



ynod and their current membership.

Appointments Committee

The Appointments Committee is a commission of the General Synod and the Archbishops' Council. It is responsible for making such appointments and/or recommendations on appointments to synodical and other bodies as the Synod or the Archbishops' Council require.

The type of appointments for which they are responsible, include appointments to synodical bodies (such as legislative steering or revision committees), the Standing Orders Committee among others, and the Boards, Councils and Committees of the Archbishops' Council.

They are also responsible for appointing representatives of the Synod on the governing bodies of theological training institutions, governing bodies of mission agencies (Partnership for World Mission), representatives of the Church of England at ecumenical conferences, and at the governing assemblies of other denominations.

Membership

Chair

Ven Pete Spiers (Liverpool)

Elected by the House of Bishops

The Rt Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby

Elected by the House of Clergy

Revd Canon John Dunnett (Chelmsford)

Revd Andrew Mumby (Southwark)

Revd Canon Andy Salmon (Manchester)

Elected by the House of Laity

Mrs Rebecca Chapman (Southwark)

Mrs Lucy Docherty (Portsmouth)

Mrs Sarah Finch (London)

Appointed by the Archbishops' Council

Dr Rachel Jepson (Birmingham)

Ven Luke Miller (London)

Secretary

Jenny Jacobs (Clerk to the Synod)

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Business Committee

The Committee is responsible for organising the agenda of the General Synod, enabling it to fulfil its role as a legislative and deliberative body. Many of its policies are available on the Members' Resources page.

Membership

Chair (elected by General Synod)

Canon Robert Hammond (Chelmsford)

Elected by the House of Bishops

The Rt Revd Martin Gorick, Bishop of Dudley

Elected by the House of Clergy

Fr Paul Cartwright (Leeds)

Revd Mark Ireland (Blackburn)

Revd Jody Stowell (London)

Elected by the House of Laity

Mr Clive Scowen (London)

Mrs Michelle Obende (Chelmsford)

Mr Nic Tall (Bath & Wells)

Appointed by the Archbishops' Council

Mrs Alison Coulter (Archbishops' Council)

Revd Timothy Goode (Archbishops' Council)

Secretary

Jenny Jacobs (Acting Clerk to the Synod)

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Clergy Discipline Commission

The [Clergy Discipline Commission](#) monitors the exercise of discipline and highlights and encourages best practice.

Crown Nominations Commission

The Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) considers vacancies in diocesan bishoprics in the Provinces of Canterbury and York, and candidates for appointments to them.

At each meeting of the Commission, the Chair is taken by the Archbishop of the Province for the vacancy under consideration.

The Commission identifies two candidates suitable for appointment, whose names are submitted to the Prime Minister by the appropriate Archbishop or, in the case of the Archbishopric of Canterbury or York, by the chair of the Commission.

The names submitted are given in an order of preference decided upon by the Commission and the Prime Minister will submit the first name to Her Majesty The Queen for approval.

In 2016, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York commissioned a theological review of the CNC's work. The review is currently underway and more information is available.

Membership

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby (Archbishop of Canterbury)

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell (Archbishop of York)

Elected members of the House of Clergy of General Synod

The Revd Paul Benfield (Blackburn)

The Revd Canon Andrew Cornes (Chichester)

The Revd Lis Goddard (London)

The Revd Canon Claire Lording (Worcester)

The Revd Esther Prior (Guildford)

The Revd Jo Stobart (Bath & Wells)

Elected members of the House of Laity of General Synod

Ms Christina Baron (Bath & Wells)

Miss Debbie Buggs (London)

Miss Prudence Dailey (Oxford)

Mr Clive Scowen (London)

Mr Temitope Taiwo (London)

Six members of the Vacancy-in-See Committee of the diocese whose bishopric is to become, or has become, vacant

Ex-officio non-voting members

Canon Stephen Knott (Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments)

Mr Jonathan Hellewell (Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary)

Secretary

Canon Stephen Knott

Dioceses Commission

The Dioceses Commission considers matters such as the reorganisation of diocesan boundaries, the creation and revival of suffragan sees, and the transfer of episcopal functions by diocesan bishops to suffragan and assistant bishops. The Diocese Commission was established in 2008 under Part II of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 and reports to the General Synod.

Membership

Chair

Dame Caroline Spelman

Vice Chair

The Ven Luke Irvine-Capel

Elected members

The Ven Stewart Fyfe

Canon Robert Hammond

The Revd Neil Patterson

Mr Clive Scowen

Appointed members

The Ven Karen Lund

Mrs Ruth Martin

Mrs Sue Slater

The Rt Revd Paul Williams

Secretary

Ms Jenny Axtell

Secretary Assistant

Marija McKean

Faith and Order Commission

The Faith and Order Commission advises the House of Bishops, the General Synod and the Council for Christian Unity on ecclesiological and ecumenical matters and acts as a theological resource for the Church of England as a whole.

Fees Advisory Commission

The Fees Advisory Commission makes recommendations as to certain fees to be paid to ecclesiastical judges, legal officers and others, and embodies those recommendations in Orders which are laid before the General Synod for approval. If approved, the Orders take effect unless annulled by either House of Parliament, and are published as Statutory Instruments.

The Fees Advisory Commission is constituted under Part II of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986, as amended by the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2000 and the Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure 2011.

Membership

Chair

The Venerable Bob Cooper

Members

Mrs Louise Connacher

Mr Carl Fender

Philippa Hopkins KC

Mrs Josile Munro

The Revd Christopher Smith

Ms Anna Spriggs

The Rt Revd David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke

Administrative Secretary

Suzanne Esson

Legal Advisory Commission

The Legal Advisory Commission gives advice on legal matters of general interest to the Church which are referred to it by the Archbishops' Council and its Divisions, Boards, Councils and Commissions, by the General Synod and its Houses and Commissions, by the Church Commissioners and the Church of England Pensions Board, and by diocesan clerical and lay office holders.

