

**GENERAL SYNOD**

**DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO 26**

**(Representation of Bishops and Clergy in the Houses of Convocation)**

1. Canon H 2 (of the representation of the Clergy in the Lower House of the Convocations) shall be amended as follows.
2. In paragraph 1 of the provisions relating to the Convocation of Canterbury –
  - (a) in sub-paragraph (a) for the words “ten persons elected by and from among the deans and provosts” there shall be substituted the words “not more than five persons elected from among the deans”;
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (c) for the words “one archdeacon in each diocese appointed” there shall be substituted the words “eight archdeacons elected”;
  - (c) for sub-paragraph (d) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs –
    - “(d) not less than three nor more than four persons in holy orders elected or chosen from among the chaplains of the armed forces in such manner as may be determined by the Forces Synodical Council as soon as practicable after any dissolution of the Convocation, provided that the total number of persons elected or chosen under this sub-paragraph, paragraph 1(bb) of Canon H 3 and Rule 35(1)(d) of the Church Representation Rules shall not exceed seven;
    - (dd) the Chaplain General of Prisons or, where the holder of that office is not a person in holy orders, such prison chaplain as may be nominated by the Archbishop of Canterbury;”;
  - (d) for sub-paragraph (f) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph –

“(f) not more than two persons chosen by and from the priests and deacons who are members of religious communities having their mother house in the province in such manner as may be provided by rules made under this Canon;” and

(e) at the end there shall be added the following sub-paragraph –

“(h) not more than three persons in holy orders appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, acting jointly, as soon as practicable after the elections to both Convocations and to the House of Laity of the General Synod have been held, after consulting the Appointments Committee of the Church of England and subject to the approval of the General Synod, being persons who are beneficed in the province or who hold office in a cathedral church in the province or in either of the collegiate churches of St Peter in Westminster and of St George, Windsor or who are licensed under seal by a bishop in the province, or are deans or archdeacons in the province or are chaplains mentioned in sub-paragraph (d) or (dd) or are such priests or deacons as are referred to in sub-paragraph (f) hereof being, in each case, a person having such theological expertise as appears to the Archbishops to be appropriate, after taking into account such theological expertise as exists amongst the other members of the General Synod:

Provided that the total number of persons appointed under this sub-paragraph, paragraph 1(f) of the provisions relating to the Convocation of York, paragraphs 1(e) and 2(d) of Canon H 3 and Rule 35(1)(e) of the Church Representation Rules shall not exceed three;”.

3. In paragraph 1 of the provisions relating to the Convocation of York-

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) for the words “five persons elected by and from among the deans and provosts” there shall be substituted the words “not more than five persons elected from among the deans”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (b) for the words “the Archdeacon of Man, and one archdeacon in each diocese other than the diocese of

Sodor and Man appointed” there shall be substituted the words “four archdeacons elected”;

- (c) for sub-paragraph (d) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph –

“(d) not more than two person chosen by and from the priests and deacons who are members of religious communities having their mother house in the province in such manner as may be provided by rules made under this Canon;” and

- (d) at the end there shall be added the following sub-paragraph –

“(f) not more than three persons in holy orders appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, acting jointly, as soon as practicable after the elections to both Convocations and to the House of Laity of the General Synod have been held, after consulting the Appointments Committee of the Church of England and subject to the approval of the General Synod, being persons who are beneficed in the province or who hold office in a cathedral church in the province or who are licensed under seal by a bishop in the province or are deans or archdeacons in the province, or are such priests or deacons as are referred to in sub-paragraph (d) hereof being, in each case, a person having such theological expertise as appears to the Archbishops to be appropriate, after taking account of such theological expertise as exists amongst the other members of the General Synod:

Provided that the total number of persons appointed under this sub-paragraph, paragraph 1(h) of the provisions relating to the Convocation of Canterbury and paragraphs 1(e) and 2(d) of Canon H 3 and Rule 35(1)(e) of the Church Representation Rules shall not exceed three;”.

