Bishops or of the General Synod to refer to the Court of the General Synod, for hearing and determination, any questions of a legal nature which have arisen or which may arise in the course of their proceedings; and the said Court shall thereupon proceed to hear and determine the same in the same manner as in the case of an appeal, or to advise the House of Bishops or the General Synod in respect of the same, as the case may require.
- (d) The Court of the General Synod shall not determine any matter or question which, in the opinion of the lay judges, is within the jurisdiction and more proper to be submitted to the consideration and decision of a civil tribunal.

8 Constitution and Membership: Registrar

- (a) The Court of the General Synod shall be constituted as follows:

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- (i) In all cases in which the Representative Body is a party the Court shall be constituted of the three lay judges first in order upon the list of the judges elected, in manner hereinafter provided, by the Standing Committee of the General Synod (not being members of the Representative Body) who may be able to attend.
- (ii) In the case of
 - (a) any question of a legal nature which has arisen, or which may arise, in respect to the proceedings at any election to fill a vacancy in the office of an archbishop or bishop; or
 - (b) any questions referred to the Court by the House of Bishops or the General Synod under section 7(c) of this Chapter; or
 - (c) an appeal from a judgment or order of a diocesan court under section 9(d) of this Chapter,the Court shall be constituted of three ecclesiastical and four lay judges.
- (iii) In any other case the Court shall be constituted of two ecclesiastical and three lay judges.
- (b) The ecclesiastical judges to constitute a Court of the General Synod shall be the three or two, as the case may be, members of the House of Bishops, first in order of precedence, who may be able to attend.
- (c) The lay judges to constitute a Court of the General Synod shall be the four or three, as the case may be, persons first in order upon the list of lay judges as is hereinafter provided, who may be able to attend.
- (d) No archbishop or bishop, and no chancellor or deputy chancellor, shall sit in the Court of the General Synod for the hearing of any appeal from the Court of their own diocese.
- (e) Every person being a member of the Church of Ireland who holds or shall have held the office of a judge of the Supreme Court or of the High Court of the Republic of Ireland or of a judge of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland, or who shall have been for not less than ten years a barrister practising at the Irish Bar or at the bar of Northern Ireland, or who shall have been for not less than ten years a practising solicitor admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in Ireland or in Northern Ireland or who holds or has held the office of chancellor of a diocese, shall be qualified for election as a lay judge of the Court of the General Synod.

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- (f) The Standing Committee of the General Synod shall forthwith after the first ordinary session of each General Synod elect ten lay judges, to constitute the list of lay judges, and shall also from time to time fill by election any vacancy or vacancies which may occur in the list of lay judges for the time being and shall report to the following session of the General Synod.
- (g) The registrar of the diocese of Dublin shall be also the registrar of the Court of the General Synod.

9 Proceedings in the Court of the General Synod; Original Jurisdiction

- (a) Original proceedings in and references and remittances to the Court of the General Synod shall be presented by petition in writing, duly signed. The petition shall be lodged with the registrar of the Court of the General Synod, and shall be in the form set forth in Appendix A hereto annexed, or as near thereto as the nature of the case will admit. The petition shall be served upon every person named as respondent. The registrar of the Court of the General Synod shall thereupon issue a citation under the registrar's hand, requiring the attendance of each of the parties before the Court of the General Synod, to be held at such time and place as the registrar shall in such citation appoint.
- (b) The decision of the majority of the members of the Court of the General Synod shall be the decision of the Court.
- (c) The petitioner or petitioners, except in the case of an archbishop or bishop, shall lodge with the registrar of the Court the sum of £600 or €1,000 (or such other sum as the Rules Committee may from time to time prescribe) as appropriate as security for the payment by the petitioner or petitioners of all such costs and expenses of the proceedings as may be ordered by the Court.

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- (d) Every party appealing from a judgment or order of a Diocesan Court shall state the grounds of the appeal in writing, in the form set forth in Appendix B hereunto annexed, or as near thereto as the nature of the case will admit, and shall lodge the same, within fourteen days after the judgment or order, with the registrar of the Court of the General Synod. The person or persons so appealing shall lodge with the registrar of the said Court a sum of €1,000 or £600 (or such other sum as the Rules Committee may from time to time prescribe) as security for to pay all such costs and expenses of the appeal as the appellant or appellants may be ordered by the Court of the General Synod to pay. Thereupon it shall be the duty of the registrar to send a copy of the appeal to the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin, and to the member of the House of Bishops next in order of precedence, and shall obtain from the first in order of precedence of the three ecclesiastical judges of whom the Court may be constituted an order fixing a time and place for hearing the appeal, and the registrar shall summon each member of the Court, and the several parties, to attend at such time and place.
- (e) The registrar, within one week after the appeal shall have been lodged, shall require the registrar of the Diocesan Court to return to the Court of the General Synod the petition, the respondent's answer, if any, and any other pleadings, the notes of the evidence taken in the Diocesan Court, and the written judgment and order of the said Court, and the diocesan registrar shall forthwith return the same accordingly, authenticated by the diocesan registrar's signature.
- (f) The Court of the General Synod, having before it the evidence taken in the Diocesan Court, may allow either party to the appeal to produce additional evidence, either orally or taken by a commission, or by the further examination or cross-examination of witnesses examined before the Diocesan Court. When the parties, or such of them as shall attend upon the appeal, shall have been heard by themselves, their agents, solicitors, counsel, and witnesses, if any, the Court shall deliver such judgment and order as the case may require, which shall be reduced to writing and shall be final.
- (g) The Court of the General Synod shall have power upon appeal to set aside, vary or confirm the judgment or order of the Diocesan Court, and to direct by whom the costs and expenses of the proceedings, including the registrar's fees and charges, shall be defrayed or borne, and to dispose of the deposit or deposits, if any, as it shall think fit.

Part III

PROVISIONS RELATING TO DIOCESAN COURTS AND THE COURT OF THE
GENERAL SYNOD

10 **General**

- (a) The several courts hereinbefore mentioned in Parts I and II of this Chapter shall be open to the public, unless the judge or judges shall deem it expedient to sit in private on account of the matter of the enquiry or misconduct of the audience or any other urgent reason, in which case each of the parties may require that not more than six persons chosen by each of the parties shall be permitted to be present.
- (b) No person who is a party to any suit shall act as a member of the court by which the suit is heard.
- (c) The judge or judges of every court may from time to time adjourn the court as they shall deem fit.
- (d) It shall be the duty of every member of the Church of Ireland to attend and give evidence, when duly summoned to do so, at any hearing or investigation held under the authority of the Constitution.
- (e) Every person who shall be called as a witness at any hearing or investigation held as aforesaid, shall, before giving evidence, make a solemn declaration to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.
- (f) When the court shall have signed its judgment or order, the same shall be filed of record in the registry of the diocese, or of the Court of the General Synod, as the case may be.
- (g) The several proceedings of or on behalf of each court shall be prepared and recorded by the registrar of the court in which the case shall be pending, as the case may require.
- (h) The General Synod may from time to time, by resolution, regulate and provide for the election and summoning of the Court of the General Synod and for giving effect to the provisions of this Chapter, as occasion may require.

11 Rules Committee of Ecclesiastical Tribunals

- (a) The members of the House of Bishops, with the ten elected lay judges of the Court of the General Synod, shall constitute the Rules Committee of ecclesiastical tribunals under parts I and II of this Chapter.
- (b) The Rules Committee, or any three members thereof, one being an archbishop, may make rules for carrying the provisions of Parts I and II of this Chapter into effect, and in particular for regulating all matters relating to procedure, practice, costs, expenses, and fees, giving security for costs, the pronouncement of judgments and orders, the validity of proceedings notwithstanding irregularity or defects of form, proceedings in the case of persons who cannot be found or served, the liability to and recovery of costs and expenses; the forms to be used, and all matters incidental to or connected with the administration of the ecclesiastical law of the Church of Ireland except any question of discipline involving any archbishop, bishop or member of the clergy and except any question of doctrine that arises during the course of a disciplinary hearing.
- (c) Every rule made in pursuance of this section shall be signed by three or more members of the Rules Committee, and shall be presented to the General Synod on the first day of its session next after the making of such rule, and it shall be lawful for the General Synod by a resolution to annul such rule without prejudice to the validity of anything done in the meantime in pursuance thereof; and every such rule, unless annulled as aforesaid, shall, while unrevoked, be of the same validity as if enacted in this Chapter.
- (d) Until further rules shall have been made in pursuance of this section, and subject to such rules when made, the rules, orders, forms and fees, dated 9th May 1935, and laid before the General Synod of 1935, as amended, shall be the rules, orders, forms and fees of the Diocesan Courts and registries, and of the Court of the General Synod and of the registry thereof respectively: Provided however that subject to the proviso to section 3(e) of this Chapter all fees of diocesan courts and registries shall be credited to diocesan funds.

12 Evidence by way of Statutory Declarations

It shall be lawful for the ecclesiastical tribunals under Parts I and II of this Chapter to receive in evidence statutory declarations of witnesses, but upon such terms, if any, as to requiring the cross-examination of the witness either before the court itself or by commission or written interrogatories, or as to allowing such declarations to be answered, as may be directed by the court or prescribed by rules framed in pursuance of this Chapter.

13 Petition for a Rehearing

It shall be lawful for any person aggrieved by any judgment, or order of the Court of the General Synod, at any time within one year next after the date of such judgment, or order, to present a petition to the said Court, praying that the case may be reheard upon grounds to be set forth in such petition, and requesting that the judgment, or order may be set aside or varied; and thereupon it shall be lawful for the said Court, or any two members thereof, upon just and reasonable grounds, to order that the case shall be reheard by the said Court, and such rehearing shall take place when and as the said Court shall direct: Provided that the said Court or such members thereof may impose such terms, by way of security for costs and expenses, and by way of admission or otherwise, as shall be deemed just and proper.

14 Power to grant Licences, Dispensations and Faculties

The archbishops and bishops of the Church of Ireland shall have, and may use, all the same powers of granting licences, dispensations, faculties, and other writings which they had and might have used at the time of the passing of the Irish Church Act, 1869: Provided that all persons feeling aggrieved by the granting or withholding of any faculty, except in the case of the granting or withholding of a faculty for ordination, shall be entitled to have their case heard and determined by the Diocesan Court.

15 Power to declare vacant an Office held by a Layperson

If any layperson shall have been convicted and sentenced, by any of the temporal courts, for any criminal offence, or shall be a fugitive from justice in any case in which a warrant has been issued for such person's apprehension, or shall have ceased to be a member of the Church of Ireland, or shall be incapacitated by mental infirmity, or shall wilfully and without sufficient cause have neglected or refused to attend and give evidence when duly summoned to do so at any trial or investigation held under the authority of the Constitution, the archbishop or bishop of the diocese, with the advice of the archbishop's or bishop's chancellor, may, by order under episcopal hand and seal, declare any office in the Church of Ireland to which such layperson may have been elected or appointed to be vacant, and the same shall thereupon be filled in due course.

16 Costs and Expenses in the Court of the General Synod

- (a) In all proceedings duly taken in the Court of the General Synod, it shall be lawful for the said Court, if in its discretion it shall so think fit, to order the payment, out of the General Purposes Fund, of the costs and expenses, in whole or in part, of such proceedings, or of any other legal proceedings consequent thereon, or incidental thereto; subject to the rules and regulations in force for the time being, and subject also to the provisions, limitations and conditions hereinafter contained in this section 16.
- (b) No costs or expenses shall be paid out of the General Purposes Fund to or for any unsuccessful party - other than an archbishop or bishop.
- (c) No costs or expenses shall, in any case, be paid out of the General Purposes Fund, which can be recovered either from any unsuccessful party, or by enforcing any security given for the payment of costs or expenses in the proceedings.
- (d) No order for the payment of any costs or expenses out of the General Purposes Fund to or for any party - other than an archbishop or bishop - shall be made in any case which, in the opinion of the Court, does not involve or affect the general interest or discipline of the Church, or is not of sufficient importance to justify the application of that fund to the payment of the costs and expenses mentioned in the order.

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- (e) The Court shall have power, in each case, either to order the costs and expenses to be taxed or moderated as prescribed by rules, or to measure and fix the amount to be paid out of the General Purposes Fund.
- (f) The Court shall have power, if, having regard to the length of time occupied by the hearing or to any other special circumstances connected with the case, the Court in its discretion shall so think fit, to order the payment out of the General Purposes Fund of the expenses necessarily incurred by any members of the Court in attending such proceedings.

17 Costs and Expenses in a Diocesan Court

It shall be lawful for any diocesan synod, or for any diocesan council, with the authority of or subject to the approval of the synod of the diocese, to make such provision, by means of a diocesan general purposes fund or otherwise, for or towards the payment of the costs and expenses of proceedings duly taken in the Diocesan Court, as may to such diocesan synod or council seem necessary or expedient.

Part IV

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

18 Definitions and Interpretation

- (a) Unless the context otherwise requires, in this Part of this Chapter:

“Appellant” means a Respondent who has appealed a finding and/or order of a Disciplinary Tribunal in accordance with section 34;

“Appeal Tribunal” means a tribunal, appointed under section 34 (d) to hear an appeal;

“Complaint” means any complaint or allegation touching or apparently touching upon the conduct (whether by act or omission), behaviour, performance or affairs of any bishop or any member of the clergy in respect of any of the matters mentioned in section 25;

“Complainant” means a person who brings a Complaint to the attention of the Complaints Administrator;

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“**Complaints Committee**” means the committee appointed under section 21;

“**Complaints Administrator**” means the person appointed by the Standing Committee with the approval of the Representative Body to be the Complaints Administrator for the purposes of this Part of this Chapter;

“**Disciplinary Bodies**” means the Complaints Administrator, the Complaints Committee, the Disciplinary Panel, each Disciplinary Tribunal and each Appeal Tribunal;

“**Disciplinary Tribunal**” means a tribunal appointed under section 31(a) to hear a Formal Complaint;

“**Disciplinary Panel**” means the panel of persons appointed under section 22;

“**Formal Complaint**” means a Complaint that has been formulated by the Complaints Committee and referred by it to a Disciplinary Tribunal in accordance with this Part of this Chapter;

“**House of Bishops**” means the archbishops and bishops of the Church of Ireland for the time being;

“**Lawyer**” means any person who is or was a judge in any part of Ireland, or is a solicitor or barrister who has practised for more than 10 years in any part of Ireland;

“**Respondent**” means any bishop or any member of the clergy in respect of whom a Formal Complaint has been referred to a Disciplinary Tribunal; and

“**Standing Committee**” means the Standing Committee of the General Synod.

