Church Representation Rules is a vital tool for all those involved in parochial, diocesan and national Church governance.

This 2020 edition presents an entirely new text of the Church Representation Rules, replacing the previous Rules established in 1969 and amended numerous times over the following fifty years.

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- to be compliant with recent data protection legislation
- to provide for electronic communication
- to ensure better representation of mission initiatives in the Church's structures
- to enable PCCs to do business by correspondence.

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Parochial

Relating to a church parish

PCC

The Parochial Church Council - each parish has this executive committee, which is made of clergy, church wardens and lay members.

Deanery Synod

A body consisting of clergy working in a deanery and lay representatives elected from every parish.

Diocesan Synod

Body consisting of clergy and lay representatives elected from across the diocese

Registrar

The legal officer for a diocese who gives legal advice to churches and clergy on matters relating to their work, preparing legal documents for the diocese and more.

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