

The Mission and Pastoral Measure – Revision Committee

5 vacancies, open to Synod members only.

The Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 is a “regulatory framework which enables the Church to support the provision of local worship, mission and ministry, and to adapt that provision as circumstances change over time.” The framework supports decision making in three main areas; pastoral change (relates primarily to the administrative geography of worship, mission, and ministry), ministry provision change (relates primarily to the people resource that is needed for local worship, mission and ministry) and buildings provision (relates to the buildings which are needed to provide a home for local worship, mission and ministry). The original Pastoral Measure was introduced in 1969 and the current legislation is contained in the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 (which has itself been amended in various ways). Following a review by the Church Commissioners, General Synod approved a series of recommendations in July 2023 which were set out in GS 2315. The overarching recommendation was that the current Measure should be replaced with a new Measure and suite of secondary legislation (rules).

The Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 is a complex piece of legislation and expressions of interest will be particularly welcomed from Synod members who have experience of working with the Measure from all three houses. Decisions made under the Measure have to balance the interests of laity, clergy, patrons and diocesan teams – so representation from all those groups on the revision committee will be important.

It is expected that there will need to be at least five meetings of the revision committee over the summer and autumn, exact dates are to be confirmed.