

## Convocations of Canterbury and York

The Convocations are assemblies consisting of bishops and clergy of the two provinces. They pre-date the General Synod (and its predecessor, the Church Assembly) by several centuries. When the General Synod was created in 1970, it took on most of their functions, but the Convocations still meet on a very occasional basis to consider matters of particular concern to clergy (e.g. in relation to their professional conduct prior to guidelines being issued in 2015). They consist of an Upper House – made up of members of the General Synod’s House of Bishops – and a Lower House made up of the members of the General Synod’s House of Clergy, each from the respective province. The Chair of the respective provincial House of Clergy is known as the *Prolocutor*.

Further details can be obtained from the Synod Office - please use Contact Form at the foot of the page for any enquiries.

## Officers

### Convocation of Canterbury

*President:* Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby (Archbishop of Canterbury)

*Prolocutor of the Lower House:* The Revd Canon Simon Butler

*Pro-Prolocutors:* The Revd Prebendary Simon Cawdell

The Revd Prebendary Stephen Lynas

*Other members of the Standing Committee of the Lower House:*

The Revd Canon Tim Goode

The Revd Zoe Heming

The Revd Julian Hollywell

The Revd Stephen Trott

*One Vacancy*

*Registrar:* The Revd Alexander McGregor

*Synodical Secretary:* The Revd Stephen Trott

*Ostiarius:* Mr Stephen Stokes

## **Convocation of York**

*President:* Most Revd and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell (Archbishop of York)

*Prolocutor of the Lower House:* The Revd Canon Joyce Jones

*Deputy Prolocutors:* The Ven Paul Ayers

The Revd Paul Benfield

*Assessors for the Upper House:*

The Rt Revd James Newcome (Bishop of Carlisle)

The Rt Revd Paul Butler (Bishop of Durham)

*Assessors for the Lower House:*

The Revd Canon Paul Cartwright

The Revd Canon Ruth Crossley

The Revd Jacqueline Doyle-Brett

The Very Revd Rogers Govender

The Revd Dr Ian Paul

The Ven Peter Spiers

*Registrar:* Mrs Louise Connacher

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## **Useful reference document**

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