

**GENERAL SYNOD 2014**

**BILL NO 6**

**Proposed by Dean Henry Hull, Dean of Down**

**EMBARGOED UNTIL DELIVERY**

**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

**Bill to amend the provisions relating to the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity at Downpatrick**

**Proposed by Very Rev Henry Hull (Dean of Down)**

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Your Grace, Members of Synod

I realise that in presenting this Bill I have a come at the end of several pieces of legislation and I do not want to delay you from your lunch / more exciting items on the agenda.

This Bill is largely tidying up exercise of previous pieces of legislation pertaining to the management of Down Cathedral and one new item permitting the appointment of Ecumenical Canons

Down Cathedral is built on what is held to be the traditional burial place of St Patrick. Not only is it our Diocesan Cathedral put it is a place of pilgrimage for thousands of people from around the world each year.

St Patrick is someone that all Christians on this island identify with as the person who brought the message of Christianity to Ireland.

Our cathedral is a place where everyone is welcome and within the wider community is seen as a very ecumenical site

Like other cathedrals within our church we too would like to be able to appoint ecumenical canons as way of recognising our shared heritage and as a model of working together with our brothers and sisters from other traditions in proclaiming the message of Christ, which has been entrusted to us.

Therefore this bill. If passed will enable us to appoint two ecumenical canons.

At the same time in bringing this bill we are gathering together and consolidating various earlier statutes etc and making one or two minor adjustments to make the management of the Cathedral a little bit more effective.

I propose that the Bill be given a second reading.