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(As at 1 July 2015)

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Trenier, Mr Nigel (Kilmore)
Trew, Mr Stephen (Dromore)
Turner, Miss Cate (Connor)
Tweedie, Mr Jim (Connor)
Vaughan, Mrs Alexandra (Connor)
Verplancke, Mrs Dorothy (Cork)
Wadsworth, Miss Niki (Down)
Wakely, Rev Edna (Limerick)
Walker, Professor Brian (Down)
Wallace, Mrs Barbara (Meath)
Wallace, Mr Charlie (Cashel)
Walsh, Dr Eimhin (Dublin)
Watterson, Ven Susan (Ardfert & Aghadoe)
Webb, Mr Michael (Dublin)
Weir, Mrs Jacqueline (Connor)
Wellwood, Mr Cecil (Cashel)
West, Mr Des (Raphoe)
West, Ven Roderic (Dromore)
West, Rev Ruth (Raphoe)
Wharton, Rev Gillian (Dublin)
Wheatley, Mr Thomas (Meath)
White, Mrs Mary (Dublin)
White, Miss Ruth (Dromore)
Whittaker, Rev Paul (Derry)
Whyte, Mr Peter (Killaloe)
Wilkinson, Ven Adrian (Cork)
Williams, Very Rev Arfon (Elphin)
Williams, Mr John (Connor)
Williams, Mr Miller (Killaloe)
Williamson, Mr Alan (Elphin)
Willoughby, Rev Canon Paul (Cork)
Willoughby, Mrs Rhonda (Meath)
Wills, Rev Andrea (Tuam)
Wills, Mr Charles (Tuam)
Wilson, Mrs Daphne (Armagh)
Wilson, Mr David (Derry)
Wilson, Mr Eric (Armagh)
Wilson, Rev Geoffrey (Dromore)
Wilson, Dr John (Connor)
Wilson, Rev Ross (Down)
Wilson, Mrs Sophia (Connor)
Wiseman, Mr Gerald (Meath)
Witherow, Mr Kenneth (Raphoe)
Woodman, Mr George (Connor)
Woolington, Mr Jimmy (Glendalough)
Wright, Mrs Marcella (Derry)

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Wright, Mr Peter (Dromore)

Wright, Rev Canon Sam (Connor)

Wright-Kendrick, Mrs Diane (Clogher)

Wynne, Mr David (Dublin)

Young, Mr William (Cashel)

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ARRANGED ACCORDING TO DIOCESES

NUMBERS INDICATE DAYS ATTENDED AT THE 2015 SESSION.

ARMAGH

ARMAGH - CLERICAL

2 Scott, Ven T
3 Boyd, Rev Canon SRT
3 Forster, Ven AJ
3 Kingston, Rev MT
2 Hagan, Rev MH
3 McAdam, Rev GP
3 Paine, Rev WB
3 Dunstan, Very Rev GJO
3 Hilliard, Rev D
3 Hughes, Rev Canon NJ
3 Cairns, Rev DE
3 Mayes, Rev AWA
3 Forster, Rev Canon TS
3 Thompson, Rev PA
2 Jones, Rev P
3 Murray, Rev ER
3 Dunn, Rev DWR
3 Atkins, Rev FW

ARMAGH – LAY

3 McClenaghan, Mrs HM
0 Caldwell, Mrs ME
0 Forbes, Mr GA
2 Leighton, Mrs J
3 Clayton, Mr WGE
1 Ballantine, Mrs HME
3 McClelland, Mrs JF
3 Hume, Mr TJ
2 Cochrane, Mrs EE
1 Ingram, Mr EA
2 Wilson, Mrs DE
1 Sharpe, Mr WK
3 Fletcher, Mrs DL
3 Topley, Mr MS

3 Moffitt, Mr WRE
0 Metcalfe, Mr AN
3 Lockhart, Mr M
3 Harkness, Mrs EE
2 Scott, Dr JA
3 Bruce, Mr JPH
3 Suitor, Mrs I
2 Duncan, Mrs T
3 Kerr, Mrs KM
2 Duncan, Mr R
3 Suitor, Mr WV
3 Kerr, Mr VWB
3 Johnston, Mr AIE
3 Wilson, Mr E
3 Stewart, Mr WH
3 Cairns, Mr MD
3 Brodison, Mr WS
0 Kavanagh, Mr R

CLOGHER

CLOGHER - CLERICAL

3 Harper, Rev Canon BJ
3 Boyd, Rev WJ
0 Njoku, Rev CN
3 Tarneberg Steed, Ven H
3 Hall, Very Rev KRJ
3 McMurray, Rev G
3 Mansley, Rev CAB
3 Skuce, Rev Canon D
3 Blair, Rev WH
1 Pringle, Rev CT
2 Armstrong, Rev Canon MA
3 Berry, Rev Canon ITH
3 Hanlon, Rev TK
3 Ajuka, Rev SC

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3 Bourke, Mrs U
 3 Boyd, Miss FA
 3 Clingan, Miss JH
 0 Crawford, Mr CE
 3 Deazley, Mr GJ
 3 Deazley, Mr GS
 3 Elliott, Miss KE
 2 Forde, Mr RC
 3 Genoe, Mr S
 2 Hogg, Mrs SC
 0 Hutchinson, Mr M
 3 Irvine, Mr JAT
 3 Jackson, Mrs A
 2 Johnston, Mr JID
 0 Keating, Mr JH
 3 Kerr, Mrs H
 3 Keys, Mr JE
 1 Knox, Miss OI
 0 Leathem, Mrs J
 2 McCord, Mrs ME
 3 McMurray, Mrs LM
 3 Moore, Mr GMT
 3 Pringle, Mr WR
 3 Scott, Mr NG
 3 Ternan, Mrs HM
 2 Thompson, Mr RA
 3 Treacy, Mr JC
 1 Wright-Kendrick, Mrs DB

DERRY AND RAPHOE

DERRY - CLERICAL

2 McBeth, Rev DR
 2 Miller, Ven RS
 3 Clarke, Rev Canon RW
 3 Quinn, Rev Canon DJ
 3 Hanna, Rev IJ
 0 Morton, Very Rev WW
 1 Whittaker, Rev KP
 3 Lennox, Rev MRW
 0 Given, Rev Canon HR
 2 Ferry, Rev Canon HDJ
 2 Ferry, Rev MRK
 2 McVeigh, Rev Canon S

1 Peoples, Rev MTE
 1 Stewart, Rev Canon RJ

DERRY - LAY

3 Glenn, Mr N
 3 Gamble, Mr S
 3 Bradley, Mr N
 1 Montgomery, Mr WT
 3 McFarland, Mr SC
 3 Pollock, Mr RA
 2 Brown, Mr K
 0 Hudson, Mr SJ
 3 Oliver, Mr W
 3 Montgomery, Mr MI
 3 Wilson, Mr DW
 2 Moore, Mr A
 2 Loughrey, Mr SR
 2 Grant, Mr JDA
 2 Nesbitt, Ms K
 2 Edgar, Mr WR
 2 Sproule, Miss E
 3 Morrow, Mrs J
 3 Parkhill, Miss KE
 3 Harrington, Mr D
 3 Richardson, Miss H
 2 McKelvey, Mr W
 3 Thompson, Mr WI
 0 Wright, Mrs M
 2 Selfridge, Mrs A
 2 Kennedy, Mr WAI
 3 Crockett, Mr W

RAPHOE – CLERICAL

3 Huss, Ven DI
 3 Gilmore, Rev Canon H
 3 Pierce, Rev CD
 2 Russell, Rev BR
 1 Crooks, Rev Canon DWT
 3 West, Rev R

RAPHOE – LAY

2 Arnold, Mr WR
 0 Boyd, Miss M
 2 West, Mr D

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2 Merrick, Mrs R
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 3 Kee, Mr JCH
 0 Witherow, Mr KW
 2 Dudley, Miss N
 2 Ellis, Mr R
 2 Campbell, Mrs B
 0 Barrett, Mrs H

DOWN AND DROMORE

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3 Nixon, Rev WS
 3 Gimpel, Rev GF
 1 Richardson, Rev SKC
 2 Matchett, Rev CJ
 3 Higgins, Rev Canon K
 2 McClay, Ven DA
 3 Jardine, Rev Canon N
 3 Harvey, Rev Canon JM
 3 Munyangaju, Rev Canon JC
 2 Hull, Very Rev TH
 3 Brown, Rev Canon DL
 3 Nesbitt, Rev Canon R
 3 Green, Rev AP
 3 Dorrian, Rev ATW
 3 Lowry, Rev Canon SH
 3 Parker, Rev MA
 2 Neill, Rev Canon RC
 3 Wilson, Rev RR
 3 Bourke, Rev PC

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3 Brannigan, Mr RA
 1 Higgins, Miss EA
 0 Frame, Mr A
 1 Dorrian, Mrs A
 3 Beare, Mr JD
 3 Butler, Mrs JE
 3 Templeton, Mr AL
 3 Currie, Mrs J
 3 McClay, Mrs H
 3 Sheil, Brenda
 2 Neill, Miss GL
 3 Brown, Mr J

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 3 Wadsworth, Miss N
 0 Cupples, Mr CM
 3 McFarland, Miss S
 2 Purdy, Dr N
 3 Gordon, Mrs L
 0 Hilton, Mr P
 3 Baxter, Ms L
 2 Davies, Mr TA
 0 McLeod, Mr NA
 2 Myles, Mr JR
 3 Johnston, Mr MH
 3 Kerr, Mr DJ
 2 Leonard, Dr EJ
 3 Newell, Captain TG
 0 Dunning, Ms LEI
 3 Jardine, Mr D
 1 Rutherford, Captain JJ
 2 Thomas, Mr DJ
 2 Godfrey, Mr WE
 2 Hamilton, Mr M
 3 Doherty, Mr SJ
 3 Cunningham, Mr JS
 3 Walker, Professor BM
 3 Edgar, Ms H
 3 McCrossan, Mr WJ

DROMORE - CLERICAL

3 Harron, Rev Canon GA
 3 Megarrell, Rev MJ
 0 Clarke, Rt Rev KH
 3 Cadden, Rev Canon TJ
 3 West, Ven TR
 2 Wilson, Rev SG
 3 Martin, Rev BR
 3 Elliott, Rev Canon Dr MJ
 2 Press, Rev WJ
 3 Kerr, Very Rev BT
 1 Howard, Rev Canon JR

DROMORE - LAY

3 Morris, Mr CW
 3 Hare, Mr G
 0 Donaldson, Mr AP
 3 Taylor, Captain C

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3	Johnston, Mr JD	3	Stewart, Rev B
3	O'Malley, Mr BJ	3	Stewart, Rev AL
2	Stewart, Mr TJB	2	Niblock, Rev M
2	Douglas, Mr SJT	2	McCann, Rev MJ
3	McGrath, Ms A	2	Campbell-Smyth, Rev JD
3	Adams, Mrs A	3	Fielding, Rev SA
2	Graham, Mr A		
3	Corbett, Mrs JMR		
2	Johnston, Mr DAS		
2	Trew, Mr SW		
3	Wright, Mr P		
2	Burrell, Mrs PL		
1	White, Miss R		
3	Leckey, Miss ME		
3	Fleming, Miss EJ		
0	Irwin, Mr ATR		
3	Henry, Mr S		
2	Murray, Mr TM		
	<i>CONNOR - CLERICAL</i>		<i>CONNOR - LAY</i>
2	Ferguson, Rev PA	3	Hibbert, Professor A
3	Forde, Rev BG	3	Stevenson, Mr TG
3	Genoe, Rev S	3	Totten, Mr HRJ
3	Johnston, Rev TS	3	Gibson, Mr K
1	Orr, Rev WJC	3	Neill, Mr J
3	Davison, Ven GTW	3	Stevenson, Mrs EA
2	Baylor, Rev Canon NP	3	High, Mrs AP
2	McBride, Ven SR	3	Hibbert, Mrs GM
2	Bond, Very Rev JFA	2	Kay MBE, Mr RH
3	Taggart, Rev Canon WJ	0	Carson, Mrs HRJ
3	Mann, Very Rev JO	3	Patterson, Mrs R
2	Dundas, Rev EP	3	High, Mr MBW
0	Forde, Ven SB	3	Cairns, Mrs CJ
3	Lockhart, Rev D	2	Hamill, Mrs SJ
3	Dark, Rev NJ	1	Devlin, His Honour Judge AFW
3	Wright, Rev Canon WS	1	Scholes, Dr AM
3	McElhinney, Rev RS	3	Fullerton, Mr DRG
2	McClure, Rev J	2	Bond, Mrs JP
2	Elsdon, Rev JM	3	Martin, Miss JR
0	McDowell, Rev Canon PK	3	Tweedie, Mr J
2	Rutter, Rev JEC	3	Dunn, Dr KF
3	Jones, Rev Canon RW	1	Howe, Mr DG
1	Hall-Thompson, Rev CL	3	Briggs, Mr G
2	Kerr, Rev DP	2	Wilson, Dr J
3	McCann, Rev TAG	3	Patterson, Mr RJ
2	Ferguson, Rev DE	3	Cherry, Mrs CLH
		3	Richardson, Mr J
		2	Wilson, Mrs S
		3	Fullerton, Mrs M
		2	Scholes, Mr DW
		2	Quigley, Mr J
		1	Horner, Mr ST
		0	Vaughan, Mrs A
		0	Lindsay, Mrs C
		2	Dunlop, Mrs RP
		3	Little, Ms C
		1	Logue, Mr CG
		2	Lucy, Mr GRE

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2 Cooke, Mrs HA
 3 Totten, Mrs PME
 2 Rodgers, His Honour Judge RF
 2 Brannigan, Mrs LM
 2 Spiers, Mr DN
 2 Briggs, Mrs HME
 2 Rodgers, Mrs KM
 0 Kirk, Mr H
 0 Hunter, Mr NJ
 2 Taylor, Ms GM
 2 Dickinson, Mr WJ
 1 Rodgers, Mr TL
 3 Macartney, Mrs RA
 2 Thompson, Mrs CM
 3 Macartney, Mr AW
 2 Bradley, Mr WR
 2 Dougherty, Mr TM
 3 Turner, Miss CS
 1 Reid, Mr PJ
 3 Weir, Mrs J
 0 Munce, Mr PD
 3 Adams, Mrs JS
 0 Bolt, Mr NR
 3 Woodman, Mr GD
 0 Singleton, Mr LS
 1 Williams, Mr JA

KILMORE, ELPHIN AND ARDAGH

KILMORE - CLERICAL

3 Calvin, Rev AJ
 0 McCauley, Ven CWL
 3 Quill, Rev ATE
 3 Hicks, Rev HR
 0 Ruiters, Rev Canon IJ
 3 Lindsay, Rev Canon AJ
 1 McCarthy, Rev BM

KILMORE - LAY

3 Bleakley, Ms S
 2 Cunningham, Ms EM
 3 Dunlop, Mrs LDA
 2 Foster, Mr WH
 1 Dourish, Ms SV
 3 Geelan, Ms M

3 Gorman, Mrs H
 0 Gillespie, Mrs P
 2 Kells, Mr W
 3 Jones, Mr D
 3 Pierce, Mr AF
 2 Poyntz, Ms C
 2 Roberts, Mrs IN
 2 Trenier, Mr N

ELPHIN AND ARDAGH - CLERICAL

3 Linton, Rev BI
 2 Williams, Very Rev A
 3 Bamber, Rev Canon PH
 3 Frost, Rev L
 2 Bourke, Rev Canon RSJ
 2 Catterall, Rev Canon DA

*ELPHIN AND ARDAGH –
 LAY*

3 Barrett, Mrs B
 1 Gillespie, Mr DP
 3 Williamson, Mr A
 3 Galbraith, Mrs RF
 2 Hall, Mr MD
 0 Norris, Mr AR
 2 Compton, Ms S
 2 Davitt, Mrs D
 0 Shannon, Mr JH
 1 Henry, Mrs ME
 3 McCrea, Ms A
 1 Irvine, Mr G

TUAM, KILLALA AND ACHONRY

*TUAM, KILLALA AND ACHONRY -
 CLERICAL*

3 Grimason, Very Rev AJ
 3 Hastings, Ven GL
 3 Synnott, Ven APS
 3 Pullen, Rev A
 3 Wills, Rev AJ
 3 Clements, Rev Canon DTS
 3 Rogers, Rev Canon VH

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TUAM, KILLALA AND ACHONRY - LAY

3 Auchmuty, Mrs BL
 3 Gilmore, Mrs LM
 1 Shannon, Mr J
 3 Ellis, Professor SG
 3 Auchmuty, Mr DJ
 2 Johnston, Professor PM
 3 Bagnall, Mr NJ
 0 Prins, Mr N
 2 Ellison, Mr J
 3 Wills, Mr C
 0 Kilroy, Mr CTE
 0 Higgins, Mrs J
 1 Bourke, Mr W
 3 Nairn, Mrs MJ

DUBLIN AND GLENDALOUGH

DUBLIN - CLERICAL

3 Farrell, Rev SA
 3 Wharton, Rev GV
 3 Gyles, Rev S
 3 Tanner, Rev LJ
 0 Gillespie, Rev Canon DI
 2 Stacey, Very Rev VG
 2 Comerford, Rev Canon P
 3 Galligan, Rev A
 3 McKinley, Rev Canon AHN
 3 Sloane, Rev NJ
 0 Dunne, Very Rev DPM
 3 Byrne, Rev Canon RH
 3 Houston, Rev Canon WP
 0 McCausland, Rev N
 0 Pierpoint, Ven DA
 3 McCroskery, Rev A
 2 Kinkead, Rev JAH
 3 Olhausen, Rev WP

DUBLIN - LAY

3 Perrin, Mr DG
 3 Webb, Mr MJT
 3 Appleyard, Mr DS
 2 Fromholz, Mr G

2 Richards, Canon GC
 2 Lodge, Dr A
 2 McNeile, Mr AN
 3 MacCann, Mr LJW
 3 Halliday, Mr B
 3 Ainsworth, Mrs ME
 3 Raab, Ms U
 3 White, Mrs ME
 3 Keatinge, Mrs PJ
 3 Kirk, Mrs JH
 3 Wynne, Mr DJ
 3 Fenton, Mr AJ
 3 Millar, Mr DBM
 3 Darling, Mr JC
 3 Gorman, Mrs HN
 0 Jenkins, Mr M
 3 Duncan, Mrs VE
 2 Mulligan, Mr AH
 3 Obe, Ms ST
 3 Rooke, Mr PJ
 0 Brooks, Mr R
 0 Cromer, Mrs JE
 0 Walsh, Dr EJJ
 2 Campbell, Mr DE
 0 Hall, Mr E
 3 Dawson, Mrs SM
 3 Graham, Mrs SM
 3 Rusk, Ms S
 1 Hill, Mr RC
 3 Heseltine, Ms M
 0 Sheridan, Ms A
 0 Healion-Campbell, Ms M

GLENDALOUGH - CLERICAL

2 Rountree, Ven RB
 2 Ruddock, Rev LW
 3 Sherwood, Rev Canon NJW
 2 Donohoe, Rev OMR

GLENDALOUGH - LAY

3 Dungan, Mr K
 3 Boyle, Mrs DE
 3 Neill, Mr RS
 3 Neilson, Mr DF
 3 McMaster, Mr GW

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0	Woolington, Mr J	CASHEL, WATERFORD,	
0	Alexander, Mr HJ	LISMORE, OSSORY, FERNS	
2	Kilroy, Mr L	AND LEIGHLIN	
MEATH AND KILDARE		<i>CASHEL, WATERFORD, LISMORE,</i>	
<i>MEATH AND KILDARE - CLERICAL</i>		<i>OSSORY AND LEIGHLIN -</i>	
		<i>CLERICAL</i>	
1	Peilow, Rev Canon LEA	3	Draper, Very Rev PR
3	Rutherford, Rev PM	0	Field, Very Rev GG
2	Heak, Rev PG	3	Long, Ven CW
3	Clarke, Rev Canon JDM	2	Orr, Ven ADH
3	Aiton, Rev JH	3	Elmes, Rev R
3	Steacy, Rev WL	1	Gordon, Very Rev TW
3	Stevenson, Ven LTC	3	Poulton, Very Rev KM
3	Bogle, Very Rev P	2	Harvey, Rev Canon PA
0	Marsden, Very Rev JJ	3	Mooney, Very Rev PG
3	Jackson Noble, Rev RE	2	Mulhall, Rev JG
1	Graham, Rev MA	0	Halford, Rev N
		0	Jansson, Very Rev MP
<i>MEATH AND KILDARE - LAY</i>		3	Green, Rev Canon SD
3	Bruton, Mrs JM	3	Purser, Rev A
3	Thompson, Mr JA	2	Fitzpatrick, Rev VRA
1	Willoughby, Mrs R	3	Hilliard, Rev M
2	St Leger, Mr H	0	Sykes, Rev M
0	Kenny, Mr D	2	Cassery-Farrar, Rev C
3	Deverell, Mr J	3	Fryday, Rev Canon BY
3	Bowers, Mr K	3	Irvine, Rev ST
1	Potterton, Mr M	3	Burke, Rev P
1	Higgins, Mrs FE	<i>CASHEL, WATERFORD, LISMORE,</i>	
1	Wiseman, Mr G	<i>OSSORY, FERNS AND LEIGHLIN -</i>	
3	Wheatley, Mr T	<i>LAY</i>	
0	Cobbe, Mr E	3	Codd, Mr RP
3	Reid, Mr J	3	Harper, Mr SR
2	Robinson, Mr AL	3	Sargent, Mr T
2	Colton, Mrs T	3	Galloway, Mr JBP
3	Huston, Mr NJ	3	Grothier, Mrs PE
0	Potterton, Mr TG	3	Corrigan, Ms H
1	Strong, Mr ST	3	Stephens, Mrs M
2	Beattie, Mr A	1	Driver, Mr EGJ
2	Wallace, Mrs B	2	Syme, Mr RG
3	Rowntree, Mrs H	3	Fryday, Mr JN
0	McKenna, Mr R	1	Masterson, Mr WH
		2	Wellwood, Mr C
		3	Young, Mr WA

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LIMERICK - LAY

3 Schutz, Mr PR
3 Brislane, Mr KE
3 Sheahan, Mr F
0 Brickenden, Mrs MV
3 Clarke, Mr JW
3 Sparling, Mr KJ
3 Shorten, Mr D

*ARDFERT AND AGHADOE -
CLERICAL*

0 Cavanagh, Rev MR
3 Hanley, Rev M
3 Watterson, Ven SM
0 Lumby, Rev S

ARDFERT AND AGHADOE - LAY

0 Blennerhassett, Ms Y
3 Hilliard, Mr A
0 Blennerhassett, Mr TN
0 Cavanagh, Mrs M
0 Millar, Ms D
0 Martin, Mrs HM
2 Champ, Mr TE

*KILLALOE, KILFENORA, CLONFERT
AND KILMACDUAGH - CLERICAL*

3 Carney, Ven RW
3 Gill, Rev R
0 Green, Rev LJ
3 Hanna, Rev Canon RC
0 Johnston, Rev Canon M
3 Neill, Rev SM
3 Paulsen, Very Rev G

*KILLALOE, KILFENORA, CLONFERT
AND KILMACDUAGH - LAY*

2 Blackwell, Mr L
3 Whyte, Mr PT
3 Stanley, Mr GE
3 Powell, Mrs D
2 Harding, Mr CWG
2 Armstrong, Mr A
3 Sanders, Mr JAF
3 Kenny, Mrs FW
3 Hardy, Mr E
2 Benson, Mr RW
3 Cooke, Mr RI
0 Williams, Mr TJM
2 Lewis, Mr D
0 Dempsey, Mr D

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COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

(as on 1 July 2015)

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Vacant	Meath
Ven Wayne Carney	Limerick
Rev Adam Pullen	Tuam
Vacant	Derry
Rev Paul McAdam	Armagh
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Rev Nicola Halford
Mrs Brigid Barrett

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General

1. The Holy Bible and the Book of Common Prayer shall lie on the table of the Synod Hall.
2. Each day's proceedings shall open with a reading from Holy Scripture and prayer, during which time the doors shall be closed.
3. The hours for the Synod when in ordinary session shall be as follows:-

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

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

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

Provided that:

- (a) The Standing Committee may by Resolution determine that –
 - i. the number of days of the Synod; and/or
 - ii. the hour at which the Synod shall commence on any day shall be otherwise than as stated above.
- (b) The Synod by Resolution assented to by at least two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting thereon may (unless the Bishops present by a majority object) prolong the period of any sitting to such hour as may be named in such Resolution.

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

4. (a) Notice of each ordinary meeting of the General Synod shall be sent by post to every member thereof at least 21 days before the day fixed for such meeting.
- (b) Notice of each special meeting of the General Synod shall be sent by post to every member thereof at least 7 days before the day fixed for such meeting.

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5. Every member shall be furnished with a card of admission by the honorary secretaries, to be presented at the door of the house: and without such card no person, save members of the Representative Body and its Chief Officer and Secretary, the assessors, and other officers of the Synod, and representatives of Churches invited by the General Synod or by the Standing Committee, shall be admitted to the body of the Synod Hall. Strangers may, on the introduction of a member, be admitted to the gallery, subject to such conditions in this behalf as may be laid down by the Synod. They shall not be admitted to the body of the Synod Hall unless by leave of the house.
6. Reporters shall be admitted to such part of the Synod Hall as the Synod may appoint except when the Synod shall exclude them by standing order or by an express vote.
7. Four honorary secretaries, two clerical and two lay, shall be elected by their respective orders from among their own members. Any casual vacancy may be filled by the Standing Committee provided always that the clerical or lay representative so elected by the Standing Committee shall be deemed to hold office only until the day previous to the next meeting of the General Synod.
8. On the first day of each ordinary session the President shall appoint as Assessor a person having legal qualifications and experience of the form of government of the Church. The Assessor shall hold office until immediately prior to the following ordinary session and shall be eligible for re-appointment.
9. When the President shall have taken the Chair, no member shall continue standing, except when addressing the Chair.
10. No member shall pass between the Chair and a member who is speaking.
11. If it appear on notice being taken that a quorum is not present, the President shall thereupon adjourn the Synod, without question put, until an hour to be named by the President, or until the next day of meeting, as he shall think fit.
12. A motion to suspend Standing Orders may be moved without notice and to be passed such motion shall require the consent of three-fourths of the members present and voting.
13. All questions of order and relevance shall be decided by the President.
14. The President shall regulate the proceedings of the Synod in all matters not provided for in these Orders by analogy to parliamentary practice.

Rules of Debate

15. Every member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Chair, and when two or more members shall rise simultaneously to address the Chair the President shall decide which of them shall speak.
16. The President shall confine each speaker to the subject-matter of debate; it shall not be in order for any member to interrupt the speaker, except through the medium of the President.

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17. Whenever the President rises during a debate, any member speaking or offering to speak shall sit down so that the President may be heard without interruption.
18. No speech of more than five minutes' duration shall be permitted except
 - (a) the proposer of the reports of the Standing Committee and the Representative Body, who may speak for fifteen minutes each; and
 - (b) the seconder of the reports of the Standing Committee and the Representative Body and the proposer of any other report or of any bill, who may speak for ten minutes;provided that the President, having regard to the circumstances, including the gravity or complexity of the subject of the debate and the time available for the disposal of business, may decide that compliance with the above restrictions ought to be waived in regard to a particular speech.
19. The President shall leave the Chair when desiring to take part in a debate.

(Note - Appointment to the Chair - see appendix)
20. The proposer of a motion shall have a right of reply, but otherwise a member shall not be permitted to speak more than once on the same question except on the committee stage of a bill. The seconder of a motion or amendment may reserve the right to make a speech to any period of the debate.
21. Members of the Representative Body and its Chief Officer and Secretary shall be entitled to address the House on any question before it. Ecumenical guests shall be entitled to address the House on reports and motions, but shall not be entitled to address the house on bills. Only those who are members of the House shall be entitled to vote.

Bills

22. Notice of motion for leave to bring in bills for specified purposes may be sent to the honorary secretaries of the Synod with the proposed bill at any time not less than one week before the day appointed for the opening of the session of the Synod, and shall appear on the Agenda for the first day of such session; provided that any bill which is lodged with the honorary secretaries not less than six weeks before the first day of the session shall be printed and sent to the members with the summonses.
23. On leave being asked to bring in a bill, the name or names of the member or members proposing to bring in the bill shall be stated and the name or names shall be printed with the bill.
24. (a) At the first ordinary session of each Synod a Bills Committee consisting of six members with the Assessor ex officio shall be elected to hold office until immediately prior to the first ordinary session of the following General Synod.

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- (b) The Bills Committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Synod to consider legal and drafting aspects of the Bills being presented. The proposer of each Bill shall be notified of the date and place of meeting, and the proposer or the proposer's nominee shall be entitled to participate during the consideration of such Bill.
 - (c) It shall be competent for the Synod to refer to the Bills Committee any amendments which may be proposed during the progress of a Bill through the Synod.
25. Bills shall be considered in the order of lodgement thereof with the honorary secretaries, save that bills introduced at the request of the Synod or the House of Bishops or the Standing Committee or the Representative Body or the Pensions Board shall have priority over other bills.
26. Where there are for consideration two or more bills dealing with the same subject matter, the President, if of the opinion that it is advisable so to do, may direct that the question be not put on the second reading of any such bills until there shall have been a debate on the second reading of the other or others.
27. Notice of any amendment proposed to a bill shall be given in writing to the honorary secretaries. (And see S.O.s Nos. 34 to 39.)
28. In the case of any Ordinary Bill which has been printed and sent to the members with the summonses, no amendment shall be considered, save with the leave of the Synod, unless it has been notified to the honorary secretaries on or before the Friday next preceding the session of the Synod; and in the case of such bill (not being a bill to which Standing Order 30 refers) the Synod, if it thinks fit, may proceed on the day of the first reading to the second reading and consideration in committee.
29. Procedure on Ordinary Bills (Ch. 1 sec. 25 of the Constitution) shall be as follows:-
- (a) Introduction and First Reading
- The member moving for leave to introduce a bill shall be permitted to make a brief explanatory statement of not more than ten minutes' duration, and if the motion is opposed, a member opposing may make a statement in opposition of not more than ten minutes' duration. The member moving for leave may postpone making a statement until after the member opposing has spoken.
- Only the one speech in support of, and one in opposition to, the motion may be made, and the question shall then be put without amendment or further debate; provided that in the case of a bill proposed to be introduced at the request of the Synod or the House of Bishops or the Standing Committee or the Representative Body or the Pensions Board the resolution giving leave to introduce it shall be put without debate unless notice of intention to oppose the resolution has been given to the honorary secretaries of the Synod on or before the Friday next preceding the meeting of the Synod.