- (b) For the purposes of this Part of this Chapter only and not otherwise the term ‘**member of the clergy**’ shall, unless otherwise specifically provided, mean a deacon or priest of the Church of Ireland and the term ‘**bishop**’ shall include an archbishop.
- (c) References in this Part of this Chapter to sections are, unless otherwise stated, references to sections of this Part of this Chapter.

19 **Pastoral Resolution**

- (a) All members of the church are called to exercise a ministry of reconciliation. It is preferable, therefore, that all complaints and disputes be resolved pastorally within

each diocese; that complaints against clergy be dealt with pastorally by diocesan bishops; or, in the case of complaints against a bishop by the archbishop of the province; or in the case of an archbishop by the archbishop of the other province.

- (b) Bishops have a general duty whenever it is appropriate to endeavour to reconcile the parties involved in any complaint and achieve an outcome within their diocese accepted by all the parties as a first step before the disciplinary processes in this Chapter are set in motion. In fulfilling this function a bishop may put in place an enquiry, a process of conciliation or mediation or such other process of reconciliation or resolution as the bishop shall think appropriate.
- (c) Only where a bishop, in that bishop's absolute discretion, determines that such pastoral resolution or reconciliation has not been possible or is not appropriate should recourse be had to the disciplinary process set out in this Part of this Chapter.

20 Appointment of a Complaints Administrator

The Standing Committee shall, in consultation with the Representative Body, from time to time appoint a person on such terms and subject to such conditions as it may think fit to be the Complaints Administrator for the purposes of this Part of this Chapter and, with the approval of the Representative Body, may remove any person so appointed and appoint another in his or her place. The person so appointed shall be a human resources practitioner or a Lawyer or other suitably qualified person. No person who is an employee of the Representative Body or a member of the clergy may be appointed as the Complaints Administrator.

21 Appointment and Composition of the Complaints Committee

- (a) The Complaints Committee shall consist of one clerical and one lay representative of each diocese or united diocese under the jurisdiction of one bishop and two members appointed by the Standing Committee.
- (b) The clergy of the diocesan synod of each diocesan or united diocesan synod shall elect one member of the clergy as a member of the Complaints Committee. The lay members of each diocesan or united diocesan synod shall elect a layperson as a member of the Complaints Committee. The members so elected shall be elected to hold office from 1st January of the first year of the General Synod triennium for six years and be elected every second triennium thereafter, and shall be eligible for re-election.

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- (c) Any casual vacancy by death, resignation, or continued absence from Ireland for twelve months, occurring among the clerical or lay members of the Complaints Committee, shall be filled as soon as conveniently may be by the clerical or lay members, as the case may be, of the diocesan synod or united diocesan synod which elected the person being replaced. Any person elected to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only for so long as the person in whose place he or she shall have been elected would have held the office if such vacancy had not occurred.
- (d) The quorum for meetings of the Complaints Committee shall be six persons, so long as there are at least two members of the clergy and two laypersons attending thereat. Any meeting of the Complaints Committee at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all the functions and powers conferred upon the Complaints Committee by this Part of this Chapter.
- (e) The Complaints Committee may delegate such of its functions and powers to sub-committees of its own members as it may deem necessary or convenient. Any sub-committee so formed shall comprise at least two members of the clergy and two laypersons and shall, in the exercise of the functions and powers so delegated, conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Complaints Committee.
- (f) The Standing Committee shall from time to time appoint a chairperson and a vice-chairperson of the Complaints Committee from amongst the members of the Complaints Committee.
- (g) No person shall be a member of the Complaints Committee at the same time as he or she is a member of the Disciplinary Panel.

22 Appointment and Composition of the Disciplinary Panel

- (a) The Disciplinary Panel shall consist of not less than four members of the clergy and not less than eight laypersons of whom at least four shall be Lawyers.
- (b) The Standing Committee shall prior to the commencement of the General Synod triennium appoint the members of the Disciplinary Panel. The members so appointed shall be appointed to hold office from 1st January of the first year of the General Synod triennium for six years and be appointed every second triennium thereafter, and shall be eligible for re-appointment. No member of the Standing Committee may be a member of the Disciplinary Panel.

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- (c) Any casual vacancy by death, resignation, or continued absence from Ireland for twelve months, occurring among the members of the Disciplinary Panel, shall be filled as soon as conveniently may be by the Standing Committee. Any person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only so long as the person in whose place he or she shall have been appointed would have held the office if such vacancy had not occurred.
- (d) The Standing Committee shall from time to time appoint from those members of the Disciplinary Panel who are Lawyers a chairperson and a vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel.
- (e) No person shall be a member of the Disciplinary Panel at the same time as he or she is a member of the Complaints Committee.

23 Funding of Complaints Committee

- (a) Prior to the beginning of each year the Complaints Committee shall prepare and submit to the Standing Committee for consideration and onward submission to the Representative Body an annual budget for that year.
- (b) The Representative Body may approve, with or without amendment, the annual budget. Where the Representative Body wishes to approve an annual budget with amendment it must first consult with the Standing Committee and the chairperson and/or vice chairperson of the Complaints Committee.
- (c) The Complaints Committee may if it considers it necessary to do so, undertake, during the course of a year, an interim review of its annual budget and following such review submit an amended or supplementary budget to the Standing Committee for consideration and onward submission to the Representative Body for approval. Section 23(b) applies with any necessary changes if an amended or a supplementary annual budget is submitted.
- (d) In each year the Representative Body shall provide, in such instalments as it sees fit, a grant equal to the budget approved in accordance with Section 23(b) for that financial year (including any amended or supplementary budget approved for that year). Any part of such a grant not expended or committed in that year shall be returned to the Representative Body.
- (e) Within one month of the end of each year the Complaints Committee shall submit to the Representative Body and the Standing Committee an income and expenditure account for the Complaints Committee for that year.

24 Duty to co-operate and Duty to have regard to Bishop's Role

- (a) It shall be the duty of every bishop and every member of the clergy of the Church of Ireland to co-operate fully at every phase of the disciplinary process provided for under this Part of this Chapter. It shall be the duty of every bishop and every such member (including those who are not involved in or the subject of the said disciplinary process) to provide such information, explanations, documents and computer and other electronic records as the Complaints Administrator, the Complaints Committee, a Disciplinary Tribunal or an Appeal Tribunal, as the case may be, may consider necessary to enable them to carry out their respective duties under this Part of this Chapter.
- (b) It shall be the duty of every lay member of the Church of Ireland to co-operate fully at every phase of the disciplinary process provided for under this Part of this Chapter. It shall be the duty of every such member (including such members who are not involved in or the subject of the said disciplinary process) to provide such information, explanations, documents and computer and other electronic records as the Complaints Administrator, the Complaints Committee, a Disciplinary Tribunal or an Appeal Tribunal, as the case may be, may consider necessary to enable them to carry out their respective duties under this Part of this Chapter.
- (c) The bishops and archbishops of the Church of Ireland have by virtue of their respective offices and consecration a role in administering discipline and each of the Disciplinary Bodies shall, in exercising its functions under this Part of this Chapter, have due regard to that role as outlined in section 19.
- (d) Members of the Complaints Committee and any Disciplinary Tribunal or Appeal Tribunal shall not be capable of performing any of the duties of office until they have signed the following declaration:

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I, A.B.,¹ (do solemnly declare that I am a member of the Church of Ireland, and a communicant of the said Church, and) being fully sensible how important it is that complaints involving members of the clergy and bishops of the Church of Ireland be adjudicated on in a fair and unbiased manner in accordance with proper procedures undertake that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my knowledge and power perform my duties as a member of

without fear or favour or affection or ill-will towards any person, and that I will uphold the Constitution and other laws of the Church of Ireland for the glory of God, the good of his Church, and the welfare of his people.

(Signed),

A.B.

Dated day of

25 Liability of Members of the Clergy and Bishops to Disciplinary Action

A member of the clergy or a bishop shall be liable to disciplinary action if he or she is guilty of:

- an act or omission which would have been a breach or violation of the ecclesiastical law of the United Church of England and Ireland, and an offence punishable by such law in Ireland, at the time of the passing of the Irish Church Act, 1869, and which is a breach or violation of the ecclesiastical law of the Church of Ireland for the time being;
- any crime for the time being punishable by law in any part of Ireland;
- failure to obey any order of a Diocesan Court, the Court of the General Synod or any Disciplinary Body;
- immorality;
- drunkenness or substance abuse;
- neglect of duty;
- conduct unbecoming to the sacred calling of a person in holy orders;

¹ The words in brackets shall be omitted when the declaration is made by a member of the clergy.

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- any other act or omission which is a breach or violation of the canons or other laws of the Church of Ireland, for the time being; or
- teaching or publishing of any doctrine contrary to the doctrines of the Church of Ireland.

26 Right to Make a Complaint

- (a) Any bishop, any member of the clergy or any lay member of the Church of Ireland who has a proper interest may bring to the attention of the Complaints Administrator any Complaint in respect of a member of the clergy by means of a written submission signed by such person.
- (b) Any bishop or any member of the clergy or any lay member of the Church of Ireland who has a proper interest may bring to the attention of the Complaints Administrator any complaint in respect of a bishop by means of a written submission signed by such person.
- (c) Any such written submission must be accompanied by the sum of £600 or €1,000 (or such other sum as the Rules Committee may from time to time prescribe). Such sum shall be held by the Complaints Administrator and shall be returned to the Complainant unless the Complaint is dismissed pursuant to section 27(a), 28(a) or the Complaints Committee is of the opinion that a prima facie case has not been made out in respect of the Complaint. Where such a written submission is made by a lay member or members of the Church of Ireland, it must incorporate a written confirmation on the part of each such lay member that he or she is a member of the Church of Ireland.

27 Processing of Complaints in respect of Members of the Clergy by the Complaints Administrator

- (a) If the Complaints Administrator is of the opinion that a Complaint made in respect of a member of the clergy discloses no reasonable grounds upon which a case could be made that the member of the clergy is liable to disciplinary action under this Part of this Chapter then, subject to obtaining the written approval of either the chairperson or vice chairperson of the Complaints Committee, the Complaints Administrator may dismiss the Complaint. Such a dismissal shall not be a defence to a subsequent Complaint in relation to the same or substantially the same matters.

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- (b) Unless a Complaint made in respect of a member of the clergy has been dismissed under section 27(a) or the relevant bishop has already determined that pastoral resolution in accordance with section 19 has not been possible or is not appropriate, the Complaints Administrator shall convey details of the Complaint to the bishop of the diocese in which the member of the clergy against whom the Complaint has been made is beneficed or licensed for pastoral resolution in accordance with section 19.
- (c) If and when a bishop determines that pastoral resolution of a Complaint in respect of a member of the clergy which has been referred to the bishop for pastoral resolution in accordance with section 19 is not possible or not appropriate, the Complaints Administrator shall convey such Complaint made to the Complaints Committee.
- (d) The bishop of the diocese in which the member of the clergy against whom a Complaint has been made is beneficed or licensed may, if the bishop considers it proper to do so, suspend from office that member of the clergy until such time as all disciplinary proceedings under this Part of this Chapter relating to that Complaint have been finally completed. Any member of the clergy so suspended may continue to reside in the glebe house and shall be entitled to a full stipend for the period of such suspension and such expenses as the bishop may determine. He or she must, however, if so required by the relevant bishop, deliver up to the bishop all books, keys and other property held by him or her by virtue of his or her office as are necessary to enable any member of the clergy, appointed by the bishop to look after the benefice during his or her period of suspension, to carry out his or her functions.

28 Processing of Complaints in respect of a Bishop by the Complaints Administrator

- (a) Where a Complaint is made against a bishop or archbishop, the Complaints Administrator shall, in the first instance, consult with the archbishop of the province, or in the case of an archbishop, the archbishop of the other province, and together they shall determine whether reasonable grounds have been disclosed upon which a case could be made that the bishop or archbishop is liable to disciplinary action under this Part of this Chapter. If they are of the opinion that the Complaint discloses no reasonable grounds then, subject to obtaining the written approval of either the chairperson or vice chairperson of the Complaints Committee, the Complaints Administrator may dismiss the Complaint. Such a dismissal shall not be a defence to a subsequent complaint in relation to the same or substantially the same matters.

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- (b) Unless a Complaint made in respect of a bishop has been dismissed under section 28(a) or the relevant archbishop has already determined that pastoral resolution in accordance with section 19 has not been possible or is not appropriate, the Complaints Administrator shall convey details of the Complaint to the archbishop of the relevant province or, in the case of an archbishop, the other province for pastoral resolution in accordance with section 19.
- (c) If and when an archbishop determines that pastoral resolution of a Complaint in respect of a bishop which has been referred to the archbishop for pastoral resolution in accordance with section 19 is not possible or not appropriate, the Complaints Administrator shall convey such Complaint made to the Complaints Committee.
- (d) The archbishop of the relevant province (or, in the case of a Complaint made against an archbishop, the archbishop of the other province) may, if the archbishop considers it proper to do so, suspend a bishop against whom a Complaint has been made from office until such time as all disciplinary proceedings under this Part of this Chapter relating to that Complaint have been finally completed. Any bishop so suspended may continue to reside in the see house and shall be entitled to a full stipend for the period of such suspension. The bishop must, however, if so required by the relevant archbishop, deliver up all books, keys and other property held by the bishop by virtue of the bishop's office.