The Commission cannot accept requests for advice from private individuals or secular bodies. In addition, the Commission cannot normally give opinions on contentious matters, but it may be able to do so (depending on the circumstances) if the facts are agreed by all parties to the dispute, all parties join in referring the matter to the Commission for an opinion and it is not (and is not expected to become) the subject-matter of proceedings in the courts.

The opinions of the Commission and its predecessor, the Legal Board, on matters of general interest are published by Church House Publishing under the title Legal Opinions Concerning the Church of England.

Membership

Ex-officio

The Right Worshipful Morag Ellis KC (Dean of the Arches and Auditor)

The Right Worshipful Timothy Briden (Vicar-General of Canterbury)

The Right Worshipful Peter Collier KC (Vicar-General of York)

Mr Darren Oliver (Canterbury Provincial Registrar)

Mrs Louise Connacher (York Provincial Registrar)

The Reverend Alexander McGregor (Chief Legal Adviser to the Archbishop's Council and Official Solicitor to the Church Commissioners)

Mr Christopher Packer (Legislative Counsel to the General Synod)

Appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Church of England

The Worshipful David Pittaway KC - Chair

The Worshipful Ruth Arlow

Chancellor David Hodge KC

Mr Stuart Jones

The Right Reverend Julian Henderson

The Venerable Douglas Dettmer, Archdeacon of Totnes

The Reverend Paul Benfield

Mr Robert Pearce KC

Mr Andrew Roberts

Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC

Mr Carl Fender

Legal Secretary

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Legal Aid Commission

The Legal Aid Commission operates under the Church of England (Legal Aid) Measure 1994, and administers the Legal Aid Fund which was originally set up under the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963 and is continued by the 1994 Measure.

Legal aid under the 1994 Measure may be granted, subject to various conditions, for certain types of proceedings before Ecclesiastical Courts and tribunals; details of eligibility for legal aid and the Commission's procedures, together with an application form for legal aid, are obtainable from the Secretary, on request.

Membership

Chair

His Honour Judge Andrew Rutherford

Members

Mr Carl Fender (Lincoln)

The Revd Canon Geoffrey Harbord (Sheffield)

Mr Aiden Hargreaves-Smith (London)

Mrs Carolyn Johnson (Blackburn)

The Revd Canon Joyce Jones (Leeds)

The Revd Canon Sally Lodge (Oxford)

Mr Neil Logan Green (Canterbury)

The Revd Sam Maginnis

The Rt Revd Alistair Magowan

Secretary

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Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee was established and is required by law (the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919) and included the Constitution of the General Synod. Amongst other things, it is responsible for submitting Measures to Parliament for approval once they have received final approval by the General Synod.

Membership

Ex-officio members

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury (Joint Chair)

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York (Joint Chair)

Mrs Alison Coulter (Winchester)

Mrs Morag Ellis (Dean of the Arches)

Dr Jamie Harrison (Durham)

The Ven Luke Miller (London)

Mr Andrew Selous (Second Church Estates Commissioner)

The Revd Kate Wharton (Liverpool)

Elected members

The Revd Paul Benfield (Blackburn)

Canon Peter Bruinvels (Guildford)

Mrs Carolyn Graham (Guildford)

Mr Clive Scowen (London)

Secretary

Alexander McGregor

Liturgical Commission

The [Liturgical Commission](#) prepares forms of service and promotes the development and understanding of liturgy and its use in the Church.

Rule Committee

The Rule Committee is empowered by statute to make rules for a wide range of ecclesiastical purposes, including the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules and the Clergy Discipline Rules. For details of their powers, see s. 83 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018. All rules made by the Committee must be laid before the General Synod and do not come into force unless approved by the General Synod, which may amend them (see s. 83(9) and (10) of the 2018 Measure).

Membership

Membership of the Rule Committee is laid down in [section 81 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

One diocesan bishop nominated by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York:

The Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford

The Dean of the Arches and Auditor:

The Rt Worshipful Morag Ellis KC, Chair of the Rule Committee

One archdeacon nominated by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York:

Vacancy

Two chancellors nominated by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York:

The Worshipful Ruth Arlow, Chancellor of Salisbury

The Rt Worshipful Timothy Briden, Vicar General of the Canterbury Province and Chancellor of the Dioceses of Bath & Wells and Truro

Two diocesan registrars nominated by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York:

Mrs Louise Connacher, Registrar of the Province & Diocese of York

Mr Darren Oliver, Registrar of the Province of Canterbury & Diocese of Oxford

Two persons nominated by the Standing Committee of the House of Laity of the General Synod from among the members of that House:

Mrs Julie Dziegiel

Dr Christopher Angus

Standing Orders Committee

The Standing Orders Committee keeps under review the procedures and Standing Orders (rules) of the General Synod.

Membership

Chair

The Revd Joyce Jones (Leeds)

Ex-officio members

Mrs Alison Coulter (Winchester)

Dr Jamie Harrison (Durham)

The Ven Luke Miller (London)

The Revd Kate Wharton (Liverpool)

Appointed members

The Revd Amatu Christian-Iwuagwu (London)

Mrs Karen Czapiewski (Gloucester)

The Revd Treena Larkin (Lichfield)

The Revd Susan Lucas (Chelmsford)

Mr Clive Scowen (London)

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall (Manchester)

Secretary

Jenny Jacobs

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