

**GENERAL SYNOD****RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TRANSITIONAL VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS**

1. There shall be a transitional Vacancy in See Committee for the diocese of Leeds which shall, subject to paragraph 3, consist of the persons who were members of the Vacancy in See Committees of each of the former dioceses immediately before the day on which this Resolution is passed by the General Synod.
2. The transitional Vacancy in See Committee shall, for purposes connected with the nomination of a person to be the first bishop of Leeds, exercise the functions that are exercised by a Vacancy in See Committee under paragraph 5 of the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993 (being a regulation passed by the General Synod to make fresh provision with respect to Vacancy in See Committees and as amended by subsequent regulations of the General Synod and proclaimed as an Act of Synod) (“the 1993 Regulation”).
3. If a person ceases to hold an office, other than an office mentioned in paragraph 1(a)(iv) to (vi) of the 1993 Regulation, or other qualification by virtue of which he or she was eligible for election to, or entitled to membership of, the Vacancy in See Committee of a former diocese (including by virtue of his or her being a person to whom article 14(3) of the Scheme applies) he or she shall cease to be a member of the transitional Vacancy in See Committee.
4. Only paragraph 4(b), (d) and (f), paragraph 5 and paragraphs 6 to 8 of the 1993 Regulation shall apply to the transitional Vacancy in See Committee, subject to the modifications made by the following paragraphs.
5. The chairman of the transitional Vacancy in See Committee shall be appointed by the Archbishop of York and, if a layperson, shall be an actual communicant.
6. If the bishops’ councils and standing committees of each of the former dioceses have jointly nominated a person to be the chairman of the Transitional Vacancy in See Committee from among the persons referred to in paragraph 1 the Archbishop of York shall appoint that person as chairman of the Committee if he or she is willing and able to act in that capacity.
7. If a person who was nominated in the manner referred to in paragraph 6 has been appointed chairman of the Vacancy in See Committee he or she shall be entitled to speak and vote and shall be eligible for election by the Committee to the Crown Nominations Commission but if any other person is appointed he or she shall be entitled to speak but not to vote and shall not be eligible for election to the Crown Nominations Commission.
8. The Archbishop of York shall appoint a person who is not a member of the transitional Vacancy in See Committee to be its secretary and the person so appointed shall, subject to paragraph 11, convene meetings of the committee in accordance with its directions or the directions of its chairman.
9. If the bishops’ councils and standing committees of each of the former dioceses have jointly nominated a person to be the secretary of the transitional Vacancy in See Committee the Archbishop of York shall appoint that person if he or she is willing and able to act in that capacity.
10. As soon as practicable after this Resolution is passed by the General Synod the Archbishops’ Secretary for Appointments shall provide to each member of the transitional Vacancy in See Committee information prepared by the Archbishops’ Secretary for Appointments and approved by the Legal Adviser to the General Synod that addresses the matters mentioned in paragraph 4(g)(i) of the 1993 Regulation so far as they are applicable and subject to any modifications that appear to the Archbishops’ Secretary for Appointments to be necessary in the circumstances.
11. The transitional Vacancy in See Committee shall hold its first meeting as soon as reasonably practicable after this Resolution is passed by the General Synod and paragraph 5(a) of the 1993 Regulation shall apply as if the words from “the first of which” to “has been announced” were omitted.
12. After the confirmation of election of the first bishop of Leeds the provisions of this Resolution shall cease to apply and the Vacancy in See Committee of the diocese of Leeds shall then be constituted in accordance with the provisions of the 1993 Regulation.
13. The transitional Vacancy in See Committee shall not be prevented from taking any step that it is required to, or may, take under the provisions of this Resolution only because the Scheme has not yet been confirmed by Her Majesty in Council or any of its provisions have not come into operation.

**14.** The following definitions apply for the purposes of this Resolution—

“diocese of Leeds” means the diocese that is to be created by the Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield Reorganisation Scheme 2013 and references to the bishop of Leeds are to be construed accordingly;

“former diocese” means a diocese dissolved by the Scheme;

“the Scheme” means the Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield Reorganisation Scheme 2013.

**15.** Any function exercisable by the Archbishop of York under this Resolution shall, during the absence abroad or incapacity through illness of that archbishop or a vacancy in the see of York, be exercisable by the Archbishop of Canterbury or, if the see of Canterbury is vacant or the Archbishop of Canterbury is similarly absent or incapacitated, by the senior bishop of the province of York.

**16.** In paragraph 15 “senior bishop of the province of York” means the bishop of Durham or, if the see of Durham is vacant, the diocesan bishop who has held office as diocesan bishop in the province of York without interruption for the longest time.

*This Resolution was passed by the General Synod on 8th July 2013.*

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