29 Investigation of Complaints by the Complaints Committee

- (a) Where a Complaint has been conveyed to the Complaints Committee by the Complaints Administrator, the Complaints Committee shall investigate the Complaint in order to decide whether or not a prima facie case has been made out that the bishop or the member of the clergy concerned is liable to disciplinary action under this Part of this Chapter.

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- (b) Before reaching a decision as to whether or not such a prima facie case has been made out, the Complaints Committee shall:
 - (i) provide to the bishop or member of the clergy concerned, where the Complaint has been brought to the attention of the Complaints Administrator in writing, a copy of such writing and, where the Complaint was brought to the attention of the Complaints Administrator otherwise than in writing or came to the attention of the Complaints Administrator otherwise than as a result of a Complaint made by a Complainant, a synopsis prepared by the Complaints Administrator of the Complaint together with brief details of the material then before the Committee and upon which it proposes to base its decision as to whether or not a prima facie case has been made out; and
 - (ii) give the bishop or member of the clergy concerned an opportunity of making such written representations to it as he or she may consider appropriate to the deliberations of the Committee.
- (c) In addition the Complaints Committee may, in its absolute discretion, give the bishop or member of the clergy concerned, the Complainant and the Complaints Administrator an opportunity of being heard before it. If the Complaints Committee gives any of such persons such an opportunity it shall offer a like opportunity to the other(s) of them.
- (d) If the Complaints Committee is of the opinion that a prima facie case has not been made out in respect of any Complaint, it shall so notify in writing the bishop or member of the clergy concerned, the Complainant and the Complaints Administrator.
- (e) If the Complaints Committee is of the opinion that a prima facie case as aforesaid has been made out, it may in its absolute discretion:
 - (i) decide that no further action be taken on the Complaint or any specified part of it; or
 - (ii) decide that, notwithstanding such prima facie case, further consideration of the whole or part of the Complaint be deferred on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate; or
 - (iii) deal with the whole or part of the Complaint by way of a consent order under section 30; or

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- (iv) refer the Complaint to mediation in such manner as the Committee may direct; or
- (v) refer the whole or part of the Complaint to a Disciplinary Tribunal as a Formal Complaint in terms formulated by the Committee,

and the Complaints Committee shall notify, in writing, the bishop or member of the clergy concerned, the Complainant and the Complaints Administrator that a prima facie case has been made out against the bishop or member of the clergy concerned, and which course of action, of those listed in this section, the Complaints Committee intends to take.

30 Consent Orders

- (a) Where the Complaints Committee decides to deal with a Complaint by way of a consent order the provisions of this section shall apply.
- (b) The Complaints Committee may, with the agreement of the bishop or the member of the clergy concerned, make any one or more of the orders which, on finding a Formal Complaint proved, a Disciplinary Tribunal would have power to make in respect of a Respondent.
- (c) Any such order may be made upon such terms and conditions (if any) as the Complaints Committee may, in its absolute discretion, consider appropriate.
- (d) Before making any order under section 30(b) the Complaints Committee shall serve on the bishop or member of the clergy concerned a notice describing the order which it would make if the bishop or member of the clergy agrees.
- (e) A notice under section 30(d) must:
 - (i) explain the extent to which the finding of the Complaints Committee would be published and/or otherwise communicated to others; and
 - (ii) state that, if the bishop or member of the clergy does not agree in writing to the proposed action within a stated period, of not less than fourteen days, the Complaint will be referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal as a Formal Complaint.

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- (f) If, within the period stated in the notice (or such extended period, if any, as the Complaints Committee, in its absolute discretion, may allow), the bishop or member of the clergy concerned agrees in writing to the Complaints Committee proceeding as proposed in the notice, the Committee shall make the order specified in the notice unless, having regard to any further information which it has received, it is of the opinion:
 - (i) that a lesser or no sanction is appropriate, in which case it shall impose a lesser or no sanction, as the case may be;
 - (ii) that a smaller or no sum is appropriate by way of costs, in which case it shall order a smaller sum to be paid by way of costs or make no order as to costs, as the case may be;
 - (iii) that no prima facie case exists, in which case it shall so find; or
 - (iv) that a greater sanction is appropriate, in which case before taking any order that goes beyond that described in the notice served under section 30(d) it shall serve on the member of the clergy concerned a supplemental notice identifying the further information and indicating the alternative order the Complaints Committee intends making.
- (g) If the bishop or member of clergy concerned does not, within the period stated in the notice or supplemental notice (or such extended period as the Complaints Committee in its absolute discretion may have allowed), agree in writing to the Complaints Committee proceeding as proposed in such notice, the Complaints Committee shall refer the Complaint as a Formal Complaint to the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (h) The Complaints Committee may publish details of each consent order made by it in the Journal of the General Synod, and may otherwise publish or communicate details of any consent order in such manner as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit.

31 Disciplinary Tribunals

- (a) When a Formal Complaint is referred to a Disciplinary Tribunal by the Complaints Committee, the chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel or, failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of such Panel shall appoint a Disciplinary Tribunal from, except for any bishop appointed, the members of the Disciplinary Panel to hear the Formal Complaint. The Tribunal shall consist of a Lawyer as chairperson and one member of the clergy (or, where the Respondent is a bishop, one bishop nominated by the House of Bishops) and one layperson. No former member of the Complaints Committee who has been concerned with the Complaint which is the subject of the Formal Complaint shall be eligible for appointment to such Disciplinary Tribunal. No person who is ordinarily resident in the diocese in which the Respondent is benefited or licensed shall be eligible for appointment to such Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (b) If, for any reason, prior to the time fixed for the hearing of the Formal Complaint, any member of the Tribunal becomes unable to act, the chairperson or, failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel shall co-opt another eligible person from the Disciplinary Panel to act in his or her place.
- (c) If, for any reason, any member of the Disciplinary Tribunal (other than the chairperson thereof) is, during the course of the hearing, unable to continue to attend the hearing, the remaining members, provided that they are not less than two in number, may continue with the hearing, but if the Respondent is present they shall do so only if he or she consents. Save as aforesaid the Formal Complaint shall be re-heard by a new Disciplinary Tribunal appointed by the chairperson or, failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel in accordance with section 31(a).
- (d) If at any time during the hearing of a Formal Complaint, the Disciplinary Tribunal is of the opinion that it is for any reason inappropriate for it to complete the hearing, the chairperson or failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel shall appoint a new Disciplinary Tribunal to re-hear the Formal Complaint.
- (e) Where a Formal Complaint is re-heard pursuant to sections 31(c) or 31(d), none of the members of the original Tribunal may be appointed to the new Tribunal.

32 Consideration of Formal Complaints by Disciplinary Tribunal

- (a) As soon as practicable after its appointment, the Disciplinary Tribunal shall notify the Respondent, the Complaints Committee and, if there is one, the Complainant of the time (which shall not be sooner than 42 days from the date of such Notification) and place fixed for the hearing of the Formal Complaint.
- (b) The Disciplinary Tribunal shall give the person or persons presenting and prosecuting the Formal Complaint the opportunity of:
 - (i) attending and being heard at the hearing of the Formal Complaint;
 - (ii) adducing documentary evidence;
 - (iii) calling witnesses (including, if desired, any Complainant) to give evidence;
 - (iv) cross-examining witnesses called by the Respondent; and
 - (v) making such submissions as he or she wishes to the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (c) The Disciplinary Tribunal shall give the Respondent the opportunity of:
 - (i) attending and being heard at the hearing of the Formal Complaint;
 - (ii) if he or she so desires, being represented before the Disciplinary Tribunal by a member of the clergy, a solicitor or a barrister;
 - (iii) in addition to being given in advance of the hearing the material as provided for under section 32(e), hearing the evidence against him or her;
 - (iv) cross-examining witnesses called by the person or persons presenting and prosecuting the Formal Complaint in accordance with section 32(h);
 - (v) adducing documentary evidence;
 - (vi) calling witnesses to give evidence on his or her behalf; and
 - (vii) making such submissions as he or she wishes to the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (d) The Complainant who made the Complaint giving rise to a Formal Complaint may attend any hearing of the Disciplinary Tribunal relating to that Complaint even if the Tribunal determines that the hearing shall be held in private. Any Complainant attending a hearing shall do so as an observer only and shall not have any right of audience save as provided in section 37(c).

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- (e) At least fourteen days in advance of the hearing, the Complaints Administrator shall deliver to the Respondent copies of or a summary of any documents or other materials, if any, which, in addition to those made available to the Respondent under section 29(b), the person presenting and prosecuting the Formal Complaint intends to rely on, and a list of such witnesses as he or she proposes calling at the hearing.
- (f) At least seven days in advance of the hearing, the Respondent shall deliver to the Complaints Administrator a summary of the arguments to be presented in his or her defence, together with copies of such supporting documents as he or she proposes to rely on, and a list of such witnesses as he or she proposes calling on his or her behalf at the hearing. However, no failure by the Respondent to comply with this section 32(f) shall restrict the Respondent's rights under section 32(c). The Respondent shall not be precluded from raising any argument or relying on any document which was not included in the material so delivered or calling any witness who was not included in the list of witness so delivered.
- (g) If the Respondent does not attend the hearing fixed as aforesaid, then, the Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, either:
 - (i) provided the Disciplinary Tribunal is satisfied that notice of that hearing was given to the Respondent, proceed to hear the Formal Complaint in the absence of the Respondent; or
 - (ii) adjourn the hearing to such other date, venue and time as the Tribunal may in its absolute discretion, determine.

If it does so adjourn the hearing, the Disciplinary Tribunal shall give to the Respondent notice of the adjourned hearing.

- (h) The Complaints Committee may:
 - (i) appoint a solicitor or another suitable person; or
 - (ii) instruct a solicitor to brief counsel,to present and prosecute such Formal Complaint before the Disciplinary Tribunal appointed to hear such Formal Complaint and to appear on any appeal therefrom before the Appeal Tribunal appointed to hear such appeal.
- (i) A Disciplinary Tribunal may instruct a solicitor to act, or to brief counsel to act, as legal assessor on the hearing of any Formal Complaint.

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- (j) A Formal Complaint may only be withdrawn with the consent of the Disciplinary Tribunal appointed to hear that Formal Complaint.
- (k) A Disciplinary Tribunal may, on the application of the person or persons appointed under section 32(h), agree to the amendment of the terms of a Formal Complaint, provided it is satisfied that the Respondent would not be unfairly prejudiced thereby.
- (l) If, during the course of hearing a Formal Complaint, it becomes apparent to a Disciplinary Tribunal that the Respondent may be liable to disciplinary action in accordance with this Part of this Chapter in relation to matters not the subject matter of the Formal Complaint, it may amend the terms of the Formal Complaint to include those additional matters or it may bring those matters to the attention of the Complaints Administrator. If a Disciplinary Tribunal decides to amend a Formal Complaint it may, on the application of the Respondent or the person or persons appointed under section 32(h), adjourn the hearing for such period of time as may seem fit in the circumstances.
- (m) A Disciplinary Tribunal shall have a general discretion to grant extensions and abridgments of time, adjournments and postponements where it considers it fair and proper to do so.

33 Findings and Orders of Disciplinary Tribunals

- (a) If a Disciplinary Tribunal appointed to hear a Formal Complaint finds that the Formal Complaint has been proved in whole or in part in accordance with the standard of proof applicable in accordance with section 33(b), it shall make a finding to that effect; but if it finds that the Formal Complaint has not been proved in accordance with such applicable standard of proof, it shall dismiss the Formal Complaint.
- (b) Subject to section 33(c), a Formal Complaint against a Respondent shall not be proved in whole or in part unless and until it has been proved by the Complaints Committee to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Tribunal in accordance with the standard of proof applicable under this section. The standard of proof applicable shall be proof on the balance of probabilities.
- (c) If, in any proceedings before a Disciplinary Tribunal, it is proved that a member of the clergy has been found guilty of any crime for the time being punishable by law in any part of Ireland he or she shall be taken to have committed that crime unless the contrary is proved.

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- (d) If a Disciplinary Tribunal makes a finding that a Formal Complaint has been proved in whole or in part, it may make any one or more of the following orders against the Respondent as it considers appropriate having regard to the status of the Respondent, the Tribunal's views as to the nature and seriousness of the Formal Complaint, any previous Complaint in respect of which a finding or a finding and an order have been made against the Respondent and any other circumstances that the Tribunal considers relevant:
- (i) an order that no further action be taken on the Formal Complaint;
 - (ii) an order admonishing the Respondent;
 - (iii) an order severely admonishing the Respondent;
 - (iv) an order temporarily depriving the Respondent (who is a member of the clergy) of the Respondent's office;
 - (v) an order depriving the Respondent (who is a member of the clergy) of the Respondent's office;
 - (vi) an order deposing the Respondent (who is a member of the clergy) from holy orders;
 - (vii) an order temporarily depriving the Respondent (who is a bishop) of the Respondent's office; and
 - (viii) an order permanently depriving the Respondent (who is a bishop) of the Respondent's office.
- (e) If a Disciplinary Tribunal temporarily deprives a Respondent of his or her office it may also:
- (i) order the Respondent to deliver up all books, keys, and other property held by him or her by virtue of his or her office for the duration of the suspension; and / or
 - (ii) order that any moneys payable as stipend to the Respondent shall be sequestered for such period and subject to such conditions as the Disciplinary Tribunal may think fit.
- (f) A Disciplinary Tribunal may make an order requiring the Respondent to do or to refrain from doing an act.

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- (g) A Disciplinary Tribunal may also make an order for costs in accordance with section 38₂.
- (h) Any such order as is referred to in sections 33(d), 33 (e), 33 (f) and 33 (g) may be made upon such terms and conditions (if any) as the Disciplinary Tribunal may in its absolute discretion, consider appropriate.
- (i) Subject to section 34(i), an order of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall take effect from the expiry of the appeal period referred to in section 34(c). Notice of any finding or order of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall as soon as practicable be given to the Respondent and, if there is one, to the Complainant and to the Complaints Committee.
- (j) Details of each order made by a Disciplinary Tribunal shall be published in the Journal of the General Synod.
- (k) A copy of all pleadings and documents filed in any proceedings before a Disciplinary Tribunal shall be filed of record in the registry maintained by the Complaints Administrator. All such pleadings and documents shall be open to inspection by the parties to the proceedings in question and, at the discretion of the Complaints Committee, to any other person.