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

(b) Second Reading

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

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

(c) Consideration in Committee

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

(d) Consideration on Report

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

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

(e) Third Reading

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

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

- (a) Leave to introduce such a bill may only be given at an ordinary session of the Synod; leave having been given, the bill shall be deemed to have been read a first time, but it shall not be processed further until the next ordinary session when it will come before the Synod for second reading. No amendment to such a Bill may be moved at the first reading stage, but notice of any such amendment

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must be given at this stage provided that written notice of any such amendment if received by the Honorary Secretaries within one calendar month of the end of this Ordinary Session shall be deemed to have been given at the first reading stage. Amendments, of which notice has been given at the first reading stage, may be moved at the committee stage, and no other amendment may then be moved except any dealing with omissions, grammatical or clerical errors.

- (b) Copies of the resolution giving leave to introduce shall be sent to each diocesan synod within one month after the ending of the session at which the resolution was passed.
- (c) The consent of not less than two-thirds of each order, present and voting, shall be required to pass the motions (i) for leave to introduce the bill, (ii) that the bill be now read a second time, and (iii) that the bill be now read a third time and passed, and
- (d) Debate on the motion that leave to introduce be given shall be governed by the rules of debate without the limitations imposed by S.O. 29(a).

Motions

- 31. (a) A notice of motion (other than a notice of motion referred to in (d) or (e) of this Order) shall be delivered to the Honorary Secretaries not less than one month before the day appointed for the opening of the session of the Synod at which the motion is to be moved.
- (b) A notice of motion duly delivered to the Honorary Secretaries in accordance with (a) of this Order shall be sent to the members of the Synod with the Summons for the Synod at which the motion is to be moved. Such notice shall also be printed on the agenda for the 1st day of such Synod, and may be taken into consideration without further notice.
- (c) A notice of motion shall be signed by the intended mover or by some member on the mover's behalf.
- (d) A notice of motion received during a session of the Synod shall be read to the Synod by one of the Honorary Secretaries on such day as the President shall direct, but such motion shall not be taken into consideration until the next following session unless:-
 - (i) it arises out of business already transacted at the session at which it is received, or
 - (ii) The President and a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting consent to its being taken into consideration at the session at which it is received.

If a motion is taken into consideration under (i) or (ii) it shall be taken into consideration on such day as the President shall direct.

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- (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.
 - (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.

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36. All amendments shall be put according to the priority of the words proposed to be inserted in or omitted from the clause under consideration, and, except by leave of the Synod, no amendment may be proposed in any part of a question after a later part has been amended.
37. The question to be put in regard to any proposed amendment shall in all cases be whether the proposed amendment be made.
38. (a) At any time before the question has been put in regard to any proposed amendment the mover thereof may with the leave of the Synod alter the terms thereof, but no other amendment to a proposed amendment shall be in order.
(b) When an amendment has been made, the question thus amended becomes the substantive question and further amendments may then be proposed.
39. Where amendments have been made, the main question as amended shall be put and where no amendments have been made the question shall be put as originally proposed.
40. The Synod may order a complicated question to be divided.

Enforced Closure of Debate

41. (a) At any time after a question has been proposed in the Synod, or in a Committee of the whole Synod, a member may claim to move “that the question be now put,” and, unless it shall appear to the President that such a motion is an abuse of Standing Orders, it shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.
(b) At any time after a question has been proposed in the Synod a member who considers that a vote on the question is undesirable may claim to move “that the Synod do now pass from this question to its next business,” and, unless it shall appear to the President that such a motion is an abuse of Standing Orders, it shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.
(c) The proposer of a closure motion under (a) or (b) above may not interrupt a speaker to do so, and the President, before putting such motion, shall read the original motion (or the motion as amended as the case may be) which was being debated.
(d) If a closure motion under (a) or (b) above is negatived this shall not of itself preclude the proposal of (i) further amendments and (ii), at the discretion of the President, further closure motions, upon the subject in debate.

Motion for Adjournment of Debate or of the Synod

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

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

Voting Procedure

44. (a) When any question is to be put to the Synod or to a Committee of the whole Synod, the President shall rise and announce that “The question is that ...”, thereupon reading or stating the question, and shall require that as many as are of that opinion shall say “Aye” and as many as are of the contrary opinion shall say “No”. The President shall judge from the answers to such requests and state the result, as an opinion, of putting the question.
- (b) After the President shall have stated the result, as an opinion, of the putting of any question, any member may call for a vote upon that question. If a vote is not called for, the President shall forthwith declare the result to be that which had previously been expressed as an opinion.
- (c) When a vote is called for, it shall be taken by show of hands unless 20 members request a division; and the President, before calling for a show of hands, shall afford sufficient opportunity for requests to be made for a division or for a vote by orders.
- (d) A vote by orders shall be taken if ten members of either order or the provisions of Ch. 1 sec. 25 of the Constitution so require, and such vote shall be by show of hands unless a division is requested by the requisite number of members.
- (e) When a division is to be taken, an interval of five minutes shall be allowed after which the doors shall be closed and the question put a second time. The President shall appoint two tellers for each side and order the House to divide; whereupon every member of the House of Representatives present, and wishing to vote, shall record an opinion by passing into the lobby with the “Ayes” or with the “Noes”. At the conclusion of the voting the tellers, having added their own votes, shall report the result to the President, who shall communicate it to the Synod.
- (f) No question shall be deemed to be carried in the House of Representatives unless, in the case of both orders voting together, there is a majority in favour of the same of the representatives voting thereon, or in the case of the votes being taken by orders there is a majority in favour of the same of the representatives of each order voting thereon. (But see S.O. 29(c) in the case of Special Bills.)
45. When a division is called for, it shall be taken, notwithstanding that the time may have arrived at which, according to standing orders, the Synod ought to adjourn, or proceed to some other business.

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

Committees of the Synod

46. All committees of the Synod appointed at one session, and ordered to report at the following session of the Synod, shall lay their report upon the table within the first two days of the session, accompanied by such resolutions as may be necessary.
47. The Synod may order any resolutions, presented by committees upon the first day of the session, to be taken into consideration without further notice.
48. When a motion for the appointment of a committee is carried, the mover thereof shall then, or at the next meeting of the Synod, move the appointment of the members proposed to serve on the Committee, one of whom shall be named as convener. The name of the mover of the resolution for the Committee shall be included in the list of proposed members, provided that this shall not be obligatory when the resolution has been moved on behalf of the House of Bishops, the Standing Committee or the Representative Body.
49. No committee shall, without leave of the Synod, consist of more than fifteen members. Each Committee shall appoint its own chairperson.
50. Every report of a committee requiring action shall be accompanied by a resolution or resolutions for the consideration of the Synod, and the mere adoption by the Synod of a report of a committee shall not be an authority for the expenditure of money.

Request for Information

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

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

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

Separate Consideration by Bishops of Any Matter in Debate

53. When the bishops shall express their wish to consider separately any matter in debate, and upon such separate consideration shall think fit to communicate to the Synod their opinion upon such matter, the communication so made shall be inserted

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in the printed orders of the day, and shall come before the Synod in due course for its consideration.

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

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

Orders of the Day

55. Prior to each session of the Synod the honorary secretaries shall prepare an agenda paper which shall include (a) all items required by the Constitution or Standing Orders to be discharged by the Synod, (b) all items which the Synod at a previous session has directed to be included, and (c) all bills, reports and notices of intention to propose motions or amendments which have been received by them by the appointed date. Motions relating to any committee, board or commission shall be placed on the agenda paper in conjunction with the report of the appropriate committee, board or commission.
56. On the first day at such time as the President shall deem appropriate and in any event not later than 12 noon, the Synod shall consider a motion or motions to be presented by the honorary secretaries with the approval of the President to allocate the time available under Standing Order 3 between the items listed on the agenda paper. In allocating the Synod's time the Honorary Secretaries shall bear in mind that the first priority of the Church of Ireland is spiritual not material. On the adoption of such motion or motions (with or without amendments) business shall be conducted in accordance therewith. Such motion or motions shall include provision of not less than two hours each for consideration of the reports of the Standing Committee and the Representative Body 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.

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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 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.

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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.

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND

2015

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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THE BISHOP OF DERRY AND RAPHOE
MR KEVIN BOWERS
(at the request of the Standing Committee and the
Representative Church Body)

Explanatory Memorandum
To Adopt the Dignity in Church Life Charter

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MR KEVIN BOWERS
(at the request of the Standing Committee and the
Representative Church Body)

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To amend Chapter IV of the Constitution

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Bill No 1

Explanatory Memorandum

The General Synod 2015 will be asked to consider a number of proposals relating to the project, initiated at the request of the archbishops and bishops, to develop policies and procedures supporting the maintenance of relationships based on Christian principles throughout the Church of Ireland.

This Bill seeks to have a Dignity in Church Life Charter formally adopted by the Church of Ireland. The Dignity Charter, which is set out in the Schedule to the Bill, seeks to articulate the Church's commitment to harmonious relationships in Church life with reference to the Christian principles underpinning those relationships.

It is intended that the Charter be adopted and published throughout the Church.

The Bill also seeks to empower the Representative Body to develop policies, regulations and rules to give effect to the Charter and to submit same to the Standing Committee for approval. The General Synod would have the authority to annul or amend any such policy, regulation or rule at its next session following.

Policies and procedures under the Charter are currently being developed in an initial three areas: dignity in Church life and the prevention of bullying and harassment; grievances of members of the clergy; and the management of long-term illness of members of the clergy.

Drafts of these policies and procedures have been circulated to all Synod members for information and, subject to the Bill being passed, are intended to be finalised following General Synod. In addition, Bills Nos 2 and 3 following relate to the area of long-term clergy illness and may be considered as complementary to the policy being developed in that area.

It is anticipated that this project will result in a variety of professional and financial resource requirements into the future and these will be considered as appropriate alongside the development of the relevant policies and procedures.

The intention is that the first of these policies and procedures would start to come into effect from January 2016, depending on resource requirements and other practicalities.

THE BISHOP OF DERRY AND RAPHOE
MR KEVIN BOWERS

(At the Request of the Standing Committee and the Representative Church Body)

BILL

To Adopt the Dignity in Church Life Charter

WHEREAS it is desirable to adopt a Charter that promotes harmonious relationships across all the structures of the Church of Ireland;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2015, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. In this Statute, the “Dignity in Church Life Charter” means the Charter contained in the Schedule to this Bill and the “Standing Committee” means the Standing Committee of the General Synod.
2. The Church of Ireland hereby adopts the Dignity in Church Life Charter.
3. The Representative Church Body may develop policies, regulations and rules to give effect to the Charter and may, from time to time, propose amendments to the same. Such policies regulations and rules, together with any amendments to the same, shall be submitted to the Standing Committee for approval.
4. Any policies, regulations, rules or amendments to the same approved by Standing Committee shall be presented to the General Synod on the first day of its session next after the approval of such policy, regulation, rule or amendment, and it shall be lawful for the General Synod by resolution to annul or amend the same without prejudice to the validity of anything done in the meantime in pursuance thereof.

Schedule

Church of Ireland

Dignity in Church Life Charter

Church membership implies a commitment to relationship. The gospel invites people into relationship with God and relationship with all who are part of the life of the Church. The pattern of Christian discipleship points to how Christian people are expected to behave in their relationships with one another – church life should be underpinned by respect, valuing everyone’s human dignity before God and the pursuit of reconciliation when conflict arises.

In this context and in the knowledge that relationships in church life, as in all life, can be imperfect, the Church of Ireland is committed to:

- Building and supporting harmonious relationships in church life across all its structures
- Upholding the right of all equally to be treated with dignity and respect
- Seeking reconciliation where there is disagreement or conflict.

The Church of Ireland is committed to upholding this Charter. All individuals participating in the life of the Church have a duty under the Constitution of the Church of Ireland to uphold this Charter together with such policies, regulations and rules as may be adopted to uphold its principles. All who hold office in the Church have a specific responsibility to promote its provisions.

Bill No 2

Explanatory Memorandum

Section 34 of Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland currently provides for circumstances where a member of the clergy is unable to fulfil the duties of his or her office due to “permanent mental infirmity”. Section 34 currently provides for a mechanism whereby the bishop notifies such infirmity to the Court of the General Synod. The Court is empowered to make a judgment on the permanent mental infirmity of the member of the clergy which said judgment has the same effect as if the member of the clergy had resigned from office. Prior to the bishop notifying the Court of the General Synod, the bishop must be satisfied that adequate provision can be made for the future maintenance of the member of the clergy.

This Bill seeks to modernise and extend the provisions of the existing section 34 by providing that any decision made in relation to the medical incapacity of a member of the clergy is based on medical evidence and by extending the current provisions to allow for permanent physical as well as mental incapacity. The role of the Court of the General Synod is retained as an appeal body as it is considered that, where there is disputed medical evidence, it will be a matter for legal consideration.

As set out above, section 34(1) seeks to extend the current provisions of Section 34 to include permanent physical incapacity as well as permanent mental incapacity. The duty to ensure that adequate provision can be made for the future maintenance of the member of the clergy who is incapacitated on medical grounds is retained. The decision making body will be a panel (the “Church Panel”) which shall consist of the Chief Officer and Secretary of the Representative Church Body, an Honorary Secretary of the General Synod and an Archbishop or Bishop. The Church Panel shall be advised by a group of medical experts (the “Medical Panel”).

Section 34(2) seeks to briefly outline the procedures to be adopted before the Church Panel and it is considered that detailed procedures will be the subject matter of Rules to be adopted in accordance with section 34(5). This sub-section also outlines the effect of a decision of the Church Panel and it should be noted that the effect of the decision is the same as currently exists under section 34.

Section 34(3) seeks to provide for circumstances whereby the member of the clergy in question considers that he or she is no longer permanently incapacitated on medical grounds from the due performance of the duties of office and the member of the clergy wishes to seek appointment to an office. This sub-section sets out the procedure which would enable the

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member of the clergy to proceed to take up an office where that person secures such appointment.

Section 34(4) seeks to provide for circumstances whereby the Church considers that the member of the clergy is no longer permanently incapacitated on medical grounds from the due performance of the duties of office. As set out above, prior to invoking the provisions of section 34, the bishop must be satisfied that adequate provision can be made for the future maintenance of the member of the clergy. It is considered that this duty exists during such period of incapacity. In circumstances whereby a member of the clergy is no longer permanently incapacitated on medical grounds, perhaps due to the advancement of medical technology, the Church retains the option of reviewing the benefits being provided to the member of the clergy. Such benefits may be withdrawn if it is considered that the member of the clergy is capable of carrying out the duties of office.

Section 34(5) provides that rules for the carrying into effect of the revised Section 34 may be framed from time to time by the Standing Committee of the General Synod.

THE BISHOP OF DERRY AND RAPHOE
MR KEVIN BOWERS

(At the Request of the Standing Committee and the Representative Church Body)

BILL

To amend Chapter IV of the Constitution

WHEREAS it is desirable to extend the provisions of Chapter IV of the Constitution in relation to the permanent incapacity of members of the clergy on medical grounds;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2015, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. In this Statute “Chapter IV” means Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.
2. For section 34 of Chapter IV there shall be substituted:

“34. (1) If in the case of a member of the clergy holding office in any diocese it shall appear to the bishop, upon such evidence as the bishop may deem sufficient, that such person may be permanently incapacitated on medical grounds from the due performance of the duties of office and also that adequate provision can be made for the future maintenance of such person, the bishop may certify the same to a panel (the “Church Panel”) duly appointed to consist of (i) the Chief Officer and Secretary of the Representative Church Body, (ii) an honorary secretary of the General Synod chosen by the said honorary secretaries from within their number and (iii) an archbishop or bishop chosen by the archbishops and bishops from within their number. Following appointment, the Church Panel shall convene a medical panel (the “Medical Panel”) to consist of not less than three medical experts and the member of the clergy shall attend before members of the Medical Panel on such occasions as the Medical Panel may require. The member of the clergy shall be entitled to provide medical evidence to the Church Panel which shall be duly considered.

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- (2) If, upon due enquiry and as evidenced by reports of at least two members of the Medical Panel, it is established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Church Panel that the member of the clergy is permanently incapacitated on medical grounds from the due performance of the duties of office, the Church Panel may make a decision (the “Decision to Vacate”). The Decision to Vacate shall have the same effect as if such person had notified an intention to resign and the same proceedings may be taken for the purpose of vacating the office of the said person and for the purpose of providing, in cases where arrangements can be made, for a retiring annuity. The member of the clergy, the subject matter of the Decision to Vacate, may appeal the said decision to the Court of the General Synod. In circumstances where the Church Panel does not proceed to make a Decision to Vacate and if it is claimed that the capacity of the member of the clergy has subsequently changed, nothing in this section shall preclude a further application being made to the Church Panel.
- (3) If it is claimed that the capacity of a member of the clergy the subject of a Decision to Vacate has subsequently changed and that person desires to be eligible to seek appointment to office in any diocese, that person may notify the bishop of the diocese in which the person is then resident. The bishop shall request that the Church Panel be convened and upon due enquiry and as evidenced by reports of at least two members of a Medical Panel convened by the Church Panel, it is established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Church Panel that the said person is no longer permanently incapacitated on medical grounds from the due performance of the duties of office, the Church Panel may make a determination that (a) the person is entitled to seek appointment to office and (b) where the person secures an appointment to office which he/she wishes to take up, the Church Panel shall, in return for the person renouncing his/her entitlement to further payments and other benefits under the Decision to Vacate, set aside the Decision to Vacate to enable such appointment to proceed. The member of the clergy shall be entitled to provide medical evidence to the Church Panel which shall be duly considered.
- (4) If it is claimed that the capacity of a member of the clergy subject to a Decision to Vacate has subsequently changed and it shall appear to the reasonable satisfaction of the Church Panel, upon due enquiry and as evidenced by reports of at least two members of a Medical Panel, that the said person is no longer permanently incapacitated on medical grounds from the due performance of the duties of office, any payments or other benefits, other than a retiring annuity, paid to the said person

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under the Decision to Vacate shall be reviewed and may be withdrawn. The member of the clergy shall be entitled to provide medical evidence to the Church Panel which shall be duly considered.

- (5) Rules for carrying this section into effect may be framed from time to time by the Standing Committee of the General Synod.”

Bill No 3

Explanatory Memorandum

The Severance Fund was established under Statute Chapter XVI of 2003, to enable financial settlements to be made to clergy agreeing to withdraw permanently from stipendiary ministry following a process of mediation through the Provincial Mediation Panels established under Statute Chapter VI of 2001. Funding was by means of a diocesan levy.

The Fund was not accessed for the first several years of its existence and consequently, from 2008 to the present, no levy has been collected, with a balance in excess of €500,000 currently remaining in the Fund.

In light of the lack of use of the Fund through the Provincial Mediation Panels system, the Representative Body in 2008 amended the Fund Regulations to introduce an alternative route whereby the Fund could be accessed in response to an individual recommendation from an archbishop or bishop relating to permanent cessation from the stipendiary ministry. In 2012 the Statute Chapter VI of 2001 was substantially repealed and the Provincial Mediation Panels disbanded. Consequently at present the only route to accessing the Fund is by a recommendation from an archbishop or bishop under the provisions of the Fund Regulations as amended.

The Bill seeks to broaden the scope of circumstances in which the Severance Fund may be accessed, to include provision for cases of permanent incapacity on medical grounds by amending the Statute Chapter XVI of 2003 to rename the Fund the ‘Clergy and Ministry Protection Fund’. The provisions of this Bill may be considered as complementary to the provisions of Bill No 2 and to the policy and procedure being developed in the area of long-term clergy illness under the provisions of Bill No 1.

THE BISHOP OF DERRY AND RAPHOE
MR KEVIN BOWERS

(At the Request of the Standing Committee and the Representative Church Body)

BILL

To amend Chapter XVI of 2003

WHEREAS in Chapter XVI of 2003, the General Synod made provision for the establishment of a Severance Fund for clergy;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to extend the circumstances in which the said Fund can be accessed to include provision for clergy forced from ministry by illness;

AND WHEREAS for these purposes it is desirable to rename the said Fund “The Clergy and Ministry Protection Fund”;

AND WHEREAS for these purposes it is necessary to amend Chapter XVI of 2003.

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2015, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In this Statute, ‘Chapter XVI’ means the Statute of the General Synod, Chapter XVI of 2003 as amended.
2. In Chapter XVI, the term “The Clergy and Ministry Protection Fund” shall be substituted for “The Severance Fund” wherever it occurs.
3. In Chapter XVI after section 5, the following sections shall be inserted:

5A Regulations may be made by the Representative Church Body concerning the use of the Clergy and Ministry Protection Fund.

5B Any regulations made by the Representative Church Body under section 5A of this statute, and any amendments thereto, shall be laid on the table of the General Synod on the first day of its session next after the making of such regulations or amendments.

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4. Nothing in this Statute shall invalidate or affect any action taken or thing heretofore done or any right or liability heretofore acquired or incurred under Chapter XVI prior to this amendment.

Bill No 4

Explanatory Memorandum

In 2008, the Northern Ireland Assembly enacted the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. In 2009, the Oireachtas enacted the Charity Act 2009. Both statutes require institutions seeking charitable status to have a Statement of Charitable Purposes and Objects. Both jurisdictions also require that charities should show public benefit. However, the legislation in the Republic of Ireland creates a rebuttable presumption that ‘the advancement of religion’ is of public benefit. There is no corresponding rebuttable presumption in the Northern Ireland legislation and accordingly, bodies created to promote the advancement of religion seeking charitable status in Northern Ireland should also have a Statement of Public Benefit.

The Northern Ireland Executive and the Government of Ireland have both begun to implement the legislation in their respective jurisdictions.

The relevant authorities in both jurisdictions require that the Statement of Charitable Purposes and Objects and the Statement of Public Benefit be adopted by the governance structure of the Church.

Many bodies governed by the laws of the Church of Ireland have sought or will seek registration as Charities in the jurisdiction in which they are based.

As a Church that operates in two jurisdictions, it would be desirable that bodies under Church of Ireland governance seeking charitable registration should have the same or similar Statements of Charitable Purposes and Objects and (in Northern Ireland) the same Statements of Public Benefit.

Bill No 4 would adopt Statements of Charitable Purposes and Objects for use in both jurisdictions. The wording is almost identical for both jurisdictions but there is a slight difference in emphasis due to the fact that the relevant authorities in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland apply terminology in a slightly different way. The Bill would also adopt a Statement of Public Benefit for use in Northern Ireland to satisfy the legislative requirement there.

The Bill would also repeal a resolution adopted by the General Synod in 2010 which provided a Statement of Charitable Purpose and a Statement of Public Benefit for use by Church of Ireland Select Vestries or equivalent bodies registering as charities in Northern Ireland.

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If the Bill is adopted all bodies governed by the laws of the Church of Ireland would use the Statements of Charitable Purposes and Objects and the Statement of Public Benefit when registering under the legislation. This would facilitate compliance with the legislation and consistency across the Church.

MR SYDNEY GAMBLE
MRS ETHNE HARKNESS

(At the Request of the Standing Committee and the Representative Church Body)

BILL

To Adopt Statements of Charitable Purposes and Objects and a Statement of Public Benefit for use by Bodies Governed by the Laws of the Church of Ireland

WHEREAS the Northern Ireland Executive has begun to implement the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 in Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland has begun to implement the Charity Act 2009 in the Republic of Ireland;

AND WHEREAS under both the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charity Act 2009 there is a requirement for bodies seeking registration as charities to provide a Statement of Charitable Purposes and Objects;

AND WHEREAS under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 there is a requirement for bodies seeking registration as charities to benefit or intend to benefit the public, or to benefit or intend to benefit a section of the public;

AND WHEREAS in so far as it is compatible with the legal requirements in each jurisdiction, it is desirable that bodies governed by the laws of the Church of Ireland registering as charities should have the same or similar statements of charitable purposes and objects;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in 2015, and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. In this statute the “Statement of Charitable Purpose and Objects (NI)” means the Statement of Charitable Purposes and Objects contained in the First Schedule to this Statute; the “Statement of Charitable Purpose and Objects (ROI)” means the Statement of Charitable Purposes and Objects contained in the Second Schedule to this Statute; the “Statement of Public Benefit” means the Statement of Public Benefit contained in the Third Schedule to this Statute and the “relevant authorities” means the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (in Northern Ireland) or the Charities Regulatory Authority (in the Republic of Ireland).

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2. The Church of Ireland hereby adopts the Statement of Charitable Purpose and Objects (NI) and the Statement of Charitable Purpose and Objects (ROI).
3. The Church of Ireland hereby adopts the Statement of Public Benefit.
4. The resolution adopted in 2010 by the General Synod approving guidance documents for use by Church of Ireland bodies registering as charities under new charities legislation is hereby repealed.
5. Henceforth, bodies governed by the laws of the Church of Ireland registering as charities under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 in Northern Ireland shall use the Statement of Charitable Purpose and Objects (NI) and the Statement of Public Benefit when submitting registering documents to the relevant authorities.
6. Henceforth, bodies governed by the laws of the Church of Ireland registering as charities under the Charity Act 2009 in the Republic of Ireland shall use the Charitable Purpose and Objects (ROI) when submitting registering documents to the relevant authorities.

First Schedule

Statement of Charitable Purposes and Objects (NI)

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion. The principal function of the *[insert name of relevant body]* is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the *[insert name of relevant body]* the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity.

As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the *[insert name of relevant body]* has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the *[insert name of relevant body]*.

Second Schedule

Statement of Charitable Purposes and Objects (ROI)

The Charitable purpose:

The Charitable purpose of the [*insert name of relevant body*] of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

The Charitable objects:

The principal function of the [*insert name of relevant body*] of the Church of Ireland is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the [*insert name of relevant body*], the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity. As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the [*insert name of relevant body*] has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the [*insert name of relevant body*].

Third Schedule

Statement of Public Benefit (NI)

Purpose 1

The expression of the precepts of the Christian religion through engagement with the general public, and in particular with the disadvantaged, the sick, the elderly and the young is a public benefit. This can be measured and evidenced through increased social integration and pastoral care delivered at the point of need. The direct benefit of participation in Church life includes the enjoyment of public worship and the giving and receiving of pastoral ministry, improved understanding of the values relating to civic engagement, community cohesion and providing a bridge between diverse groups as well as improved educational outcomes through the Church's ministry of teaching.

The beneficiaries are the general public, and the public valuation of the benefits can be evidenced through attendance at public worship, participation in Church governance and willingness to support through contributions the continuing witness of the Church. The wider benefit to the public will outweigh any detriment arising in the course of Christian outreach. Any private benefit arising out of the fulfilment of our Christian ministry or to lay staff is essential to the fulfilment of the purpose of the advancement of religion. No Trustee receives remuneration, reward or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibility.

Purpose 2

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include the provision of archive records, public enjoyment of cultural and historic buildings and artefacts such as church plate, furnishings and materials as well as an overall improved appreciation of longstanding Christian heritage.

This is demonstrated through on-going provision of access to records and the use made of these records in, for example, research and genealogy, through conservation efforts in respect of records, property and artefacts and the subsequent and continued requests for access and use of our materials by wider society. There is no harm arising from the purpose. The beneficiaries are the general public. No private benefit is received by Trustees fulfilling their Trustee responsibilities in respect of these records, buildings or artefacts, but in the course of conservation and to make these accessible to the public, the engagement of professional staff and services is essential but incidental to the fulfilment of the purpose.

Bill No 5

Explanatory Memorandum

This Bill seeks to make provision consequential upon the establishment of a second archdeaconry in the Diocese of Armagh in accordance with a resolution passed at the Armagh Diocesan Synod on 21st October 2014 and with the consent of the Standing Committee of the General Synod given at a meeting of the said Standing Committee on 18th November 2014.

Clause 1 seeks to amend the relevant provisions of the Statute, Chapter VI of 2011, which relates to the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick, Armagh by including, in the list of dignitaries constituting the Cathedral Body, a second archdeacon, namely the Archdeacon of Ardboe.

Clause 2 seeks to provide for the election, by the lay members of the Armagh Diocesan Council, of an additional member of the Cathedral Board in order to maintain the parity of lay and ordained members of the said Board. While the additional lay member could be elected either by the Cathedral Vestry or by the Diocesan Council it is considered more appropriate that it should be by the Diocesan Council since the second archdeacon is primarily a diocesan rather than a cathedral appointment and the diocese is the larger constituency from which the additional member of the Board may be drawn.

