

**GENERAL SYNOD**

**DRAFT CLERGY REPRESENTATION RULES (AMENDMENT)  
RESOLUTION 200-**

In exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 10 of Canon H2 enabling the General Synod to make rules relating to representation in the Lower House of Convocation, the General Synod hereby resolves that the rules contained in the Clergy Representation Rules 1975 to 1999 shall be amended as follows:-

**ELECTION OF DEANS**

1. In rule 1 the words "and Provosts" shall be omitted and for the words from "ten persons" to the end there shall be substituted the words "five persons from among their number in both Provinces taken together".
2. In rule 2, for the words "of the province" there shall be substituted the words "of the Province of Canterbury".
3. In rule 3, the words ", in the case of the Province of Canterbury, ten persons only are nominated, or, in the case of the Province of York," shall be omitted.
4. For rule 4 there shall be substituted the following rule –
  - "4. The Dean of Guernsey and the Dean of Jersey shall agree and, in default of agreement, the Bishop of Winchester shall determine, which of them shall represent the Channel Islands in the Lower House of Convocation next constituted after the making of these Rules and the same procedure shall be adopted in the case of each subsequent Convocation."
5. For rule 5 for the words "his successor in office" there shall be substituted the words "the other Dean".

## **ELECTION OF ARCHDEACONS**

6. For rules 6 and 7 there shall be substituted the following rules -
  - "6. The presiding officer shall issue citations to all the archdeacons in the dioceses in each province, in respect of the election of eight persons from among their number in the Province of Canterbury and four persons from among their number in the Province of York.
  7. The presiding officer shall be the registrar of the province or a person appointed by him.
  - 7A If, in the case of the Province of Canterbury, eight persons only are nominated or, in the case of the Province of York, four persons only are nominated, the presiding officer shall declare them to be duly elected, but if more candidates are nominated than the seats to be filled the election shall be conducted in accordance with these rules."

## **ELECTION OF PROCTORS FOR UNIVERSITIES**

7. Rules 12 to 14 are hereby revoked.

## **CHOICE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES**

8. In rule 15 for the words "of the province" there shall be substituted the words "of the Province of Canterbury" and for the words "in the province" there shall be substituted the words "in each province".
9. In rule 17 for the words "of the province" there shall be substituted the words "of the Province of Canterbury".
10. In rule 18 the words "of the province" shall be omitted.
11. In rule 19 for the words "one candidate is" there shall be substituted the words "two candidates are" and for the word "him" there shall be substituted the word "them".
12. After rule 19 there shall be inserted the following rule –

"19.A The candidates elected shall be eligible to appear only in the Lower House of the Convocation of the province in which their mother house is situated."

## **CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS**

13. In rule 20 –

- (a) in paragraph (2), after the words "the candidate's birth" there shall be inserted the words "and a statement as to whether the candidate is seeking re-election and, if so, the length of the candidate's previous service";
- (b) in paragraph (4), for the words "sufficient copies of the addresses to be provided by the candidates at their own expense" there shall be substituted the words "of which one copy shall be provided by the candidates at their own expense"; and
- (c) in paragraph (6), after the word "candidate" there shall be inserted the words "and a statement as to whether the candidate is seeking re-election and, if so, the length of the candidate's previous service".

## **CASUAL VACANCIES**

14. In rule 23 –

- (a) in paragraph (3) for the words "two years" there shall be substituted the words "one year"; and
- (b) in rule 23(3A) for the words "and provosts constituencies, in the university constituencies and in the religious communities constituencies" there shall be substituted the words "constituency and in the religious communities constituency" and for the words "the archbishop of the province" there shall be substituted the words "the Archbishop of Canterbury".

15. (1) This resolution may be cited as the Clergy Representation (Amendment) Rules 200- and the Clergy Representation Rules 1975 to 1999 and this resolution may be cited together as the Clergy Representation Rules 1975 to ....