34 Appeals and Appointment of Appeal Tribunal

- (a) A Respondent may appeal against a finding or order of a Disciplinary Tribunal on the grounds that:
 - (i) the finding is wrong; and / or
 - (ii) the order is excessive; and / or
 - (iii) the finding and / or the order is flawed because of a serious procedural or other irregularity in the proceedings before the Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (b) No appeal shall lie in respect of a matter of doctrine or ritual on which the House of Bishops has issued a statement in accordance with section 39.

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- (c) If a Respondent wishes to appeal a finding or order of a Disciplinary Tribunal, he or she must within 21 days (or such longer period as the Disciplinary Tribunal may allow) of the date of the service upon him or her of such order, give notice of appeal to the chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel. Any such notice shall state the grounds of appeal and the grounds so stated shall not thereafter be amended except with the leave of the Appeal Tribunal appointed to hear such appeal.
- (d) The chairperson or, failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel shall as soon as practicable after the receipt of such notice of appeal appoint an Appeal Tribunal from, except for any bishops appointed, the members of the Disciplinary Panel. Where the Appellant is a member of the clergy the Appeal Tribunal shall consist of a lawyer as chairperson, one layperson and one member of the clergy. Where the Appellant is a bishop, the Appeal Tribunal shall consist of a lawyer as chairman, two laypersons and two bishops nominated by the House of Bishops. No former member of the Complaints Committee or Disciplinary Panel who has been concerned with the Complaint or Formal Complaint which is the subject of the appeal shall be eligible for appointment to such Appeal Tribunal. No person who is ordinarily resident in the diocese in which the Appellant is beneficial or licensed shall be eligible for appointment to such Appeal Tribunal.
- (e) If, for any reason, prior to the time fixed for the hearing of the Appeal, any member of the Appeal Tribunal becomes unable to act, the chairperson or, failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel shall co-opt another eligible person from the Disciplinary Panel to act in his or her place.
- (f) If, for any reason, any member of the Appeal Tribunal (other than the chairperson thereof) is, during the course of the hearing, unable to continue to attend the hearing, the remaining members, provided that they are not less than three in number, may continue with the hearing, but if the Appellant is present they shall do so only if he or she consents. Save as aforesaid the appeal shall be re-heard by a new Appeal Tribunal appointed by the chairperson or, failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel.
- (g) If at any time during the course of the hearing of an appeal the Appeal Tribunal is of the opinion that it is for any reason inappropriate for it to complete the hearing, the chairperson or, failing him or her, the vice-chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel shall appoint a new Appeal Tribunal to re-hear the appeal.
- (h) Where an appeal is re-heard pursuant to sections 34(f) or 34(g), none of the members of the original Appeal Tribunal may be appointed to the new Appeal Tribunal.

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- (i) If notice of appeal is served on the chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel in accordance with section 34(c) the order of Disciplinary Tribunal shall not have effect until the appeal has been withdrawn or determined and, where determined, it shall only have effect in accordance with the order of the Appeal Tribunal.

35 Hearing of Appeals by Appeal Tribunal

- (a) As soon as practicable after its appointment, the Appeal Tribunal shall notify the Appellant, the Complaints Committee and, if there is one, the Complainant of the time (which shall not be sooner than 42 days from the date of such notification) and place fixed for the hearing of the appeal.
- (b) Unless the Appellant, the Complaints Committee and the Appeal Tribunal agree otherwise, appeals shall be conducted and heard as follows:
 - (i) in the case of an appeal on the grounds set out in section 34(a)(i) (or an appeal which includes those grounds), the appeal (or that part of the appeal, as the case may be) on such grounds shall be by way of re-hearing and shall be conducted and heard as though at first instance, in which case, the Complaints Committee shall first present its case to the Appeal Tribunal with the same burden and standard of proof as applied before the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Appellant may then present its case; and
 - (ii) in the case of an appeal made on the grounds set out in sections 34(a)(ii) or 34(a)(iii) (or an appeal which includes those grounds), the appeal (or that part of the appeal, as the case may be) on such grounds shall be heard in such manner as the Appeal Tribunal appointed to hear such appeal may, in its absolute discretion, direct.

The Appeal Tribunal appointed to hear an appeal may, in its absolute discretion, admit any evidence not presented at the hearing of the Formal Complaint by the Disciplinary Tribunal. If either the Appellant or the Complaints Committee wish to introduce any new evidence not presented at the hearing of the Formal Complaint by the Disciplinary Tribunal they shall give the other and the Disciplinary Tribunal notice of such desire at least 14 days prior to the date set for the hearing of the appeal.

- (c) The Appeal Tribunal shall give the Appellant the opportunity of:
 - (i) attending and being heard at the hearing of appeal;

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- (ii) if he or she so desires, being represented before the Appeal Tribunal by a member of the clergy, a solicitor or a barrister;
 - (iii) hearing the evidence put forward by or on behalf of the Complaints Committee;
 - (iv) cross-examining witnesses called by the person or persons appointed under section 32(h);
 - (v) adducing documentary evidence;
 - (vi) calling witnesses to give evidence on his or her behalf; and
 - (vii) making such submissions as he or she wishes to the Appeal Tribunal.
- (d) The Appeal Tribunal shall give the Complaints Committee the opportunity of:
- (i) attending and being heard at the hearing of the appeal;
 - (ii) adducing documentary evidence;
 - (iii) calling witnesses (including, if desired, any Complainant) to give evidence;
 - (iv) cross-examining witnesses called by the Appellant; and
 - (v) making such submissions as they wish to the Appeal Tribunal.
- (e) The Complainant who made the Complaint giving rise to the appeal may attend at the hearing of the appeal even if the Appeal Tribunal determines that the hearing shall be held in private. Any Complainant attending a hearing shall do so as an observer and shall have no right of audience save as provided in section 37(c).
- (f) If the Appellant does not attend the hearing fixed as aforesaid, then the Appeal Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, either:
- (i) provided that the Appeal Tribunal is satisfied that notice of that hearing was given to the Appellant or Appellants, dismiss the appeal; or
 - (ii) adjourn the appeal hearing to such other date, venue and time as it may, in its absolute discretion, determine.

If it does so adjourn the hearing, the Appeal Tribunal shall give to the Appellant notice of the dismissal and / or adjourned hearing.

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- (g) If the Appeal Tribunal dismisses an appeal pursuant to section 35(f) and the Appellant applies to have the appeal re-listed for hearing within 21 days of the Notice of Dismissal being sent to the Appellant, the Appeal Tribunal may re-list the appeal if, in its absolute discretion, it is satisfied that the non-attendance of the Appellant at the appeal was for some reason which merits the reversal of the dismissal.
- (h) The Appeal Tribunal may instruct a solicitor to act, or to brief counsel to act, as legal assessor on the hearing of any appeal.
- (i) An appeal may only be withdrawn with the consent of the Appeal Tribunal appointed to hear that appeal.
- (j) If, during the course of hearing an appeal, it becomes apparent to an Appeal Tribunal that the Appellant may be liable to disciplinary action in accordance with this Part of this Chapter in relation to matters not the subject matter of the appeal, it may bring those matters to the attention of the Complaints Administrator.
- (k) An Appeal Tribunal shall have a general discretion to grant extensions and abridgments of time, adjournments and postponements where it considers it fair and proper to do so.

36 Orders of Appeal Tribunal

- (a) On any appeal, the Appeal Tribunal may affirm, vary or rescind any finding or order of the Disciplinary Tribunal in respect of which the appeal was brought, and may substitute any other finding or order (on such terms and conditions (if any) as it, in its absolute discretion, considers appropriate) which the Disciplinary Tribunal might have made on the original Formal Complaint, or may, if the Appeal Tribunal, in its absolute discretion, considers it appropriate, order that the Formal Complaint which resulted in the finding or order of the Disciplinary Tribunal in respect of which the appeal was brought be heard de novo by a different Disciplinary Tribunal. An Appeal Tribunal may also make an order for costs under section 38.
- (b) An order of the Appeal Tribunal shall take effect as from the date thereof unless the Appeal Tribunal, in its absolute discretion, directs that it shall take effect from some other date (not being earlier than the date of the order appealed against) as shall be specified in the order.

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- (c) Notice of any finding or order of the Appeal Tribunal shall as soon as practicable be given to the Appellant, and, if there is one, to the Complainant and to the Complaints Committee.
- (d) Details of each order made by an Appeals Tribunal shall be published in the Journal of the General Synod.
- (e) A copy of all pleadings and documents filed in any proceedings before an Appeal Tribunal shall be filed of record in the registry maintained by the Complaints Administrator. All such pleadings and documents shall be open to inspection by the parties to the proceedings in question and, at the discretion of the Complaints Committee, to any other person.

37 Hearings of Tribunals to be in Public

- (a) All hearings by a Disciplinary Tribunal or an Appeal Tribunal may be held in public unless:
 - (i) not later than 14 days before the date set for the hearing, an application is made to the Tribunal by the Complainant, the Respondent or Appellant (as the case may be) or the Complaints Committee to have the hearing or part of it held in private; and
 - (ii) the Tribunal, in its absolute discretion, determines that the holding in public of any hearing or any part thereof would be inappropriate.

If the Tribunal determines that any hearing or any part thereof should not be held in public, then that hearing or the relevant part thereof shall be held in private.

- (b) On receipt of an application under section 37(a), the Tribunal will inform the Complainant, the Respondent or Appellant (as the case may be) and the Complaints Committee of the fact that application has been made to the Tribunal to have the whole or part of the hearing held in private and invite the said persons (and any other person it considers may be affected) to make such written submissions, if any, as they wish on the issue of whether or not the hearing, or the part of the hearing in issue, should be heard otherwise than in public.

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- (c) In addition the Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, give each of the Respondent or Appellant (as the case may be), the Complainant and the Complaints Committee (and any other person it considers may be affected) an opportunity of being heard before it in relation to whether or not the hearing or any part thereof should be heard in private. If the Tribunal gives any of such persons such an opportunity it shall offer a like opportunity to the other or others of them. Any such hearing shall be in private.
- (d) A Tribunal shall not consider an application to have a hearing held in private which is brought otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this section 37 and, in particular, shall not consider an application which is not brought within the time period specified in section 37(a).
- (e) A Tribunal may require any person attending a hearing (whether held in public or private) to give their name and address.
- (f) A Tribunal may expel from a hearing any person who is or becomes disruptive to the proceedings of such Tribunal or who fails to comply with section 37(e).

38 Costs

- (a) In addition to such other orders as may be made by a Disciplinary Tribunal or an Appeal Tribunal (including an order that no further action be taken) a Disciplinary Tribunal or an Appeal Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, direct that the Respondent or Appellant, as the case may be, pay the Complaints Committee such sum for costs as the Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, determine.
- (b) In determining such sum for costs:
 - (i) the Disciplinary Tribunal may take account of any and all fees, costs and expenses of whatsoever nature incurred by or on behalf of the Disciplinary Bodies, in relation to the Complaint and Formal Complaint; and
 - (ii) the Appeal Tribunal may take account of such fees, costs and expenses as the Disciplinary Tribunal may take account of and also any and all fees, costs and expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Disciplinary Bodies in relation to the appeal.

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- (c) Any such costs shall be paid within twenty-one days of the date of the service upon the Respondent or Appellant, as the case may be, of the order in respect of costs save that if notice of appeal in accordance with section 34(c) is given costs awarded by a Disciplinary Tribunal shall not be payable until the determination of the appeal, and then subject to any order made by the Appeal Tribunal in relation thereto.
- (d) Any sum payable under any order for costs shall be deemed to be a contract debt due from the Respondent or Appellant in question to the Complaints Committee and shall be recoverable by action.
- (e) Save as provided in section 38(f), neither a Respondent nor an Appellant, as the case may be, shall be entitled to any award of costs as against any Disciplinary Body or any other party whatsoever in relation to any fees, costs and expenses of whatsoever nature incurred by or on behalf of the Respondent or the Appellant, as the case may be, in relation to the Complaint, Formal Complaint or the appeal.
- (f) If a Complaint is found not proven in whole or in part, the Respondent or the Appellant (as the case may be) may apply to the Disciplinary Tribunal or the Appeal Tribunal for his or her costs. However, costs do not automatically follow the event. The Disciplinary Tribunal or the Appeal Tribunal may order the payment in favour of the Respondent or the Appellant out of the General Purposes Fund of such sum for costs as the Disciplinary Tribunal or the Appeal Tribunal may determine, up to the maximum level as decided upon from time to time by the Representative Body, upon consideration of the following factors:
 - (i) the extent to which the Disciplinary Bodies acted reasonably in the exercise of their respective duties;
 - (ii) the financial prejudice to the Respondent or Appellant concerned if an order for costs was not to be made in his or her favour;
 - (iii) whether it is just and reasonable to award costs; and
 - (iv) the need for the Disciplinary Bodies to make reasonable and apparently sound decisions without the General Synod suffering financial prejudice if those decisions are successfully challenged.

Payment of any sum so ordered to be paid out of the General Purposes Fund may, in the light of the resources available to the General Purposes Fund and the other demands on it, be deferred and paid over such period of time as the Representative Body may consider is reasonable in the circumstances.

- (g) An Appeal Tribunal may, in its order, reduce or increase any costs ordered by the Disciplinary Tribunal in addition to any order it may make in relation to the costs of the appeal.