VERY REV GREGORY DUNSTAN
CANON LADY SHEIL

BILL

To amend the Statute, Chapter VI of 2011

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend the provisions relating to the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick Armagh;

AND WHEREAS the Diocesan Synod of Armagh on 21st October 2014 resolved to establish a second Archdeaconry in the Diocese of Armagh pursuant to Section 38 (a) of Chapter II of the Constitution and the Standing Committee of the General Synod having consented thereto;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2015 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. For the opening sentence of paragraph 4 of Schedule I to the Statute Chapter VI of 2011, hereinafter referred to as the said Schedule, there shall be substituted:-

"The officers who shall constitute the Cathedral Body shall be the dignitaries; namely the Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, the Archdeacon of Armagh and the Archdeacon of Ardboe, in that order, and the Prebendaries, namely, the Prebendary of Mullabrack, the Prebendary of Ballymore, the Prebendary of Loughall and the Prebendary of Tynan, in no particular order."

2. In paragraph 11(ii) of the said Schedule for the word "four" there shall be substituted the word "five".

Bill No 6

Explanatory Memorandum

This short bill is intended to amend Chapter I of 1902, which is the main statute for regulating the Chapter and Governance of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

At present, Section 4 of Chapter I of 1902 opens with the sentence ‘The Dean and Chapter, with the consent of the Ordinary, and subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, shall have the regulation of all matters relative to the Cathedral, and the administration thereof, and power to make by-laws in reference thereto.’ The remainder of Section 4 concerns the composition of the Cathedral Chapter.

The opening sentence of Section 4 of Chapter I of 1902 is inappropriate in the light of current charitable legislation.

The bill will remove this sentence. Apart from slight typographical changes, the remainder of Section 4 of Chapter I of 1902 is unchanged.

VERY REV DERMOT DUNNE
MR DESMOND CAMPBELL

BILL

To amend Chapter I of 1902

WHEREAS it is expedient to make better provision for the regulation and management of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, commonly called Christ Church, Dublin;

AND WHEREAS for this purpose it is necessary Chapter I of 1902;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2015, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. In this Statute “Chapter I of 1902” means the Statute of the General Synod, Chapter I of 1902.
2. For section 4 of Chapter I of 1902 there shall be substituted:

The Chapter shall consist, with the Dean, of the Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, Archdeacon of Dublin, Archdeacon of Glendalough, and twelve Canons, eight of whom shall be appointed from the beneficed or licensed Clergy of the Diocese of Dublin, and four from the beneficed or licensed Clergy of the Diocese of Glendalough. Of such twelve Canons the first three in seniority of appointment shall bear respectively the name and style of Prebendary of St Michael, Prebendary of St Michan and Prebendary of St John.

Bill No 7

Explanatory Memorandum

Following the closure of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund to new membership and to the accrual of future service of existing members, with effect from 1st June 2013, the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme was established and divided into two Sections, one for Northern Ireland and one for the Republic of Ireland, each regulated by Rules made by the Representative Church Body (RCB) subject to the approval of General Synod. Since 1st June 2013 the two Sections have operated as two distinct Schemes regulated by separate rules made by the RCB. This Bill seeks to formalise that practice by statutorily providing for two distinct Schemes, each having separate Trustees appointed by the RCB and each Scheme being regulated by separate Rules made by the RCB in conjunction with the relevant Trustees and subject to the approval of the General Synod.

Part I

Part I of this Bill sets out, in Clause 1, the requisite definitions for Chapter XIV and for any regulations made thereunder.

Part II

In Part II the detailed provisions governing the two Schemes are set out. Clauses 2, 3, and 4 relate to the establishment of the two Schemes and their governance and regulation.

Clause 5 seeks to provide that upon reaching Normal Retirement Age members will receive retirement benefits from the relevant Scheme and where applicable benefits accrued to 31st May 2013 under Part III of Chapter XIV from the Clergy Pensions Fund.

Clauses 6 and 7 define the Pension Scheme into which Clergy entering or re-entering Service in the Church of Ireland will be enrolled or from which they may opt out if they so wish.

Clause 8 details the method of calculation of contributions to be paid, while Clause 9 relates to the investment of members' contributions.

Clause 10 seeks to provide that benefits will be paid in accordance with the relevant Contribution Scheme Rules of each Scheme and sets out the various alternatives where death occurs in service before or after reaching Normal Retirement Age or in retirement.

Part III

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Clause 11 restates the provisions of the existing Chapter XIV concerning the establishment of the Clergy Pensions Fund and states that the Fund was closed to new entrants and to future accrual of service on 31st May 2013.

Clause 12 restates the provisions of Section 1A of Chapter XIV, as inserted in the said Chapter by the Clergy Pensions (Defined Contribution) Statute of 2013, concerning the pensions of members of the Clergy who re-enter Service in the Church of Ireland after 31st May 2013 and Clauses 13, 14, 15 and 16 restate the provisions of Section 3,4,5,6, of the existing Chapter XIV.

Similarly Clauses 17 to 24 restate the provisions of Sections 7 to 14 of the existing Chapter XIV.

Clauses 25 to 28 seek to make new provision in relation to the composition of the Church of Ireland Pensions Board reducing from 12 to 7 the number of members but only reducing the number of members required to form a quorum from 5 to 4.

Clause 27 permits attendance by teleconference to count for the purposes of forming a quorum.

Clauses 29 to 33 relating to inalienability, retirement and surrender by Applicants for a pension of a Glebe House or other residence and membership are unchanged and restate the provisions of Sections 22, 23, 24, 25 and 31 of the existing Chapter XIV.

Clause 34 seeks to restrict membership of the Fund to those who were members of the Fund as at 31st May 2013 and Clause 35 is the same as the existing Section 29 of Chapter XIV.

Clauses 36 and 38 which provide for the payment of a levy by each Diocese and by any Council, Society, Institution or Organisation responsible for the payment of a contribution to the Fund were introduced by the Clergy Pensions (Defined Contribution) Statute 2013 and now clarifies the manner in which the levy is applied to curate assistants.

Clauses 37, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 are restating existing provisions of Chapter XIV.

With regard to Early Retirement Pension, Clause 44 makes a significant change from the provisions of existing Section 44 in seeking to provide that the Trustee may decide that payment of the pension may be deferred until the member reaches Normal Retirement Age in accordance with Section 59G of the Pensions Act 1990 in the Republic of Ireland.

Clauses 45, 46 and 47 are restating the provisions of existing Sections 45, 46 and 47. Additional personal contributions can no longer be made and it is therefore necessary to omit the provisions of the old Section 48 of Chapter XIV.

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The provisions of Clauses 48 and 49 are restating the provisions of existing Sections 49 and 50 and Clauses 50 to 62 similarly restate the provisions of Section 50 to 63.

Clause 63 is for clarification and states what has been the practice.

In Clause 64(3) there is a reduction from 8% to 6% per annum compound interest of a surviving spouse's deferred pension to bring it into line with late retirement pension provisions.

The provisions of Clauses 65, 66 and 67 relating to Episcopal Retirement Benefits are the same as those of Sections 67, 68 and 69 of the existing Chapter XIV.

Clause 68 differs from Section 72 of the existing Chapter XIV in that an additional change in the calculation of Bishop's pensions is required to reflect the closure of the Clergy Pensions Fund to future accruals on 31st May 2013.

Clauses 70 to 85 mirror existing provisions of Chapter XIV with one exception. As is the case with members of the Clergy, it will no longer be possible for an Archbishop or Bishop to make additional personal contributions to purchase additional service for pension purposes.

The provisions of Clause 86, relating to commutation of pensions, are very similar to those of Section 96 of the existing Chapter XIV except that in Clause 86(3) the requirement to give one month's notice of the decision to commute has been omitted.

The remaining provisions of the Bill are identical to those of Sections 87, 88 and 89 of the existing Chapter XIV.

Schedules 1 and 2 to the said Chapter have been omitted because they are no longer applicable.

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BILL

To amend, consolidate and replace Chapter XIV of the Constitution

WHEREAS it is necessary to replace Chapter XIV of the Constitution with an amended and consolidated Chapter XIV as set out in the Schedule to this Statute;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishop and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2015 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. For Chapter XIV there shall be substituted a new Chapter XIV as set out in the Schedule to this Statute.

SCHEDULE

CHAPTER XIV

Part I

PENSION SCHEMES FOR CLERGY

Preliminary

Pensions for Church of Ireland Clergy are governed by two Schemes, a Defined Benefit Scheme which was closed to new entrants on 31st May 2013 and a Defined Contribution Scheme which applies to all clergy entering or re-entering service in the Church of Ireland on and from 1st June 2013, and also to clergy in the Service of the Church of Ireland on 31st May 2013 in respect of their continuing pension arrangements.

The Defined Contribution Pension Scheme, established following the closure of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund for future accrual of service in respect of all members and heretofore divided into two sections is, under the provisions of Part II of this Chapter, to be divided into two Schemes, one for Northern Ireland and one for the Republic of Ireland, details of which are set out in Part II. The Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund, while closed to new entrants and future accrual of service on 31st May 2013, shall continue to be so designated and shall be regulated and administered in accordance with the provisions of Part III of this Chapter. For the purposes of clarification, definitions relating to both Parts II and III of this Chapter are set out in Part I.

1. Definitions

For the purpose of this Chapter and of any regulations made thereunder, except so far as is otherwise provided or the context otherwise requires, those definitions preceded by * are relevant only to Part III of this Chapter.

- * **“accrued pension accumulation”** in respect of a Member of the Clergy who ceases to be a contributing member shall be the benefits calculated in accordance with Section 39.

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- * “**accrued service**” shall mean the number of years’ service which a member has completed and in the event of the final year of service to 31st May 2013 being incomplete shall include such part of that year as was completed in terms of days. It shall include any additional service purchased by way of additional personal contributions to 31st May 2013 and service transfers made to that date.

“**benefits**” shall include

- (a) retirement pension or retirement annuity payable to a Member of the Clergy;
- (b) pension or annuity payable to a surviving spouse;
- (c) child dependency allowances;
- (d) a lump sum payable either to a member or to such member’s legal personal representatives.

- * the “**Board**” means the Church of Ireland Pensions Board established and constituted in accordance with Section 25 of this Chapter.

- * “**contributing member**” shall mean a member of the Fund who had not reached Normal Retirement Age on or before 31st May 2013.

“**episcopal service**” shall mean service as a member of the House of Bishops of the Church of Ireland.

“**Episcopal Stipend**” shall mean the relevant multiple of the Minimum Approved Stipend as determined by the Representative Body from time to time in relation to each member of the House of Bishops of the Church of Ireland.

- * “**Fund**” shall mean the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund.

“**Member of the Clergy**” shall include an archbishop and bishop, but shall not include a person serving in an auxiliary ministry, a deacon serving in an internship or an auxiliary priest licensed as such under the rules drawn up by the House of Bishops and approved by the General Synod.

“**Minimum Approved Stipend**” shall mean the minimum stipend determined by the General Synod in accordance with the provisions of section 51(1) of Chapter IV.

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“**Normal Retirement Age**” from 1st June 2013, in respect of those members of the Fund who were contributing members on 31st May 2013 and also members of the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Schemes, shall be in accordance with the following table:

Date of birth	Normal Retirement Age
On or before 31 st May 1949	65
1 st June 1949 to 31 st May 1954	66
1 st June 1954 to 31 st May 1959	67
1 st June 1959 and after	68

Subject to the proviso that those members who became members of the Fund on or after 1st January 2009 or ceased to be contributing members and re-entered membership of the Fund on or after 1st January 2009 shall have a Normal Retirement Age of not less than 67.

- * “**orphan**” or “**child**” as the case may be shall include a stepchild and a child legally adopted by a member of the Fund.
- * “**Pensionable Episcopal Stipend**” shall be the same multiples of the Pensionable Stipend as those applied to the Minimum Approved Stipend when determining the Episcopal Stipend.
- * “**Pensionable Stipend**” shall mean the figure approved annually by the Standing Committee on behalf of the General Synod on the recommendation of the Trustee and the Representative Body having regard to the financial status of the Fund and having received actuarial advice and shall not be a figure lower than that for the previous year.

“**Pensions Act**” shall mean the Pensions Act 1990 (as amended from time to time).

“**Pensions Authority**” shall mean the regulatory body for occupational pension schemes in the Republic of Ireland.

“**Pensions Regulator**” shall mean the regulatory body for occupational pension schemes in Northern Ireland.

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“Service in the Church of Ireland” for the purposes of this Chapter shall mean service as a Member of the Clergy who

- (a) holds the office of bishop, incumbent, vicar, bishop’s curate or curate assistant in the Church of Ireland; or
- (b) is the Dean, the Dean’s Vicar, or the Succentor of the Cathedral Church of St Patrick, Dublin; or
- (c) is duly licensed and a paid officer of the Church of Ireland or of any Council of Churches of which the Church of Ireland is a member, or of any Society or Institution or Diocesan Organisation working in connection with the Church of Ireland, as recommended by the House of Bishops and recognised as such by the Representative Body for the purposes of this Chapter.

The Representative Body, in its discretion, may recognise service in a full time appointment in connection with Religious Education as equivalent for the purposes of this Chapter to service in the Church of Ireland but on such terms and conditions as the Trustee may from time to time prescribe.

“Revenue Authorities” means, in relation to the Republic of Ireland, the Revenue Commissioners and, in relation to Northern Ireland, HM Revenue & Customs.

“Taxes Act” shall mean the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (as amended from time to time).

- * **“the Trustee”** shall mean The Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee Limited.
- * **“total prospective service”** shall mean the accrued service which a member would have achieved on reaching Normal Retirement Age having remained a member until that date.
- * **“voluntary member”** shall mean 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.
- * **“year of service”** shall mean a year or part thereof 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.

Part II

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**THE CHURCH OF IRELAND CLERGY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION
SCHEMES**

2. The Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme established with effect from 1st June 2013, regulated by Rules made by the Representative Church Body subject to the approval of the General Synod and heretofore divided into two sections known as the Northern Ireland Section and the Republic of Ireland Section, shall hereafter be divided into two Schemes to be known as the Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme for Northern Ireland and the Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme for the Republic of Ireland.
3. Each Scheme shall have separate Trustees appointed by the Representative Church Body.
4. (a) In accordance with statutory pension regulations, the two Schemes shall be regulated by separate rules made by the Representative Church Body in conjunction with the relevant Trustees and subject to the approval of the General Synod, hereinafter referred to as the Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme - Northern Ireland Section Scheme Rules and the Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme - Republic of Ireland Section Scheme Rules.

(b) Any amendment which may be made to the Rules for either Scheme may be approved by the Standing Committee of the General Synod provided that they are reported to the next following General Synod.
5. Upon reaching Normal Retirement Age members will receive retirement benefits from the relevant Clergy Pension Defined Contribution Scheme and, where applicable, benefits accrued to 31st May 2013 under the provisions of Part III of this Chapter from the Clergy Pensions Fund.

MEMBERSHIP

6. A Member of the Clergy who enters Service in the Church of Ireland will be enrolled in the relevant Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme unless that Member of the Clergy formally elects to opt out of membership of the Scheme.

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7. A Member of the Clergy who re-enters Service in the Church of Ireland will be enrolled in the relevant Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme unless that Member of the Clergy formally elects to opt out of membership of the Scheme.

OPERATION OF THE SCHEMES

8. Contributions required to be paid until a member attains his or her Normal Retirement Age shall be as follows:

(a) Member's pension fund comprising:

- (i) a member contribution of 9% per annum of the relevant Minimum Approved Stipend or Episcopal Stipend by a monthly deduction from the stipend of each member concerned.
- (ii) a Parish / Diocesan Council / Other contribution of 8% per annum of the relevant Minimum Approved Stipend or Episcopal Stipend by assessment on that Parish / Diocesan Council / Other concerned for paying that member's stipend.

(b) Death in Service insured benefit:

- (i) a Parish / Diocesan Council / Other contribution at a contribution rate determined by the Representative Body to meet the cost of the benefit by way of assessment on that Parish / Diocesan Council / Other concerned for paying that member's stipend.

INVESTMENT CHOICE

9. Upon enrolment in the relevant Scheme, a member's monthly contributions will initially be invested in the default investment option, as offered from the appointed pension provider, unless otherwise instructed by the member.

BENEFITS

10. (a) On retirement, benefits will be paid in accordance with the Clergy Defined Contribution Scheme Rules of each Pension Scheme.

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- (b) On death in service before reaching Normal Retirement Age, benefits will be paid in accordance with the Life Assurance policy in place for the relevant jurisdiction.
- (c) On death in service on, or after, reaching Normal Retirement Age, benefits will be paid in accordance with the Clergy Defined Contribution Scheme Rules of each Pension Scheme.
- (d) On death in retirement, benefits will be paid in accordance with selected options made by the member at retirement.

Part III

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND CLERGY PENSIONS FUND

- 11. The Fund established by Statute of the Church of Ireland, Chapter V of 1976, on 1st January 1976, as The Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund for the financial assistance of clergy who are members of the Fund and who retire or who become unable to continue the exercise of their ministry by reason of infirmity, accident or disease and for the financial assistance of the surviving spouses and orphans of the members of the Fund, shall continue to be designated as “The Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund” and shall be regulated and administered in accordance with the provisions of this Part of this Chapter. The Fund was closed to new entrants and future accrual of service on 31st May 2013.
- 12.
 - (a) A Member of the Clergy who re-enters Service in the Church of Ireland on or after 1st June 2013 shall have his or her benefits calculated in accordance with Section 39 and will become a member of the relevant Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme subject to the provisions of this Chapter.
 - (b) A contributing member of the Fund on 31st May 2013, who was neither an archbishop nor a bishop or who did not become an archbishop or bishop until after 31st May 2013 shall, upon reaching his or her Normal Retirement Age, receive such benefit from the Fund based on the Pensionable Stipend in relation to his or her office as at 31st May 2013 and accrued service to that date. The pension shall be calculated in accordance with either Section 42 or Section 43 as the case may be.
 - (c) A contributing member of the Fund, who was either an archbishop or bishop on 31st May 2013 shall, upon reaching his or her Normal Retirement Age, receive such benefit from the Fund based on applicable Pensionable Episcopal Stipend in relation to his office as at 31st May 2013 and that member’s accrued service to 31st May 2013;

- (i) For an archbishop or bishop who entered episcopal service on or before 31st December 2010, Section 68 shall apply.
 - (ii) For an archbishop or bishop who entered episcopal service on or after 1st January 2011, Section 77 shall apply.
- (d) With effect from 1st June 2013 all other relevant Sections of this Chapter (excluding Sections 52(1) (a), 73 (1) and 82 (1)) shall apply as if a contributing member as at 31st May 2013 commenced on a pension payable out of the Fund on 1st June 2013 upon reaching his or her Normal Retirement Age, subject to any change in Pensionable Stipend or Pensionable Episcopal Stipend in the interim period.

Transfer of Existing Funds, Membership and Benefits

13. Subject to the provisions of Section 15 of this Chapter, nothing herein contained shall affect any right existing on the 31st December 1975, in any person under the provisions of Chapters XIV and XV of the statute entitled the Constitution of the Church of Ireland (Chapter I of 1972), but such right shall continue to exist and shall be enforceable as if the said Chapters XIV and XV had not been repealed.
14. The annuities which immediately prior to 1st January 1976 and under Section 13 hereof were payable to widows and orphans out of the Widows and Orphans (Church of Ireland) General Fund, shall be payable out of the Fund.
15. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 13 of this Chapter:
- (a) voluntary members of the Widows and Orphans Fund on the 31st December 1975, shall not become members of the Fund, but shall be entitled to a refund of the contributions they have paid to the Widows and Orphans (Church of Ireland) General Fund since they last ceased to be compulsory members, with interest at 3% thereon;
 - (b) members who subscribed for increased or double benefits, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 or 15 of Chapter XIV of the Constitution 1972, shall be entitled to a refund of the contributions paid in excess of those fixed under paragraphs (a) or (b) of Section 11 of the same Chapter, with interest thereon at 3%:

Provided however that any such Member of the Clergy who gave notice in writing to the Trustee before the 31st December 1976, may continue as a voluntary contributor or to subscribe for increased or double benefits, as the case may be, at the same rate of

contribution or excess contribution, and for the benefits or excess benefits in effect on the 31st December 1975.

COMPOSITION OF THE FUND

16. The Fund shall consist of
- (a) the capital held by the Trustee in the account of the Fund and the income arising thereon;
 - (b) contributions to the Fund under this Chapter;
 - (c) every donation, benefaction and bequest and every sum of money received for the benefit of the Fund: Provided that the Trustee shall not be bound to accept any donation, benefaction or bequest if in its opinion same shall not be for the benefit of the Fund;
 - (d) such sum as shall be received under the provisions of Section 19 of this Chapter;
 - (e) every such other sum as the General Synod may allocate to the Fund from time to time.

TRUSTEE AND TERMS OF TRUST

17. The Trustee shall be the sole Trustee of the Fund and shall hold the Fund upon trust to apply the same in or towards providing the pensions and other benefits payable under this Chapter and shall make payments from the Fund as provided by this Chapter. No amendment shall be made by the Representative Body to any provision of the Memorandum or the Articles of Association of the Trustee save with the consent of the General Synod.
18. The Fund shall be maintained by the Trustee as a separate fund and shall be invested by the Trustee in accordance with Section 24 of this Chapter.
19. The Representative Body shall, after each valuation of the Fund and after consultation with the Actuary and the Trustee make provision to maintain the solvency and to secure the benefits of the Fund in such manner as it may think fit.

WINDING UP OF THE FUND

20. If circumstances require that the Fund must be terminated and wound up, then the Fund shall be realised and applied in accordance with the laws of Ireland in force at the time of winding up of the Fund provided that only the General Synod shall decide if the Fund must be terminated and wound up.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND

21. The Fund shall be administered by the Trustee with the assistance of the Board.
22. (1) The powers and duties of the Trustee shall be:
- (a) to make such Regulations as it may deem necessary for the administration of the Fund including Regulations concerning the recognition of pension schemes for use by those deployed on a part-time basis in stipendiary ministry and related matters: Provided that such Regulations do not contravene any of the provisions of this Chapter;
 - (b) to have the Fund valued by the Actuary at intervals of not more than three years and to report on such valuation to the General Synod;
 - (c) to take such action, not being contrary to the provisions of this Chapter, as may be deemed necessary or advisable in the interests of the Fund and its members;
 - (d) to appoint an Actuary and agree the terms of such appointment;
 - (e) subject to the approval of the Representative Body to appoint and define the terms and conditions of appointment and duties of the company secretary of the Trustee;
 - (f) to charge expenses of the administration of the Fund against the Fund;
 - (g) to obtain legal advice when considered appropriate;
 - (h) to appoint members of Medical Panel and to define their duties and remuneration;

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- (i) to administer the Fund and the system of contributions and benefits established by this Chapter in accordance with the general principle that a proper actuarial relation shall be maintained between the contributions payable to the Fund and the several benefits proposed to be paid out of the Fund.
 - (j) to receive and decide upon every question arising as to membership, contribution or benefit;
 - (k) to levy, enforce, and receive the contributions and to authorise payment of the benefits provided for by this Chapter;
 - (l) to maintain a roll of members of the Fund;
 - (m) to keep records of and to carry out work in connection with any scheme of State Insurance affecting clergy in Service in the Church of Ireland and/or their dependants which may be necessary under any statute for the time being in force in Northern Ireland or in the Republic of Ireland or as may be required by the General Synod;
 - (n) to report annually to the General Synod and the members of the Fund, such report to include financial statements of the Fund showing receipts and payments therefrom together with the certificate of the Auditor appointed to audit the Accounts of the Representative Body.
- (2) Any person aggrieved by any decision made by the Trustee, or by any decision or action by any body or bodies acting on behalf of the Trustee, under any provision of this Chapter shall have a right to bring such grievance to the Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure established by the Trustee. If such person remains dissatisfied following the determination arising from the Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure, that person may subsequently bring the issue to the Pensions Ombudsman appointed under the Pensions Act.
- (3) The Trustee shall have power to appoint such committees from its own members and other persons as it may deem desirable and to delegate to such committees or to the Board or such other persons as the Trustee may deem appropriate any powers and duties, subject to the provisions of this Chapter and all such delegations shall be subject to review by the Trustee as to their proper discharge. In particular, the Trustee shall delegate to the Board all or part of any of the duties set out at sub-sections (1)(h), (i), (j), (k), (l) and (m).

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23. (1) The Trustee, on the advice of the Actuary, is authorised to take any such action or make any such regulation, including in particular the separation of the Fund into a Clergy Pensions Fund (Republic of Ireland) and a Clergy Pensions Fund (Northern Ireland), which is in its opinion necessary and in the best interests of the members and annuitants
- (a) to ensure conformity with any statute for the time being in force in Northern Ireland or in the Republic of Ireland whether such statute be enacted before or after the passing of this statute; or
 - (b) as a consequence of disparity between the currency of the United Kingdom and the currency of the Republic of Ireland.
- (2) Any such action shall not be taken or regulation made effective until it has been approved or confirmed by a resolution of the Representative Body.
- (3) Any such act of the Trustee shall be reported to the General Synod at its next ordinary session.

INVESTMENT POWERS OF THE TRUSTEE

24. (1) The Trustee may retain in any bank account such moneys as it may consider proper and shall have power to invest all moneys coming into its hands on account of the Fund and to transpose and vary any such investments into any form of investment, (including such financial derivatives and other instruments approved from time to time by the Representative Body), that it may think fit. All such investments shall be made in whatever currencies as may be required to enable the Trustee to invest moneys held by it for investment to the best advantage and to give such security and to enter into whatever arrangements as may be necessary in connection therewith: Provided that the Trustee shall not be liable for any loss occasioned by the depreciation or failure of any investment or otherwise save by the Trustee's own wilful default.
- (2) The specific policies adopted from time to time by the Trustee are specified in the Statement of Investment Policy Principles relating to the Clergy Pensions Fund which is approved by the Representative Body and is available for inspection by members of the Fund. Social, environmental and ethical issues in relation to the selection, retention and realisation of investments shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Investment Committee of the Representative Body on behalf of the Trustee and the Representative Body.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND PENSIONS BOARD

25. The Board shall consist of seven members appointed as follows:
- (a) One member of the House of Bishops, elected by that House before 30th June 2015 and triennially thereafter;
 - (b) One member of the General Synod who is a member or spouse of a member of the Fund and two other members of the General Synod, elected by the General Synod in the year 2015 and triennially thereafter;
 - (c) One person who is a member or spouse of a member of the Fund and two other persons, elected by the Representative Body at its meeting next following the General Synod in 2015 and triennially thereafter, provided that all such members, on the 1st January preceding election shall have attained the age of seventeen years and have not attained the age of seventy-four years.
26. Any casual vacancy occurring by death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled by election

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- (a) in the case of a member elected by the House of Bishops or the Representative Body, by the said House or Body, as the case may be;
- (b) in the case of a member elected by the General Synod, by the Standing Committee of the General Synod.

Any person elected to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only for as long as the member whose place such person fills would have held office.

27. (1) Four members attending the meeting, either in person or by teleconference, shall form a quorum. At least one of the quorum shall be a member elected by the General Synod and at least one shall be a member elected by the Representative Body. A member of the Board shall not be entitled to be present at a meeting of the Board while any matter to which such member is specifically a party is being considered.
- (2) The Board shall, at its first meeting after 30th June 2015, and triennially thereafter, elect a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and an honorary secretary out of its own members. The chairperson, or in the chairperson's absence the vice-chairperson, shall have a casting as well as an ordinary vote on all questions. Casual vacancies in any of the offices referred to in this Section may be filled at any meeting of the Board, the person so elected to hold office until the next triennial election.
28. The powers and duties of the Board shall be those powers and duties delegated to it by the Trustee under Section 22(3) of this Chapter. In addition, the Board shall discharge any duties that may at any time be delegated to it by the Trustee or that may otherwise be assigned to it.

INALIENABILITY

29. Entitlement to any benefit under this Chapter is proper to the beneficiary only, and shall cease to exist if any instrument or act purports to assign, charge, pledge, hypothecate or anticipate such benefit or to pass it to any trustee in bankruptcy: Provided that nothing in this Section shall prevent the payment of benefit to such person as the Trustee may appoint in any case in which the beneficiary is incapable or incompetent.

RETIREMENT AND SURRENDER BY APPLICANTS

30. Every applicant to whom a retiring annuity is granted under this Chapter must, before the payment thereof, resign any benefice, curacy, dignity of any kind, or other office held in the Church of Ireland, or any chaplaincy to which such applicant was appointed during the tenure of, and by reason of holding, any of the said offices; and must also surrender any glebe house or other residence, and any glebe lands or other property, occupied or enjoyed by virtue of such benefice or office; but may retain, with the consent of the bishop, but not otherwise, any allowance for good service or for long service: Provided that such retention of allowance shall not be contrary to the terms of any financial scheme of the diocese, as sanctioned by the Representative Body; and Provided further that the Representative Body, with the consent of the diocesan council, may let to any applicant on such terms as may be agreed upon, any such house, residence, lands, or property, or any part thereof, which are not, in the opinion of the Representative Body, required for the use or occupation of such applicant's successor; but subject to the payment by the applicant, during such letting, of any rent, rent-charge, interest, or instalments, payable in respect of the occupation of the premises; and the amount so payable by the applicant shall be deductible from such applicant's retiring annuity, and shall be applied in the same manner as income arising from the proceeds of sale of a glebe in accordance with rule 4 of Chapter XIII.
31. Without prejudice to the continued payment of any pension under this Chapter, every Member of the Clergy in receipt of any such pension shall remain and be subject to the discipline, laws, and ordinances, and amenable to the courts and tribunals of the Church of Ireland in the same manner in all respects as if such person were still in Service in the Church of Ireland.

MEDICAL PANEL

32. For the purposes of securing an Ill Health pension (Section 47) a Medical Panel shall consist of not less than three medical experts, appointed under Section 22(1)(h).

