

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Title: **PROMULGATION OF AMENDING CANON NO.35 AND ACT OF CONVOCATION GUIDELINES FOR THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE CLERGY**

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I. INTRODUCTION

At the July groups of sessions the General Synod enacted Amending Canon No. 35 which amends Canon B12 removes the requirement for the Bishop to grant authorisation to distribute the Holy Sacrament.

At the same group of sessions an Act of Convocation was passed to revise the document '*Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy*'. This edition takes into account various changes brought about by the introduction of Common Tenure and the work being done on Safeguarding. These guidelines are available at

<https://churchofengland.org/about-us/structure/general-synod/about-general-synod/convocations/guidelines-for-the-professional-conduct-of-the-clergy.aspx>

The full text of both of these documents can be found on the Diocesan website (<http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about/committees/diocesan-synod>). Printed copies are available on request.

2. RECOMMENDATION

Both of these are to be promulgated at this meeting of the Synod.

There is no need for the Canon, Royal Assent and Licence to be read out by the Chair. Instead the Chair will state:

“I give notice that, at its July 2015 group of sessions, held in York, the General Synod resolved that the Amending Canon No. 35 be made, promulgated and executed.”

Amending Canon No.35, which amends Canon B12 removes the requirement for the Bishop to grant authorisation to distribute the Holy Sacrament.”