39 Matters of Doctrine and Ritual

- (a) Where, in any matter which may be before a Disciplinary or Appeal Tribunal, a question relating to the doctrine or ritual of the Church of Ireland arises that Tribunal shall, if it considers that an understanding of the doctrine or ritual concerned is necessary to enable it to make a ruling on the matter, request the House of Bishops to issue a statement setting out the collective understanding of the House of Bishops of the current and orthodox position of the Church of Ireland on such doctrine and ritual.
- (b) A Disciplinary Tribunal or Appeal Tribunal which has made a request to the House of Bishops in accordance with section 39(a) shall adjourn, in such manner as it thinks fit, the hearing of the matter that has given rise to such request until the House of Bishops has given its statement.
- (c) The terms of the request to the House of Bishops will be settled by agreement between the Respondent or Appellant (as the case may be) on the one hand and the person or persons appointed under section 32(h) on the other hand with the approval of the relevant Tribunal or, in default of agreement, by the relevant Tribunal. Once settled the request will be signed by the chairperson of the Tribunal and forwarded to the secretary to the House of Bishops.
- (d) The Respondent or, as the case may be, the Appellant and the person or persons appointed under 32(h) shall be entitled to make written submissions to the House of Bishops on the subject matter of the request.
- (e) On receipt of a request under this section the House of Bishops shall meet to consider such request and, having considered any written submissions made to it and followed whatever procedures, in its absolute discretion, it considers appropriate, shall give its statement in writing on the request. Where the matter giving rise to the request involves a bishop, such bishop shall not partake in the consideration by the House of Bishops of the question of doctrine or ritual that arises.

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- (f) The statement of the House of Bishops on a request made in accordance with this section shall be binding on the Respondent or, as the case may be, the Appellant and the Tribunal concerned solely in respect of the matter under consideration by the Tribunal.

40 Register

- (a) The Complaints Administrator shall maintain a register of all orders made by any Disciplinary Tribunal and any Appeal Tribunal. Such register will be open to inspection by members of the public during normal opening hours at the Representative Church Body Library.
- (b) If any person believes that an error has been made in any entry in such register, he or she may apply to the Complaints Administrator to have the error rectified. If the Complaints Administrator determines that an error has been made the Complaints Administrator shall duly rectify the register.

41 Indemnity

- (a) The members of the Disciplinary Bodies shall be indemnified by the Representative Body from all losses and expenses incurred by them in or about the discharge of their respective duties, except for any loss or expense as happen from their own respective wilful act, neglect or default.
- (b) No member of a Disciplinary Body shall be liable for any act, omission or default of any other member of a Disciplinary Body unless the same happens from his or her own wilful act, neglect or default.

42 Transitional Provisions

- (a) Any proceedings commenced before a Diocesan Court or the Court of the General Synod before 1 January 2009 shall continue to be governed by the provisions in that behalf of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland as were in force immediately prior to that date.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything in this Part of this Chapter, no sanction may be imposed on a bishop or a member of the clergy by a Disciplinary Tribunal or by an Appeal Tribunal, which was not provided for in the Constitution of the Church of Ireland effective at the time the event, which rendered such bishop or member of the clergy liable to such sanction, occurred.

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- (c) No bishop or member of the clergy may be subject to disciplinary action on grounds that would not have rendered the bishop or member of the clergy in question liable to disciplinary action under the Constitution of the Church of Ireland effective at the time the alleged event, giving rise to such disciplinary action, occurred.

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APPENDIX A

FORM OF PETITION

In the Diocesan Court of _____ [or In the Court of the General Synod,
as the case may be].

A. B., Petitioner.
C. D., Respondent.

I, A.B. of _____, a member of the Church of Ireland and having agreed to submit to the authority of the Church of Ireland and the laws and tribunals thereof, petitioner, do hereby seek the following relief [*here state the relief sought*]

I seek that relief on the following grounds, that is to say [*here state the grounds*],
A. B., petitioner.

Dated this _____ day of _____ .

APPENDIX B

FORM OF APPEAL

In the Court of the General Synod.

A. B., Appellant.
C. D., Respondent.

I, A. B., the respondent [*or petitioner, as the case may be*], in a cause in the Diocesan Court of the _____ dioceses of _____ of _____, in which C.D., now of _____, herein named as respondent, was petitioner [*or respondent, as the case may be*], do hereby appeal from the judgment or order of the said Diocesan Court, pronounced in the said cause on the _____ day of _____, upon the following grounds, that is to say [*here state the grounds of the appeal*]. And having lodged £ _____ / € _____ as security for the costs and expenses, I require my appeal to be heard by the Court of the General Synod.

A. B., appellant.

Dated this _____ day of _____ .

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SCHEDULE II

**AMENDMENTS TO SEVERAL CHAPTERS OF
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND**

1. For section 31 (1) (b) of Chapter IV there shall be substituted:

‘(b) a judgment of the Court of General Synod under section 34 of this Chapter or an order made by a Disciplinary Tribunal under section 32 (d) (v) or (vi) of Chapter VIII or an order made by an Appeal Tribunal under section 35 of Chapter VIII.’
2. For section 43 of Chapter IX there shall be substituted:

‘43. Penalty for wilful breach of any Canon

Any lay member of the Church of Ireland accused of any violation of those Canons may be charged before the Court of General Synod or the Diocesan Court (as the circumstances of the case may require) in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.’
3. In section 23 of Chapter XIV for the words ‘courts of the Church of Ireland’ there shall be substituted the words ‘courts and tribunals of the Church of Ireland.’

CHAPTER II

To amend Chapters VI and XIV of the Constitution

WHEREAS a change is required in the normal retirement age for clergy who on or after 1 January 2009 become members of the Clergy Pensions Fund established under Chapter XIV of the Constitution and hereinafter referred to as 'The Fund' and whereas in order to maintain the solvency of the Fund it is also necessary to make changes to the early and late retirement factors affecting clergy who are members of the Fund;

AND WHEREAS for such purposes it is necessary to amend Chapters VI and XIV of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS the Church of Ireland Pensions Board has certified that on the enactment of this Statute the Fund should remain solvent as required by Section 16(1) of Chapter XIV 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 Galway in the Year 2008, and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. In this Statute 'Chapter XIV' means Chapter XIV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.
2. (i) For section 24 of Chapter VI of the Constitution there shall be substituted the following:
24. In this part "normal retirement age" and "episcopal service" shall have the meanings given to them by section 2 of Chapter XIV.
(ii) In subsections 25, 26, 27 and 28 of the said Chapter VI for the words 'the age of 65 years' wherever they occur there shall be substituted the words 'normal retirement age'.
3. For section 2 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:
 2. For the purpose of this Chapter and of any regulations made thereunder, except so far as is otherwise provided or the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) the "Board" means the Church of Ireland Pensions Board established in accordance with this Chapter.

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- (b) “voluntary member” means a member of the clergy who was permitted to continue to be a contributor in accordance with section 22 of Chapter XIV of the Constitution 1972.
- (c) “orphan” or “child” as the case may be shall include a stepchild and a child legally adopted by a member of the Fund.
- (d) “normal retirement age” shall mean in respect of those members who are members of the Fund on or before 31 December 2008 age 65, or in respect of those members who become members of the Fund on or after 1 January 2009 age 67, subject to the proviso that in respect of those members who have ceased to be contributing members and who re-enter membership of the Fund on or after 1 January 2009 normal retirement age shall mean age 67.
- (e) “benefits” shall include
 - (i) retirement pension or retirement annuity payable to a member of the clergy;
 - (ii) pension or annuity payable to a surviving spouse;
 - (iii) child dependency allowances;
 - (iv) a lump sum payable either to a member or to such member’s legal personal representatives.
- (f) “member of the clergy” shall include an archbishop and bishop, but shall not include an auxiliary deacon or an auxiliary priest licensed as such under the rules drawn up by the House of Bishops and approved by the General Synod.
- (g) “contribution” shall mean a contribution payable under this Chapter together with any interest charged thereon.
- (h) “year of service” shall mean a year in respect of which a contribution has been paid to the Fund or, in accordance with any reciprocal agreement with another Church, is deemed to have been paid.
- (i) “episcopal service” shall mean service as a member of the House of Bishops of the Church of Ireland.

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- (j) “accrued service” shall mean the number of years service which a member has completed and in the event of the final year of service being incomplete shall include such part of that year as was completed in terms of days.
 - (k) “total prospective service” shall mean the number of years service which a member would have achieved on reaching normal retirement age having remained a member until that date.
 - (l) “accrued pension accumulation” in respect of a member of the clergy who ceases to be a contributing member shall be the benefits to which the member would have been entitled on reaching normal retirement age calculated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter (but based upon the minimum approved stipend prevailing at the date on which the member ceased to be a contributing member) reduced by applying to such benefits the ratio of such person’s accrued service to total prospective service.
 - (m) “Revenue Authorities” means, in relation to the Republic of Ireland the Revenue Commissioners and in relation to Northern Ireland the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.
- 4. In section 34 of Chapter XIV for the words “the age of 65 years” there shall be substituted the words “normal retirement age”.
 - 5. In section 40(4) of Chapter XIV for the words “age 65” wherever they occur there shall be substituted the words “normal retirement age.”
6. For section 42 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:
- 42.(1) A member, who is a member of the Fund on or before 31 December 2008 and for whom normal retirement age is 65, who retires on reaching the age of 65 shall receive a pension calculated in the following manner, that is to say, the number of completed years of service in the Church of Ireland, but excluding such years in excess of 40, multiplied by one sixtieth part of the minimum approved stipend for the purposes of section 51(1) of Chapter IV in force on the last day of service.
 - (2) Such a member who completes 40 years’ services in the Church of Ireland before reaching the age of 65 years shall be deemed for the purposes of this section to have reached that age.
7. For section 43 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:

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- 43.(1) A member, who has entered membership of the Fund on or after 1 January 2009 and for whom normal retirement age is 67, who retires on reaching the age of 67 shall receive a pension calculated in the following manner, that is to say, the number of completed years of services in the Church of Ireland, but excluding such years in excess of 40, multiplied by one sixtieth part of the minimum approved stipend for the purposes of section 51(1) of Chapter IV in force on the last day of service.
- (2) Such a member who completes 42 years' service in the Church of Ireland before reaching the age of 67 years shall be deemed for the purposes of this section to have reached that age.

8. For section 44 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:

- 44.(1) On or before 31 December 2008 a member of the Fund who has completed two years' service in the Church of Ireland may retire after attaining the age of 60 years at such member's own option, and the pension payable shall be the product of a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 42, multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the following table:

Optional Retirement Age	Rate %
60	79
61	83
62	87
63	91
64	95

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- (2) On or after 1 January 2009 a member of the Fund who has completed two years' service in the Church of Ireland may retire after attaining the age of 60 years at such member's own option, and the pension payable shall be the product of a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 42 or section 43 as the case may be, multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the following table which shall be operative in respect of pensions, payment of which commences on or after 1 January 2009:

Years before normal retirement age	Rate %
7	67
6	71
5	75
4	79
3	84
2	89
1	94

9. For section 45 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:
45. A member who is under normal retirement age and who retired on the grounds of ill health under section 41(b) and who cannot be expected to return to duty or take up regular employment shall receive a disability pension for the duration of such member's incapacity for work equal to 90% of a pension calculated in the manner laid down in section 42 or section 43 as the case may be, subject to a minimum pension of 15% of the minimum approved stipend for the purposes of section 51 (1) of Chapter IV in force on the last day of service.

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Provided that if a member to whom this section refers is unable to carry out ministerial or official duties for a period of six months (or such shorter period not in any event being less than three months as the Board may in any particular case determine) before the date of retirement, such member's pension shall be calculated in the manner laid down in section 42 or section 43 as the case may be, subject to a minimum pension of 15% of the minimum approved stipend for the purposes of section 51(1) of Chapter IV in force on the last day of service.

10. For section 46 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:

- 46.(1) A member in the service of the Church of Ireland who reaches the age of 65 and who retires on or before 31 December 2008 shall be entitled to a pension calculated in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.
- (2) A member in the service of the Church of Ireland on 31 December 2008, who has reached the age of 65 years on that date and retires on or after 1 January 2009, shall be entitled to a pension calculated in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) of this section and section 47(1) calculated in the following manner: the pension as calculated as at 31 December 2008 in accordance with subsection (3) of this section multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the Table as set out in section 47(1). The year 2009 (or a portion thereof if less than one year) will be deemed to be Year 1 after normal retirement age for the purposes of the calculation.
- (3) In respect of a member who retires under either subsections (1) or (2) above, the following shall be the basis of calculation:

The pension shall be the product of a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 42 applied as on the day on which such member reached the age of 65 years, multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the following table:

Postponed Retirement Age	Rate %
66	110
67	122
68	135

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Provided that, if the pension were to be greater if it were calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 42 relating to:

- (a) years of service to the date of retirement excluding any years in excess of 45; and
- (b) minimum approved stipend for 2008 for the purposes of section 51(1) of Chapter IV,

that member shall receive instead such increased pension.