MEMBERSHIP

33. Each Member of the Clergy in Service in the Church of Ireland on the 1st January 1976 was enrolled without medical examination as a member of the Fund, subject to the provisions of this Chapter, and was so enrolled with credit for the number of years' service to which such person was entitled under the provisions of Chapter XV of the Constitution 1972 immediately prior to its repeal.
34. Membership of the Fund is restricted to those who were members of the Fund as at 31st May 2013.
35. No Member of the Clergy, exempted or excluded from membership in the Fund, nor any surviving spouse and/or children of such Member of the Clergy, shall have any claim to any benefit from the said Fund.

RATES OF CONTRIBUTION AND BASIS OF PAYMENT

36. With effect from 1st June 2013 and in order to secure the solvency of the Fund a levy shall be paid by each Diocese. All cures and other recognised offices within each Diocese will be subject to the levy which will be set at a percentage of Minimum Approved Stipend. Such levy shall be paid in respect of each curate assistant (including those appointed after 31st May 2013), in addition to the levy on a cure, but only for the duration of the appointment of that curate assistant.

The percentage of Minimum Approved Stipend to be applied as the levy will be approved annually by the Standing Committee on behalf of the General Synod on the recommendation of the Trustee and the Representative Body having regard to the financial status of the Fund and having received actuarial advice.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CENTRAL FUNDS

37. From time to time, contributions to the Fund may be made from the Representative Body or from such other source under the control of the Representative Body or the General Synod, as the Representative Body, with the approval of the Standing Committee of the General Synod, may determine.

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Such contributions may be transferred at the discretion of the Representative Body in an amount, in a form and at a time deemed by the Representative Body to be most appropriate for the balanced and prudent management of the finances of the Representative Body.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

38. Any Council, Society, Institution or Organisation which was responsible for the payment of a contribution to the Fund in respect of a member of the Fund as at 31st May 2013 shall pay a levy as prescribed in Section 36 of this Chapter in respect of that member.

WITHDRAWAL AND EXEMPTIONS

39. (1) Should a member cease to be a contributing member other than by retiring in accordance with any of Sections 42, 43, 44, 46 or 47 such member shall receive:
- (a) if such member has not completed two years of service, either a withdrawal benefit of the contributions paid by that member to the Fund with interest thereon at 3% *per annum* less any applicable tax or, at that member's discretion and with the consent of the Trustee, the accrued pension accumulation, in the form of a deferred pension, payable under Sections 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 or 47 whichever is applicable;
 - (b) if such member has completed two years of service, either the accrued pension accumulation, in the form of a deferred pension, payable under Sections 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 or 47 whichever is applicable, or a transfer to another fund or plan of that member's choice which shall have been approved by the relevant Revenue Authority of such sum as shall be decided upon by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary as representing the value of the accrued pension accumulation.
- (2) When a member ceased on or after 1st January 1977 to be a contributing member and has not received a withdrawal benefit or a transfer in pursuance of sub-section (1)(b) of this Section, the portion of that member's accrued pension accumulation attributable to the contributions paid on or after 1st January 1976 (or if that member was enrolled after 1st January 1976 the accrued pension accumulation) subsisting on 31st December 1998 and each subsequent year shall be increased with effect on and from 1st January of the following year by the same percentage as that applied to pensions in course of payment, as provided by Section 61 of this Chapter.

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- (3) (a) If a former member entitled to an accrued pension accumulation dies, and is survived by a spouse or dependent children, Sections 52 to 60 inclusive shall apply as if the former member had died in Service in the Church of Ireland, and for the purposes of Sections 52 and 57 pension entitlement shall be deemed to be that former member's accrued pension accumulation.
- (b) If a former member entitled to an accrued pension accumulation dies prior to reaching the age at which payment of pension would have commenced and is unmarried or leaves no surviving spouse nor dependent children, a sum to be decided upon by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary as representing the value of that former member's accrued pension accumulation shall be paid to the legal personal representatives of the deceased former member: Provided that at least five years' contributions have been paid and that at least two of those years relate to the period after 1st January 1991.
- (4) If a former member who is entitled to an accrued pension entitlement satisfies the requirements of Section 40(b) prior to Normal Retirement Age, the accrued pension entitlement shall be payable during such period, if any, prior to Normal Retirement Age as the Trustee shall decide.
- (5) The Trustee shall deduct from any payment made by it under this Section any tax chargeable in respect of such payment.
- (6) Section 31 of this Chapter shall not apply to a former member who is in receipt of a benefit under this Section.

BENEFITS

- 40. Every applicant for a pension, unless deemed to have resigned in accordance with Section 36 of Chapter IV, must satisfy the Trustee by such evidence as it shall deem sufficient that, as on the date of commencement of the annuity, either
 - (a) such applicant is aged not less than sixty years and has served as a Member of the Clergy of the Church of Ireland for not less than two years; or
 - (b) such applicant has served as a Member of the Clergy of the Church of Ireland for not less than ten years and, as evidenced by a report from the Medical Panel appointed by the Board, is either
 - (i) permanently disabled by age or infirmity from the efficient discharge, without assistance, of ministerial or official duties; or

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- (ii) permanently and wholly disabled by age or infirmity from the efficient discharge of any ministerial or official duties.
41. It shall be the duty of every member of the Fund, surviving spouse of a member of the Fund, or the guardian of the children of a deceased member of the Fund, to furnish the Trustee with such information as the Trustee may from time to time require.

Normal Retirement Pension

42. A Member of the Clergy, who was a member of the Fund on or before 31st December 2008 and for whom Normal Retirement Age is per the table in Part I, who retires on reaching their Normal Retirement Age, shall receive a pension calculated in the following manner, that is to say, the accrued service in the Church of Ireland to 31st May 2013 but excluding such years in excess of 40, multiplied by one sixtieth part of the Pensionable Stipend in force on the last day of that member's service.
43. A Member of the Clergy, who has entered membership of the Fund on or after 1st January 2009 and for whom Normal Retirement Age is 67 or 68, as per the table in Part I, who retires on reaching his or her Normal Retirement Age, shall receive a pension calculated in the following manner, that is to say, the accrued service in the Church of Ireland to 31st May 2013, multiplied by one sixtieth part of the Pensionable Stipend in force on the last day of that member's service.

Early Retirement Pension

44. Should a member of the Fund who has completed two years' Service in the Church of Ireland wish to retire after attaining the age of 60 years before reaching Normal Retirement Age and applies for payment of their accrued pension, 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 such rate as the Trustee may determine on the advice of the Actuary. The Trustee may decide that payment of the pension be deferred until the member reaches their Normal Retirement Age.

Late Retirement Pension

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45. (1) A member in Service in the Church of Ireland who was a member on 31st December 2008 but had not yet reached Normal Retirement Age and who subsequently retires after reaching 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 such rate as the Trustee may determine on the advice of the Actuary.
- (2) A member in Service in the Church of Ireland who became a member on or after 1st January 2009 and who subsequently retires after reaching 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 43 applied on the day on which that member reaches Normal Retirement Age, multiplied by such rate as the Trustee may determine on the advice of the Actuary.
46. (1) A member in Service in the Church of Ireland on 31st December 2008, who had reached the age of 65 years on that date and retires on or after 1st January 2009, shall be entitled to a pension calculated in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (2) of this Section and Section 45(1) calculated in the following manner: the pension as calculated as at 31st December 2008 in accordance with sub-section (2) of this Section multiplied by such rate as the Trustee shall determine from time to time on the advice of the Actuary. 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.
- (2) In respect of a member who retires under sub-section (1) hereof, 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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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

that member shall receive instead such increased pension.

III Health Pension

- 47. A member who is under Normal Retirement Age and seeks to retire on the grounds of ill health under Section 40(b) and who the Trustee determines, on the basis of medical reports furnished by at least two members of the medical panel, 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 Pensionable Stipend in force on the last day of service.

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 Trustee 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 Pensionable Stipend in force on the last day of service.

Other

48. The provisions of this Chapter in force upon the date on which a member, in accordance with the provisions of Section 39 of this Chapter, ceased to be a contributor to the Fund shall continue to apply to or in respect of that member notwithstanding any modifications which may subsequently be made to those provisions.

This Section shall not apply to any modifications to Section 39 of this Chapter which are included in a Statute enacted by the General Synod at its ordinary session in the year 1998.

49. The Trustee shall, in relation to contributors resident in both Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland, administer the Church of Ireland Voluntary Contributions Schemes, the establishment of which was approved by resolution of the General Synod dated 21st May 1985, in compliance with Additional Voluntary Contributions statutory regulations in force in both jurisdictions at that time and as subsequently amended from time to time.

Death Benefits and Surviving Spouse's Pension

50. Where a member dies while in Service in the Church of Ireland before reaching Normal Retirement Age and in respect of whom a contribution has been paid to the Fund and who was not accepted for insured benefits in the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme as at 1st June 2013, there shall be paid to such member's legal personal representatives a lump sum equal to the Pensionable Stipend in force on the date of death of the said member multiplied by four.
51. (1) When a member, the payment of whose pension has commenced, dies not more than five years after the date on which such payment commenced, there shall be paid to such member's legal personal representatives a lump sum as may be determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary representing the annual rate of pension operative on the date of death multiplied by the number of years and portion of a year from the date of death to the date which is five years after the date on which payment commenced.
- (2) When a member dies in Service in the Church of Ireland after reaching Normal Retirement Age, such member shall be deemed for the purposes of this Section to have retired on pension on the date of death.

52. Except as hereinafter provided:

- (1) (a) The surviving spouse of a member who dies before reaching Normal Retirement Age while in Service in the Church of Ireland on or after 17th May 2001 shall receive from the date of death of the deceased member a pension as set out in the provisions of the relevant Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme; in addition if a surviving spouse's pension at the rate of two-thirds of the member's pension from the Clergy Pensions Fund at date of death is greater than the provision under the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme the excess over the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme provision shall be paid from the Clergy Pensions Fund.
 - (b) The surviving spouse of a member who was in Service in the Church of Ireland on 18th May 1989 and was aged 70 years or over on that date, and the surviving spouse of a member who was in receipt of a pension on that date, shall receive a pension at the rate of eight-ninths of the deceased member's pension entitlement at the date of death.
 - (c) The surviving spouse of any other member shall receive a pension at the rate of two-thirds of the deceased member's pension entitlement at the date of death or, if such member had exercised the option to commute under Section 86, two-thirds of what such member's pension entitlement would have been at the date of death if such member had not so commuted.
- (2) If the member was enrolled before 19th May 1988, the pension under sub-section (1) (b) or (c) shall be not less than 15% of the Minimum Approved Stipend for the purposes of Section 51 (1) of Chapter IV in force on the last day of service.

53. If a surviving spouse is more than 10 years younger than the deceased member, and if the marriage has taken place less than two years before such member's death, the surviving spouse's benefit shall be for an amount to be determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary.

54. If the member other than a member enrolled under Section 33 of this Chapter was enrolled at age fifty-five years or later such member's surviving spouse's and children's benefits shall be in amounts to be determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary.

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55. Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, no benefits shall be payable to the surviving spouse or children of a marriage taking place after retirement.
56. A surviving spouse shall cease to be entitled to any benefit under this Chapter upon having re-married on or before 17th June 1991.

Children

57. (1) The surviving spouse of a member of the Fund who dies in Service in the Church of Ireland shall receive a child dependency allowance equal to one third of the said surviving spouse's pension as set out in Section 52 in trust for each of the deceased member's children until the month in which the child attains the age of 18 years or marries, whichever is the earlier.

Provided that the total amount payable to the surviving spouse of a member under Section 52 and as trustee under this Section shall not exceed two-thirds of the Pensionable Stipend in force on the last day of the deceased member's service.

- (2) The surviving spouse of any other member of the Fund who is in receipt of a benefit under this Chapter shall receive a child dependency allowance equal to one third of the said surviving spouse's pension entitlement at the date of the member's death in trust for each of the member's children, until the month in which the child attains the age of 18 years or marries, whichever is the earlier.
- (3) The Trustee may at its discretion and without the limitation of age prescribed by sub-sections (1), (2) and (4) of this Section pay a child dependency allowance in respect of a child of any age of a member who dies in, or retires on pension from, Service in the Church of Ireland after 1st January 1986 where the medical panel has certified that such child is at the date of death of the member or upon reaching the age of 18 years (whichever is the later) wholly incapable of self-support by reason of physical or mental handicap.
- (4) The limitation of age prescribed by sub-sections (1) and (2) of this Section shall, in respect of each child who is engaged in third-level education, be 23 years.

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58. In the event of the death of both parents of a child eligible for benefits under this Chapter the Trustee shall determine how much, if any, of the benefits which would have been paid to the surviving spouse under Section 52, 73 or 82, if the surviving spouse had remained living, may become payable and be paid in addition to the child dependency allowance, provided always that such benefits will only be paid until such child attains the age of 18 years or, if engaged in third-level education, 23 years, or marries, whichever is the earlier. The said benefits shall be paid to the legally appointed guardian of the said child or if no such guardian has been appointed to such other person as the Trustee may from time to time approve to be held in trust by such guardian or other person for the said child.
59. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter, the Trustee shall give effect to any order made by a civil court concerning retirement benefits consequent on the grant of a decree of judicial separation, annulment or dissolution of the marriage of a member or any order in proceedings concerning the custody of a child or children of a member.
60. (1) Where prior to death a deceased member and that member's spouse were separated or the marriage was annulled or dissolved, and an order to which Section 59 refers has not been made, a child dependency allowance shall be payable in respect of each of the children of the marriage to the person having actual custody of the children or such other person as the Trustee may from time to time approve to be held in trust by such person for each such child until the month in which such child attains the age of 18 or, if engaged in third-level education, of 23, or marries, whichever is the earlier.
- (2) A child dependency allowance payable under this Section shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of Section 57(1) as if the provisions of that Section applied to this Section.
- (3) The provisions of Section 57(3) shall apply to allowances under this Section without the limitation of age prescribed by sub-section (1) of this Section.

Pension Increases

61. The rate of

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- (a) each pension payable to a member of the Fund under Section 14 or any of Sections 42 to 45 (inclusive) of this Chapter,
- (b) each pension payable to the surviving spouse of a member of the Fund (not being the surviving spouse of a voluntary member) under Section 14 or Section 52 of this Chapter, and
- (c) each child dependency allowance under Section 57 of the Chapter,

which was in course of payment on 31st December 1995 and each subsequent year shall be increased with effect on and from 1st January of the following year by the percentage required by law, or such greater percentage up to 5% as the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary and with the approval of the Representative Body may determine.

PAYMENT OF PENSION

- 62. All benefits and allowances accrue from day to day so long as title thereto continues.
- 63. Payment shall be made by monthly instalments on the last day of the month following that in which the benefit accrues, notwithstanding that the rate of benefit is expressed as an amount *per annum*.
- 64. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Chapter, a surviving spouse, within twelve months of becoming eligible for a surviving spouse's pension under this Chapter, may with the approval of the Trustee elect to have entitlement thereto deferred in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

(2) The election referred to in sub-section (1) of this Section shall satisfy the following conditions:
 - (a) The election shall be in writing signed by the person entitled to make it or by a person legally authorised to do so on the surviving spouse's behalf.
 - (b) The deferment shall be effective from the date of first eligibility for the pension to which it relates.
 - (c) The deferment shall remain in force until withdrawn in writing signed by or on behalf of the person who made the relevant election, and specifying the date of withdrawal, which shall be not less than 7 days after notice of the withdrawal has been received by the Board.

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- (3) The rate of a pension so deferred shall for the period in which the deferment remains in force but no longer be augmented at the rate of 6% *per annum* compound interest, and on the termination of that period payment if due shall be made at the rate so augmented: Provided that, when any sum has been paid to the surviving spouse between the date of eligibility for pension and its deferment, the amount of augmentation shall be reduced by such amount as the Actuary shall advise.
- (4) No pension shall be payable in respect of a period in which a deferment remains in force and if entitlement to a pension ceases during that period, whether by reason of the death of the surviving spouse or otherwise, no payment in respect of arrears for such period shall be payable.
- (5) No child dependency allowance or any part thereof shall be deferred.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS (EPISCOPAL)

65. Sections 66 to 75 and 84 to 85 (inclusive) shall apply to an archbishop, bishop or surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop who had entered episcopal service in the Church of Ireland on or before 31st December 2010.
66. Nothing herein contained shall affect any right existing on 31st December 1978, in any person under the provisions of Sections 30 to 40 (inclusive) of Chapter VI of the statute entitled the Constitution of the Church of Ireland (Chapter I of 1978), but such right shall continue to exist and shall be enforceable as if the said Sections 30 to 40 of the said Chapter VI had not been repealed.
67. The annuities which immediately prior to the enactment of Sections 65 to 85 of this Chapter and under Section 66 hereof were payable to surviving spouses of archbishops and bishops out of the Fund for the Augmentation of the Incomes of Bishops' Widows, shall be payable out of the Fund.

Normal Retirement Pension

68. An archbishop or bishop who entered episcopal service after 17th May 1990 and who has fulfilled the requirements of Section 25 of Chapter VI shall receive a combined pension calculated in the following manner:
 - (a) The greater of;

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- (i) the accrued service to 31st May 2013 multiplied by one sixtieth of the Pensionable Stipend in force on reaching Normal Retirement Age; or
- (ii) forty sixtieths of the Pensionable Stipend in force on reaching Normal Retirement Age multiplied by the ratio of accrued service to 31st May 2013 to the potential service as a member of the Fund to age 65.

Provided that if as a member of the Fund such person is entitled to an increased late retirement pension under Section 45, such person shall receive instead such increased pension

and

- (iii) in respect of each completed year, or part thereof, of episcopal service up to 31st May 2013, with a maximum of twelve years, one eighteenth of the difference between the Pensionable Stipend in force on the last day of episcopal service and the Pensionable Episcopal Stipend as fixed by the Representative Body and in force on the last day of episcopal service multiplied by the ratio of accrued episcopal service to 31st May 2013 to episcopal service to age 65.

Early Retirement Pension

- 69. An archbishop or bishop whose resignation has been accepted under Section 27 (2) of Chapter VI shall receive a pension of an amount to be determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary.

Other

- 70. Where an archbishop or bishop has become entitled to a pension under Section 68, and such archbishop or bishop is subsequently instituted or licensed to a paid ecclesiastical office in the Church of Ireland or elsewhere, the following provisions shall apply:
 - (a) Such archbishop or bishop shall not be entitled to receive a further lump sum upon ceasing to hold such office.
 - (b) Such archbishop's or bishop's legal personal representatives shall not be entitled to receive any benefit under Section 50.

III Health Pension

71. An archbishop or bishop whose resignation has been accepted under Section 26(3) of Chapter VI shall receive an ill health early retirement pension equal to 90% of a pension calculated in the manner laid down in Section 68.

Provided that if an archbishop or bishop, to whom this Section refers, is unable to carry out archiepiscopal or episcopal duties for a period of six months (or such shorter period not in any event being less than three months as the Trustee may in any particular case determine) before the date appointed under Section 26(3) of Chapter VI, such archbishop's or bishop's pension shall be calculated in the manner laid down in Section 68.

Death Benefits and Surviving Spouse's Pension

72. (1) When an archbishop or bishop, the payment of whose pension commenced after 1st January 1986, dies not more than five years after the date on which such payment commenced, there shall be paid to such archbishop's or bishop's legal personal representatives a lump sum as may be determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary representing the annual rate of pension operative on the date of such archbishop's or bishop's death multiplied by the number of years and portion of a year from the date of death to the date which is five years after the date on which payment commenced.
- (2) When an archbishop or bishop dies after 1st January 1986 in episcopal service after reaching Normal Retirement Age, such archbishop or bishop shall be deemed for the purposes of this Section to have retired on pension on the date of death.
73. (1) The surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop who dies before reaching Normal Retirement Age while in episcopal service on or after 17th May 2001 shall receive from the date of such archbishop's or bishop's death a pension as set out in the provisions of the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme; in addition if a surviving spouse's pension at the rate of two-thirds of the archbishop's or bishop's pension from the Clergy Pensions Fund at date of death is greater than the provision under the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme the excess over the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme provision shall be paid from the Clergy Pensions Fund.

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- (2) The surviving spouse of any other archbishop or bishop who was in episcopal service on 1st January 1979 or who enters episcopal service after that date shall receive a pension at the rate of two-thirds of the deceased archbishop's or bishop's pension entitlement at the date of death or, if that archbishop or bishop had exercised the option to commute under Section 86, two thirds of what that archbishop's or bishop's pension entitlement would have been at the date of death if such archbishop or bishop had not so commuted.
74. (1) The surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop who is in receipt of a benefit under Section 73 shall receive a child dependency allowance equal to one third of the said surviving spouse's pension in trust for each of the archbishop's or bishop's children, until the child attains the age of 18 years or, if engaged in third-level education, 23 years, or marries, whichever is the earlier:
- Provided that the total amount payable to the said surviving spouse under Section 73 and as trustee as aforesaid under this Section shall not exceed two-thirds of the Pensionable Episcopal Stipend in force on the last day of the deceased archbishop's or bishop's service.
- (2) The Trustee may at its discretion and without the limitation of age prescribed by subsection (1) of this Section pay a child dependency allowance in respect of a child of any age of an archbishop or bishop who dies in, or retires on pension from, episcopal service after 1st January 1986 where the medical panel has certified that such child is at the date of death of the archbishop or bishop or upon reaching the age of 18 years (whichever is the later) wholly incapable of self-support by reason of physical or mental handicap.
75. Where an archbishop or bishop dies in episcopal service on or after 1st January 1980, such archbishop's or bishop's pension entitlement for the purposes of Sections 72 73 and 74 shall be calculated in accordance with Section 68.
76. Sections 77 to 85 (inclusive) shall apply to an archbishop, bishop or surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop who enters episcopal service in the Church of Ireland on or after 1st January 2011.

Normal Retirement Pension

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77. An archbishop or bishop who has fulfilled the requirements of Section 25 of Chapter VI at Normal Retirement Age shall receive a pension calculated in accordance with the provisions of sub-sections (1) and if applicable, sub-section (2) below:

- (1) The actual service to 31st May 2013 as a member of the Fund multiplied by one sixtieth of the Pensionable Episcopal Stipend in force on the last day of such member's service.
- (2) Any additional service to credit under Section 80 multiplied by one sixtieth part of the Pensionable Stipend in force on the last day of such member's service.

Early Retirement Pension

78. An archbishop or bishop whose resignation has been accepted under Section 27 (2) of Chapter VI shall receive a pension of an amount to be determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary or the Trustee may decide that payment of the pension be deferred until the member reaches their Normal Retirement Age.

Ill Health Pension

79. An archbishop or bishop whose resignation has been accepted under Section 26(3) of Chapter VI shall receive an ill health early retirement pension equal to 90% of a pension calculated in the manner laid down in Section 77.

Provided that if an archbishop or bishop, to whom this Section refers, is unable to carry out archiepiscopal or episcopal duties for a period of six months (or such shorter period not in any event being less than three months as the Trustee may in any particular case determine) before the date appointed under Section 26(3) of Chapter VI, such archbishop's or bishop's pension shall be calculated in the manner laid down in Section 77.

Additional Personal Contributions

80. The benefit in relation to additional service purchased by an Archbishop or Bishop to 31st May 2013 shall be based on the Pensionable Stipend.

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- 81.** (1) When an archbishop or bishop, the payment of whose pension has commenced, dies not more than five years after the date on which such payment commenced, there shall be paid to such archbishop's or bishop's legal personal representatives a lump sum as may be determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary representing the annual rate of pension operative on the date of such archbishop's or bishop's death multiplied by the number of years and portion of a year from the date of death to the date which is five years after the date on which payment commenced.
- (2) When an archbishop or bishop dies in episcopal service after reaching Normal Retirement Age, such archbishop or bishop shall be deemed for the purposes of this Section to have retired on pension on the date of death.
- 82.** (1) The surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop who dies before reaching Normal Retirement Age while in episcopal service shall receive from the date of such archbishop's or bishop's death a pension as set out in the provisions of the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme; in addition if a surviving spouse's pension at the rate of two-thirds of the archbishop's or bishop's pension from the Clergy Pensions Fund at date of death is greater than the provision under the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme the excess over the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme provision shall be paid from the Clergy Pensions Fund.
- (2) The surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop who dies after reaching Normal Retirement Age while in episcopal service or the surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop the payment of whose pension had commenced shall receive a pension at the rate of two-thirds of the deceased archbishop's or bishop's pension entitlement at the date of death, or, if such archbishop or bishop had exercised the option to commute under Section 86, two thirds of what that archbishop's or bishop's pension entitlement would have been at the date of death if such archbishop or bishop had not so commuted.
- 83.** (1) The surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop who is in receipt of a benefit under Section 82 shall receive a child dependency allowance equal to one third of the said surviving spouse's pension in trust for each of the archbishop's or bishop's children, until the child attains the age of 18 years or, if engaged in third-level education, 23 years, or marries, whichever is the earlier:

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Provided that the total amount payable to the said surviving spouse under Section 82 and as trustee as aforesaid under this Section shall not exceed two-thirds of the Pensionable Episcopal Stipend (as the case may be) as fixed by the Representative Body and in force on the last day of the deceased archbishop's or bishop's service.

- (2) The Trustee may at its discretion and without the limitation of age prescribed by sub-section (1) of this Section pay a child dependency allowance in respect of a child of any age of an archbishop or bishop who dies in, or retires on pension from, episcopal service after 1st January 2011 where the medical panel has certified that such child is at the date of death of the archbishop or bishop or upon reaching the age of 18 years (whichever is the later) wholly incapable of self-support by reason of physical or mental handicap.

Pension Increases

84. The rate of

- (a) every pension payable to an archbishop or bishop under Section 67 or any of Sections 68, 70 71 and 77, 78, 79 of this Chapter,
- (b) every pension payable to the surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop under Section 67 or Sections 73 and 82 of this Chapter, and
- (c) every child dependency allowance payable under Sections 74 and 83 of this Chapter

which was in course of payment on 31st December 1980 or any subsequent year shall be increased with effect on and from 1st January of the following year by the same percentage as that determined under Section 61 of this Chapter.

- 85.** Sections 29, 30 (subject to the qualification contained in Section 70), 31, 45, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 62, 63 and 64 shall apply to the benefits payable under Sections 68 to 84.

COMMUTATION OF PENSIONS

- 86.** (1) On reaching Normal Retirement Age, a member of the Fund in the Republic of Ireland may opt either:

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- (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 such rate as the Trustee may determine on the advice of the Actuary in which case the lump sum shall be payable forthwith and the pension entitlement under Sections 42 and 43 and Sections 68 and 77 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 of the Fund who retires from Service in 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 such rate as the Trustee may determine on the advice of the Actuary.
 - (3) The exercise of an option under sub-section (1) or (2) shall be made in writing, before actual date of retirement but shall be made not more than six months before date of retirement, and when received by the Board shall be irrevocable.
 - (4) In no case shall a lump sum exceed one and a half years' Minimum Approved Stipend of the office held by the member concerned (or, in the case of an archbishop or bishop, one and a half times the Episcopal Stipend, as the case may be, as fixed by the Representative Body) in force at the date on which the lump sum becomes payable under sub-section (1) (a) or (2).

CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUED SOLVENCY

- 87. The General Synod shall not consider any motion affecting the system of benefits and contributions set out in this Chapter unless the Actuary has certified that the solvency position of the Fund will not be adversely affected to a material extent.

COMPLIANCE WITH PENSIONS ACT

- 88. This Chapter and the Fund are subject to the Pensions Act and shall take effect subject to any modification necessary to comply with it. The duties of the Representative Body, the Trustee, the Actuary and the Auditor shall be regulated by and carried out in accordance with the Pensions Act.

COMPLIANCE WITH TAXES CONSOLIDATION ACT 1997

- 89.** The Fund is a retirement benefit scheme as defined by Section 771 of the Act, capable of being treated by the Revenue Commissioners as an Exempt Approved Scheme. Notwithstanding anything in this Chapter, no benefit shall be provided under the Fund which would exceed the maximum benefit permitted, or would otherwise conflict with requirements imposed, by the Revenue Commissioners from time to time as a condition of approval under the Act. Any benefit otherwise provided shall be reduced or varied as may be necessary to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded and that there is no conflict with the requirements of the Revenue Commissioners.

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FORTY-NINTH GENERAL SYNOD

Third Ordinary Session, held in Armagh, on 7, 8 and 9 May 2015

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY 7 MAY 2015

On this day, according to the summons of His Grace the Lord Primate, the Synod assembled in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh.

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

Chair

At 12:00 pm the Primate took the Chair and announced that the General Synod was in session.

Holy Scripture and Prayer

A hymn was sung and a portion of Holy Scripture and Prayers were read by the Right Rev. Kenneth Kearon, Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe.

Members of General Synod

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

Nomination of an Assessor

The President nominated Mr Lyndon MacCann SC to act as his Assessor.

President's Address

His Grace the Lord Primate delivered the following address.

As we begin a new session of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, it is a real pleasure to welcome new members to the synod, and of course to welcome back those who have served the Church of Ireland previously in this capacity. Other than to welcome you, the only other comment I would make in this regard is to ask us all to remember what a synod is. It is not a party conference. It is a gathering of the people of God – bishops, clergy and laity – in His presence and for His purposes. Everything we do and say over these days is to be God-centred and is to be worthy of our Christian calling.

