



# Synodical Government Measure 1969

## CHAPTER 2

### SYNODICAL GOVERNMENT MEASURE 1969

- 1 Vesting of functions and authority of Convocations in a General Synod.
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#### SCHEDULES

##### SCHEDULE 1 — Form of Proposed Canon

###### *Of the General Synod and the Convocations*

- 1 On such day as may be appointed by the Archbishops...
- 2 Notwithstanding such vesting as aforesaid, the said Convocation may continue...
- 3 The said Convocation may, by their Standing Orders or otherwise,...
- 4 The vesting of rights and privileges of the said Convocation...

##### SCHEDULE 2 — Constitution of the General Synod

- 1 The General Synod shall consist of the Convocations of Canterbury...
- 2 The House of Bishops and the House of Clergy shall...

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- 3 (1) The General Synod shall meet in session at least...
- 4 (1) The Archbishops of Canterbury and York shall be joint...
- 5 (1) A motion for the final approval of any Measure...
- 6 The functions of the General Synod shall be as follows:—...
- 7 (1) A provision touching doctrinal formulae or the services or...
- 8 (1) A Measure or Canon providing for permanent changes in...
- 9 (1) Standing Orders of the General Synod may provide for...
- 10 (1) The General Synod shall appoint a Legislative Committee from...
- 11 (1) The General Synod may make, amend and revoke Standing...
- 12 (1) References to final approval shall, in relation to a...
- 13 Any functions exercisable under this Constitution by the Archbishops of...

### SCHEDULE 3 — Church Representation Rules Part I — CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

#### *Formation of Roll*

- 1 (1) There shall be a church electoral roll (in these...

#### *Revision of Roll and Preparation of New Roll*

- 2 (1) Except in a year in which a new roll...

#### *Procedural provisions relating to entry and removal of names*

- 3 (1) When a person applying for enrolment on the roll...

#### *Certification of Numbers on Rolls*

- 4 Not later than the 1st June the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary...
- 5 (1) A person whose name is entered on the roll...

### Part II — PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS AND COUNCILS ANNUAL MEETINGS

- 6 (1) In every parish there shall be held not later...

#### *Convening of Meeting*

- 7 (1) The annual meeting shall be convened by the minister...

#### *Chairman*

- 8 (1) The minister, if present, or, if he is not...

#### *Business*

- 9 (1) The annual meeting shall receive from the parochial church...

#### *Qualifications of persons to be chosen or elected by annual meetings*

- 10 (1) Subject to the provisions of rule 1(3) the qualifications...

#### *Conduct of Elections at Annual Meetings*

- 11 (1) . . . Subject to the provisions of any...

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*Variation of method of election by scheme*

- 12 (1) The annual meeting may . . . pass a...

*Conduct of Elections of Churchwardens*

- 13 (1) If elections of churchwardens take place at meetings of...

*Parochial Church Council Members*

- 14 (1) Subject to the provisions of rule 1(4)and paragraph (3)...

*General Provisions relating to Parochial Church Councils*

- 15 The provisions in Appendix II to these rules shall have...

*Term of office*

- 16 (1) Representatives of the laity on the parochial church council...

*Limitation on years of service*

- 17 The annual meeting may decide that no representative of the...

*Parishes with more than one Place of Worship*

- 18 (1) In any parish where there are two or more...

*Joint Parochial Church Councils*

- 19 (1) Where there are two or more parishes within the...

*Team councils*

- 20 (1) Where a team ministry is established for the area...

*Group councils*

- 21 (1) Where a pastoral scheme establishes a group ministry, the...

*Special Meetings*

- 22 (1) In addition to the annual meeting the minister of...

*Extraordinary Meetings*

- 23 (1) On a written representation made to the archdeacon by...  
Part III — DEANERY SYNODS

*Membership*

- 24 (1) A deanery synod shall consist of a house of...

*Election and choice of members*

- 25 (1) . . . . .  
20A . . . . .

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*Variation of Membership of Deanery Synods by Scheme*

- 26 (1) If it appears to the diocesan synod that the...

*Representation of Cathedral Clergy and Laity*

- 27 (1) Any diocesan synod may provide by scheme for the...

*Procedure*

- 28 (1) The diocesan synod shall make rules for deanery synods...

*Diocesan Electoral Registration Officer*

- 29 (1) In every diocese, there shall be a diocesan electoral...  
Part IV — DIOCESAN SYNODS

*Membership of Diocesan Synods*

- 30 (1) A diocesan synod shall consist of a house of...

*Elections of Members of Diocesan Synods by Deanery Synods*

- 31 (1) The elections of members of the diocesan synod by...  
32 (1) Elections of members of the diocesan synod by the...

*Variation of Membership of Diocesan Synods by Scheme*

- 33 (1) If it appears to the diocesan synod that the...

*Procedure of Diocesan Synods*

- 34 (1) The diocesan synod shall make standing orders which shall...  
Part V — HOUSE OF LAITY OF GENERAL SYNOD  
35 (1) The House of Laity of the General Synod shall...