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11. For section 47 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:

47. (1) A member in the service of the Church of Ireland who is a member on 31 December 2008 but has not yet reached normal retirement age, shall be entitled to a pension which shall be the product of a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 42 applied on the day on which that member reached normal retirement age, multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the following table:

Years after normal retirement age	Rate %
1	106
2	113
3	121
4	129
5	138
6	147
7	157
8	169
9	181
10	194

- (2) A member in the service of the Church of Ireland who becomes a member on or after 1 January 2009 shall be entitled to a pension which shall be the product of a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 43 applied on the day on which that member reaches normal retirement age, multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the following table:

Years after normal retirement age	Rate %
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1	106
2	113
3	121
4	129
5	138
6	147
7	157
8	169

12. For section 48(1) of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:
 48. (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of sections 26, 34 and 35 of this Chapter and subject to sections 43, 47, and 48 of this Chapter and to subsection (2) below a member, in anticipation of such member's inability to complete, for pension purposes, 40 years of service before reaching normal retirement age, may make additional personal contributions in respect of that member's membership of the Fund.
13. In section 51 of Chapter XIV for the words 'the age of 65 years' there shall be substituted the words 'normal retirement age.'
14. In section 52(2) for the words 'the age of 65 years' there shall be substituted the words 'normal retirement age'.
15. In section 53(1)(a) for the words 'the age of 65 years' there shall be substituted the words 'normal retirement age' and for the words '65 years of age' there shall be substituted 'normal retirement age'.
16. (i) In section 72(1) for the words 'under 65 years' there shall be substituted 'under normal retirement age'; and
 (ii) In section 72(5) for the words 'the age of 65 years' there shall be substituted 'normal retirement age'.
17. (i) In section 74(1) the words '(other than any to whom section 46 applies)' shall be repealed; and

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- (ii) In section 74(2)(i) for the words ‘under section 45’ there shall be substituted the words ‘under section 47’.
18. In section 76(b) for the words ‘under sections 42 to 45 (inclusive)’ there shall be substituted the words ‘under section 42 to 47 inclusive’.
19. In section 78, 79(2) and 80(1) for the phrase ‘the age of 65 years’ wherever it occurs there shall be substituted the phrase ‘normal retirement age’.
20. In section 80(1) for the words ‘65 years of age’ there shall be substituted the words ‘normal retirement age’.
21. For subsections (1) and (2) of section 86 there shall be substituted the following:
86. (1) A member in the service of the Church of Ireland in the Republic of Ireland on reaching normal retirement age may opt either
- (a) to commute not more than one fourth of the pension to which such member would be entitled upon retiring on that day into a lump sum at the rate of € of lump sum for each € of pension commuted, in which case the lump sum shall be payable forthwith and the pension entitlement under section 42, section 46, section 47 or section 74 shall be reduced by a percentage identical with the percentage of the pension which has been commuted; or
 - (b) to defer a decision until retirement.
- (2) A member who retires from the service of the Church of Ireland before reaching normal retirement age, or who retires after reaching that age (having deferred a decision under sub-section (1) if appropriate) may opt to commute not more than one fourth of the pension to which such member is entitled into a lump sum at the rate of £9 of lump sum for each £1 of pension commuted or € of lump sum for each € of pension commuted (as the case may be).

CHAPTER III

To amend the Statute, Chapter V of 1944

WHEREAS it is desirable to make future provision for the regulation of the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Anne, Belfast.

AND WHEREAS the Diocesan Synod of Connor with the consent of the Standing Committee of the General Synod, on 12 October 2006, established an Archdeaconry of Belfast pursuant to Section 38 (a) of Chapter II of the Constitution.

AND WHEREAS the provisions of this Bill have the consent of the Ordinary and the approval of the Bishop of Down and Dromore and were adopted by the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Anne, Belfast, by resolution passed at a meeting held on Thursday 8th November 2007.

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Galway in the year 2008 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. That portion of Section 5 of the Statute Chapter V of 1944 (as amended) which provides for the filling of the office of Precentor shall be amended by deleting the words “Archdeacon of Connor” and substituting therefore the words “Archdeacon of Belfast”.

CHAPTER IV

To amend Part III, Section 42 and 43 of Chapter II of the Constitution

WHEREAS it is expedient to permit rural deaneries to be a division of an archdeaconry or of a diocese or united dioceses under the jurisdiction of one bishop;

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Galway in the year 2008 and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. For Section 42 and 43 of Part III of Chapter II of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, there shall be substituted the following:
 42. Each diocese or united dioceses under the jurisdiction of one bishop, or any archdeaconry in such diocese or united dioceses, may be divided into such number of rural deaneries as the diocesan synod or diocesan synods of the said diocese or united dioceses, shall from time to time determine, and the parishes to be included in each such rural deanery shall be determined by the said diocesan synod or diocesan synods.
 43. Rural deans shall be appointed by the bishop of the diocese from among the beneficed or licensed clergy of the diocese or the united dioceses and shall hold office during the bishop's will and pleasure.

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Cap.	i.	Court of General Synod.	All except repealing clause repealed by 1899, C.i.
"	ii.	Glebes.	Repealed by 1899, C.i.
"	iii.	Widows and Orphans.	Repealed by 1899, C.i.
1896			
No Statutes.			

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1897			
Cap.	i.	Retirement of Bishops.	All except s.14 repealed by 1899, C.i.
"	ii.	Incumbents Mentally Incapacitated.	Repealed by 1899, C.i.
"	iii.	Glebes.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	iv.	Election of Bishops.	Repealed by 1899, C.i.
"	v.	Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1899, C.i.
1898			
No Statutes.			
1899			
Cap.	i.	Consolidation of Constitution.	1st schedule (except Preamble and Declaration and Chapter IX) repealed by 1909, C.i. Repealed by 1944, C.v.
"	ii.	Belfast Cathedral.	
1900			
Cap.	i.	Election of Bishops.	Repealed by 1909, C.i.
"	ii.	Downpatrick Cathedral.	-
"	iii.	Diocesan Boundaries.	-
"	iv.	General Synod. Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1909, C.i.
1901			
Cap.	i.	Ferns Cathedral.	-
"	ii.	Limerick Cathedral.	-
1902			
Cap.	i.	Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.	ss. 11,13,14 amended by 1997, C.ii. s.3 amended by 1971, C.ix. s.11 amended by 1920, C.v. ss.12,16 and 17 amended by 1920, special session, C.vi. s.14 amended by 1920, C.v. and 1920, special session, C.vi.
1903			
Cap.	i.	Appointment to Cures.	Repealed by 1909, C.i.
1904			
No Statutes.			
1905			
Cap.	i.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Schedule repealed by 1909, C.i.
1906			
Cap.	i.	Archdeacons.	Repealed by 1909, C.i.
"	ii.	Glebes.	Repealed by 1909, C.i.
"	iii.	Court of General Synod.	Repealed by 1909, C.i.
"	iv.	Cathedrals.	Repealed by 1909, C.i.
"	v.	Widows and Orphans.	All except repealing clause repealed by 1909, C.i.
1907			
No Statutes.			

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1908			
Cap.	i.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1909, C.i.
1909			
Cap.	i.	Consolidation of Constitution.	1st schedule (except Preamble and Declaration and Chapter IX) repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	ii.	Diocesan Boundaries. (Note - a statute concerning appointments to cures was also passed, and was incorporated in Cap.i.)	-
1910			
No Statutes.			
1911			
No Statutes.			
1912			
Cap.	i.	Glebes and Parochial Buildings.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	ii.	Easter Vestry. Registers of Vestrymen.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
1913			
Cap.	i.	Divinity Hostel.	s.2 amended by 1943, C.ii.
"	ii.	General Synod.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
1914			
Cap.	i.	Ecclesiastical Tribunals.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	ii.	Widows and Orphans.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	iii.	Table of Lessons.	-
"	iv.	Table of Lessons.	-
"	v.	Table of Proper Psalms.	-
"	vi.	Table of Proper Psalms.	-
"	vii.	Table of Proper Psalms.	-
"	viii.	Table of Proper Psalms.	-
"	ix.	Tables and Rules for Feasts.	-
"	x.	Tables and Rules for Feasts.	-
1915			
Cap.	i.	General Synod.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	ii.	Superannuation of Clergy	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	iii.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	iv.	St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	v.	Killaloe & Kilfenora Cathedrals.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	vi.	Order how Holy Scriptures is to be read.	-
"	vii.	Morning and Evening Prayer.	-
"	viii.	Morning Prayer.	-
"	ix.	Morning Prayer.	-
"	x.	Evening Prayer.	-
"	xi.	Evening Prayer.	-
"	xii.	Prayers and Thanksgiving.	-
"	xiii.	Confirmation.	-
"	xiv.	Confirmation.	-

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"	xv.	Confirmation.	-
"	xvi.	Confirmation.	-
"	xvii.	Confirmation.	-
"	xviii.	Confirmation.	-
"	xix.	Confirmation.	-
"	xx.	Confirmation.	-
"	xxi.	Confirmation.	-
"	xxii.	Solemnization of Matrimony.	-
"	xxiii.	Solemnization of Matrimony.	-
"	xxiv.	Solemnization of Matrimony.	-
"	xxv.	Solemnization of Matrimony.	-
"	xxvi.	Solemnization of Matrimony.	-
"	xxvii.	Solemnization of Matrimony.	-
"	xxviii.	Solemnization of Matrimony.	-
"	xxix.	Public Institution of Minister.	-
"	xxx.	First Sunday after Institution.	-
"	xxxi.	First Sunday after Institution.	-
"	xxxii.	First Sunday after Institution.	-
"	xxxiii.	First Sunday after Institution.	-
"	xxxiv.	First Sunday after Institution.	-
"	xxxv.	First Sunday after Institution.	-

1916

No Statutes.

1917

Cap.	i.	General Synod.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	ii.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	iii.	Widows and Orphans.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	iv.	Diocesan Boundaries.	-
"	v.	Morning Prayer.	-
"	vi.	Evening Prayer.	-

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1917 continued			
Cap.	vii.	Prayers and Thanksgivings.	-
"	viii.	Confirmation.	-
"	ix.	Consecration of Churchyard.	-
"	x.	Date of Coming into Effect of Prayer Book Revision Statutes.	-
1918			
Cap.	i.	Churchwardens.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	ii.	Retirement of Bishops.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	iii.	Burying Grounds.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	iv.	Superannuation of Clergy	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	v.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1919, C.i.
"	vi.	Morning and Evening Prayer. Litany, Prayers and Thanksgivings. Collects, Epistles and Gospels.	-
1919			
Cap.	i.	Consolidation of Constitution.	1st schedule (except Preamble and Declaration and Chapter IX) repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	ii.	Widows and Orphans.	Consolidated with 1919, C.i.
"	iii.	Morning and Evening Prayer. Litany. Prayers and Thanksgivings. Holy Communion. Collects. Epistles and Gospels.	-
"	iv.	Diocesan Boundaries.	-
1920			
Cap.	i.	Election of Bishops.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	ii.	Eligibility of Women.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	iii.	Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	iv.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	v.	Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.	-
"	vi.	Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments.	-
"	vii.	Date of Coming into effect of Prayer Book Revision Statutes.	-
1920 Special Session			
Cap.	i.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	ii.	Central Church Fund.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	iii.	Commission for Union of Parishes.	Commission dissolved by 1925, C.iii. Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	iv.	Light Duty Parishes.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	v.	Representative Body.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	vi.	Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.	-
"	vii.	Suspension of Board of Nomination.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	viii.	Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.

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1921			
Cap.	i.	General Synod.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	ii.	Churchwardens.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	iii.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	iv.	Central Church Fund.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	v.	Diocesan Synods.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	vi.	Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments.	-
"	vii.	Psalter.	-
"	viii.	Diocesan Boundaries.	-
"	ix.	Armagh Cathedral.	Repealed by 1972, C. xi.
"	x.	Provincial and Diocesan Boundaries.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	xi.	Representative Body.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	xii.	Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	xiii.	Diocesan Boundaries.	-
"	xiv.	Enniskillen Cathedral.	-
1922			
Cap.	i.	Widows and Orphans.	All except repealing clause repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	ii.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	iii.	Retirement of Bishops.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	iv.	Curates-in-charge, etc.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	v.	Election to See of Armagh.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	vi.	Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments.	-
"	vii.	Psalter.	-
"	viii.	Psalter.	-
"	ix.	Downpatrick Cathedral.	-
"	x.	Cashel Cathedral.	Repealed by 1981, C.v.
"	xi.	Waterford & Lismore Cathedrals.	Repealed by 1981, C.v.
"	xii.	Kilkenny & Leighlin Cathedrals.	ss.1 and 3 partly repealed by 1963, C.viii.
1923			
Cap.	i.	Incumbents' Leave of Absence.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	ii.	Central Church Fund.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	iii.	Ecclesiastical Tribunals.	All except s.11 repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	iv.	Deanery of Kildare.	Repealed by 1973, C.vii.
"	v.	Kildare Cathedral.	-
"	vi.	Limerick & Ardfert Cathedrals.	Repealed by 1963, C.vi., insofar as inconsistent therewith.
"	vii.	Canon 43.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	viii.	Representative Body	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	ix.	Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments.	-

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1924			
Cap.	i.	Diocesan Synods.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	ii.	Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments.	-
"	iii.	Psalter.	-
1925			
Cap.	i.	Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments.	-
"	ii.	Date of Coming into Effect of Prayer Book Revision Statutes.	-
"	iii.	Commission for Union of Parishes. Central Church Fund. Stipends. Light Duty Parishes.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	iv.	Suspension of Boards of Nomination.	Repealed by 1926, C.i.
"	v.	St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.	All except repealing clause repealed by 1926, C.i.
1926			
Cap.	i.	Consolidation of Constitution.	1st schedule (except Preamble and Declaration and Chapter IX) repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	ii.	Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments.	-
"	iii.	Psalms and Canticles.	-
"	iv.	Order of Services.	-
"	v.	Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments.	-
"	vi.	Prayers and Thanksgivings. Visitation of Sick.	-
"	vii.	Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	viii.	Bishopric of Down and Connor and Dromore.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	ix.	St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	x.	Archdeacons. Superannuation of Clergy.	-
"	xi.	Elphin and Ardagh Dioceses.	-
1927			
Cap.	i.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	ii.	Widows and Orphans.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	iii.	Easter Vestry.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	iv.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	v.	Belfast Cathedral.	Repealed by 1944, C.v.

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1927 continued			
Cap.	vi.	Killaloe Cathedral.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	vii.	St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
1928			
Cap.	i.	Church Extension in Belfast.	s.2 amended by 1931, C.ii. All repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	ii.	Easter Vestry.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	iii.	Register Books.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	iv.	Representative Body.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	v.	Widows and Orphans.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	vi.	Diocesan Synods.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
1929			
Cap.	i.	Revised Version of Holy Bible.	-
1930			
Cap.	i.	Church Fabric Fund.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	ii.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	iii.	Widows and Orphans.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	iv.	St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
1931			
Cap.	i.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	ii.	Church Extension in Belfast.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	iii.	Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	iv.	Widows and Orphans.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	v.	Alternative Forms of Evening Prayer.	Repealed by 1934, C.vi.
1932			
Cap.	i.	Diocesan Synods.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
1933			
Cap.	i.	Modification of Alteration of Articles, etc.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	ii.	Boulter Fund.	All except repealing clause repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	iii.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1934, C.i.
"	iv.	Alternative Forms of Evening Prayer.	-
1934			
Cap.	i.	Consolidation of Constitution.	All except Preamble and Declaration repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	ii.	Glebes and Parochial Buildings.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iii.	Central Church Fund.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iv.	Church Plate and Parochial Documents.	ss.4-7 repealed by 1946, C.i. Remainder repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	v.	Widows and Orphans.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	vi.	Alternative Forms of Evening Prayer.	-
"	vii.	Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.