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Since our last synod, we have said farewell to Bishop Trevor Williams (and we noted his forthcoming retirement and paid tribute to him at our last synod). We now welcome in his stead Bishop Kenneth Kearon, and we wish him, his wife Jennifer and their wider family every happiness and blessing in his ministry among the people of Limerick and Killaloe in the years ahead. Concomitant with this appointment – following the decisions of last year’s General Synod – was the direct participation of three Church of Ireland bishops in the consecration as an episcopal minister, and installation as President of the Irish Methodist Conference, of the Revd Peter Murray last June, and the participation of three Methodist Presidents or former Presidents in the consecration of Bishop Kearon. We pray God’s blessing on the further working out of the Covenant between the Church of Ireland and Irish Methodism.

I would like us to note two retirements from the staff of the Representative Church Body. The first has already come into effect and the second will happen in the next few weeks. The first is the retirement of Ms Linda Andrews, diligent and hard-working legal secretary in the Representative Church Body for the past 45 years. Secondly Mrs Jenny Compston of the Press Office in Belfast, a warm and friendly presence there for so many of us, will be retiring after this synod. We wish them both long and happy retirements.

In addition, Mr Garrett Casey our hard-working Synod Officer will soon be leaving the staff of Church House to move full-time into the legal profession. In thanking him for his work for this Synod and its associated bodies, we also welcome his successor, Dr Catherine Smith.

We also wish the Revd Dr Ian Ellis, Secretary to the General Synod’s Northern Ireland Board of Education, every happiness and blessing as he now returns to parish life, as we thank him for the tremendous work he undertook on our behalf for over twelve years as secretary to the Board, and in this context we also welcome Dr Peter Hamill as he prepares to take on this role.

Looking further into the future, our Chief Officer and Secretary General, Mr Adrian Clements, has informed the Executive Committee that he plans to retire after the next General Synod. Tributes will certainly be paid to him at the General Synod of 2016, but I believe that even as plans shortly begin to appoint his successor, we would all want him to know how much we have appreciated his tremendous work over the past three years as Chief Officer, not least for his energy and commitment in working with others to bring the life of the RCB, the Standing Committee and the General Synod into a closer alignment and a more unified and forward-looking culture. On behalf of all of us I know you would want me to ask the Secretary General (as he is in this context) to thank his staff in Dublin and Belfast for their diligence well beyond the point of duty on behalf of the greater good of the whole Church of Ireland.

At the General Synod of 2013 held here in Armagh – the first over which I presided as Primate – I tried to suggest that we undertake the business of synod within an understanding of the Church of God as being a living organism rather than simply an organisation. We were to be capable of adaptation, as all organisms must be, and hence ready to accept that although some aspects of church life may flourish, others may wither away, and that both realities must be faced with confidence and honesty. I continued last year to develop this image of the Church as organism with a central theme – that it is an organism that must be characterised by a distinctive nature, the nature of giving and of generosity to all. I would like this year to suggest that we develop this idea further again – allowing it, I hope, to permeate all our discussions – by proposing that of a further fundamental understanding of our life as a Church is that it is always and everywhere relational.

This is in fact foundational if we are to be truly Trinitarian Christians. Without probing too intensively into the doctrine of the Trinity, I would say that any orthodox understanding of the Trinity is that it shows us God who is not merely a formula or a cipher but rather God who is, as

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God, an entirely loving relationship – the relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This relationship of complete Love within the Godhead is one into which you and I are invited to participate, through and in God's grace. As it was expressed so succinctly in last Sunday's Epistle reading from the First Letter of John, 'God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them' (1 John 4:16).

Hence, all that we are and all that we do is not only to be consciously in the presence of God, but it is truly to be in relationship with God and thus with one another. And so, any Trinitarian faith that is not totally and lovingly relational, with God and with the wholeness of his creation, is both deformed and defective.

Our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Christ would remind us constantly that the creation itself is a lens through which we are enabled to glimpse something of the beauty, power and love of God. When we then treat the creation merely as an object to which we have no need to relate responsibly, and when we abuse and misuse the environment which is integral to God's creative plan, it is not merely greed and folly but also something close to sacrilege.

We live, however, in a world which has become dangerously non-relational and hence dangerously unstable. The commonplace but horrifying news stories of cold-blooded massacres of those of a different religious faith or of the cynical overfilling of boats crammed with migrants from North Africa are perhaps the most dramatic illustrations of a world which too often sees other human beings as anonymised and disposable commodities rather than as those to whom we must be in relationship if we are truly human.

But we would do well to move closer to our own doorsteps. At a recent meeting of the Irish Council of Churches, we were reminded by Major Anne Read of the Salvation Army that human trafficking is a live issue in our own communities here, throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland. She explained the basic evil strategy of tricking vulnerable people across borders through physical threat into sexual or labour exploitation and what is, in effect, domestic slavery. The depersonalisation of people so that they become abstract entities with whom we need have no relationship, and for whose safety and dignity we need have no concern, is something against which Christian people must always contend.

And yet our society encourages a fear of 'otherness' which will inevitably issue in the increase of hate crimes against those who are perceived as 'other'. But the answer is not a homogenisation of society that seeks to label people in precisely the same packaging, and argues that any differentiation is axiomatically demeaning to one set of people or another. This is a deeply flawed philosophy. In Christ's love, there is assuredly neither Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male and female, but we must equally do justice to what Rabbi Jonathan Sacks calls, 'the dignity of difference'. Difference is there to be celebrated and enjoyed, not bogusly erased or made a basis for hatred or suspicion.

Part of our task as Christian disciples is to bring back into our world a proper sense of relatedness, rather than allow a retreat into what is, at heart, anonymised unreality. In a recent survey of British teenagers, it was revealed that 25% of the respondents felt happier on-line than in real face-to-face engagement with others. More frighteningly, 13% believed that their on-line friends knew them better than friends they met in person. It is scarcely surprising that 25% wished they could give up on social media but couldn't bring themselves to do so; they were genuinely addicted. If one third of young people make 'friends' acquaintances on-line before ever meeting them in person (if in fact they ever do meet them), and if Twitter acquaintances are very likely virtual strangers, the consequences are probably inevitable. And so, for every age and not only for young people, on-line bullying and abuse is a live issue, where even death threats are apparently regarded as a reasonable response to some perceived discomfort or annoyance. This is not to demonise the remarkable gift

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that instant electronic communication may certainly be in so many ways, but it is, however, a salient warning that when we cease to understand that real relationship and inter-relatedness are at the heart of what it is to be a human person, we face dire consequences. Hence the immense need for our Christian communities to be places that are characterised by wholesome inter-relationship.

Since the last General Synod, the statistics from the first church-wide survey on church attendance became available. Although there were few shocks in what we learnt, it was by any standards a necessary reality check. In terms of those who declared themselves as Church of Ireland in the most recent censuses in both jurisdictions on the island, the average attendance over three Sundays in November 2013 was 15%, 58,000 in all. There was a mathematical flaw in the process that will be ironed out for the next survey, in that we do not know whether it was the same 58,000 who attended on each of the three Sundays. (This seems unlikely but we would be unwise in the extreme to assume that there was little or no overlap in attendance over the three Sundays in question!) Further analysis reveals that of those attending, only 13% were between the ages of twelve and thirty. As I commented last June in a media statement, the statistics present the scale of the missional challenge ahead of us as a Church, but nevertheless it is one that if we cannot embrace with confidence and with hope in Jesus Christ we may as well close the doors of our churches now. We must relate to reality, and we must also relate to the future ahead of us, a future towards which God is always calling us.

Hence, last year, I also urged the Church of Ireland to look towards the future, to adopt the mind-set of a Long-Term Church, rather than to live metaphorically from hand to mouth with no vision beyond the immediate exigencies of the present moment. This project has taken off. Much progress has been made over the past year and I will draw your attention to a few of the elements. But a significant part of the potential success of the initiative will be in supplying both coherence and also a shared, consistently understood and confident long-term vision for the Church of Ireland, one that encompasses a number of existing projects and also launches new ideas arising from the energy and thinking released by the initiative itself. In the course of this synod, through the report of the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures, we will seek to discern the characteristics of an appropriate episcopal ministry for the twenty-first century Church of Ireland. As we focus on the need for greater relatedness within the Church, we will also be looking at central Human Resources (HR) policies and management tools for parishes and dioceses. It is hoped that a new handbook for parishes will be published on-line within the next year and considerable progress has already been made on establishing a central electronic database of Church property, a necessity in a more complex and fast-moving world. Work has also been continuing on improving communications technology with the aim of facilitating central meetings from different venues. This will clearly not replace all central meetings, but it will mean that much time, energy and financial resources may be saved, particularly with regard to some smaller meetings.

If we are to envision a Church which will represent a continuity with its tradition but which will nevertheless push frontiers beyond the edges of our present structures, we must also be ready for ministry to display different contours in different missional contexts. With this in mind, the House of Bishops – in collaboration with the Commission on Ministry – is working on possible strategies for training those who may have the calling and the talents to work outside the present structures, in every sense ‘outside the box’. We must be able to relate to those who are not part of our worshipping communities and who would perhaps feel deeply uncomfortable to be regarded as such. Discussion on this area of ‘pioneer ministry’ will, I know, be part of the debate on the Commission on Ministry.

In four years’ time, 2019, the Church of Ireland will be marking (and, I hope, celebrating) one hundred and fifty years since its disestablishment in the summer of 1869. One of my deepest hopes is that we may also undertake two major projects that will have reached fruition by then, or at least be in the final stages of completion by that point.

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The first is a complete re-writing of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland. Our present Constitution has served us well but, for most people (certainly those outside the immediate inner core of the Church) it is, to say the least, abstruse. As a Church we need a written constitution and my hope is that, with the cooperation of the General Synod, which could labour and agonise over every clause in such a document and hence delay matters considerably and less than entertainingly, we will be able to produce a Constitution that will be accessible, in every sense, to the total membership of the Church. It will need to be legally robust, it will inevitably contain some technical language (but one hopes that this would be kept to a minimum) and it must relate to the civil law to the degree that its provisions cannot be overturned on legal appeal beyond the confines of the Church. And, as I have said, it must be comprehensible.

A further project that would take some time (but probably not too much time) is that we commission a group of people from outside the Church of Ireland, and including some from outside Ireland, to carry out what we would in other contexts call an ‘inspection’, and let us know what we are doing right, but also what we have to learn about ourselves, and what we could and should be doing better as a Church. This was last undertaken in the Church of Ireland (as part of the ‘Partners in Mission’ venture) some forty years ago. We need to be inspected again! We need to look to the future, and be truly a Church that has confidence in God’s future for us. We need to know ourselves if we are to relate to others or to the future.

Last year, within the overarching theme of being a giving community, the General Synod committed itself to being part of the Flesh and Blood campaign. Since then I have on your behalf been involved in the launch of this campaign in Ireland, both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic, in company with Archbishop Éamon Martin. This unique initiative is the first cross border partnership between the Church (in the broadest sense) and health services. Its aim is simply to encourage parishes and church congregations to see blood and organ donation as a part of their giving. It also seeks to equip people as advocates for blood and organ donation, enabling them to raise awareness of the need for donors with their family, friends and community. It’s about opening a conversation, which we hope will spur many on to become donors – potentially helping to save thousands of lives each year across this island. Each diocese and every parish is now asked to take up the gauntlet, to promote the campaign and encourage people to respond with an act of generosity.

As we seek to relate better and more wholesomely to one another, and to relate to the future that God is beckoning us towards, we must remember also that, as Christian citizens, we are called to relate to the society in which we live. Today marks a general election in the UK, in a couple of weeks’ time there will be two referenda in the Republic of Ireland and within the near future there will also be elections for the Northern Ireland Assembly and for the Republic of Ireland’s Oireachtas. We are not a Church community which, for the most part, makes official declarations as to how people should vote. What we do ask is that each individual Christian disciple thinks carefully about the issues before him or her, and about the policies being presented to them and then, without paying undue heed to the sometimes strident and petulant siren sounds that may present themselves as the dominant voice of righteousness, decide in conscience before God what they believe will truly be for the common good, the good of all.

Next year, 2016, marks the centenary of two iconic events which will be widely commemorated. The first is the Easter Rising which in many respects marks the real beginnings of the present-day Irish Republic. The second is the Battle of the Somme in Northern France which began on 1 July 1916 and in which so many Irishmen, from all parts of the island and of different religious traditions, fought and died together. It is of great importance that these 2016 commemorations are neither one-dimensional nor intentionally polarising. Those who have studied the period around 1916 as history rather than as propaganda (and, as it happens, I can claim to be among their number) know that there

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is far too much ambiguity and complexity in every aspect of those two key events for anyone to imagine that there is any single precise clear-cut narrative to be found. As Christian traditions we have a rightful place within these remembrances, and we must use such a place with real spiritual depth of thought in the interests of peace and of healing rather than division.

As we now set about our work for the Church and hence also in the service of God, we again ask his blessing on all that we undertake, and pray also that the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts in these days may be for His glory alone.

Welcome of Official Guests

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

Election of Honorary Secretaries

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

The Ven. George Davison was proposed by the Ven. David McClay, seconded by the Very Rev. John Mann, and elected.

The Rev. Gillian Wharton was proposed by the Ven. Richard Rountree, seconded by the Ven. Adrian Wilkinson, and elected.

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

Mr Samuel Harper was proposed by Mr Cecil Wellwood, seconded by Mr Eric Driver, and elected.

Mrs Ethne Harkness was proposed by Canon Lady Sheil, seconded by Mrs June Butler, and elected.

Motion on Procedure

Mr Samuel Harper moved Motion No. 1 on procedure. It was proposed by the Honorary Secretaries and passed:

That Motion No 1 on procedure be passed.

<p>MOTION NO 1 – THE HONORARY SECRETARIES (WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT) That in accordance with Standing Order 56, the time available under Standing Order 3 be allocated as follows:</p>

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FIRST DAY	
12pm	President takes the chair Reading from Holy Scripture and Prayer List of members of the General Synod to be laid on the table Nomination of an assessor by the President
to	President's Address Welcome of official Guests Election of Honorary Secretaries Motion No 1 (Timetable)
1.00pm	Formal business and communications
2.00pm	Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 51) Motion No 2 (Standing Orders Committee) Motion No 3 (Petitions Committee) Motion No 4 (Elections Committee) Motion No 5 (Record Committee) Motion No 6 (Bills Committee) Motion No 7 (Legislation Committee) Report of Election to Standing Committee Report of the Bills Committee Bill Nos 1 to 7
to	Report of the Standing Committee (not more than 2 hours) Motion No 8 (Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief) Motion No 9 (Moravian Church of Great Britain and Ireland) Anglican, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations (not more than 1 hour) - Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue Motion No 10 (Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue – Membership) - The Covenant Council
6.30pm	Motion No 11 (Covenant Council – Membership) Motion No 12 (Covenant Council – Celebrations)

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SECOND DAY	
10.00am	Reading from Holy Scripture and Prayer Formal business and communications Report of the Representative Church Body (not more than 2 hours inclusive of related motions)
to	(Including reports of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee Limited and the Church of Ireland Pensions Board) Motion No 13 (Representative Church Body – Allocations) Motion No 14 (VAT on remedial work on protected structures) Report of the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures (not more than 1 hour)
1:00pm	Motion No 15 (Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures – Episcopal Elections)
2.00pm	Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 51) Report of the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures continued (if required) Motion No 16 (Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures - Diocesan Boundaries) (not more than 1 hour) Board of Education (not more than 1 hour)
to	- Board of Education RI - Board of Education NI Mission and Ministry (not more than 1 hour 30 minutes) - The Commission on Ministry Motion No 17 (Commission on Ministry – Centre of Community Prayer, Retreat, Hospitality and Study)
6:30pm	- The Liturgical Advisory Committee

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THIRD DAY	
10.00am	Reading from Holy Scripture and Prayer Formal business and communications
to	Bill Nos 1 to 7: Further stage as ordered on the first day Motion No 18 (Church of Ireland Pensions Board – In the event of Bill No 7 being passed) Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief (30 minutes) Mission and Ministry (not more than 45 minutes) - Council for Mission Motion No 19 (Council for Mission – 2014 General Synod Break Out)
1.00pm	Motion No 20 (Council for Mission – Solidarity with Persecuted Christians)
2.00pm	Answers to requests for information (if any) (SO 51) Mission and Ministry (not more than 1 hour) - Church of Ireland Marriage Council to - Church of Ireland Youth Department Motion No 21 (Journal of the General Synod) (not more than 5 minutes)
4.30pm	At 4.25pm 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 Saturday afternoon will be taken in reverse order, commencing with the Church of Ireland Youth Department. References in this motion to a “report” shall include any motions accompanying such report on the agenda paper.

Reports of Committees and Boards

The following reports were presented:

- The Book of Reports 2015 incorporating the following
 - o The Report of the Representative Church Body
 - o The Report of the Standing Committee
 - o The Report of the General Synod Board of Education
 - o The Report of the Church of Ireland Youth Department
 - o The Report of the Covenant Council
 - o The Report of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue
 - o The Report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee
 - o The Report of the Church of Ireland Council for Mission
 - o The Report of the Commission on Ministry
 - o The Report of the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures
 - o The Report of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council
 - o The Report of the Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief

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- Priorities News 2015
- Incorporated Society: Report and Accounts to 31 July 2014.
- PACT Directors' Report and Financial Statements to 31 December 2014.
- Here2Help Directors' Report and Financial Statements to 31 December 2014.
- Draft Policies developed by the RCB under the proposed Dignity in Church Life Charter.
- Leaflet on the Results of the 2013 Census.
- Diocesan Boundaries – Opening the Discussion.

Communication from the Record Committee

The following communication was received from the Record Committee and laid on the table.

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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.

His Honour Judge Derek Rodgers
Chairman

Communication from Diocesan Synods

Speaking on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries, Mr Samuel Harper announced that several communications have been received.

The Diocesan Synod of the United Dioceses of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory has adopted new diocesan regulations.

The Diocesan Synod of Limerick, Killaloe and Ardfert has adopted new Standing Orders. The Diocesan Synod of Cork, Cloyne and Ross has amended its rules and the amendments are presented.

The Diocesan Council of Meath and Kildare (acting on behalf of the Diocesan Synod) has amended rules regarding the number of Sundays off for clergy.

The letters were laid on the table.

Presentation of Petitions

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Speaking on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries, Mr Samuel Harper announced that there were no petitions.

Adjournment

The House adjourned at 1.00 pm and resumed at 2.00pm. Upon the resumption of the Synod, the Archbishop of Armagh took the Chair.

Ecumenical Guests

At the invitation of the Primate and with the approval of the House, the Rev Canon Dr Donald Watts of the Irish Council of Churches addressed the Synod on behalf of the Official Guests.

Election of Standing Orders Committee

It was proposed by the Ven. George Davison on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries, seconded by Mrs Ethne Harkness and passed:

That the following be elected members of the Standing Orders Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Rev Stephen Neill
Mr Trevor Sargent

Election of Petitions Committee

It was proposed by the Ven. George Davison on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries, seconded by Mrs Ethne Harkness and passed:

That the following be elected members of the Petitions Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Very Rev Bryan Kerr
Canon Graham Richards

Election of Elections Committee

It was proposed by the Ven. George Davison on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries, seconded by Mrs Ethne Harkness and passed:

That the following be elected members of the Elections Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Very Rev Bryan Kerr
Canon Graham Richards

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Election of Record Committee

It was proposed by the Ven. George Davison on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries, seconded by Mrs Ethne Harkness and passed:

That the following be elected members of the Record Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Rev Stephen Farrell
Ven Richard Rountree
Canon Graham Richards
Ven Leslie Stevenson

Election of Bills Committee

It was proposed by the Ven. George Davison on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries, seconded by Mrs Ethne Harkness and passed:

That the following be elected members of the Bills Committee:

The Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross
Canon Lady Sheil
Mrs Ethne Harkness
Very Rev Bryan Kerr
Rev Brian O'Rourke
Mrs Pauline High
The Assessor (ex-officio)
The Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness (consultant)

Election of Legislation Committee

It was proposed by the Ven. George Davison on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries, seconded by Mrs Ethne Harkness and passed:

That the following be elected members of the Legislation Committee:

The Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe
The Honorary Secretaries
The Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness
Rev Canon Simon Doogan
The Rt Honourable Sir Anthony Campbell
Ms Claire Bruton BL

Report on the Election of the Standing Committee

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The Ven. George Davison announced the results of the election to the Standing Committee. It was noted that no nomination was received for the Lay Under-45 category for the Diocese of Meath and Kildare and that under the Constitution of the Standing Committee S 5 (3) 3 (3) there will be an election on the second day of General Synod at the commencement of business. It was also announced that, due to a miscommunication, the lay elections for Cashel, Ferns and Ossory will be re-run, on the advice of the Assessor.

Elections to Standing Committee 2015

Armagh

Category	No of Nominees	Result
Lay under 45	1 nominee	Mr Adam Metcalfe elected
Lay over 45	2 nominees	Mr Paul Bruce elected
Clerical under 45	3 nominees	Rev Malcolm Kingston elected
Clerical over 45	1 nominee	Rev Matthew Hagen elected

Clogher

Category	No of Nominees	Result
Lay under 45	1 nominee	Mr Glenn Moore elected
Lay over 45	1 nominee	Mr Walter Pringle elected
Clerical under 45	3 nominees	Rev Canon Ian Berry elected
Clerical over 45	2 nominees	Rev Canon Brian Harper elected

Down and Dromore

Category	No of Nominees	Result
Lay under 45	1 nominee	Mr Andrew Brannigan elected
Lay over 45	2 nominees	Mrs Hilary McClay elected
Clerical under 45	1 nominee	Rev Joanne Megarrell elected
Clerical over 45	1 nominee	Ven Roderic West elected

Connor

Category	No of Nominees	Result
Lay under 45	1 nominee	Mrs Pauline High elected
Lay over 45	3 nominees	Mr Roy Totten elected
Clerical under 45	2 nominations	Rev Trevor Johnston elected
Clerical over 45	2 nominees	Rev Alan McCann elected

Derry and Raphoe

Category	No of Nominees	Result
Lay under 45	2 nominations	Mr Martin Montgomery elected
Lay over 45	2 nominations	Mrs Kay Nesbitt elected
Clerical under 45	1 nomination	Ven Robert Miller elected
Clerical over 45	2 nominations	Rev Canon Henry Gilmore elected

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Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh

Category	No of Nominees	Result
Lay under 45	1 nomination	Mr Alan Williamson elected
Lay over 45	2 nominations	Mrs Brigid Barrett elected
Clerical under 45	1 nominee	Rev Patrick Bamber elected
Clerical over 45	1 nominee	Rev Hazel Hicks elected

Tuam, Killala and Achonry

Category	No of Nominees	Result
Lay under 55	1 nominee	Mr Neville Bagnall elected
Lay over 55	1 nominee	Mr Denzil Auchmuty elected
Clerical under 55	1 nominee	Rev Adam Pullen elected
Clerical over 55	2 nominees	Ven Alan Synnott elected

Dublin and Glendalough

Category	No of Nominees	Result
Lay under 45	2 nominees	Dr Éimhín Walsh elected
Lay over 45	4 nominees	Mr Lyndon MacCann SC elected
Clerical under 45	4 nominees	Rev Stephen Farrell elected
Clerical over 45	6 nominees	Ven Richard Rountree elected

Meath and Kildare

Category	No of Nominees	Result
Lay under 45	No Nominations	Election conducted on Day 2
Lay over 45	1 nominee	Mrs Joan Bruton elected
Clerical under 45	1 nominee	Rev Canon Lynda Peilow elected
Clerical over 45	1 nominee	Rev Peter Rutherford elected

Cashel, Ferns and Ossory

Category	No of Nominees	Result
Lay under 45	2 nominations	Election being re-run
Lay over 45	3 nominations	Election being re-run
Clerical under 45	2 nominees	Rev Nicola Halford elected
Clerical over 45	1 nominee	Rev Susan Green elected

Cork Cloyne and Ross

Category	No of Nominees	Result
Lay under 45	1 nominee	Ms Síle Hunt elected
Lay over 45	2 nominees	Mr Wilfred Baker elected
Clerical under 45	1 nominee	Rev John Ardis elected
Clerical over 45	2 nominees	Ven Adrian Wilkinson elected

Limerick and Killaloe

Category	No of Nominees	Result
Lay under 55	1 nominee	Mr Edward Hardy elected

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Lay over 55	1 nominee	Mr Adrian Hilliard elected
Clerical under 55	1 nominee	Rev Lucy Green elected
Clerical over 55	1 nominee	Rev Simon Lumby elected

Chair

The Bishop of Cork took the Chair.

Bills Procedure

The Bishop of Cork gave a brief introduction to the Bills procedure at General Synod, explaining what can be raised and discussed at each stage.

Report of the Bills Committee

The Bishop of Cork presented the report of the Bills Committee and laid it on the table, along with a copy of the Bills pamphlet.

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REPORT OF THE BILLS COMMITTEE

In accordance with Standing Order 24(b) the Bills Committee met at Church of Ireland House, Rathmines, Dublin 6 on Monday 13 April 2015 at 5pm.

PRESENT The Rt Rev Dr Paul Colton (Chair)
 Canon Lady Sheil
 Mr Lyndon MacCann SC
 Rev Stephen Farrell

IN ATTENDANCE Mr Adrian Clements
 Mrs Antoinette Doherty
 Mrs Janet Maxwell
 Mr Garrett Casey

APOLOGIES: The Hon Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness

BILLS

The Committee considered the legal and drafting aspects of the draft Bills numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

The Committee made no comment in respect of Bills Numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

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Bill No. 1 to Adopt the Dignity in Church Life Charter

It was proposed by the Bishop of Derry, seconded by Mr Kevin Bowers (Meath) 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.

The Clauses were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

The House resumed.

Saturday 9th May was fixed for the next stage.

Bill No. 2 to amend Chapter IV of the Constitution

It was proposed by the Bishop of Derry, seconded by Mr Kevin Bowers and passed:

That Leave be given to introduce Bill No 2.

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

According to order the House went into Committee.

The Bill was considered in detail.

The Clauses were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

The House resumed.

Saturday 9th May was fixed for the next stage.

Bill No. 3 to amend Chapter XVI of 2003

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It was proposed by the Bishop of Derry, seconded by Mr Kevin Bowers and passed:

That Leave be given to introduce Bill No 3.

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

According to order the House went into Committee.

The Bill was considered in detail.

The Clauses were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

The House resumed.

Saturday 9th May was fixed for the next stage.

Bill No. 4 to adopt Statements of Charitable Purposes and Objects and a Statement of Public Benefit for use by Bodies Governed by the Laws of the Church of Ireland

It was proposed by Mr Sydney Gamble (Derry), seconded by Mrs Ethne Harkness 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 Clauses were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

The House resumed.

Saturday 9th May was fixed for the next stage.

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Bill No. 5 to amend Chapter VI of 2011

It was proposed by Canon Lady Sheil (Down), seconded by Mr Geoffrey Perrin (Dublin) and passed:

That Leave be given to introduce Bill No 5.

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

According to order the House went into Committee.

The Bill was considered in detail.

The Clauses were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

The House resumed.

Saturday 9th May was fixed for the next stage.

Bill No. 6 to amend Chapter I of 1902

It was announced that the proposer of Bill No. 6 had withdrawn the Bill.

Bill No. 7 to amend, consolidate and replace Chapter XIV of the Constitution

It was proposed by Canon Lady Sheil, seconded by Mr Geoffrey Perrin and passed:

That Leave be given to introduce Bill No 7.

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.

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The Bill was reported.

The House resumed.

Saturday 9th May was fixed for the next stage.

Chair

The Bishop of Clogher took the Chair.

Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue

It was proposed by the Ven. Robert Millar (Derry), seconded by Ms Hazel Corrigan (Cashel) and passed:

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

Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief

It was proposed by the Rev. Gillian Wharton (on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries), seconded by Mrs Ethne Harkness and passed:

That, as provided for in the General Synod resolution of 2013 establishing the Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief, the General Synod resolves that the appointment of the Select Committee be extended for a further two years.

Chair

The Primate resumed the Chair.

Moravian Church of Great Britain and Ireland

It was proposed by the Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory and the Bishop of Clogher that the General Synod:

- Welcomes and affirms the conclusions and proposals contained in the report concerning recent theological dialogue between the Church of Ireland and the Moravian Church of Great Britain and Ireland;
- Asks the Standing Committee to ensure that legislation providing for the interchangeability of ministry between our two churches is laid before the Synod for consideration as soon as is practicable, and following further examination of

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the developing relationship between the Moravian Church and the Church of England.

Environmental Charter

It was proposed by Mr Andrew Brannigan (Down), seconded by Mr Samuel Harper and passed that the General Synod recognises that:

“As with all Christians, members of the Church of Ireland are charged with stewardship of God’s creation, locally, nationally and internationally. All members of the Church, as individuals and as part of the worshipping community, are called to that duty of environmental stewardship through:

Recognising and reducing waste

Church bodies and parishes should identify practical steps to reduce waste through simple steps such as monitoring energy use, draught proofing and recycling.

Increasing environmental awareness across parishes

Parishes and individuals can only make good choices about environmental issues when they are informed choices. Awareness of these issues should be developed by individuals and Parishes, and may include reflecting the significance of the created order through our worship, exploring alternative energies and exploring resources which promote this awareness tailored to particular constituencies e.g. Youth and Children’s Ministry and across Parish Organisations. Eco-Congregation Ireland produce resources that Parishes may find useful.

Exercising leadership through environmental responsibility

It is only through actions that results will be forthcoming. The environmental factors in decision making processes within parishes should be highlighted to parishioners e.g. websites and magazines. Conversations about environmental lifestyle choices should be encouraged between parishioners and within parish groups.

Identifying spiritually and practically with the developing world

Variation in climate is felt most keenly by those who are encumbered by poverty. Parishes are encouraged to take steps to mitigate the impact of climate change. Parishes are encouraged to continue to support projects that work in such places, and to develop relationships with overseas churches to show solidarity. The Synod remains mindful of Motion 3 passed by the General Synod in 2006, recognising the contribution made by Fairtrade practices to the achievement of justice for the poor.