*Elections of Members Number of Elected Members*

- 36 (1) The total number of members directly elected and specially...

*Qualification of Elected Members*

- 37 (1) Subject to the provisions of rule 1(3) and of...

*Electoral Areas*

- 38 (1) Subject to any division of a diocese under this...

*Conduct of Elections*

- 39 (1) Subject to any directions by the General Synod or...  
40 (1) Rules defining the duties to be undertaken by the...

*... Term of Office of membership of General Synod and other bodies*

- 41 The term of office of elected members of the House...

*Ex-officio and Co-opted Members of the House of Laity*

- 42 (1) The following persons, if they are not in Holy...

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## Part VI — APPEALS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

### *Enrolment Appeal*

- 43 (1) There shall be a right of appeal with regard...

### *Election Appeals*

- 44 (1) There shall be a right of appeal with regard...  
45 For the purpose of the consideration and decision of any...

### *Vacation of Seat by Member ceasing to be Qualified for Election*

- 46 (1) Where— (a) any lay member of a deanery synod,...  
46A (a) A person shall be disqualified from being nominated, chosen...

### *Ex-Officio Membership not to Disqualify for Election*

- 47 No . . . person shall be disqualified from being...

## Part VII — SUPPLEMENTARY AND INTERPRETATION

### *Casual Vacancies*

- 48 (1) Casual vacancies among the parochial representatives elected to the...

### *Resignations*

- 49 Any person holding any office under these rules or being...

### *Notices*

- 50 Any notice or other document required or authorised to be...

### *Constraints in Elections*

- 51 (1) If in any election conducted in accordance with these...

### *Revocation and Variation of Rules, etc.*

- 52 Subject to the provisions of these rules any power conferred...

### *Special Provisions*

- 53 (1) In the carrying out of these rules in any...

### *Meaning of Minister, Parish and other words and phrases*

- 54 (1) In these rules:— . . . . .

## APPENDIX I

### SECTION 1

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLE

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## SECTION 2

### FORM OF NOTICE OF REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

## SECTION 3

### FORM OF NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF NEW ROLL

In this Notice “ parish ” means an ecclesiastical parish....

## SECTION 4

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

In this Notice “ parish ” means an ecclesiastical parish....

## SECTION 4A

### APPLICATION FOR A POSTAL VOTE

Parish of  
I (Full Christian name and surname)  
of (Full postal address)  
declare that my name is entered on the church electoral...  
Dated .....19  
Signed  
\*delete as appropriate

## SECTION 5

### NOTICE OF ELECTION TO HOUSE OF CLERGY OR HOUSE OF LAITY OF DIOCESAN SYNOD

- 1 An election of..... members of the House of Clergy/Laity of...
- 2 Candidates must be nominated and seconded by qualified electors on...
- 3 The election will be decided by simple majority/ the single...
- 4 Nominations must be received by no later than 12 o'clock...

## SECTION 6

### FORM OF NOMINATION TO THE HOUSE OF CLERGY OR HOUSE OF LAITY OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

## SECTION 7

### FORM OF VOTING PAPER FOR ELECTIONS TO THE HOUSE OF CLERGY OR THE HOUSE OF LAITY OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

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## SECTION 8

### FORM OF VOTING PAPER FOR ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF CLERGY OR THE HOUSE OF LAITY OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

#### Guidance to Voters

1. This voting paper must be signed and the full...
2. Use your single transferable vote by entering “1” against...
3. You should continue to express preferences for as long...
4. The numbering of your preferences must be consecutive and...
5. If you inadvertently spoil your voting paper you may...
6. The voting paper duly completed on the reverse thereof...  
so as to arrive by no later than (to be...

#### APPENDIX II

### GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS

- 1 Officers of the council.
- 2 Meetings of Council.
- 3 Power to call meetings.
- 4 Notices relating to meetings.
- 5 Chairman at meetings.
- 6 Quorum and agenda.
- 7 Order of business.
- 8 Short Notice for emergency meetings.
- 9 Place of meetings.
- 10 Vote of majority to decide.
- 11 Casting vote.
- 12 Minutes.
- 13 Adjournments.
- 14 Standing committee.
- 15 Other committees.
- 16 An independent examiner or auditor of the Council’s financial statements...
- 17 Validity of proceedings.
- 18 Interpretation.

#### SCHEDULE 4 — Transitional Provisions

##### *Transfer of Functions from Convocations*

- 1 (1) The transfer of functions from the Convocations of Canterbury...

##### *Reconstitution of Church Assembly*

- 2 (1) The reconstitution of the Church Assembly as the General...

##### *Changes affecting Diocesan and Ruridecanal Conferences*

- 3 (1) The dissolution of a diocesan conference and the transfer...

##### *Commencement of Church Representation Rules*

- 4 (1) The repeal of the Rules for the Representation of...

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- 5 (1) The first elections of parochial representatives of the laity...

*Power to Remove Transitional Difficulties*

- 6 (1) If any difficulty arises on or in connection with...



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