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1935			
Cap.	i.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	ii.	Groups of Parishes.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iii.	Modification of Alteration of Articles, etc.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iv.	Retirement of Bishops.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	v.	Armagh Cathedral. Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.	-
1936			
No Statutes.			
1937			
Cap.	i.	Retirement of Bishops.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	ii.	Light Duty Parishes.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iii.	General Synod. Diocesan Synods.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
1938			
Cap.	i.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	ii.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
1939			
Cap.	i.	Election of Bishops.	Repealed by 1945, C.iii.
"	ii.	Augmentation of Widows' Annuities Fund.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
1940			
Cap.	i.	Election of Bishops.	Repealed by 1945, C.iii.
"	ii.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iii.	Retirement of Bishops.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iv.	Vacancy in See.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
1941			
Cap.	i.	Retirement of Bishops. Augmentation of Incomes of Bishops' Widows Fund.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	ii.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iii.	Election of Bishops.	Repealed by 1945, C.iii.
"	iv.	Augmentation of Widows' Annuities Fund.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
1942			
Cap.	i.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	ii.	Augmentation of Widows' Annuities Fund.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iii.	Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iv.	Bishopric of Down and Connor and Dromore.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
1943			
Cap.	i.	Bishopric of Down and Connor and Dromore.	-
"	ii.	Divinity Hostel.	-

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1943 continued			
Cap.	iii.	Vacancy in See.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iv.	Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	v.	St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	vi.	Diocesan Synods.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
1944			
Cap.	i.	State Prayers.	Repealed by 1950, C.i.
"	ii.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iii.	Central Church Fund.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iv.	Down, Connor & Dromore Dioceses.	s.6 repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	v.	Belfast Cathedral.	s.5 repealed by 1984, C.vii. s.8 amended by 1984, C.viii. s.5 amended by 2008, C.iii
1945			
Cap.	i.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	ii.	Canon 1.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iii.	Election of Bishops.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	iv.	Glebes and Parochial Buildings.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	v.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	vi.	General Synod.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
"	vii.	Canons 1 and 30.	Repealed by 1946, C.i.
1946			
Cap.	i.	Consolidation of Constitution.	All except Preamble and Declaration repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	ii.	Commission of Financial Reconstruction.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	iii.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	iv.	Canon 28.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	v.	Holy Communion.	-
"	vi.	Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	vii.	Chancellors of Dioceses.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
1947			
Cap.	i.	Table of Kindred and Affinity.	-
"	ii.	Representative Body.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	iii.	Suspension of Boards of Nomination.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	iv.	Suspension of Episcopal Elections.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	v.	Select Vestry.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
1948			
Cap.	i.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	ii.	City and Town Parishes Commission.	s.5 amended by 1954, C.vi. s.6 amended by 1949, C.vi. and 1954, C.vi.
"	iii.	Appointment to Cures.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	iv.	Armagh Cathedral.	Repealed by 1972, C.xi.

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1949			
Cap.	i.	State Prayers.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	ii.	Representative Body.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	iii.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	iv.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	v.	Glebes.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	vi.	City and Town Parishes Commission.	-
"	vii.	Bishops' Curates.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	viii.	Eligibility of Women.	Repealed by 1960, C.ii.
"	ix.	Election of Bishops.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
1950			
Cap.	i.	State Prayers.	-
"	ii.	Augmentation of Widow's Annuities Fund.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
1951			
Cap.	i.	Augmentation of Widow's Annuities Fund.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	ii.	Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
1952			
Cap.	i.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	ii.	Litany.	-
"	iii.	Alternative Forms of Evening Prayer.	-
"	iv.	Lisburn Cathedral.	s.2 amended by 1965, C.vi.
1953			
Cap.	i.	Glebes and Parochial Buildings.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	ii.	Parishes and Parochial Organization.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	iii.	Church Fabric Fund.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
1954			
Cap.	i.	Burial of the Dead.	-
"	ii.	New Areas (Connor) Churches and Church Halls.	s.2 amended by 1955, C.ii. All repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	iii.	New Areas (Down and Dromore) Churches and Church Halls.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	iv.	Trim Cathedral.	-
"	v.	Augmentation of Widows' Annuities Fund.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	vi.	City and Town Parishes Commission.	-
1955			
Cap.	i.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	ii.	New Areas (Connor) Churches and Church Halls.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
1956			
Cap.	i.	Shortening the Services.	-
"	ii.	Election of Bishops.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.

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1956 continued			
Cap.	iii.	Sparsely Populated Areas Commission.	ss.4 and 6 amended by 1957, C.iv. s.11 amended by 1960, C.iii, 1962, C.iv and 1964, C.ix.
"	iv.	Central Church Fund.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	v.	Belfast Cathedral.	Repealed by 1984, C.vii.
"	vi.	Cashel Cathedral.	Repealed by 1981, C.v.
1957			
Cap.	i.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	ii.	Suspension of Episcopal Elections.	Repealed by 1960, C.v.
"	iii.	Unions of Parishes.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	iv.	Sparsely Populated Areas Commission.	-
"	v.	Widows and Orphans. Augmentation of Widows' Annuities Fund.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
1958			
Cap.	i.	Retirement of Bishops.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	ii.	Downpatrick Cathedral.	-
1959			
Cap.	i.	General Synod.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	ii.	Ecclesiastical Tribunals.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	iii.	Election of Bishops.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	iv.	Retirement of Bishops. Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
"	v.	Churches and Church Halls.	ss.2 and 6 amended by 1962, C.v. 1964, C.vi., and 1966, C.v., and 1969, C.iv. s.8 amended by 1966, C.v. s.9 amended by 1971, C.iv.
"	vi.	Widows and Orphans.	Repealed by 1960, C.i.
1960			
Cap.	i.	Consolidation of Constitution.	All except Preamble and Declaration and Rules and Schedules to Chapter XIII, repealed by 1972, C.i. Rules and Schedules to Chapter XIII, repealed by 1973, C.iv.
"	ii.	Collects, Epistles and Gospels.	Repealed by 1963, C.i.
"	iii.	Sparsely Populated Areas Commission.	-
"	iv.	Representative Body.	Repealed by 1966, C.ii.
"	v.	Suspension of Episcopal Elections.	-
"	vi.	St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.	Repealed by 1970, C.iii.
"	vii.	Deanery of Kildare.	Repealed by 1973, C.vii.

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Cap.	viii.	Augmentation of Widows' Annuities Fund.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
1961			
Cap.	i.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	ii.	Chancellors of Dioceses.	Repealed by 1971, C.vi.
"	iii.	Election of Bishops.	Repealed by 1971, C.vii.
"	iv.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	v.	City and Town Parishes Commission.	-
"	vi.	Widows and Orphans.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	vii.	Election of Bishops.	Repealed by 1971, C.vii.
"	viii.	Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry.	-
1962			
Cap.	i.	New English Bible, New Testament.	-
"	ii.	Table of Lessons.	Schedule amended by 1964, C.i.
"	iii.	Canons 1 and 30.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
"	iv.	Sparsely Populated Areas Commission.	-
"	v.	Churches and Church Halls.	-
"	vi.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
1963			
Cap.	i.	Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments.	-
"	ii.	Register Books.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
"	iii.	Ecclesiastical Tribunals.	Repealed by 1971, C.vi.
"	iv.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
"	v.	Central Church Fund.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	vi.	Limerick Cathedral.	-
"	vii.	City and Town Parishes Commission.	-
"	viii.	Kilkenny & Leighlin Cathedrals.	-
1964			
Cap.	i.	Tables of Lessons	-
"	ii.	Book of Occasional Prayers.	-
"	iii.	Dedication of Memorial or Gifts.	-
"	iv.	Parochial Organization.	ss.1 and 3 repealed by 1977, C.ii.
"	v.	Cathedrals.	s.2 repealed by 1970, C.iii.
"	vi.	Churches and Church Halls.	Repealed by 1970, C.iii.
"	vii.	Retirement of Bishops.	-
"	viii.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	viii.	Retirement of Bishops.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	viii.	Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	ix.	Sparsely Populated Areas Commission.	-
"	x.	Suspension of Episcopal Elections.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.

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1964 continued			
Cap.	xi.	Canon 36.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
1965			
Cap.	i.	Revised Standard Version.	-
"	ii.	Ecclesiastical Tribunals.	Repealed by 1971, C.vi.
"	iii.	Churches and Church Halls.	-
"	iv.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
"	v.	Sparsely Populated Areas Commission.	-
"	vi.	General Synod.	Repealed by 1969, C.ii.
"	vii.	Archdeaonries in Diocese of Connor.	Repealed by 1984, C.vii.
1966			
Cap.	i.	Canon 1.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
"	ii.	Representative Body.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	iii.	Widows and Orphans.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	iv.	Glebes and Parochial Buildings.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	v.	Churches and Church Halls.	-
1967			
Cap.	i.	Modification or alteration of Articles, etc.	Repealed by 1969, C.ii.
"	ii.	Diocesan Councils.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
1968			
Cap.	i.	Diocesan Synods.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
"	ii.	Churches and Church Halls.	-
"	iii.	Modification or alteration of Articles, etc.	Repealed by 1969, C.ii.
"	iv.	Limitation of Rights of Bishops.	-
1969			
Cap.	i.	Central Church Fund.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	ii.	General Synod.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	iii.	Diocesan Councils.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
"	iv.	Churches and Church Halls.	-
"	v.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
"	vi.	Insurance.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
1970			
Cap.	i.	Holy Communion.	Amended by 1979, C.i.
"	ii.	Appointment to Cures.	Repealed by 1975, C.ii.
"	iii.	Cathedrals.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	iv.	Retirement of Bishops. Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	v.	Endowment Assurance Fund.	Repealed by 1971, C.viii.
"	vi.	Killaloe & Clonfert Cathedrals.	-
"	vii.	City and Town Parishes Commission. St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.	-
1971			
Cap.	i.	Burial Grounds.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.

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1971 continued

Cap.	ii.	Dioceses and Diocesan Organisation. Parishes and Parochial Organisation. Appointment to and Tenure of Cures. Canons.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	iii.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	iv.	Churches and Church Halls.	-
"	v.	Appointment of Cures.	Repealed by 1975, C.ii.
"	vi.	Ecclesiastical Tribunals.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	vii.	Election of Bishops.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	viii.	Endowment Assurance Fund.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	ix.	City and Town Parishes Commission. Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.	-
"	x.	Modification or Alteration of Articles, etc.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	xi.	Archdeaconries in Diocese of Connor.	Repealed by 1984, C.vii.
"	xii.	Resignation of Bishops.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	xiii.	St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	xiv.	Appointment to Cures.	Repealed by 1975, C.ii.
1972			
Cap.	i.	Consolidation of Constitution.	All except Preamble and Declaration repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	ii.	Baptism.	-
"	iii.	Archbishops and Bishops.	-
"	iv.	Modification or Alteration of Articles, etc.	Repealed by 1976, C.ix.
"	v.	Canon 28.	-
"	vi.	Suspension of Episcopal Elections.	Spent.
"	vii.	Stipends.	-
"	viii.	Representative Body.	-
"	ix.	Superannuation of Clergy.	-
"	x.	Cork, Cloyne & Ross Cathedrals.	-
"	xi.	Armagh Cathedral.	-
"	xii.	Widows and Orphans.	-
1973			
Cap.	i.	Translations of Bible.	-
"	ii.	Meath, Kilmore & Tuam Dioceses.	-
"	iii.	Parishes and Parochial Organisation.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	iv.	Glebes and Parochial Buildings.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	v.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	vi.	Retirement of Bishops. Superannuation of Clergy.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	vii.	Kildare Deanery.	-
1974			
Cap.	i.	Canons.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	ii.	Repeal of Statues.	-

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1974 Continued

Cap.	iii.	Commission on Episcopal Needs.	-
"	iv.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	v.	Superannuation of Clergy.	-
"	vi.	Churches and Church Halls.	-
"	vii.	St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	viii.	Diocesan Synods.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
1975			
Cap.	i.	Solemnization of Matrimony.	-
"	ii.	Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	iii.	Office of Vicar.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	iv.	Superannuation of Clergy. Widows and Orphans.	ss.4 and 5 repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	v.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	vi.	Parishes and Parochial Organisation.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	vii.	Dioceses of Ossory & Leighlin.	-
1976			
Cap.	i.	Diocesan Reorganisation.	Repealed by 1981, C.vii.
"	ii.	General Synod.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	iii.	Auxiliary Priests.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	iv.	Election of Bishops.	s.1 repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	v.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	vi.	Supplemental Fund.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	vii.	Amendments to Constitution.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	viii.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	ix.	Modification or Alteration of Articles, etc.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	x.	Diocesan Councils.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	xi.	Glebes and Parochial Buildings.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
1977			
Cap.	i.	Amendments to Constitution.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
"	ii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
1978			
Cap.	i.	Consolidation of Constitution.	All except Preamble and Declaration repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	ii.	Kildare Deanery.	-
1979			
Cap.	i.	Holy Communion.	-
"	ii.	Auxiliary Clergymen.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	iii.	St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	iv.	Representative Body.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.