Influencing policy and the Church and State

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Big changes start with small groups. By raising awareness and expectations within the Church, members can be better equipped to influence policies through lobbying and elections.

In all of this, prayer for decision makers and those who are impacted by environmental issues should be at the heart of the Church's response."

Accordingly, the Synod commends this Environmental Charter for the use of all Parishes in the Church of Ireland. The Synod further requests that the substance of this Resolution be conveyed to Diocesan Synods with a view to action.

Chair

The Bishop of Meath took the Chair.

Report of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue

It was proposed by Ven. Helene Steed, seconded by Ms Kate Turner and passed:

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

Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue – Membership

It was proposed by Ven. Helene Steed, seconded by Ms Kate Turner and passed:

That the following be appointed members of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue.

The Archbishops and Bishops
Rev Ása Björk Ólafsdóttir
Rev Canon Patrick Comerford
Rev Canon David Crooks
Ms Georgina Coptý
Rev Canon Dr Ian Ellis
Mr Samuel Harper
Mrs Roberta McKelvey
Dr Kenneth Milne
Mr Trevor Morrow
Rev Canon Daniel Nuzum
Rev Niall Sloane
Ven Helene Tarneberg Steed
Ms Catherine Turner

Report of the Covenant Council

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It was proposed by the Rev. Barry Forde (Connor), seconded by the Very Rev. Nigel Dunne (Cork, Cloyne and Ross) and passed:

That the report of the Covenant Council be received and approved.

Covenant Council – Membership

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

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

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

Covenant Council – Celebrations

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

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

Adjournment

The Benediction was pronounced and the Synod adjourned until Friday 8 May 2015.

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SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY 8 MAY 2015

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 Right Rev. Kenneth Kearon, Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe.

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

Mr Ronan McKenna was proposed by Mr Kevin Bowers (Meath), seconded by Mr Hugh St Leger (Meath), and elected.

Standing Orders

The Primate asked the Synod if it would agree to the suspension of Standing Orders to allow Archbishop Eamon Martin to address the Synod.

The Synod agreed.

Address by Archbishop Eamon Martin

Archbishop Eamon Martin delivered an address to the Synod.

Standing Orders were resumed.

Communication from the Representative Church Body

The following communication was received from the Representative Church Body:

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TO THE HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

I wish to advise you that at its meeting on 9 May 2014 the Representative Church Body elected the following as co-opted members:

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Mr Lyndon MacCann SC
Ms Hilary Prentice
Canon Graham Richards
Mr Henry Saville
Mr David Smith

ADRIAN CLEMENTS
Chief Officer and Secretary

Chair

The Archbishop of Dublin assumed the Chair.

Report of the Representative Church Body

It was proposed by Mr Robert Neill (Glendalough), seconded by the Bishop of Connor and passed:

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

It was proposed by Mr Robert Neill, seconded by the Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe and passed:

That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations from General Funds in 2015:

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Group A – Maintenance of the Stipendiary Ministry	1,319,788
Group B – Pension Related Costs	138,645
Group C – Training of Ordinands	1,400,120
Group D – General Synod Activities	1,002,822
Group E – Miscellaneous	5,500
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It was proposed by Mr Robert Neill, seconded by the Bishop of Connor and passed:

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

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Vat on Remedial Work on Protected Structures

It was proposed by Mr Robbie Syme (Cashel, Ferns and Ossory), seconded by Mr Trevor Sargent (Cashel, Ferns and Ossory) and passed:

That the General Synod calls on the governments, in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland respectively, to reduce the VAT burden of necessary remedial works on protected structures and that the Church of Ireland seeks to cooperate with other churches in Ireland to advance this aim.

Report of the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures

It was proposed by the Ven Andrew Foster (Armagh), seconded by the Rev Stephen Farrell (Dublin and Glendalough) and passed:

That the report of the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures be received.

Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures – Episcopal Elections

It was proposed by the Rev Stephen Farrell, seconded by the Ven Andrew Foster and passed:

That General Synod welcomes the principles, analysis and approach to the election of Bishops outlined in Appendix III to the report of the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures, acknowledges that there is a need for change and requests the Commission to bring a Bill to the next General Synod to reform the procedure for electing Bishops along the lines proposed.

Adjournment

The House adjourned at 1.00 pm and resumed at 2.00pm. Upon the resumption of the Synod, the Archbishop of Armagh took the Chair.

Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures – Diocesan Boundaries

It was proposed by Mrs Ethne Harkness, seconded by Mrs Brigid Barrett (Elphin) and passed:

That General Synod welcomes the general principles, analysis and approach to diocesan restructuring outlined in paragraphs 26 to 32 inclusive in the report of the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures, acknowledges a need for structural change and requests the Commission, following consultation with the Diocesan Councils, to bring a Bill for structural reorganisation to the next General Synod.

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Chair

The Bishop of Connor assumed the Chair.

Report of the Board of Education

It was proposed by the Bishop of Cork, seconded by the Bishop of Derry and passed:

That the Report of the Board of Education be received.

Chair

The Archbishop of Armagh assumed the Chair.

Report of the Commission on Ministry

It was proposed by the Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott (Dromore), seconded by the Rev. Ruth Jackson Noble (Kildare) and passed that:

The report of the Commission on Ministry be received.

**Commission on Ministry – Centre of Community Prayer, Retreat,
Hospitality and Study**

It was proposed by the Very Rev. Katharine Poulton (Cashel, Ferns and Ossory), seconded by the Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory, and passed:

That the General Synod considers that the establishment of a centre of community prayer, retreat, hospitality and study might be one suitable means by which the Church of Ireland could mark the forthcoming 150th Anniversary of Disestablishment, and commends efforts by the Commission on Ministry and others to undertake a scoping study to examine the feasibility of such a project and to present it as a priority for the Church.

Report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee

It was proposed by the Rev. Peter Thompson (Armagh), seconded by the Very Rev. Nigel Dunne (Cork) and passed:

That the Report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee be received.

Adjournment

The Benediction was pronounced and the Synod adjourned until Saturday 9 May 2015.

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Journal – Third Day (Saturday 9 May 2015)

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY 9 MAY 2015

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 Right Rev. Kenneth Kearon, Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe.

Chair

The Bishop of Cork assumed the Chair.

Bill (No. 1) To Adopt the Dignity in Church Life Charter

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

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by the Bishop of Derry, seconded by Mr Kevin Bowers and passed by the required two-thirds majority:

That Bill No. 1 to adopt the Dignity in Church Life Charter be read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) To amend Chapter IV 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 the Bishop of Derry, seconded by Mr Kevin Bowers and passed by the required two-thirds majority:

That Bill No. 2 to amend Chapter IV of the Constitution to be read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) To amend Chapter XVI of 2003

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

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

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It was proposed by the Bishop of Derry, seconded by Mr Kevin Bowers and passed by the required two-thirds majority:

That Bill No. 3 to amend Chapter XVI of 2003 be read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) To Adopt Statements of Charitable Purposes and Objects and a Statement of Public Benefit for use by Bodies Governed by the Laws of the Church of Ireland

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

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by Mr Sydney Gamble, seconded by Mrs Ethne Harkness and passed:

That Bill No. 4 to adopt Statements of Charitable Purposes and Objects and a Statement of Public Benefit for use by Bodies Governed by the Laws of the Church of Ireland be read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) To amend Chapter VI of 2011

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

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by the Very Rev. Gregory Dunstan (Armagh), seconded by Canon Lady Sheil and passed:

That Bill No. 5 to amend Chapter VI of 2011 be read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) To amend, consolidate and replace Chapter XIV of the Constitution

As ordered, Bill No. 7 was received for final consideration.

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by Canon Lady Sheil, seconded by Mr Geoffrey Perrin and passed:

That Bill No. 7 to amend, consolidate and replace Chapter XIV of the Constitution be read a third time and passed.

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Chair

The Archbishop of Armagh assumed the Chair.

Church of Ireland Pensions Board – Membership

It was proposed by the Bishop of Clogher, seconded by Mr Geoffrey Perrin, and passed:

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

Canon Lady Sheil
Rev John Auchmuty
Mrs Cynthia Cherry

Report of the Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief

It was proposed by the Very Rev. John Mann (Connor), seconded by Mrs. Helen McClennaghan (Armagh) and passed:

That the Report of the Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief be received.

Chair

The Bishop of Tuam assumed the Chair.

Report of the Council for Mission

It was proposed by the Bishop of Connor, seconded by Mrs Joanne Martin (Connor), and passed:

That the Report of the Council for Mission be received.

Council for Mission – 2014 General Synod Break Out

It was proposed by the Very Rev. Kenneth Hall (Clogher), seconded by Ms Johanne Martin, and passed:

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That this Synod receives the report of the 2014 General Synod 'Break Out' session and calls on each diocese and body of the Church to consider and act on its key findings.

Council for Mission – Solidarity with Persecuted Christians

It was proposed by the Very Rev. Kenneth Hall, seconded by Ms Johanne Martin, and passed:

That the General Synod expresses its solidarity with its brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world who are persecuted for their faith; and commends them to their prayers, along with all agencies who work to alleviate their suffering and promote their basic human right, as expressed in the Geneva Convention, to freedom of religion.

Report of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council

It was proposed by the Rev. Stephen Farrell, seconded by the Archbishop of Dublin, and passed:

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

Report of the Church of Ireland Youth Department

It was proposed by Mr. Andrew Brannigan, seconded by Mr. Alan Williamson, and passed:

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

Journal of the General Synod

It was proposed by the Honorary Secretaries and passed:

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

Attendance of Members

Mr Samuel Harper informed the Synod of the attendance of members on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries.

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	Clerical	Lay	Total
Thursday 7 May 2015	184	308	491
Friday 8 May 2015	183	324	507
Saturday 9 May 2015	139	262	401

The Benediction was pronounced and the session terminated at 1:30pm.

Resolutions

RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL SYNOD SESSION 2015

Bills

To Adopt the Dignity in Church Life Charter.

First reading passed.

Second reading passed.

Third reading passed.

To amend Chapter IV of the Constitution.

First reading passed.

Second reading passed.

Third reading passed.

To amend Chapter XVI of 2003.

First reading passed.

Second reading passed.

Third reading passed.

To Adopt Statements of Charitable Purposes and Objects and a Statement of Public Benefit for use by Bodies Governed by the Laws of the Church of Ireland.

First reading passed.

Second reading passed.

Third reading passed.

To amend Chapter VI of 2011.

First reading passed.

Second reading passed.

Third reading passed.

To amend, consolidate and replace Chapter XIV of the Constitution.

First reading passed.

Second reading passed.

Third reading passed.

Resolutions

Bills Committee

That the following be elected members of the Bills Committee:

The Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross
Canon Lady Sheil
Mrs Ethne Harkness
Very Rev Bryan Kerr
Rev Brian O'Rourke
Mrs Pauline High
The Assessor (ex-officio)
The Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness (consultant)

Centre of Community Prayer, Retreat, Hospitality and Study

That the General Synod considers that the establishment of a centre of community prayer, retreat, hospitality and study might be one suitable means by which the Church of Ireland could mark the forthcoming 150th Anniversary of Disestablishment, and commends efforts by the Commission on Ministry and others to undertake a scoping study to examine the feasibility of such a project and to present it as a priority for the Church.

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- (a) That the report of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue be received.
- (b) That the following be appointed members of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue:

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Commission on Ministry

That the report of the Commission on Ministry be received.

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- (a) That the report of the Council for Mission be received.
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- (a) That the report of the Covenant Council be received.
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Rev Dr Peter Thompson

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

Church of Ireland Marriage Council

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

Church of Ireland Youth Department

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

Election of Honorary Secretaries

That the following be elected an Honorary Secretary of the General Synod:

Ven George Davison

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That the following be elected an Honorary Secretary of the General Synod:

Rev Gillian Wharton

That the following be elected an Honorary Secretary of the General Synod:

Mr Samuel Harper

That the following be elected an Honorary Secretary of the General Synod:

Mrs Ethne Harkness

Election to the Standing Committee

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

Mr Ronan McKenna

Elections Committee

That the following be elected members of the Elections Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Very Rev Bryan Kerr
Canon Graham Richards

Environmental Charter

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Resolutions

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Church bodies and parishes should identify practical steps to reduce waste through simple steps such as monitoring energy use, draught proofing and recycling.

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e) Influencing policy and the Church and State

Big changes start with small groups. By raising awareness and expectations within the Church, members can be better equipped to influence policies through lobbying and elections.

In all of this, prayer for decision makers and those who are impacted by environmental issues should be at the heart of the Church's response."

Accordingly, the Synod commends this Environmental Charter for the use of all Parishes in the Church of Ireland. The Synod further requests that the substance of this Resolution be conveyed to Diocesan Synods with a view to action.

General Synod Board of Education

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

Resolutions

Journal of the General Synod 2015

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

Legislation Committee

That the following be elected members of the Legislation Committee:

The Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe
The Honorary Secretaries
The Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness
Rev Canon Simon Doogan
The Rt Honourable Sir Anthony Campbell
Ms Claire Bruton BL

Liturgical Advisory Committee

That the report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee be received.

Membership of the Church of Ireland Pensions Board

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

Canon Lady Sheil
Rev John Auchmuty
Mrs Cynthia Cherry

Moravian Church of Great Britain and Ireland

That the General Synod:

- Welcomes and affirms the conclusions and proposals contained in the report concerning recent theological dialogue between the Church of Ireland and the Moravian Church of Great Britain and Ireland;

Resolutions

- Asks the Standing Committee to ensure that legislation providing for the interchangeability of ministry between our two churches is laid before the Synod for consideration as soon as is practicable, and following further examination of the developing relationship between the Moravian Church and the Church of England.

Petitions Committee

That the following be elected members of the Petitions Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Very Rev Bryan Kerr
Canon Graham Richards

Record Committee

That the following be elected members of the Record Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Rev Stephen Farrell
Ven Richard Rountree
Canon Graham Richards
Ven Leslie Stevenson

Report of the Standing Committee

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

Representative Church Body

- (a) That the Report of the Representative Church Body, incorporating the report of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee Limited, be taken in consideration.
- (b) That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations from General Funds in 2015:

Resolutions

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Group A – Maintenance of the Stipendiary Ministry	1,319,788
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(c) That the report of the Representative Church Body, incorporating the report of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee Limited, be adopted subject to the resolutions already passed relating thereto.

Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief

(a) That the report of the Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief be received.

(b) That, as provided for in the General Synod resolution of 2013 establishing the Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief, the General Synod resolves that the appointment of the Select Committee be extended for a further two years.

Standing Orders Committee

That the following be elected members of the Standing Orders Committee:

The Honorary Secretaries
Rev Stephen Neill
Mr Trevor Sargent

VAT on Remedial Work on Protected Structures

That the General Synod calls on the governments, in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland respectively, to reduce the VAT burden of necessary remedial works on protected structures and that the Church of Ireland seeks to cooperate with other churches in Ireland to advance this aim.

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Statutes of the General Synod

**STATUTES
OF
THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
passed in
THE SESSION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD 2015**

CHAPTER I

To Adopt the Dignity in Church Life Charter

WHEREAS it is desirable to adopt a Charter that promotes harmonious relationships across all the structures of the Church of Ireland;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2015, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. In this Statute, the “Dignity in Church Life Charter” means the Charter contained in the Schedule to this Bill and the “Standing Committee” means the Standing Committee of the General Synod.
2. The Church of Ireland hereby adopts the Dignity in Church Life Charter.
3. The Representative Church Body may develop policies, regulations and rules to give effect to the Charter and may, from time to time, propose amendments to the same. Such policies regulations and rules, together with any amendments to the same, shall be submitted to the Standing Committee for approval.
4. Any policies, regulations, rules or amendments to the same approved by Standing Committee shall be presented to the General Synod on the first day of its session next after the approval of such policy, regulation, rule or amendment, and it shall be lawful for the General Synod by resolution to annul or amend the same without prejudice to the validity of anything done in the meantime in pursuance thereof.

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Schedule

**Church of Ireland
Dignity in Church Life Charter**

Church membership implies a commitment to relationship. The gospel invites people into relationship with God and relationship with all who are part of the life of the Church. The pattern of Christian discipleship points to how Christian people are expected to behave in their relationships with one another – church life should be underpinned by respect, valuing everyone’s human dignity before God and the pursuit of reconciliation when conflict arises.

In this context and in the knowledge that relationships in church life, as in all life, can be imperfect, the Church of Ireland is committed to:

- Building and supporting harmonious relationships in church life across all its structures
- Upholding the right of all equally to be treated with dignity and respect
- Seeking reconciliation where there is disagreement or conflict.

The Church of Ireland is committed to upholding this Charter. All individuals participating in the life of the Church have a duty under the Constitution of the Church of Ireland to uphold this Charter together with such policies, regulations and rules as may be adopted to uphold its principles. All who hold office in the Church have a specific responsibility to promote its provisions.

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CHAPTER II

To amend Chapter IV of the Constitution

WHEREAS it is desirable to extend the provisions of Chapter IV of the Constitution in relation to the permanent incapacity of members of the clergy on medical grounds;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2015, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. In this Statute “Chapter IV” means Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.
2. For section 34 of Chapter IV there shall be substituted:

“34. (1) If in the case of a member of the clergy holding office in any diocese it shall appear to the bishop, upon such evidence as the bishop may deem sufficient, that such person may be permanently incapacitated on medical grounds from the due performance of the duties of office and also that adequate provision can be made for the future maintenance of such person, the bishop may certify the same to a panel (the “Church Panel”) duly appointed to consist of (i) the Chief Officer and Secretary of the Representative Church Body, (ii) an honorary secretary of the General Synod chosen by the said honorary secretaries from within their number and (iii) an archbishop or bishop chosen by the archbishops and bishops from within their number. Following appointment, the Church Panel shall convene a medical panel (the “Medical Panel”) to consist of not less than three medical experts and the member of the clergy shall attend before members of the Medical Panel on such occasions as the Medical Panel may require. The member of the clergy shall be entitled to provide medical evidence to the Church Panel which shall be duly considered.

(2) If, upon due enquiry and as evidenced by reports of at least two members of the Medical Panel, it is established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Church Panel that the member of the clergy is permanently incapacitated on medical grounds from the due performance of the duties of office, the Church Panel may make a decision (the “Decision to Vacate”). The Decision to Vacate shall have the same effect as if such person had notified an intention to resign and the same proceedings may be taken for the purpose of vacating the office of the said person and for the purpose of providing, in cases where arrangements can be made, for a

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retiring annuity. The member of the clergy, the subject matter of the Decision to Vacate, may appeal the said decision to the Court of the General Synod. In circumstances where the Church Panel does not proceed to make a Decision to Vacate and if it is claimed that the capacity of the member of the clergy has subsequently changed, nothing in this section shall preclude a further application being made to the Church Panel.

(3) If it is claimed that the capacity of a member of the clergy the subject of a Decision to Vacate has subsequently changed and that person desires to be eligible to seek appointment to office in any diocese, that person may notify the bishop of the diocese in which the person is then resident. The bishop shall request that the Church Panel be convened and upon due enquiry and as evidenced by reports of at least two members of a Medical Panel convened by the Church Panel, it is established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Church Panel that the said person is no longer permanently incapacitated on medical grounds from the due performance of the duties of office, the Church Panel may make a determination that (a) the person is entitled to seek appointment to office and (b) where the person secures an appointment to office which he/she wishes to take up, the Church Panel shall, in return for the person renouncing his/her entitlement to further payments and other benefits under the Decision to Vacate, set aside the Decision to Vacate to enable such appointment to proceed. The member of the clergy shall be entitled to provide medical evidence to the Church Panel which shall be duly considered.

(4) If it is claimed that the capacity of a member of the clergy subject to a Decision to Vacate has subsequently changed and it shall appear to the reasonable satisfaction of the Church Panel, upon due enquiry and as evidenced by reports of at least two members of a Medical Panel, that the said person is no longer permanently incapacitated on medical grounds from the due performance of the duties of office, any payments or other benefits, other than a retiring annuity, paid to the said person under the Decision to Vacate shall be reviewed and may be withdrawn. The member of the clergy shall be entitled to provide medical evidence to the Church Panel which shall be duly considered.

(5) Rules for carrying this section into effect may be framed from time to time by the Standing Committee of the General Synod.”

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CHAPTER III

To amend Chapter XVI of 2003

WHEREAS in Chapter XVI of 2003, the General Synod made provision for the establishment of a Severance Fund for clergy;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to extend the circumstances in which the said Fund can be accessed to include provision for clergy forced from ministry by illness;

AND WHEREAS for these purposes it is desirable to rename the said Fund “The Clergy and Ministry Protection Fund”;

AND WHEREAS for these purposes it is necessary to amend Chapter XVI of 2003.

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2015, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In this Statute, ‘Chapter XVI’ means the Statute of the General Synod, Chapter XVI of 2003 as amended.
2. In Chapter XVI, the term “The Clergy and Ministry Protection Fund” shall be substituted for “The Severance Fund” wherever it occurs.
3. In Chapter XVI after section 5, the following sections shall be inserted:
 - 5A Regulations may be made by the Representative Church Body concerning the use of the Clergy and Ministry Protection Fund.
 - 5B Any regulations made by the Representative Church Body under section 5A of this statute, and any amendments thereto, shall be laid on the table of the General Synod on the first day of its session next after the making of such regulations or amendments.
4. Nothing in this Statute shall invalidate or affect any action taken or thing heretofore done or any right or liability heretofore acquired or incurred under Chapter XVI prior to this amendment.

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CHAPTER IV

To Adopt Statements of Charitable Purposes and Objects and a Statement of Public Benefit for use by Bodies Governed by the Laws of the Church of Ireland

WHEREAS the Northern Ireland Executive has begun to implement the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 in Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland has begun to implement the Charity Act 2009 in the Republic of Ireland;

AND WHEREAS under both the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charity Act 2009 there is a requirement for bodies seeking registration as charities to provide a Statement of Charitable Purposes and Objects;

AND WHEREAS under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 there is a requirement for bodies seeking registration as charities to benefit or intend to benefit the public, or to benefit or intend to benefit a section of the public;

AND WHEREAS in so far as it is compatible with the legal requirements in each jurisdiction, it is desirable that bodies governed by the laws of the Church of Ireland registering as charities should have the same or similar statements of charitable purposes and objects;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in 2015, and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. In this statute the “Statement of Charitable Purpose and Objects (NI)” means the Statement of Charitable Purposes and Objects contained in the First Schedule to this Statute; the “Statement of Charitable Purpose and Objects (ROI)” means the Statement of Charitable Purposes and Objects contained in the Second Schedule to this Statute; the “Statement of Public Benefit” means the Statement of Public Benefit contained in the Third Schedule to this Statute and the “relevant authorities” means the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (in Northern Ireland) or the Charities Regulatory Authority (in the Republic of Ireland).
2. The Church of Ireland hereby adopts the Statement of Charitable Purpose and Objects (NI) and the Statement of Charitable Purpose and Objects (ROI).
3. The Church of Ireland hereby adopts the Statement of Public Benefit.
4. The resolution adopted in 2010 by the General Synod approving guidance documents for use by Church of Ireland bodies registering as charities under new charities legislation is hereby repealed.

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5. Henceforth, bodies governed by the laws of the Church of Ireland registering as charities under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 in Northern Ireland shall use the Statement of Charitable Purpose and Objects (NI) and the Statement of Public Benefit when submitting registering documents to the relevant authorities.
6. Henceforth, bodies governed by the laws of the Church of Ireland registering as charities under the Charity Act 2009 in the Republic of Ireland shall use the Charitable Purpose and Objects (ROI) when submitting registering documents to the relevant authorities.

First Schedule Statement of Charitable Purposes and Objects (NI)

The charitable purpose of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion. The principal function of the [*insert name of relevant body*] is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the [*insert name of relevant body*] the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity.

As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the [*insert name of relevant body*] has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the [*insert name of relevant body*].

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Second Schedule
Statement of Charitable Purposes and Objects (ROI)

The Charitable purpose:

The Charitable purpose of the [*insert name of relevant body*] of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

The Charitable objects:

The principal function of the [*insert name of relevant body*] of the Church of Ireland is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of the [*insert name of relevant body*], the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity. As a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the [*insert name of relevant body*] has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by the [*insert name of relevant body*].

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Third Schedule
Statement of Public Benefit (NI)

Purpose 1

The expression of the precepts of the Christian religion through engagement with the general public, and in particular with the disadvantaged, the sick, the elderly and the young is a public benefit. This can be measured and evidenced through increased social integration and pastoral care delivered at the point of need. The direct benefit of participation in Church life includes the enjoyment of public worship and the giving and receiving of pastoral ministry, improved understanding of the values relating to civic engagement, community cohesion and providing a bridge between diverse groups as well as improved educational outcomes through the Church's ministry of teaching.

The beneficiaries are the general public, and the public valuation of the benefits can be evidenced through attendance at public worship, participation in Church governance and willingness to support through contributions the continuing witness of the Church. The wider benefit to the public will outweigh any detriment arising in the course of Christian outreach. Any private benefit arising out of the fulfilment of our Christian ministry or to lay staff is essential to the fulfilment of the purpose of the advancement of religion. No Trustee receives remuneration, reward or other private benefit for carrying out their Trustee responsibility.

Purpose 2

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include the provision of archive records, public enjoyment of cultural and historic buildings and artefacts such as church plate, furnishings and materials as well as an overall improved appreciation of longstanding Christian heritage.

This is demonstrated through on-going provision of access to records and the use made of these records in, for example, research and genealogy, through conservation efforts in respect of records, property and artefacts and the subsequent and continued requests for access and use of our materials by wider society. There is no harm arising from the purpose. The beneficiaries are the general public. No private benefit is received by Trustees fulfilling their Trustee responsibilities in respect of these records, buildings or artefacts, but in the course of conservation and to make these accessible to the public, the engagement of professional staff and services is essential but incidental to the fulfilment of the purpose.

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CHAPTER V

To amend the Statute, Chapter VI of 2011

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend the provisions relating to the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick Armagh;

AND WHEREAS the Diocesan Synod of Armagh on 21st October 2014 resolved to establish a second Archdeaconry in the Diocese of Armagh pursuant to Section 38 (a) of Chapter II of the Constitution and the Standing Committee of the General Synod having consented thereto;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2015 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. For the opening sentence of paragraph 4 of Schedule I to the Statute Chapter VI of 2011, hereinafter referred to as the said Schedule, there shall be substituted:-

"The officers who shall constitute the Cathedral Body shall be the dignitaries; namely the Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, the Archdeacon of Armagh and the Archdeacon of Ardboe, in that order, and the Prebendaries, namely, the Prebendary of Mullabrack, the Prebendary of Ballymore, the Prebendary of Loughall and the Prebendary of Tynan, in no particular order."

2. In paragraph 11(ii) of the said Schedule for the word "four" there shall be substituted the word "five".

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CHAPTER VI

To amend, consolidate and replace Chapter XIV of the Constitution

WHEREAS it is necessary to replace Chapter XIV of the Constitution with an amended and consolidated Chapter XIV as set out in the Schedule to this Statute;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishop and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2015 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. For Chapter XIV there shall be substituted a new Chapter XIV as set out in the Schedule to this Statute.

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SCHEDULE

CHAPTER XIV

Part I

PENSION SCHEMES FOR CLERGY

Preliminary

Pensions for Church of Ireland Clergy are governed by two Schemes, a Defined Benefit Scheme which was closed to new entrants on 31st May 2013 and a Defined Contribution Scheme which applies to all clergy entering or re-entering service in the Church of Ireland on and from 1st June 2013, and also to clergy in the Service of the Church of Ireland on 31st May 2013 in respect of their continuing pension arrangements.

The Defined Contribution Pension Scheme, established following the closure of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund for future accrual of service in respect of all members and heretofore divided into two sections is, under the provisions of Part II of this Chapter, to be divided into two Schemes, one for Northern Ireland and one for the Republic of Ireland, details of which are set out in Part II. The Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund, while closed to new entrants and future accrual of service on 31st May 2013, shall continue to be so designated and shall be regulated and administered in accordance with the provisions of Part III of this Chapter. For the purposes of clarification, definitions relating to both Parts II and III of this Chapter are set out in Part I.

1. Definitions

For the purpose of this Chapter and of any regulations made thereunder, except so far as is otherwise provided or the context otherwise requires, those definitions preceded by * are relevant only to Part III of this Chapter.

- * **“accrued pension accumulation”** in respect of a Member of the Clergy who ceases to be a contributing member shall be the benefits calculated in accordance with Section 39.
- * **“accrued service”** shall mean the number of years’ service which a member has completed and in the event of the final year of service to 31st May 2013 being incomplete shall include such part of that year as was completed in terms of days. It shall include any additional service purchased by way of additional personal contributions to 31st May 2013 and service transfers made to that date.

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“**benefits**” shall include

- (a) retirement pension or retirement annuity payable to a Member of the Clergy;
- (b) pension or annuity payable to a surviving spouse;
- (c) child dependency allowances;
- (d) a lump sum payable either to a member or to such member’s legal personal representatives.

* the “**Board**” means the Church of Ireland Pensions Board established and constituted in accordance with Section 25 of this Chapter.

* “**contributing member**” shall mean a member of the Fund who had not reached Normal Retirement Age on or before 31st May 2013.

“**episcopal service**” shall mean service as a member of the House of Bishops of the Church of Ireland.

“**Episcopal Stipend**” shall mean the relevant multiple of the Minimum Approved Stipend as determined by the Representative Body from time to time in relation to each member of the House of Bishops of the Church of Ireland.

* “**Fund**” shall mean the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund.

