

The Diocese of Leeds (Temporary Provision for Membership of Convocation and the House of Laity) Resolution 2013

The General Synod, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 10 of the Dioceses, Mission and Pastoral Measure 2007, resolves as follows:

1. Provision is made with respect to the representation of the diocese of Leeds in the Convocation of York and in the House of Laity of the General Synod during the transitional period in accordance with the following provisions of this Resolution.
2. The number of elected members who are to represent the diocese of Leeds in the Lower House of the Convocation of York is 10 and the number of elected members who are to represent it in the House of Laity of the General Synod is 10.
3. Any person who, having been originally elected by the diocesan electors of a former diocese, was a member of the Lower House of the Convocation of York immediately before the beginning of the transitional period—
 - (a) is allocated to the diocese of Leeds; and
 - (b) shall be in the same position as if he or she had been elected to the Lower House of the Convocation by the diocesan electors of the diocese of Leeds.
4. Any person who, having been originally elected by the diocesan electors of a former diocese, was a member of the House of Laity of the General Synod immediately before the beginning of the transitional period—
 - (a) is allocated to the diocese of Leeds; and
 - (b) shall be in the same position as if he or she had been elected to the House of Laity of the General Synod by the diocesan electors of the diocese of Leeds.
5. Elections to fill casual vacancies among the members provided for in paragraph 2 shall be conducted—
 - (a) in the case of a vacancy in the membership of the Lower House of the Convocation of York, in accordance with paragraph 9 of Canon H2 and any relevant rules made under that Canon;
 - (b) in the case of a vacancy in the membership of the House of Laity of the General Synod, in accordance with rule 48 of the Church Representation Rules.
6. In this Resolution—

“former diocese” means a diocese that is dissolved by the Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield Reorganisation Scheme 2013; and

“the transitional period” has the same meaning as it has in section 10 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007.

This Resolution was passed by the General Synod on 18th November 2013.

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Clerk to the Synod

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Resolution)

The Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield Reorganisation Scheme 2013, having been approved in draft by the General Synod, was made by the Dioceses Commission on 16th July 2013 and confirmed by Her Majesty in Council on 9th October 2013. The Reorganisation Scheme dissolves the dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield and creates the new diocese of Leeds (which may also be known as the diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales). The Reorganisation Scheme comes into operation on a day appointed by the Archbishop of York.

Section 10 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 gives the General Synod power to make temporary provision, by resolution, with respect to the representation of a new diocese in the Convocations and the House of Laity of the General Synod. In exercising that power, the General Synod is required to determine the number of elected members who are to represent the new diocese in Convocation or in the House of Laity (provided that it may not increase the total numbers of proctors or members of the House of Laity elected for all the dioceses that have been fixed by a determination of the General Synod which is in force at the time the resolution is passed).

The current number of elected members for the dioceses that are dissolved by the Reorganisation Scheme are as follows:

Bradford – 3 proctors in Convocation, 3 members of the House of Laity

Ripon and Leeds – 3 proctors in Convocation, 3 members of the House of Laity

Wakefield – 4 proctors in Convocation, 4 members of the House of Laity.

(The Bishop of Knaresborough is an elected member of the Upper House of the Convocation of York but his continuing membership is unaffected by the dissolution of the diocese of Ripon and Leeds.)

Paragraph 1 sets out the purpose and scope of the Resolution. The effect of the Resolution is limited to the “transitional period” as defined in section 10(7) of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007, i.e. the period beginning with the coming into being of the new diocese and ending with the date on which the General Synod is next dissolved.

Paragraph 2 provides for the new diocese of Leeds to be represented in the Convocation of York by 10 elected proctors and in the House of Laity of the General Synod by 10 elected members. This reflects the total numbers of members that were elected to each of those bodies by the electors of the dioceses that are dissolved by the Reorganisation Scheme.

Under paragraph 3, a member of the Convocation of York who was elected by the diocesan electors of one of the dissolved dioceses remains a proctor in Convocation but is allocated to the diocese of Leeds and is in the same position as if he or she had been elected by the diocesan electors of the diocese of Leeds.

Under paragraph 4, a member of the House of Laity who was elected by the diocesan electors of one of the dissolved dioceses remains a member of the House of Laity and is in the same position as if he or she had been elected by the diocesan electors of the diocese of Leeds.

Paragraph 5 of makes provision for filling casual vacancies among the elected members provided for in paragraph 2 in the usual way.

Paragraph 6 provides definitions of expressions used in the Resolution.