4. In paragraph 1A of the provisions relating to both Convocations after the word “elected,” there shall be inserted the word “appointed,”.
5. In proviso (a) to paragraph 2 of the provisions relating to both Convocations-

- (a) for the maximum number of proctors referred to in relation to each Convocation there shall be substituted the words “not exceeding 136 in the case of the Province of Canterbury” and “not exceeding 59 in the case of the Province of York”;
  - (b) immediately before the words “Ex officio and co-opted proctors” there shall be inserted the words “The deans, the priests and deacons chosen from the members of the religious communities, the chaplains mentioned in paragraph 1(d) of the provisions relating to the Convocation of Canterbury and ”,.
  - (c) the words “the deans and provosts”, the word “representative” and the words “the university proctors, and the proctors for the religious communities” shall be omitted; and
  - (d) for the words “1(d)” there shall be substituted the words “1(dd)”.
6. Paragraph 3 of the provisions relating to each Convocation shall be omitted.
  7. In paragraph 4 of the provisions relating to both Convocations -
    - (a) the words “or provosts,” shall be omitted;
    - (b) the words “the electors mentioned in the next sub-paragraph” in sub-paragraph (a) and sub-paragraph (b) shall be omitted;
    - (c) after the words “diocese” in the sixth line there shall be inserted the words “or clerks in holy orders who are members of a diocesan synod and have written permission from the bishop of the diocese to officiate within that diocese”; and
    - (d) the final sentence shall be omitted.
  8. In paragraph 5 of the provisions relating to both Convocations the words from “and shall also include” to the end of the first sentence shall be omitted.
  9. Paragraphs 5A and 5C of the provisions relating to both Convocations shall be omitted.
  10. In paragraph 7 –
    - (a) the words “and 5A” shall be omitted;

(b) after the words “the vacancy occurs” there shall be inserted the words “or as provided below”; and

(c) at the end there shall be inserted –

“And provided further that the clerical members of the Bishops’ Council and Standing Committee of the diocese shall not later than one year after any such determination and annually thereafter review the proctor’s membership and determine whether he is able and willing as aforesaid.

11. In paragraph 9 for the words “the bishop” there shall be substituted the words “the clerical members of the bishop’s council and standing committee”.

12. Canon H 3 (of the constitution of the Upper Houses of the Convocations) shall be amended as follows.

13. In paragraph 1 –

(a) after sub-paragraph (b) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph-

“(bb) the Bishop to the Forces, if chosen by the Forces Synodical Council as soon as practicable after any dissolution of the Convocation;”;

(b) after sub-paragraph (d) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph-

“(e) not more than three persons in episcopal orders residing in the province appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, acting jointly, as soon as practicable after the elections to both Convocations and to the House of Laity of the General Synod have been held, after consulting the Appointments Committee of the Church of England and subject to the approval of the General Synod, being, in each case, a person having such theological expertise as appears to the Archbishops to be appropriate, after taking account of such theological expertise as exists amongst the other members of the General Synod:

Provided that the total number of persons appointed under this sub-paragraph, paragraph 2(d) below, paragraph 1(h) of the provisions relating to the Convocation of Canterbury and paragraph 1(f) of the provisions relating to the Convocation of York of Canon H 2 and Rule 35(1)(e) of the Church Representation Rules shall not exceed three;" and

- (c) after the words "Upper House", in the second place where they occur, there shall inserted the following proviso-

"Provided that, where a See is vacant during any meeting of the Upper House, and a suffragan bishop is, during the period of that meeting, exercising functions of the diocesan bishop by virtue of an instrument under section 8 of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1983, and has not been elected to the Upper House under sub-paragraph (c) above, the suffragan bishop may attend and speak, but not vote, at that meeting in place of the bishop."

14. In paragraph 2-

- (a) after sub-paragraph (c) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph-

"(d) not more than three persons in episcopal orders residing in the province appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, acting jointly, as soon as practicable after the elections to both Convocations and to the House of Laity of the General Synod have been held, after consulting the Appointments Committee of the Church of England and subject to the approval of the General Synod, being, in each case, a person having such theological expertise as appears to the Archbishops to be appropriate, after taking account of such theological expertise as exists amongst the other members of the General Synod:

Provided that the total number of persons appointed under this sub-paragraph, paragraph 1(e) above, paragraph 1(h) of the provisions relating to the Convocation of Canterbury and paragraph 1(f) of the provisions relating to the Convocation of York of Canon H 2 and Rule 35(1)(e) of the Church Representation Rules shall not exceed three;" and

- (b) after the words “Upper House”, in the second place where they occur, there shall be inserted the following proviso –

“Provided that, where a See is vacant during any meeting of the Upper House, and a suffragan bishop is, during the period of that meeting, exercising functions of the diocesan bishop by virtue of an instrument under section 8 of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1983, and has not been elected to the Upper House under sub-paragraph (b) above, the suffragan bishop may attend and speak, but not vote, at that meeting in place of the bishop.”.