“**Member of the Clergy**” shall include an archbishop and bishop, but shall not include a person serving in an auxiliary ministry, a deacon serving in an internship or an auxiliary priest licensed as such under the rules drawn up by the House of Bishops and approved by the General Synod.

“**Minimum Approved Stipend**” shall mean the minimum stipend determined by the General Synod in accordance with the provisions of section 51(1) of Chapter IV.

“**Normal Retirement Age**” from 1st June 2013, in respect of those members of the Fund who were contributing members on 31st May 2013 and also members of the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Schemes, shall be in accordance with the following table:

Date of birth	Normal Retirement Age
On or before 31 st May 1949	65
1 st June 1949 to 31 st May 1954	66

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1 st June 1954 to 31 st May 1959	67
1 st June 1959 and after	68

Subject to the proviso that those members who became members of the Fund on or after 1st January 2009 or ceased to be contributing members and re-entered membership of the Fund on or after 1st January 2009 shall have a Normal Retirement Age of not less than 67.

- * **“orphan”** or **“child”** as the case may be shall include a stepchild and a child legally adopted by a member of the Fund.
- * **“Pensionable Episcopal Stipend”** shall be the same multiples of the Pensionable Stipend as those applied to the Minimum Approved Stipend when determining the Episcopal Stipend.
- * **“Pensionable Stipend”** shall mean the figure approved annually by the Standing Committee on behalf of the General Synod on the recommendation of the Trustee and the Representative Body having regard to the financial status of the Fund and having received actuarial advice and shall not be a figure lower than that for the previous year.

“Pensions Act” shall mean the Pensions Act 1990 (as amended from time to time).

“Pensions Authority” shall mean the regulatory body for occupational pension schemes in the Republic of Ireland.

“Pensions Regulator” shall mean the regulatory body for occupational pension schemes in Northern Ireland.

“Service in the Church of Ireland” for the purposes of this Chapter shall mean service as a Member of the Clergy who

- (a) holds the office of bishop, incumbent, vicar, bishop’s curate or curate assistant in the Church of Ireland; or
- (b) is the Dean, the Dean’s Vicar, or the Succentor of the Cathedral Church of St Patrick, Dublin; or

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- (c) is duly licensed and a paid officer of the Church of Ireland or of any Council of Churches of which the Church of Ireland is a member, or of any Society or Institution or Diocesan Organisation working in connection with the Church of Ireland, as recommended by the House of Bishops and recognised as such by the Representative Body for the purposes of this Chapter.

The Representative Body, in its discretion, may recognise service in a full time appointment in connection with Religious Education as equivalent for the purposes of this Chapter to service in the Church of Ireland but on such terms and conditions as the Trustee may from time to time prescribe.

“**Revenue Authorities**” means, in relation to the Republic of Ireland, the Revenue Commissioners and, in relation to Northern Ireland, HM Revenue & Customs.

“**Taxes Act**” shall mean the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (as amended from time to time).

- * “**the Trustee**” shall mean The Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee Limited.
- * “**total prospective service**” shall mean the accrued service which a member would have achieved on reaching Normal Retirement Age having remained a member until that date.
- * “**voluntary member**” shall mean 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.
- * “**year of service**” shall mean a year or part thereof 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.

Part II

**THE CHURCH OF IRELAND CLERGY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION
SCHEMES**

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2. The Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme established with effect from 1st June 2013, regulated by Rules made by the Representative Church Body subject to the approval of the General Synod and heretofore divided into two sections known as the Northern Ireland Section and the Republic of Ireland Section, shall hereafter be divided into two Schemes to be known as the Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme for Northern Ireland and the Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme for the Republic of Ireland.
3. Each Scheme shall have separate Trustees appointed by the Representative Church Body.
4. (a) In accordance with statutory pension regulations, the two Schemes shall be regulated by separate rules made by the Representative Church Body in conjunction with the relevant Trustees and subject to the approval of the General Synod, hereinafter referred to as the Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme - Northern Ireland Section Scheme Rules and the Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme - Republic of Ireland Section Scheme Rules.

(b) Any amendment which may be made to the Rules for either Scheme may be approved by the Standing Committee of the General Synod provided that they are reported to the next following General Synod.
5. Upon reaching Normal Retirement Age members will receive retirement benefits from the relevant Clergy Pension Defined Contribution Scheme and, where applicable, benefits accrued to 31st May 2013 under the provisions of Part III of this Chapter from the Clergy Pensions Fund.

MEMBERSHIP

6. A Member of the Clergy who enters Service in the Church of Ireland will be enrolled in the relevant Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme unless that Member of the Clergy formally elects to opt out of membership of the Scheme.
7. A Member of the Clergy who re-enters Service in the Church of Ireland will be enrolled in the relevant Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme unless that Member of the Clergy formally elects to opt out of membership of the Scheme.

OPERATION OF THE SCHEMES

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- 8.** Contributions required to be paid until a member attains his or her Normal Retirement Age shall be as follows:
- (a) Member's pension fund comprising:
 - (i) a member contribution of 9% per annum of the relevant Minimum Approved Stipend or Episcopal Stipend by a monthly deduction from the stipend of each member concerned.
 - (ii) a Parish / Diocesan Council / Other contribution of 8% per annum of the relevant Minimum Approved Stipend or Episcopal Stipend by assessment on that Parish / Diocesan Council / Other concerned for paying that member's stipend.
 - (b) Death in Service insured benefit:
 - (i) a Parish / Diocesan Council / Other contribution at a contribution rate determined by the Representative Body to meet the cost of the benefit by way of assessment on that Parish / Diocesan Council / Other concerned for paying that member's stipend.

INVESTMENT CHOICE

- 9.** Upon enrolment in the relevant Scheme, a member's monthly contributions will initially be invested in the default investment option, as offered from the appointed pension provider, unless otherwise instructed by the member.

BENEFITS

- 10.** (a) On retirement, benefits will be paid in accordance with the Clergy Defined Contribution Scheme Rules of each Pension Scheme.
- (b) On death in service before reaching Normal Retirement Age, benefits will be paid in accordance with the Life Assurance policy in place for the relevant jurisdiction.
- (c) On death in service on, or after, reaching Normal Retirement Age, benefits will be paid in accordance with the Clergy Defined Contribution Scheme Rules of each Pension Scheme.

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- (d) On death in retirement, benefits will be paid in accordance with selected options made by the member at retirement.

Part III
THE CHURCH OF IRELAND CLERGY PENSIONS FUND

- 11.** The Fund established by Statute of the Church of Ireland, Chapter V of 1976, on 1st January 1976, as The Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund for the financial assistance of clergy who are members of the Fund and who retire or who become unable to continue the exercise of their ministry by reason of infirmity, accident or disease and for the financial assistance of the surviving spouses and orphans of the members of the Fund, shall continue to be designated as “The Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund” and shall be regulated and administered in accordance with the provisions of this Part of this Chapter. The Fund was closed to new entrants and future accrual of service on 31st May 2013.
- 12.** (a) A Member of the Clergy who re-enters Service in the Church of Ireland on or after 1st June 2013 shall have his or her benefits calculated in accordance with Section 39 and will become a member of the relevant Church of Ireland Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme subject to the provisions of this Chapter.
- (c) A contributing member of the Fund on 31st May 2013, who was neither an archbishop nor a bishop or who did not become an archbishop or bishop until after 31st May 2013 shall, upon reaching his or her Normal Retirement Age, receive such benefit from the Fund based on the Pensionable Stipend in relation to his or her office as at 31st May 2013 and accrued service to that date. The pension shall be calculated in accordance with either Section 42 or Section 43 as the case may be.
- (c) A contributing member of the Fund, who was either an archbishop or bishop on 31st May 2013 shall, upon reaching his or her Normal Retirement Age, receive such benefit from the Fund based on applicable Pensionable Episcopal Stipend in relation to his office as at 31st May 2013 and that member’s accrued service to 31st May 2013;
- (i) For an archbishop or bishop who entered episcopal service on or before 31st December 2010, Section 68 shall apply.
- (ii) For an archbishop or bishop who entered episcopal service on or after 1st January 2011, Section 77 shall apply.

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- (d) With effect from 1st June 2013 all other relevant Sections of this Chapter (excluding Sections 52(1) (a), 73 (1) and 82 (1)) shall apply as if a contributing member as at 31st May 2013 commenced on a pension payable out of the Fund on 1st June 2013 upon reaching his or her Normal Retirement Age, subject to any change in Pensionable Stipend or Pensionable Episcopal Stipend in the interim period.

Transfer of Existing Funds, Membership and Benefits

13. Subject to the provisions of Section 15 of this Chapter, nothing herein contained shall affect any right existing on the 31st December 1975, in any person under the provisions of Chapters XIV and XV of the statute entitled the Constitution of the Church of Ireland (Chapter I of 1972), but such right shall continue to exist and shall be enforceable as if the said Chapters XIV and XV had not been repealed.
14. The annuities which immediately prior to 1st January 1976 and under Section 13 hereof were payable to widows and orphans out of the Widows and Orphans (Church of Ireland) General Fund, shall be payable out of the Fund.
15. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 13 of this Chapter:
- (a) voluntary members of the Widows and Orphans Fund on the 31st December 1975, shall not become members of the Fund, but shall be entitled to a refund of the contributions they have paid to the Widows and Orphans (Church of Ireland) General Fund since they last ceased to be compulsory members, with interest at 3% thereon;
- (b) members who subscribed for increased or double benefits, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 or 15 of Chapter XIV of the Constitution 1972, shall be entitled to a refund of the contributions paid in excess of those fixed under paragraphs (a) or (b) of Section 11 of the same Chapter, with interest thereon at 3%:

Provided however that any such Member of the Clergy who gave notice in writing to the Trustee before the 31st December 1976, may continue as a voluntary contributor or to subscribe for increased or double benefits, as the case may be, at the same rate of contribution or excess contribution, and for the benefits or excess benefits in effect on the 31st December 1975.

COMPOSITION OF THE FUND

16. The Fund shall consist of

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- (a) the capital held by the Trustee in the account of the Fund and the income arising thereon;
- (b) contributions to the Fund under this Chapter;
- (c) every donation, benefaction and bequest and every sum of money received for the benefit of the Fund: Provided that the Trustee shall not be bound to accept any donation, benefaction or bequest if in its opinion same shall not be for the benefit of the Fund;
- (d) such sum as shall be received under the provisions of Section 19 of this Chapter;
- (e) every such other sum as the General Synod may allocate to the Fund from time to time.

TRUSTEE AND TERMS OF TRUST

- 17.** The Trustee shall be the sole Trustee of the Fund and shall hold the Fund upon trust to apply the same in or towards providing the pensions and other benefits payable under this Chapter and shall make payments from the Fund as provided by this Chapter. No amendment shall be made by the Representative Body to any provision of the Memorandum or the Articles of Association of the Trustee save with the consent of the General Synod.
- 18.** The Fund shall be maintained by the Trustee as a separate fund and shall be invested by the Trustee in accordance with Section 24 of this Chapter.
- 19.** The Representative Body shall, after each valuation of the Fund and after consultation with the Actuary and the Trustee make provision to maintain the solvency and to secure the benefits of the Fund in such manner as it may think fit.

WINDING UP OF THE FUND

- 20.** If circumstances require that the Fund must be terminated and wound up, then the Fund shall be realised and applied in accordance with the laws of Ireland in force at the time of winding up of the Fund provided that only the General Synod shall decide if the Fund must be terminated and wound up.

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ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND

21. The Fund shall be administered by the Trustee with the assistance of the Board.
22. (1) The powers and duties of the Trustee shall be:
 - (a) to make such Regulations as it may deem necessary for the administration of the Fund including Regulations concerning the recognition of pension schemes for use by those deployed on a part-time basis in stipendiary ministry and related matters: Provided that such Regulations do not contravene any of the provisions of this Chapter;
 - (b) to have the Fund valued by the Actuary at intervals of not more than three years and to report on such valuation to the General Synod;
 - (c) to take such action, not being contrary to the provisions of this Chapter, as may be deemed necessary or advisable in the interests of the Fund and its members;
 - (d) to appoint an Actuary and agree the terms of such appointment;
 - (e) subject to the approval of the Representative Body to appoint and define the terms and conditions of appointment and duties of the company secretary of the Trustee;
 - (f) to charge expenses of the administration of the Fund against the Fund;
 - (g) to obtain legal advice when considered appropriate;
 - (h) to appoint members of Medical Panel and to define their duties and remuneration;
 - (i) to administer the Fund and the system of contributions and benefits established by this Chapter in accordance with the general principle that a proper actuarial relation shall be maintained between the contributions payable to the Fund and the several benefits proposed to be paid out of the Fund.
 - (j) to receive and decide upon every question arising as to membership, contribution or benefit;
 - (k) to levy, enforce, and receive the contributions and to authorise payment of the benefits provided for by this Chapter;

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- (l) to maintain a roll of members of the Fund;
 - (m) to keep records of and to carry out work in connection with any scheme of State Insurance affecting clergy in Service in the Church of Ireland and/or their dependants which may be necessary under any statute for the time being in force in Northern Ireland or in the Republic of Ireland or as may be required by the General Synod;
 - (n) to report annually to the General Synod and the members of the Fund, such report to include financial statements of the Fund showing receipts and payments therefrom together with the certificate of the Auditor appointed to audit the Accounts of the Representative Body.
- (2) Any person aggrieved by any decision made by the Trustee, or by any decision or action by any body or bodies acting on behalf of the Trustee, under any provision of this Chapter shall have a right to bring such grievance to the Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure established by the Trustee. If such person remains dissatisfied following the determination arising from the Internal Disputes Resolution Procedure, that person may subsequently bring the issue to the Pensions Ombudsman appointed under the Pensions Act.
- (3) The Trustee shall have power to appoint such committees from its own members and other persons as it may deem desirable and to delegate to such committees or to the Board or such other persons as the Trustee may deem appropriate any powers and duties, subject to the provisions of this Chapter and all such delegations shall be subject to review by the Trustee as to their proper discharge. In particular, the Trustee shall delegate to the Board all or part of any of the duties set out at subsections (1)(h), (i), (j), (k), (l) and (m).
- 23.** (1) The Trustee, on the advice of the Actuary, is authorised to take any such action or make any such regulation, including in particular the separation of the Fund into a Clergy Pensions Fund (Republic of Ireland) and a Clergy Pensions Fund (Northern Ireland), which is in its opinion necessary and in the best interests of the members and annuitants
- (a) to ensure conformity with any statute for the time being in force in Northern Ireland or in the Republic of Ireland whether such statute be enacted before or after the passing of this statute; or
 - (b) as a consequence of disparity between the currency of the United Kingdom and the currency of the Republic of Ireland.

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- (2) Any such action shall not be taken or regulation made effective until it has been approved or confirmed by a resolution of the Representative Body.
- (3) Any such act of the Trustee shall be reported to the General Synod at its next ordinary session.

INVESTMENT POWERS OF THE TRUSTEE

- 24. (1) The Trustee may retain in any bank account such moneys as it may consider proper and shall have power to invest all moneys coming into its hands on account of the Fund and to transpose and vary any such investments into any form of investment, (including such financial derivatives and other instruments approved from time to time by the Representative Body), that it may think fit. All such investments shall be made in whatever currencies as may be required to enable the Trustee to invest moneys held by it for investment to the best advantage and to give such security and to enter into whatever arrangements as may be necessary in connection therewith: Provided that the Trustee shall not be liable for any loss occasioned by the depreciation or failure of any investment or otherwise save by the Trustee's own wilful default.
- (2) The specific policies adopted from time to time by the Trustee are specified in the Statement of Investment Policy Principles relating to the Clergy Pensions Fund which is approved by the Representative Body and is available for inspection by members of the Fund. Social, environmental and ethical issues in relation to the selection, retention and realisation of investments shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Investment Committee of the Representative Body on behalf of the Trustee and the Representative Body.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND PENSIONS BOARD

- 25. The Board shall consist of seven members appointed as follows:
 - (a) One member of the House of Bishops, elected by that House before 30th June 2015 and triennially thereafter;
 - (b) One member of the General Synod who is a member or spouse of a member of the Fund and two other members of the General Synod, elected by the General Synod in the year 2015 and triennially thereafter;

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- (c) One person who is a member or spouse of a member of the Fund and two other persons, elected by the Representative Body at its meeting next following the General Synod in 2015 and triennially thereafter, provided that all such members, on the 1st January preceding election shall have attained the age of seventeen years and have not attained the age of seventy-four years.

26. Any casual vacancy occurring by death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled by election

- (a) in the case of a member elected by the House of Bishops or the Representative Body, by the said House or Body, as the case may be;
- (b) in the case of a member elected by the General Synod, by the Standing Committee of the General Synod.

Any person elected to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only for as long as the member whose place such person fills would have held office.

27. (1) Four members attending the meeting, either in person or by teleconference, shall form a quorum. At least one of the quorum shall be a member elected by the General Synod and at least one shall be a member elected by the Representative Body. A member of the Board shall not be entitled to be present at a meeting of the Board while any matter to which such member is specifically a party is being considered.

- (2) The Board shall, at its first meeting after 30th June 2015, and triennially thereafter, elect a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and an honorary secretary out of its own members. The chairperson, or in the chairperson's absence the vice-chairperson, shall have a casting as well as an ordinary vote on all questions. Casual vacancies in any of the offices referred to in this Section may be filled at any meeting of the Board, the person so elected to hold office until the next triennial election.

28. The powers and duties of the Board shall be those powers and duties delegated to it by the Trustee under Section 22(3) of this Chapter. In addition, the Board shall discharge any duties that may at any time be delegated to it by the Trustee or that may otherwise be assigned to it.

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INALIENABILITY

29. Entitlement to any benefit under this Chapter is proper to the beneficiary only, and shall cease to exist if any instrument or act purports to assign, charge, pledge, hypothecate or anticipate such benefit or to pass it to any trustee in bankruptcy: Provided that nothing in this Section shall prevent the payment of benefit to such person as the Trustee may appoint in any case in which the beneficiary is incapable or incompetent.

RETIREMENT AND SURRENDER BY APPLICANTS

30. Every applicant to whom a retiring annuity is granted under this Chapter must, before the payment thereof, resign any benefice, curacy, dignity of any kind, or other office held in the Church of Ireland, or any chaplaincy to which such applicant was appointed during the tenure of, and by reason of holding, any of the said offices; and must also surrender any glebe house or other residence, and any glebe lands or other property, occupied or enjoyed by virtue of such benefice or office; but may retain, with the consent of the bishop, but not otherwise, any allowance for good service or for long service: Provided that such retention of allowance shall not be contrary to the terms of any financial scheme of the diocese, as sanctioned by the Representative Body; and Provided further that the Representative Body, with the consent of the diocesan council, may let to any applicant on such terms as may be agreed upon, any such house, residence, lands, or property, or any part thereof, which are not, in the opinion of the Representative Body, required for the use or occupation of such applicant's successor; but subject to the payment by the applicant, during such letting, of any rent, rent-charge, interest, or instalments, payable in respect of the occupation of the premises; and the amount so payable by the applicant shall be deductible from such applicant's retiring annuity, and shall be applied in the same manner as income arising from the proceeds of sale of a glebe in accordance with rule 4 of Chapter XIII.
31. Without prejudice to the continued payment of any pension under this Chapter, every Member of the Clergy in receipt of any such pension shall remain and be subject to the discipline, laws, and ordinances, and amenable to the courts and tribunals of the Church of Ireland in the same manner in all respects as if such person were still in Service in the Church of Ireland.

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MEDICAL PANEL

32. For the purposes of securing an Ill Health pension (Section 47) a Medical Panel shall consist of not less than three medical experts, appointed under Section 22(1)(h).

MEMBERSHIP

33. Each Member of the Clergy in Service in the Church of Ireland on the 1st January 1976 was enrolled without medical examination as a member of the Fund, subject to the provisions of this Chapter, and was so enrolled with credit for the number of years' service to which such person was entitled under the provisions of Chapter XV of the Constitution 1972 immediately prior to its repeal.
34. Membership of the Fund is restricted to those who were members of the Fund as at 31st May 2013.
35. No Member of the Clergy, exempted or excluded from membership in the Fund, nor any surviving spouse and/or children of such Member of the Clergy, shall have any claim to any benefit from the said Fund.

RATES OF CONTRIBUTION AND BASIS OF PAYMENT

36. With effect from 1st June 2013 and in order to secure the solvency of the Fund a levy shall be paid by each Diocese. All cures and other recognised offices within each Diocese will be subject to the levy which will be set at a percentage of Minimum Approved Stipend. Such levy shall be paid in respect of each curate assistant (including those appointed after 31st May 2013), in addition to the levy on a cure, but only for the duration of the appointment of that curate assistant.

The percentage of Minimum Approved Stipend to be applied as the levy will be approved annually by the Standing Committee on behalf of the General Synod on the recommendation of the Trustee and the Representative Body having regard to the financial status of the Fund and having received actuarial advice.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CENTRAL FUNDS

37. From time to time, contributions to the Fund may be made from the Representative Body or from such other source under the control of the Representative Body or the General Synod, as the Representative Body, with the approval of the Standing Committee of the General Synod, may determine.

Such contributions may be transferred at the discretion of the Representative Body in an amount, in a form and at a time deemed by the Representative Body to be most appropriate for the balanced and prudent management of the finances of the Representative Body.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

38. Any Council, Society, Institution or Organisation which was responsible for the payment of a contribution to the Fund in respect of a member of the Fund as at 31st May 2013 shall pay a levy as prescribed in Section 36 of this Chapter in respect of that member.

WITHDRAWAL AND EXEMPTIONS

39. (1) Should a member cease to be a contributing member other than by retiring in accordance with any of Sections 42, 43, 44, 46 or 47 such member shall receive:
- (a) if such member has not completed two years of service, either a withdrawal benefit of the contributions paid by that member to the Fund with interest thereon at 3% *per annum* less any applicable tax or, at that member's discretion and with the consent of the Trustee, the accrued pension accumulation, in the form of a deferred pension, payable under Sections 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 or 47 whichever is applicable;
 - (b) if such member has completed two years of service, either the accrued pension accumulation, in the form of a deferred pension, payable under Sections 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 or 47 whichever is applicable, or a transfer to another fund or plan of that member's choice which shall have been approved by the relevant Revenue Authority of such sum as shall be decided upon by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary as representing the value of the accrued pension accumulation.

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- (2) When a member ceased on or after 1st January 1977 to be a contributing member and has not received a withdrawal benefit or a transfer in pursuance of sub-section (1)(b) of this Section, the portion of that member's accrued pension accumulation attributable to the contributions paid on or after 1st January 1976 (or if that member was enrolled after 1st January 1976 the accrued pension accumulation) subsisting on 31st December 1998 and each subsequent year shall be increased with effect on and from 1st January of the following year by the same percentage as that applied to pensions in course of payment, as provided by Section 61 of this Chapter.
- (3)
 - (a) If a former member entitled to an accrued pension accumulation dies, and is survived by a spouse or dependent children, Sections 52 to 60 inclusive shall apply as if the former member had died in Service in the Church of Ireland, and for the purposes of Sections 52 and 57 pension entitlement shall be deemed to be that former member's accrued pension accumulation.
 - (b) If a former member entitled to an accrued pension accumulation dies prior to reaching the age at which payment of pension would have commenced and is unmarried or leaves no surviving spouse nor dependent children, a sum to be decided upon by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary as representing the value of that former member's accrued pension accumulation shall be paid to the legal personal representatives of the deceased former member: Provided that at least five years' contributions have been paid and that at least two of those years relate to the period after 1st January 1991.
- (4) If a former member who is entitled to an accrued pension entitlement satisfies the requirements of Section 40(b) prior to Normal Retirement Age, the accrued pension entitlement shall be payable during such period, if any, prior to Normal Retirement Age as the Trustee shall decide.
- (5) The Trustee shall deduct from any payment made by it under this Section any tax chargeable in respect of such payment.
- (6) Section 31 of this Chapter shall not apply to a former member who is in receipt of a benefit under this Section.

BENEFITS

40. Every applicant for a pension, unless deemed to have resigned in accordance with Section 36 of Chapter IV, must satisfy the Trustee by such evidence as it shall deem sufficient that, as on the date of commencement of the annuity, either

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- (a) such applicant is aged not less than sixty years and has served as a Member of the Clergy of the Church of Ireland for not less than two years; or
 - (b) such applicant has served as a Member of the Clergy of the Church of Ireland for not less than ten years and, as evidenced by a report from the Medical Panel appointed by the Board, is either
 - (i) permanently disabled by age or infirmity from the efficient discharge, without assistance, of ministerial or official duties; or
 - (ii) permanently and wholly disabled by age or infirmity from the efficient discharge of any ministerial or official duties.
41. It shall be the duty of every member of the Fund, surviving spouse of a member of the Fund, or the guardian of the children of a deceased member of the Fund, to furnish the Trustee with such information as the Trustee may from time to time require.

Normal Retirement Pension

42. A Member of the Clergy, who was a member of the Fund on or before 31st December 2008 and for whom Normal Retirement Age is per the table in Part I, who retires on reaching their Normal Retirement Age, shall receive a pension calculated in the following manner, that is to say, the accrued service in the Church of Ireland to 31st May 2013 but excluding such years in excess of 40, multiplied by one sixtieth part of the Pensionable Stipend in force on the last day of that member's service.
43. A Member of the Clergy, who has entered membership of the Fund on or after 1st January 2009 and for whom Normal Retirement Age is 67 or 68, as per the table in Part I, who retires on reaching his or her Normal Retirement Age, shall receive a pension calculated in the following manner, that is to say, the accrued service in the Church of Ireland to 31st May 2013, multiplied by one sixtieth part of the Pensionable Stipend in force on the last day of that member's service.

Early Retirement Pension

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44. Should a member of the Fund who has completed two years' Service in the Church of Ireland wish to retire after attaining the age of 60 years before reaching Normal Retirement Age and applies for payment of their accrued pension, 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 such rate as the Trustee may determine on the advice of the Actuary. The Trustee may decide that payment of the pension be deferred until the member reaches their Normal Retirement Age.

Late Retirement Pension

45. (1) A member in Service in the Church of Ireland who was a member on 31st December 2008 but had not yet reached Normal Retirement Age and who subsequently retires after reaching 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 such rate as the Trustee may determine on the advice of the Actuary.
- (2) A member in Service in the Church of Ireland who became a member on or after 1st January 2009 and who subsequently retires after reaching 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 43 applied on the day on which that member reaches Normal Retirement Age, multiplied by such rate as the Trustee may determine on the advice of the Actuary.
46. (1) A member in Service in the Church of Ireland on 31st December 2008, who had reached the age of 65 years on that date and retires on or after 1st January 2009, shall be entitled to a pension calculated in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (2) of this Section and Section 45(1) calculated in the following manner: the pension as calculated as at 31st December 2008 in accordance with sub-section (2) of this Section multiplied by such rate as the Trustee shall determine from time to time on the advice of the Actuary. 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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- (2) In respect of a member who retires under sub-section (1) hereof, 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

that member shall receive instead such increased pension.

III Health Pension

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47. A member who is under Normal Retirement Age and seeks to retire on the grounds of ill health under Section 40(b) and who the Trustee determines, on the basis of medical reports furnished by at least two members of the medical panel, 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 Pensionable Stipend in force on the last day of service.

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 Trustee 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 Pensionable Stipend in force on the last day of service.

Other

48. The provisions of this Chapter in force upon the date on which a member, in accordance with the provisions of Section 39 of this Chapter, ceased to be a contributor to the Fund shall continue to apply to or in respect of that member notwithstanding any modifications which may subsequently be made to those provisions.

This Section shall not apply to any modifications to Section 39 of this Chapter which are included in a Statute enacted by the General Synod at its ordinary session in the year 1998.

49. The Trustee shall, in relation to contributors resident in both Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland, administer the Church of Ireland Voluntary Contributions Schemes, the establishment of which was approved by resolution of the General Synod dated 21st May 1985, in compliance with Additional Voluntary Contributions statutory regulations in force in both jurisdictions at that time and as subsequently amended from time to time.

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- 50.** Where a member dies while in Service in the Church of Ireland before reaching Normal Retirement Age and in respect of whom a contribution has been paid to the Fund and who was not accepted for insured benefits in the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme as at 1st June 2013, there shall be paid to such member's legal personal representatives a lump sum equal to the Pensionable Stipend in force on the date of death of the said member multiplied by four.
- 51.** (1) When a member, the payment of whose pension has commenced, dies not more than five years after the date on which such payment commenced, there shall be paid to such member's legal personal representatives a lump sum as may be determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary representing the annual rate of pension operative on the date of death multiplied by the number of years and portion of a year from the date of death to the date which is five years after the date on which payment commenced.
- (2) When a member dies in Service in the Church of Ireland after reaching Normal Retirement Age, such member shall be deemed for the purposes of this Section to have retired on pension on the date of death.
- 52.** Except as hereinafter provided:
- (1) (a) The surviving spouse of a member who dies before reaching Normal Retirement Age while in Service in the Church of Ireland on or after 17th May 2001 shall receive from the date of death of the deceased member a pension as set out in the provisions of the relevant Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme; in addition if a surviving spouse's pension at the rate of two-thirds of the member's pension from the Clergy Pensions Fund at date of death is greater than the provision under the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme the excess over the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme provision shall be paid from the Clergy Pensions Fund.
- (b) The surviving spouse of a member who was in Service in the Church of Ireland on 18th May 1989 and was aged 70 years or over on that date, and the surviving spouse of a member who was in receipt of a pension on that date, shall receive a pension at the rate of eight-ninths of the deceased member's pension entitlement at the date of death.

