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**SCHEME FOR VARIATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
WEARMOUTH DEANERY SYNOD AND  
THE DURHAM DIOCESAN SYNOD**

The Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Durham in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 26(1) and Rule 33(1) of the Church Representation Rules makes the following Scheme:-

**1. Representation on the Wearmouth Deanery Synod**

1.1 The Membership of the Wearmouth Deanery Synod in the Diocese of Durham shall be varied in accordance with the following provisions; ..

**1.2 The House of Clergy (Wearmouth Deanery Synod)**

The members of the house of clergy of the Wearmouth Deanery Synod shall consist of the following persons:-

- 1.2.1 The clerks in Holy Orders beneficed in or licensed to any parish in the Deanery and all clerks in Holy Orders licensed for the time being to the Minster Church of Sunderland;
- 1.2.2 Any clerks in Holy Orders licensed to institutions in the deanery under the Extra-Parochial Ministry Measure 1967;
- 1.2.3 Any clerical members of the General Synod or Diocesan Synod resident in the deanery of Wearmouth;
- 1.2.4 Such other clerks in Holy Orders holding the Bishop's licence to work throughout the Diocese or in more than one deanery and resident in the deanery, subject to any direction which may be given by the members of the house of clergy of the Bishop's Council that, having regard to the number of parochial and non-parochial clergy in the deanery, such clerk shall have membership of a specified deanery synod other than the deanery where he resides, provided that no person shall thereby be a member of more than one deanery synod in the Diocese;
- 1.2.5 One or more clerks in Holy Orders holding permission to officiate in the Diocese who are resident in the Wearmouth Deanery or who have habitually attended public worship in a Parish in the Wearmouth Deanery during the preceding six months. One Clerk may be elected or chosen for every 10 such Clerks or part thereof, elected or chosen in such manner as may be approved by the Bishop by and from such Clerks.
- 1.2.6 For the purpose of paragraph 1.2.5 of this Scheme, the relevant date shall be the 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year immediately preceding any election of the parochial representatives of the laity, and as soon as possible after that date the Area Dean of the Deanery shall inform the Bishop of the number of Clerks in Holy Orders who are qualified for membership of the Deanery Synod by virtue of that sub-paragraph.
- 1.2.7 Not later than the 1<sup>st</sup> July following the election of parochial representatives of the laity to the Deanery Synod, the Secretary of the said Synod shall send to

the Diocesan Electoral Registration Officer, appointed in accordance with Rule 29, a list of the names and addresses of the Members of the House of Clergy, specifying the class of membership, and shall keep the said Officer informed of subsequent changes in membership.

### 1.3 House of Laity (Wearmouth Deanery Synod)

The Members of the House of Laity of the Wearmouth Deanery Synod shall consist of the following persons:-

- 1.3.1 The Parochial representatives elected to the deanery synod by the annual meetings of the parishes of the deanery;
  - 1.3.2 The parochial representatives elected to the Wearmouth Deanery Synod by the Annual Meeting of the Minster Church of Sunderland elected in like manner as the parochial representatives in Clause 1.3.1 above provided that such representatives shall prior to their election have their names entered on the Minster worshipping roll and for the purposes of Rule 25(2) of the Church Representation Rules the Minster worshipping roll is to be treated as though it were the roll of a Parish;
  - 1.3.3 Any lay-members of the General Synod, a diocesan synod or an area synod constituted in accordance with Section 17 of the Dioceses Measure 1978 whose names are entered on the roll of any parish in the deanery;
  - 1.3.4 If in the opinion of the Bishop of the Diocese any community of persons in the deanery who are in the spiritual care of a chaplain licensed by the Bishop should be represented in that house, one lay person, being an actual communicant member of the Church of England of sixteen years or upwards, chosen in such manner as may be approved by the Bishop by and from among the members of that community;
  - 1.3.5 The deaconesses and lay-workers licensed by the Bishop to work in any part of the deanery;
  - 1.3.6 Such other deaconesses or lay-workers holding the Bishop's licence to work throughout the Diocese or in more than one deanery and resident in the deanery, subject to any direction which may be given by the members of the house of laity of the Bishop's Council that, having regard to the number of deaconesses or lay-workers in the deanery, such person shall have membership of a specified deanery synod other than the deanery where they reside, provided that no person shall thereby be a member of more than one deanery synod in the Diocese.
- 1.4 The house of clergy and the house of laity of the Wearmouth Deanery Synod may co-opt additional members of their respective houses, being clerks in Holy Orders or, as the case may be, lay-persons who shall be actual communicant members of the Church of England of sixteen years or upwards:  
Provided that the number of members co-opted by either house shall not exceed five per cent of the total number of members of that house or three, whichever is the greater. The names and addresses of co-opted members shall

be sent by the secretary of the Wearmouth Deanery Synod to the Diocesan Electoral Registration officer appointed in accordance with Rule 29.

1.5 Subject to the variations contained in the provisions of this Scheme, the Church Representation Rules shall apply.

2. Variation in Election of Lay-Members of Durham Diocesan Synod

2.1.1 The following amended form of qualification shall apply to those lay-persons to be elected to the Durham Diocesan Synod;

2.1.2 Subject to the provisions of Rule 1(4), any lay-person who is an actual communicant as defined in Rule 54(1) of sixteen years or upwards and whose name is entered on the roll of any parish in the Deanery or who is on the Community Roll at the Cathedral Church of Durham, or who is a lay-person recorded on the worshipping roll of the Minster Church of Sunderland, shall be qualified to be so elected by the House of Laity of the respective Deanery Synod, and the electors shall be those whose names and addresses are recorded in the register of lay-electors, other than persons co-opted to the Deanery Synod under Rule 24(7).

2.1.3 In all other respects the provisions of the Church Representation Rules 30, 31 (except sub-paragraph(3) of Rule 31), 32, 33 and 34 shall apply accordingly.

3. Commencement

3.1 In accordance with the provisions of Rule 26 of the Church Representation Rules this Scheme shall following approval by the General Synod of the Church of England come into operation on the day after the end of the group of sessions during which it was laid before, or approved by, the General Synod.

**APPROVED** with the assent of the House of Bishops and a two-thirds majority of the Members of the House of Clergy and the House of Laity of The Durham Diocesan Synod present and voting at a session held on the                      day of                      2007.

Signature of the President of  
the Durham Diocesan Synod  
and Chairman of the House of  
Bishops of the Durham ~~Deanery~~  
Synod                      *Diocesan*