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1979 continued			
Cap.	v.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	vi.	Resignation of Bishops. Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	vii.	Belfast Cathedral.	Repealed by 1984, c.vii.
1980			
Cap.	i.	Parishes and Parochial Organisation.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	ii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	iii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	iv.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
1981			
Cap.	i.	Morning and Evening Prayer.	-
"	ii.	Sentences of Scripture.	-
"	iii.	Canticles.	-
"	iv.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	v.	Cashel, Waterford & Lismore Cathedrals.	-
"	vi.	Hildersheim Dish.	-
"	vii.	Diocesan Reorganisation.	-
"	viii.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
1982			
Cap.	i.	Holy Communion.	-
"	ii.	Concerning the Services of the Church.	-
"	iii.	Archdeaconries.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	iv.	Baptismal and Burial Registers.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	v.	Glebe Repair Loans.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	vi.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
1983			
Cap.	i.	Financing of the Episcopacy.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	ii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	iii.	Belfast Cathedral.	-
1984			
Cap.	i.	Ordination of Women as Deacons.	s.1 and Schedule (Pt.V) repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	ii.	Psalter.	-
"	iii.	Calendar, Collects & Lectionary.	-
"	iv.	Litany, Late Evening Office.	-
"	v.	Baptism.	-
"	vi.	General Synod.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	vii.	Belfast Cathedral.	-
"	viii.	Belfast Cathedral.	-
"	ix.	Alternative Prayer Book.	-
"	x.	Preface.	-
"	xi.	Canon 38.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.

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1984 continued			
Cap.	xii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
1985			
Cap.	i.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	ii.	Downpatrick Cathedral.	-
1986			
Cap.	i.	Commission on Churches.	s.6 amended by 1993, C.ii. and 1994, C.iii.
"	ii.	Church Fabric Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	iii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
1987			
Cap.	i.	Confirmation.	-
"	ii.	Solemnization of Matrimony.	-
"	iii.	Burial of the Dead.	-
"	iv.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	v.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	vi.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	vii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	viii.	Limerick, Killaloe and Clonfert Cathedrals.	-
1988			
Cap.	i.	Renewal of Baptismal Vows.	-
"	ii.	Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion.	-
"	iii.	Consolidation of Constitution.	All except Preamble and Declaration repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	iv.	Amendments to the Constitution.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	v.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
1989			
Cap.	i.	Thanksgiving after Birth or Adoption.	-
"	ii.	General Synod.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	iii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
1990			
Cap.	i.	Ordination of Women as Priests and Bishops.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	ii.	Institution of an Incumbent.	-
"	iii.	Stipends. Central Church Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	iv.	Church Fabric Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	v.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	vi.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
1991			
No Statutes			
1992			
Cap.	i.	Ministry to the Sick.	-
"	ii.	Ordinal.	-
"	iii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.

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1993			
Cap.	i.	Central Church Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	ii.	Commission on Churches.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	iii.	Armagh Cathedral.	-
1994			
Cap.	i.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	ii.	Parish and Parochial Organisation.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	iii.	Commission on Churches.	s.4 amended 2000, C.iv.
1995			
Cap.	i.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	ii.	Parish and Parochial Organisation.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
1996			
Cap.	i.	Remarriage of Divorced Persons.	-
"	ii.	Alternative Prayer Book.	-
"	iii.	Management of Glebes etc.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	iv.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
1997			
Cap.	i.	Church Fabric Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	ii.	Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.	-
1998			
Cap.	i.	Appointment of Archbishops and Bishops.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	ii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	iii.	Kildare Cathedral and Trim Cathedral.	-
1999			
Cap.	i.	Revised Common Lectionary.	-
"	ii.	Revised Common Lectionary.	-
"	iii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	iv.	Part-time Deployment of Stipendiary Clergy.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	v.	Membership of General Vestries.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
2000			
Cap.	i.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	ii.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	iii.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	iv.	Commission on Churches.	-
2001			
Cap.	i.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	ii.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	iii.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	iv.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	v.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	vi.	Provincial Mediation Panels.	-
2002			
Cap.	i.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	ii.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	iii.	Book of Common Prayer.	-

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2002 continued

Cap.	iv.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	v.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	vi.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	vii.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	viii.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	ix.	Amendments to the Constitution.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
2003			
Cap.	i.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	ii.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	iii.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	iv.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	v.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	vi.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	vii.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	viii.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	ix.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	x.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	xi.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	xii.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	xiii.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
"	xiv.	The Canons.	-
"	xv.	Consolidation of the Constitution.	-
"	xvi.	Severance Fund for Clergy.	-
2004			
Cap.	i	Clergy Pension Fund	-
2005			
Cap	i	Marriage Record Books	-
"	ii	Diocesan Architects	-
"	iii	Down Cathedral	-
2006			
Cap.	i	Marriage Regulations	-
"	ii	Ministry with Children	-
"	iii	Child Protection Officers	-
"	iv	Christ Church Cathedral	-
"	v	Lisburn Cathedral	-
2007			
Cap.	i	Book of Common Prayer	-
"	ii	Institution of an Incumbent	-
"	iii	Canon 32	-
"	iv	Clergy Pension Fund	-
"	v	St Patrick's Cathedral	-

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Cap.	i	Ecclesiastical Courts and Tribunals
	ii	Clergy Pension Fund
	iii	Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast
	iv	Archdeaconries

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REPORTS OF CASES HEARD

The following Cases have been reported in the Journals of the General Synod as follows:-

1. 1885 Re Meath Episcopal Election. Right of Diocesan Synod to submit the names of three clergymen to the Bench of Bishops. Case from Bishops. - Reported in Journal, 1886, p. 169.
2. 1886 Re Precedence of Bishop of Meath. Case from Bishops. - Reported in Journal, 1886, p. 176.
3. 1888 Legality of Grant for Divinity School in connection with the Church of Ireland. Case from General Synod. - Reported in Journal, 1888, p. 158.
4. 1888 Mode of Election of Diocesan Nominators. Case from General Synod. - Reported in Journal, 1888, p. 160.
5. 1888 Effect of Resignation of his Benefice of Archdeacon upon his Retainer of the Archdeaconry. Case from Bishops. - Reported in Journal, 1888, p. 161.
6. 1890 M'Keown v. Irwin. Immorality of Clerk. Case from Diocesan Court of Derry. Sentence of Suspension. - Reported in Journal, 1895, p.202.
7. 1892 Brown and Creagh v. Pattison. Legality of Election of Incumbent. Petition under Chapter IV of the Constitution. - Reported in Journal, 1895, p. 203.
8. 1892 Grant v. Smith and others. Construction of Canon XXXVI. Appeal from Diocesan Court of Dublin. Cross on Stand behind Communion Table held to be illegal. - Reported in Journal, 1895, p.204.
9. 1893 MacLaughlin and MacMahon v Diocesan Synod of Cashel. Power of Diocesan Synod to amend Diocesan Scheme. - Reported in Journal, 1895, p.215.
10. 1893 Ross v M'Donagh. Drunkenness of Clerk. Using Profane Language. Neglecting to celebrate Divine Service. Case from Diocesan Court of Down, Connor and Dromore. Sentence of Deprivation. - Reported in Journal, 1895, p.216.

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11. 1894 Campbell and others v. Hunt.
Maintaining Doctrines contrary to the Articles of the Church of Ireland.
Petition. - Reported in Journal, 1895, p.217.
12. 1896 Bishop of Limerick v. Cotter.
Maintaining Doctrines contrary to the Articles of the Church of Ireland.
Refusing to wear Surplice. Sentence of Deprivation.
- Reported in Journal 1897, p. 258.
13. 1898 Bishop of Cashel v. Going.
Clergyman incapacitated by permanent mental infirmity.
- Reported in Journal, 1902, p. 222a.
14. 1900 Bellingham, Macan and M'Kee v. Leslie.
Legality of Election of Incumbent. Insufficient notice of holding of Board
of Nomination. - Reported in Journal, 1902, p.222b.
15. 1903 Re Tyney.
Clergyman incapacitated by permanent mental infirmity.
- Reported in Journal, 1905, p. 332.
16. 1903 Re Leet.
Clergyman incapacitated by permanent mental infirmity.
- Reported in Journal, 1905, p. 333
17. 1905 Archbishop of Armagh v. Hains.
Neglect of Ministerial Duty. Ceasing to reside in Parish. Sentence of
Deprivation. - Reported in Journal, 1906, p.313.
18. 1905 Re Sleator.
Clergyman incapacitated by permanent mental infirmity.
- Reported in Journal, 1906, p.314.
19. 1907 Re Cooney.
Clergyman incapacitated by permanent mental infirmity.
- Reported in Journal, 1908, p.332.
20. 1908 Re The Deceased Wife's Sister Marriage Act, 1907. Case from Bishops.
- Reported in Journal, 1908, p.333 and pp.1iii-iv.
21. 1909 Re Dancy.
Clergyman incapacitated by permanent mental infirmity.
- Reported in Journal, 1910, p. 316.
22. 1914 Correll v. Robinson and others.
Rights of Burial in Parochial Graveyard. Appeal from Diocesan Court of
Glendalough. Appeal dismissed. - Reported in Journal, 1915, p.459.

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23. 1916 Diocesan Council of Down, Connor and Dromore v. Representative Church Body.
Claim in respect of Bequest of Archdeacon Smythe.
- Reported in Journal, 1916, p. 324.
24. 1918 Archbishop of Dublin v. Robinson.
Ceasing to reside in Parish and to perform his duties as Incumbent.
Sentence of Suspension. - Reported in Journal, 1919, p.363.
25. 1918 Hitchcock and others v. Archbishop of Armagh.
Claim a Declaration that ruling of Respondent as President of the Session of the General synod was erroneous. No jurisdiction.
- Reported in Journal, 1919, p. 365.
26. 1919 Re Powers of the General Synod.
The Court decided that it was within the power of the General Synod to amend Canon XXII by the insertion of the following words after the word "Ministers": "and in such examination shall be included a course of theological study approved by the General Synod". Case from Bishops.
- Reported in Journal, 1919, p. 366.
27. 1921 Johnson and others v. Robinson.
Alleged sub-letting of Glebe without permission, and other charges.
Petition withdrawn on agreed terms. - Reported in Journal, 1922, p.333.
28. 1928 Chamney and others v. Simpson.
Violations of Canons. Sentence of Admonition.
- Reported in Journal, 1928, p.367.
29. 1933 Re Bradshaw.
Clergyman incapacitated by permanent mental infirmity.
- Reported in Journal, 1933, p. 381.
30. 1935 Christie and others v. Colquhoun.
Violation of Canons. Sentence of Admonition.
- Reported in Journal, 1937, p. 355.
- 30A. 1937 Chamney and others v. Colquhoun.
Violation of Canons. Sentence of six months suspension.
- Reported in Journal 1992, p.368.
31. 1939 Caithness and others v. Colquhoun and others.
Petition for a Faculty for the removal of a Crucifix. Appeal from Diocesan Court of Dublin. Appeal dismissed.
- Reported in Journal, 1941, p.406.

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32. 1940 Colquhoun and others v. Caithness and others.
Petition for a Faculty to confirm the retention of a Crucifix. Appeal from
Diocesan Court of Dublin. Remitted to Diocesan Court.
- Reported in Journal, 1941, p.413.
33. 1941 Hick and others v. Wilson
Alleged violation of Canons. Petition dismissed.
- Reported in Journal, 1947, p.330.
34. 1947 Bishop of Tuam v. Judge.
Refusal to meet Ordinary. Sentence of Admonition. Sundry other charges
dismissed. - Reported in Journal, 1948, p.283.
35. 1991 Carnduff and Others v. Thomas and Another.
Grant of Faculty for the placing of a cross on the Communion Table.
Appeal from Diocesan Court of Down and Dromore. Appeal dismissed.
- Reported in Journal, 1991, p.302.
36. 2001 Re Special Diocesan Synod of Cashel and Ossory held on 29 June 2000.
Question concerning rules and procedures. – Reported in Journal, 2001, p.
368.
37. 2002 The Bishop of Meath and Kildare v. Very Rev AWU Furlong.
Holding beliefs contrary to the doctrines of the Church of Ireland. Petition
withdrawn on agreed terms. – Reported in Journal 2003.

NOTES

1. The following case was also heard and decided by the Court, but was not reported:-

1872 Gilbert v. Maturin.
Defendant was charged with certain ecclesiastical offences, some of which
were held to be proved, but in the exceptional circumstances of the case
no punishment was inflicted nor were costs awarded.
2. The Court sat on sundry dates in November and December, 1923, to hear Appeals from
the Decisions of the Commissioners appointed under the Statute 1920 (Special Session),
c.iii, in respect of Final Schemes framed by them. Six Appeals were granted, and three
were dismissed. Details of the nine Appeals are printed in Journals, 1924 - 1963.

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND

ATTENDANCE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2008

Tuesday 8 May

Diocese	Clerical	Lay	Total
Armagh	15	14	29
Clogher	11	18	29
Derry & Raphoe	15	18	33
Down & Dromore	22	36	58
Connor	18	39	57
Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh	9	9	18
Tuam, Killala & Achonry	5	11	16
Dublin & Glendalough	21	38	59
Meath & Kildare	9	17	26
Cashel & Ossory	20	33	53
Cork, Cloyne & Ross	13	23	36
Limerick & Killaloe	10	19	29
Total	168	275	443

Wednesday 9 May

Diocese	Clerical	Lay	Total
Armagh	15	14	29
Clogher	10	20	30
Derry & Raphoe	17	20	37
Down & Dromore	23	36	59
Connor	21	39	60
Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh	9	10	19
Tuam, Killala & Achonry	5	10	15
Dublin & Glendalough	21	37	58
Meath & Kildare	9	16	25
Cashel & Ossory	20	29	49
Cork, Cloyne & Ross	12	22	34
Limerick & Killaloe	12	20	32
Total	174	273	447

Thursday 10 May

Diocese	Clerical	Lay	Total
Armagh	13	12	25
Clogher	9	12	21
Derry & Raphoe	15	18	33
Down & Dromore	18	31	49
Connor	16	31	47
Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh	8	7	15
Tuam, Killala & Achonry	4	9	13
Dublin & Glendalough	21	33	54
Meath & Kildare	9	12	21
Cashel & Ossory	17	24	41
Cork, Cloyne & Ross	11	18	29
Limerick & Killaloe	8	13	21
Total	149	220	369

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

Date	Clerical	Lay	Total
May 13	168	275	443
May 14	174	273	447
May 15	149	220	369

Total number of attendances recorded: 1,276; average 425

Clerical	491	Average	164
Lay	758	Average	252

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The House of Bishops did not sit separately and eleven were present at the meeting of the full Synod.

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