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- (c) The surviving spouse of any other member shall receive a pension at the rate of two-thirds of the deceased member's pension entitlement at the date of death or, if such member had exercised the option to commute under Section 86, two-thirds of what such member's pension entitlement would have been at the date of death if such member had not so commuted.
- (2) If the member was enrolled before 19th May 1988, the pension under sub-section (1) (b) or (c) shall be not less than 15% of the Minimum Approved Stipend for the purposes of Section 51 (1) of Chapter IV in force on the last day of service.
- 53.** If a surviving spouse is more than 10 years younger than the deceased member, and if the marriage has taken place less than two years before such member's death, the surviving spouse's benefit shall be for an amount to be determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary.
- 54.** If the member other than a member enrolled under Section 33 of this Chapter was enrolled at age fifty-five years or later such member's surviving spouse's and children's benefits shall be in amounts to be determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary.
- 55.** Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, no benefits shall be payable to the surviving spouse or children of a marriage taking place after retirement.
- 56.** A surviving spouse shall cease to be entitled to any benefit under this Chapter upon having re-married on or before 17th June 1991.

Children

- 57.** (1) The surviving spouse of a member of the Fund who dies in Service in the Church of Ireland shall receive a child dependency allowance equal to one third of the said surviving spouse's pension as set out in Section 52 in trust for each of the deceased member's children until the month in which the child attains the age of 18 years or marries, whichever is the earlier.

Provided that the total amount payable to the surviving spouse of a member under Section 52 and as trustee under this Section shall not exceed two-thirds of the Pensionable Stipend in force on the last day of the deceased member's service.

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- (2) The surviving spouse of any other member of the Fund who is in receipt of a benefit under this Chapter shall receive a child dependency allowance equal to one third of the said surviving spouse's pension entitlement at the date of the member's death in trust for each of the member's children, until the month in which the child attains the age of 18 years or marries, whichever is the earlier.
 - (3) The Trustee may at its discretion and without the limitation of age prescribed by sub-sections (1), (2) and (4) of this Section pay a child dependency allowance in respect of a child of any age of a member who dies in, or retires on pension from, Service in the Church of Ireland after 1st January 1986 where the medical panel has certified that such child is at the date of death of the member or upon reaching the age of 18 years (whichever is the later) wholly incapable of self-support by reason of physical or mental handicap.
 - (4) The limitation of age prescribed by sub-sections (1) and (2) of this Section shall, in respect of each child who is engaged in third-level education, be 23 years.
- 58.** In the event of the death of both parents of a child eligible for benefits under this Chapter the Trustee shall determine how much, if any, of the benefits which would have been paid to the surviving spouse under Section 52, 73 or 82, if the surviving spouse had remained living, may become payable and be paid in addition to the child dependency allowance, provided always that such benefits will only be paid until such child attains the age of 18 years or, if engaged in third-level education, 23 years, or marries, whichever is the earlier. The said benefits shall be paid to the legally appointed guardian of the said child or if no such guardian has been appointed to such other person as the Trustee may from time to time approve to be held in trust by such guardian or other person for the said child.
- 59.** Notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter, the Trustee shall give effect to any order made by a civil court concerning retirement benefits consequent on the grant of a decree of judicial separation, annulment or dissolution of the marriage of a member or any order in proceedings concerning the custody of a child or children of a member.

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- 60.** (1) Where prior to death a deceased member and that member's spouse were separated or the marriage was annulled or dissolved, and an order to which Section 59 refers has not been made, a child dependency allowance shall be payable in respect of each of the children of the marriage to the person having actual custody of the children or such other person as the Trustee may from time to time approve to be held in trust by such person for each such child until the month in which such child attains the age of 18 or, if engaged in third-level education, of 23, or marries, whichever is the earlier.
- (2) A child dependency allowance payable under this Section shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of Section 57(1) as if the provisions of that Section applied to this Section.
- (3) The provisions of Section 57(3) shall apply to allowances under this Section without the limitation of age prescribed by sub-section (1) of this Section.

Pension Increases

- 61.** The rate of
- (a) each pension payable to a member of the Fund under Section 14 or any of Sections 42 to 45 (inclusive) of this Chapter,
- (b) each pension payable to the surviving spouse of a member of the Fund (not being the surviving spouse of a voluntary member) under Section 14 or Section 52 of this Chapter, and
- (c) each child dependency allowance under Section 57 of the Chapter,

which was in course of payment on 31st December 1995 and each subsequent year shall be increased with effect on and from 1st January of the following year by the percentage required by law, or such greater percentage up to 5% as the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary and with the approval of the Representative Body may determine.

PAYMENT OF PENSION

- 62.** All benefits and allowances accrue from day to day so long as title thereto continues.

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63. Payment shall be made by monthly instalments on the last day of the month following that in which the benefit accrues, notwithstanding that the rate of benefit is expressed as an amount *per annum*.
64. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Chapter, a surviving spouse, within twelve months of becoming eligible for a surviving spouse's pension under this Chapter, may with the approval of the Trustee elect to have entitlement thereto deferred in accordance with the provisions of this Section.
- (2) The election referred to in sub-section (1) of this Section shall satisfy the following conditions:
- (a) The election shall be in writing signed by the person entitled to make it or by a person legally authorised to do so on the surviving spouse's behalf.
 - (b) The deferment shall be effective from the date of first eligibility for the pension to which it relates.
 - (c) The deferment shall remain in force until withdrawn in writing signed by or on behalf of the person who made the relevant election, and specifying the date of withdrawal, which shall be not less than 7 days after notice of the withdrawal has been received by the Board.
- (3) The rate of a pension so deferred shall for the period in which the deferment remains in force but no longer be augmented at the rate of 6% *per annum* compound interest, and on the termination of that period payment if due shall be made at the rate so augmented: Provided that, when any sum has been paid to the surviving spouse between the date of eligibility for pension and its deferment, the amount of augmentation shall be reduced by such amount as the Actuary shall advise.
- (4) No pension shall be payable in respect of a period in which a deferment remains in force and if entitlement to a pension ceases during that period, whether by reason of the death of the surviving spouse or otherwise, no payment in respect of arrears for such period shall be payable.
- (5) No child dependency allowance or any part thereof shall be deferred.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS (EPISCOPAL)

65. Sections 66 to 75 and 84 to 85 (inclusive) shall apply to an archbishop, bishop or surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop who had entered episcopal service in the Church of Ireland on or before 31st December 2010.

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66. Nothing herein contained shall affect any right existing on 31st December 1978, in any person under the provisions of Sections 30 to 40 (inclusive) of Chapter VI of the statute entitled the Constitution of the Church of Ireland (Chapter I of 1978), but such right shall continue to exist and shall be enforceable as if the said Sections 30 to 40 of the said Chapter VI had not been repealed.
67. The annuities which immediately prior to the enactment of Sections 65 to 85 of this Chapter and under Section 66 hereof were payable to surviving spouses of archbishops and bishops out of the Fund for the Augmentation of the Incomes of Bishops' Widows, shall be payable out of the Fund.

Normal Retirement Pension

68. An archbishop or bishop who entered episcopal service after 17th May 1990 and who has fulfilled the requirements of Section 25 of Chapter VI shall receive a combined pension calculated in the following manner:

- (a) The greater of;
- (i) the accrued service to 31st May 2013 multiplied by one sixtieth of the Pensionable Stipend in force on reaching Normal Retirement Age; or
 - (ii) forty sixtieths of the Pensionable Stipend in force on reaching Normal Retirement Age multiplied by the ratio of accrued service to 31st May 2013 to the potential service as a member of the Fund to age 65.

Provided that if as a member of the Fund such person is entitled to an increased late retirement pension under Section 45, such person shall receive instead such increased pension

and

- (iii) in respect of each completed year, or part thereof, of episcopal service up to 31st May 2013, with a maximum of twelve years, one eighteenth of the difference between the Pensionable Stipend in force on the last day of episcopal service and the Pensionable Episcopal Stipend as fixed by the Representative Body and in force on the last day of episcopal service multiplied by the ratio of accrued episcopal service to 31st May 2013 to episcopal service to age 65.

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Early Retirement Pension

69. An archbishop or bishop whose resignation has been accepted under Section 27 (2) of Chapter VI shall receive a pension of an amount to be determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary.

Other

70. Where an archbishop or bishop has become entitled to a pension under Section 68, and such archbishop or bishop is subsequently instituted or licensed to a paid ecclesiastical office in the Church of Ireland or elsewhere, the following provisions shall apply:
- (a) Such archbishop or bishop shall not be entitled to receive a further lump sum upon ceasing to hold such office.
 - (b) Such archbishop's or bishop's legal personal representatives shall not be entitled to receive any benefit under Section 50.

Ill Health Pension

71. An archbishop or bishop whose resignation has been accepted under Section 26(3) of Chapter VI shall receive an ill health early retirement pension equal to 90% of a pension calculated in the manner laid down in Section 68.

Provided that if an archbishop or bishop, to whom this Section refers, is unable to carry out archiepiscopal or episcopal duties for a period of six months (or such shorter period not in any event being less than three months as the Trustee may in any particular case determine) before the date appointed under Section 26(3) of Chapter VI, such archbishop's or bishop's pension shall be calculated in the manner laid down in Section 68.

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72. (1) When an archbishop or bishop, the payment of whose pension commenced after 1st January 1986, dies not more than five years after the date on which such payment commenced, there shall be paid to such archbishop's or bishop's legal personal representatives a lump sum as may be determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary representing the annual rate of pension operative on the date of such archbishop's or bishop's death multiplied by the number of years and portion of a year from the date of death to the date which is five years after the date on which payment commenced.
- (2) When an archbishop or bishop dies after 1st January 1986 in episcopal service after reaching Normal Retirement Age, such archbishop or bishop shall be deemed for the purposes of this Section to have retired on pension on the date of death.
73. (1) The surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop who dies before reaching Normal Retirement Age while in episcopal service on or after 17th May 2001 shall receive from the date of such archbishop's or bishop's death a pension as set out in the provisions of the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme; in addition if a surviving spouse's pension at the rate of two-thirds of the archbishop's or bishop's pension from the Clergy Pensions Fund at date of death is greater than the provision under the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme the excess over the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme provision shall be paid from the Clergy Pensions Fund.
- (2) The surviving spouse of any other archbishop or bishop who was in episcopal service on 1st January 1979 or who enters episcopal service after that date shall receive a pension at the rate of two-thirds of the deceased archbishop's or bishop's pension entitlement at the date of death or, if that archbishop or bishop had exercised the option to commute under Section 86, two thirds of what that archbishop's or bishop's pension entitlement would have been at the date of death if such archbishop or bishop had not so commuted.
74. (1) The surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop who is in receipt of a benefit under Section 73 shall receive a child dependency allowance equal to one third of the said surviving spouse's pension in trust for each of the archbishop's or bishop's children, until the child attains the age of 18 years or, if engaged in third-level education, 23 years, or marries, whichever is the earlier:

Provided that the total amount payable to the said surviving spouse under Section 73 and as trustee as aforesaid under this Section shall not exceed two-thirds of the

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- (2) The Trustee may at its discretion and without the limitation of age prescribed by sub-section (1) of this Section pay a child dependency allowance in respect of a child of any age of an archbishop or bishop who dies in, or retires on pension from, episcopal service after 1st January 1986 where the medical panel has certified that such child is at the date of death of the archbishop or bishop or upon reaching the age of 18 years (whichever is the later) wholly incapable of self-support by reason of physical or mental handicap.
- 75.** Where an archbishop or bishop dies in episcopal service on or after 1st January 1980, such archbishop's or bishop's pension entitlement for the purposes of Sections 72 73 and 74 shall be calculated in accordance with Section 68.
- 76.** Sections 77 to 85 (inclusive) shall apply to an archbishop, bishop or surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop who enters episcopal service in the Church of Ireland on or after 1st January 2011.

Normal Retirement Pension

- 77.** An archbishop or bishop who has fulfilled the requirements of Section 25 of Chapter VI at Normal Retirement Age shall receive a pension calculated in accordance with the provisions of sub-sections (1) and if applicable, sub-section (2) below:
- (1) The actual service to 31st May 2013 as a member of the Fund multiplied by one sixtieth of the Pensionable Episcopal Stipend in force on the last day of such member's service.
 - (2) Any additional service to credit under Section 80 multiplied by one sixtieth part of the Pensionable Stipend in force on the last day of such member's service.

Early Retirement Pension

- 78.** An archbishop or bishop whose resignation has been accepted under Section 27 (2) of Chapter VI shall receive a pension of an amount to be determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary or the Trustee may decide that payment of the pension be deferred until the member reaches their Normal Retirement Age.

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III Health Pension

79. An archbishop or bishop whose resignation has been accepted under Section 26(3) of Chapter VI shall receive an ill health early retirement pension equal to 90% of a pension calculated in the manner laid down in Section 77.

Provided that if an archbishop or bishop, to whom this Section refers, is unable to carry out archiepiscopal or episcopal duties for a period of six months (or such shorter period not in any event being less than three months as the Trustee may in any particular case determine) before the date appointed under Section 26(3) of Chapter VI, such archbishop's or bishop's pension shall be calculated in the manner laid down in Section 77.

Additional Personal Contributions

80. The benefit in relation to additional service purchased by an Archbishop or Bishop to 31st May 2013 shall be based on the Pensionable Stipend.

Death Benefits and Surviving Spouse's Pension

81. (1) When an archbishop or bishop, the payment of whose pension has commenced, dies not more than five years after the date on which such payment commenced, there shall be paid to such archbishop's or bishop's legal personal representatives a lump sum as may be determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Actuary representing the annual rate of pension operative on the date of such archbishop's or bishop's death multiplied by the number of years and portion of a year from the date of death to the date which is five years after the date on which payment commenced.
- (2) When an archbishop or bishop dies in episcopal service after reaching Normal Retirement Age, such archbishop or bishop shall be deemed for the purposes of this Section to have retired on pension on the date of death.

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- 82.** (1) The surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop who dies before reaching Normal Retirement Age while in episcopal service shall receive from the date of such archbishop's or bishop's death a pension as set out in the provisions of the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme; in addition if a surviving spouse's pension at the rate of two-thirds of the archbishop's or bishop's pension from the Clergy Pensions Fund at date of death is greater than the provision under the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme the excess over the Clergy Defined Contribution Pension Scheme provision shall be paid from the Clergy Pensions Fund.
- (2) The surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop who dies after reaching Normal Retirement Age while in episcopal service or the surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop the payment of whose pension had commenced shall receive a pension at the rate of two-thirds of the deceased archbishop's or bishop's pension entitlement at the date of death, or, if such archbishop or bishop had exercised the option to commute under Section 86, two thirds of what that archbishop's or bishop's pension entitlement would have been at the date of death if such archbishop or bishop had not so commuted.
- 83.** (1) The surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop who is in receipt of a benefit under Section 82 shall receive a child dependency allowance equal to one third of the said surviving spouse's pension in trust for each of the archbishop's or bishop's children, until the child attains the age of 18 years or, if engaged in third-level education, 23 years, or marries, whichever is the earlier:
- Provided that the total amount payable to the said surviving spouse under Section 82 and as trustee as aforesaid under this Section shall not exceed two-thirds of the Pensionable Episcopal Stipend (as the case may be) as fixed by the Representative Body and in force on the last day of the deceased archbishop's or bishop's service.
- (2) The Trustee may at its discretion and without the limitation of age prescribed by sub-section (1) of this Section pay a child dependency allowance in respect of a child of any age of an archbishop or bishop who dies in, or retires on pension from, episcopal service after 1st January 2011 where the medical panel has certified that such child is at the date of death of the archbishop or bishop or upon reaching the age of 18 years (whichever is the later) wholly incapable of self-support by reason of physical or mental handicap.

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84. The rate of

- (a) every pension payable to an archbishop or bishop under Section 67 or any of Sections 68, 70 71 and 77, 78, 79 of this Chapter,
- (b) every pension payable to the surviving spouse of an archbishop or bishop under Section 67 or Sections 73 and 82 of this Chapter, and
- (c) every child dependency allowance payable under Sections 74 and 83 of this Chapter

which was in course of payment on 31st December 1980 or any subsequent year shall be increased with effect on and from 1st January of the following year by the same percentage as that determined under Section 61 of this Chapter.

85. Sections 29, 30 (subject to the qualification contained in Section 70), 31, 45, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 62, 63 and 64 shall apply to the benefits payable under Sections 68 to 84.

COMMUTATION OF PENSIONS

86. (1) On reaching Normal Retirement Age, a member of the Fund in the Republic of Ireland 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 such rate as the Trustee may determine on the advice of the Actuary in which case the lump sum shall be payable forthwith and the pension entitlement under Sections 42 and 43 and Sections 68 and 77 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 of the Fund who retires from Service in 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 such rate as the Trustee may determine on the advice of the Actuary.

- (3) The exercise of an option under sub-section (1) or (2) shall be made in writing, before actual date of retirement but shall be made not more than six months before date of retirement, and when received by the Board shall be irrevocable.

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- (4) In no case shall a lump sum exceed one and a half years' Minimum Approved Stipend of the office held by the member concerned (or, in the case of an archbishop or bishop, one and a half times the Episcopal Stipend, as the case may be, as fixed by the Representative Body) in force at the date on which the lump sum becomes payable under sub-section (1) (a) or (2).

CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUED SOLVENCY

- 87.** The General Synod shall not consider any motion affecting the system of benefits and contributions set out in this Chapter unless the Actuary has certified that the solvency position of the Fund will not be adversely affected to a material extent.

COMPLIANCE WITH PENSIONS ACT

- 88.** This Chapter and the Fund are subject to the Pensions Act and shall take effect subject to any modification necessary to comply with it. The duties of the Representative Body, the Trustee, the Actuary and the Auditor shall be regulated by and carried out in accordance with the Pensions Act.

COMPLIANCE WITH TAXES CONSOLIDATION ACT 1997

- 89.** The Fund is a retirement benefit scheme as defined by Section 771 of the Act, capable of being treated by the Revenue Commissioners as an Exempt Approved Scheme. Notwithstanding anything in this Chapter, no benefit shall be provided under the Fund which would exceed the maximum benefit permitted, or would otherwise conflict with requirements imposed, by the Revenue Commissioners from time to time as a condition of approval under the Act. Any benefit otherwise provided shall be reduced or varied as may be necessary to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded and that there is no conflict with the requirements of the Revenue Commissioners.

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"	ii.	Prayers and Thanksgiving.	-
"	iii.	Order of New Services.	-
"	iv.	Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1879, C.i.
"	v.	Morning and Evening Prayer.	-
"	vi.	Holy Communion.	-
"	vii.	Solemnization of Matrimony.	-
"	viii.	Preface.	-
"	ix.	Preface.	-
"	x.	Preface.	-
"	xi.	Preface.	-
"	xii.	Preface.	-
"	xiii.	Preface.	-
"	xiv.	Canons.	-
"	xv.	Burial of the Dead.	-
"	xvi.	Preface.	-
"	xvii.	Preface.	-
"	xviii.	Preface.	-
"	xix.	Preface.	-
"	xx.	Table of Contents of Prayer Book.	-
"	xxi.	Appointments to Cures.	Repealed by 1879, C.i.
"	xxii.	Date of Coming into Effect of Prayer Book Revision Statutes.	-
1878			
Cap.	i.	Diocesan Boundaries.	-
"	ii.	Burial of the Dead.	-
"	iii.	Diocesan Boundaries.	-
"	iv.	Diocesan Boundaries.	-
"	v.	Diocesan Boundaries.	-
"	vi.	Widows and Orphans.	Repealed by 1879, C.i.
"	vii.	Boulter Fund.	Repealed by 1879, C.i.
"	viii.	Kildare Cathedral.	ss. 1 and 2 amended by 1923, C.v. s.3 amended by 1892, C.ii, and 1923, C.v.
"	ix.	General Synod. Diocesan Synods. Parishes and Parochial Organisation. Appointments to Cures. Cathedrals.	Repealed by 1879, C.i.
1879			
Cap.	i.	Consolidation of Constitution.	1st schedule (except Preamble and Declaration and Chapter VIII) repealed by 1889, C.i.
"	ii.	Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.	Repealed by 1886, C.vii.

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1880			
Cap.	i.	Cashel Cathedral.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	ii.	Killaloe Cathedral.	-
"	iii.	Diocesan Boundaries.	-
"	iv.	Parish of Drumcar.	-
1881			
Cap.	i.	Diocesan Boundaries.	-
"	ii.	Diocesan Boundaries.	-
"	iii.	Parochial Records.	Repealed by 1889, C.i.
"	iv.	Armagh and Clogher Dioceses.	-
1882			
Cap.	i.	Glebes.	Repealed by 1889, C.i.
"	ii.	Armagh and Clogher Dioceses.	-
1883			
Cap.	i.	Unions of Parishes.	Repealed by 1889, C.i.
"	ii.	Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.	Repealed by 1886, C.vii.
"	iii.	Downpatrick Cathedral.	Repealed by 2014, C.v.
"	iv.	Widows and Orphans.	Repealed by 1889, C.i.
1884			
Cap.	i.	Glebes.	All except schedules repealed by 1889, C.i.
1885			
Cap.	i.	Diocesan Boundaries.	-
"	ii.	Ecclesiastical Tribunals.	Repealed by 1889, C.i.
"	iii.	Election of Bishop of Meath.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	iv.	Retirement of Bishops.	Repealed by 1889, C.i.
1886			
Cap.	i.	Election of See of Armagh.	All except the repealing clauses in ss. 3 and 4 repealed by 1889, C.i.
"	ii.	Armagh and Clogher Diocese.	-
"	iii.	Sextons, Schoolmasters, etc.	Repealed by 1889, C.i.
"	iv.	Rules, etc. of Diocesan Courts.	ss. 1 and 2 repealed by 1889, C.i.
"	v.	Proprietary Churches.	Repealed by 1889, C.i.
"	vi.	Diocesan Boundaries.	-
"	vii.	Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.	All except s.1 repealed by 1902, C.i.
"	viii.	Court of General Synod.	Repealed by 1974, C.i.
1887			
Cap.	i.	Armagh and Clogher Dioceses.	-

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1887 continued			
Cap.	ii.	Ecclesiastical Tribunals.	All except s.1 repealed by 1889, C.i.
"	iii.	Glebes.	Repealed by 1889, C.i.
"	iv.	Widows and Orphans.	Repealed by 1889, C.i.
1888			
Cap.	i.	Augmentation of Clerical Incomes.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	ii.	Representative Body.	All except s.1 repealed by 1889, C.i.
1889			
Cap.	i.	Consolidation of Constitution.	1st schedule (except Preamble and Declaration and Chapter IX) repealed by 1889, C.i.
"	ii.	Augmentation of Clerical Incomes.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	iii.	Boulter and other Annuities.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
1890			
Cap.	i.	Cork, Cloyne & Ross Cathedrals.	s.4 and schedule No. 11 repealed by 1972, C.x.
"	ii.	Waterford & Lismore Cathedrals.	Repealed by 1981, C.v.
"	iii.	Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert and Kilmacduagh Cathedrals.	s.4(2) repealed by 1915, C.v. Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	iv.	Limerick Cathedral.	-
"	v.	Exchange of Benefices.	Repealed by 1899, C.i.
1891			
Cap.	i.	Killala and Achonry Cathedrals.	ss.I to VI repealed by 2013, C.i.
"	ii.	Ferns Cathedral.	Repealed by 1974, C.ii.
"	iii.	Tuam Cathedral.	Amended by 2013, C.ii.
1892			
Cap.	i.	Cork, Cloyne & Ross Diocesan Synod.	-
"	ii.	Kildare Cathedral.	-
1893			
Cap.	i.	Ecclesiastical Tribunals.	Schedule repealed by 1899, C.i.
1894			
Cap.	i.	Diocesan Courts.	Repealed by 1899, C.i.
"	ii.	Glebes.	All except repealing clause repealed by 1889, C.i.
"	iii.	Easter Vestry.	Repealed by 1899, C.i.
1895			
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			
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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.	Repealed by 1944, C.v.
1900			
Cap.	i.	Election of Bishops.	Repealed by 1909, C.i.
"	ii.	Downpatrick Cathedral.	Repealed by 2014, C.v.
"	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.	-

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.	-

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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.	Repealed by 2014, C.v.
"	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.vii.
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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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.	Repealed by 2014, C.v.
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.
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"	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			
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"	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			
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"	ii.	Register Books.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
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"	iv.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
"	v.	Central Church Fund.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
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"	vii.	City and Town Parishes Commission.	-
"	viii.	Kilkenny & Leighlin Cathedrals.	-
1964			
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"	ii.	Book of Occasional Prayers.	-
"	iii.	Dedication of Memorial or Gifts.	-
"	iv.	Parochial Organization.	ss.1 and 3 repealed by 1977, C.ii. s.2 repealed by 1970, C.iii.
"	v.	Cathedrals.	Repealed by 1970, C.iii.
"	vi.	Churches and Church Halls.	-
"	vii.	Retirement of Bishops.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
"	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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"	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			
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"	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			
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"	ii.	Diocesan Councils.	Repealed by 1971, C.ii.
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"	iii.	Modification or alteration of Articles, etc.	Repealed by 1969, C.ii.
"	iv.	Limitation of Rights of Bishops.	-
1969			
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"	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			
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"	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.
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"	iii.	Stipends.	Repealed by 1972, C.i.
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"	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.
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"	vi.	Suspension of Episcopal Elections.	Spent.
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"	ix.	Superannuation of Clergy.	-
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"	xi.	Armagh Cathedral.	-
"	xii.	Widows and Orphans.	-
1973			
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"	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.	-
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"	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			
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"	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			
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"	ii.	General Synod.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
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"	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.
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"	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			
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"	ii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1978, C.i.
1978			
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1979			
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"	ii.	Auxiliary Clergymen.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
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"	iii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
"	iv.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
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"	vi.	Hildersheim Dish.	-
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1983			
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"	vi.	General Synod.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
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1986			
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"	iii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
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"	v.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
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"	vii.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 1988, C.iii.
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"	iii.	Consolidation of Constitution.	All except Preamble and Declaration repealed by 2003, C.xv.
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"	v.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
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"	v.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	vi.	Clergy Pensions Fund.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
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"	ii.	Commission on Churches.	Repealed by 2009, C.iv.
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"	ii.	Parish and Parochial Organisation.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
"	iii.	Commission on Churches.	Repealed by 2009, C.iv.
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"	iv.	Part-time Deployment of Stipendiary Clergy.	Repealed by 2003, C.xv.
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"	iv.	Commission on Churches.	Repealed by 2009, C.iv.
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"	iv.	Book of Common Prayer.	-
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24. 1918 Archbishop of Dublin v. Robinson.
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25. 1918 Hitchcock and others v. Archbishop of Armagh.
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26. 1919 Re Powers of the General Synod.
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- Reported in Journal, 1919, p. 366.
27. 1921 Johnson and others v. Robinson.
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28. 1928 Chamney and others v. Simpson.
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- Reported in Journal, 1928, p.367.
29. 1933 Re Bradshaw.
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- Reported in Journal, 1933, p. 381.
30. 1935 Christie and others v. Colquhoun.
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- Reported in Journal, 1937, p. 355.
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- Reported in Journal 1992, p.368.
31. 1939 Caithness and others v. Colquhoun and others.

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- Reported in Journal, 1941, p.413.
33. 1941 Hick and others v. Wilson
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- Reported in Journal, 1947, p.330.
34. 1947 Bishop of Tuam v. Judge.
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35. 1991 Carnduff and Others v. Thomas and Another.
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- Reported in Journal, 1991, p.302.
36. 2001 Re Special Diocesan Synod of Cashel and Ossory held on 29 June 2000.
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37. 2002 The Bishop of Meath and Kildare v. Very Rev AWU Furlong.
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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.

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1. 2011 Complaints Committee v. Williamson
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2. 2013 Complaints Committee v. Hemphill
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1. 2011 Complaints Committee v. Hemphill
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ATTENDANCE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2015

Thursday 7 May

Diocese	Clerical	Lay	Total
Armagh	18	26	44
Clogher	12	21	33
Derry & Raphoe	17	31	48
Down & Dromore	29	44	72
Connor	26	47	73
Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh	10	17	27
Tuam, Killala & Achonry	7	8	15
Dublin & Glendalough	18	31	49
Meath & Kildare	10	15	25
Cashel, Ferns & Ossory	16	31	47
Cork, Cloyne & Ross	12	19	31
Limerick & Killaloe	9	18	27
Total	184	308	491

Friday 8 May

Diocese	Clerical	Lay	Total
Armagh	18	25	43
Clogher	13	23	36
Derry & Raphoe	14	32	46
Down & Dromore	27	47	74
Connor	29	48	77
Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh	10	22	32
Tuam, Killala & Achonry	7	11	18
Dublin & Glendalough	18	35	53
Meath & Kildare	8	13	21
Cashel, Ferns & Ossory	17	28	45
Cork, Cloyne & Ross	13	20	33
Limerick & Killaloe	9	20	29
Total	183	324	507

Journal 2015 – Attendance of Representatives

Saturday 9 May

Diocese	Clerical	Lay	Total
Armagh	15	21	36
Clogher	11	19	30
Derry & Raphoe	9	18	27
Down & Dromore	21	43	64
Connor	18	37	55
Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh	8	13	21
Tuam, Killala & Achonry	7	8	15
Dublin & Glendalough	12	30	42
Meath & Kildare	7	11	18
Cashel, Ferns & Ossory	11	25	36
Cork, Cloyne & Ross	11	19	30
Limerick & Killaloe	9	18	27
Total	139	262	401

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

Date	Clerical	Lay	Total
May 7	184	308	491
May 8	183	324	507
May 9	139	262	401

Total number of attendances recorded: 1,400 average 466

Clerical	506	Average	169
Lay	894	Average	298

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

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