

Friday 14 February 2025
1.45 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

ORDER PAPER IX

**SPECIAL AGENDA I:
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**512A VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT)
REGULATION 2025 (GS 2396)**

The Bishop of London to move

512A ‘That the “Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2025” be considered.’

The Revd Jonathan Jee (Coventry) to move as an amendment:

564 ‘Leave out paragraph 3.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would remove the proposed insertion of paragraph 6A in the main Regulation, which would restrict the election or nomination of persons from the same parish or other worshipping community as members of a vacancy in see committee.

Mr Nigel Bacon (Lincoln) to move as an amendment:

565 ‘After paragraph 4 insert—

“(4A) In paragraph 13(7), for “Neither the chair of the Committee nor a” substitute “No”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would remove the prohibition on the chair of the Vacancy in See Committee

from elected membership of the CNC but would retain the prohibition on bishops from such membership.

566 *Mr Nigel Bacon* (Lincoln) to move as an amendment:

‘Leave out paragraph 4.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would remove the proposed requirement for the chair of the Vacancy in See Committee to be elected from the lay members of the Committee.

Mrs Jennifer Fellows (Gloucester) to move as an amendment:

567 ‘Leave out paragraph 5.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would remove the requirement for at least one lay person and at least one cleric from those elected from a vacancy in see committee to the CNC to be female.

Mrs Rebecca Chapman (Southwark) to move the following amendment:

568 ‘Leave out paragraph 6’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would leave out the proposed new paragraph 13(9A) in the main Regulation, which would prevent the election of more than one person from the same parish or other worshipping community by a vacancy in see committee to the CNC.

Item 569 to be moved only if item 564 is carried

The Reverend Jonathan Jee (Coventry) to move the following amendment:

569 ‘In paragraph 6, *leave out* paragraph (b) and at the end *insert*—

“(b) A person has a relevant connection with a parish if—

- (i) the person is authorised by the bishop to exercise ministry in the parish or in a benefice to which the parish belongs; or
 - (ii) the person's name is on the roll of the parish.
- (c) A person has a relevant connection with a cathedral church if—
 - (i) the person holds office in the cathedral church;
 - (ii) in the case of a cathedral church which is a parish church, the person's name is on the roll of the parish of which the cathedral church is the parish church; or
 - (iii) in the case of a cathedral church which is not a parish church, the person's name is on the community roll of the cathedral church.
- (d) A person has a relevant connection with a place of worship mentioned in paragraph 5(b)(iii) if—
 - (i) the person holds office in that place of worship; or
 - (ii) the person is declared by the dean to be a habitual worshipper under paragraph 5(b)(iii).
- (e) A person has a relevant connection with a mission initiative if—
 - (i) the person has received authority from the bishop which entitles the person to officiate in accordance with the bishop's mission order that endorses and makes provision for the mission initiative; or
 - (ii) the person is declared by the leader of the mission initiative to be part of the worshipping community involved in the initiative under paragraph 5(b)(iv).".'

Explanatory statement: *This amendment is consequential on item 564. If item 563 is carried the proposed new paragraph 6A will not be inserted in the Regulation. It will therefore become necessary to set out in the new paragraph 13(9A) the definitions of "relevant connection" that were to have been set out in paragraph 6A. This amendment would*

accordingly include those definitions as part of the amendment to be made by paragraph 6 of the Amendment Regulation.

The Bishop of London to move:

- 512B** ‘That the “Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2025” be approved.’

VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES REGULATION 2024 AS AMENDED BY THE VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2025

The Archbishop of York to move:

- 513** ‘That the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 2024, as amended by the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2025, be solemnly affirmed and proclaimed an Act of Synod.’

PATTERN OF FUTURE DATES 2027 – 2029 (GS 2397)

The Revd Canon Paul Cartwright (Leeds) to move:

- 22** ‘That this Synod meet within the following dates in 2027 – 2029:

2027

Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February

Friday 9 July to Tuesday 13 July

Monday 15 November to Wednesday 17 November (if required)

2028

Monday 14 February to Tuesday 22 February

Friday 7 July to Tuesday 11 July

Monday 20 November to Wednesday 22 November (if required)

2029

Monday 19 February to Tuesday 27 February

Friday 6 July to Tuesday 10 July

Monday 19 November to Wednesday 21 November (if required).'

NOT LATER THAN 3.40 p.m.

23 FAREWELLS

NOT LATER THAN 4.00 p.m.

24 PROROGATION
