

CONVOCATION OF YORK

Elizabeth II LXII

Convocation Elected 2010

Friday 11th July 2014

The Convocation met in Full Synod at The University of York.

1. Praeconisation and the signing of the Register.

The Convocation was praeconised and the members present signed the register.

2. Prayers were said by His Grace The President

His Grace the President welcomed Bishops and Proctors with especial reference to new members, and received five apologies .

3. Minutes of the meeting of Full Synod of the Convocation of York of 6th July 2012

The Minutes were approved and signed by the President. The President reminded members that full proceedings of the Convocation can be found in the York Journal of Convocation on the Church of England - General Synod Website.

4. Revised Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy.(Draft)

The Prolocutor will move; That this Convocation:

(a) express its gratitude to the Joint Working Party for its work in producing a revision of the *Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy*:

(b) commend the revised *Guidelines* to the General Synod for its consideration; and

(c) request the Working Party to prepare a final version of the revised *Guidelines* for approval by the Convocations

following their consideration by the General Synod, taking account of comments made in the course of their consideration by the Convocations and General Synod.

The Prolocutor opened the debate, explained the necessary reasons for the revision and introduced Canon Simon Killwick and Reverend Dr Meg Gilley members of the Working Party to clarify the alterations from the original document. The introduction of the Clergy Discipline Measure and the Clergy Terms of Service along with the introduction of Safeguarding Procedures had brought about significant changes in the expectations of clergy by the Church, and the General Public.

Convocation was aware that we lived in an age of rapid change and that such guidelines could only reflect the time in which they were produced.

The following debate raised many questions and comments from members with a number focusing on the Confessional and Safeguarding. The Reverend Alex McGregor, Deputy Legal Advisor who had been welcomed earlier, and who had serviced the Working Party, answered a number of questions and comments that had been made in the very full discussion.

It was agreed that Convocation request the Working Party to move the excellent Theological Reflection by Francis Bridger from being an appendix to follow the introduction in the final drafting.

The members of the Working Party noted the many and interesting contributions that had been made.

The Motion was then put and carried.

5. Prorogation

His Grace, the President then prorogued the Convocation and concluded the meeting with his blessing.

The Venerable Alan Wolstencroft

Synodal Secretary