

To: All Diocesan Secretaries

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Dear Diocesan Secretary

**GENERAL SYNOD
PROMULGATION OF AMENDING CANON NO. 32**

I enclose a copy of Amending Canon No.32, which was enacted at the February group of sessions. I also enclose a copy of the instrument of enactment.

The Amending Canon should be proclaimed at the next meeting of the diocesan synod. There is no need for the Canon, the Royal Assent and Licence or the instrument of enactment to be read out. Instead, the following form of words is suggested for use by the chair:

"I give notice that, at its February 2015 group of sessions, held in London, the General Synod resolved that Amending Canon No.32 be made, promulgated and executed.

Amending Canon No. 32 makes a number of amendments to Canons H 2 and H 3 (which deal with the membership of the Lower and Upper Houses of the Convocations of Canterbury and York respectively), in order to make some modest changes to the composition of the Houses of Clergy and Bishops of the General Synod in advance of the elections to the new Synod later this year."

Copies of this letter and its enclosures go to your diocesan bishop and diocesan registrar.

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Yours sincerely



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GENERAL SYNOD

AMENDING CANON No. 32

(Of the Representation of the Clergy in the Lower House of the Convocations and Of the Constitution of the Upper Houses of the Convocations)

1. (1) Canon H 2 (Of the Representation of the Clergy in the Lower House of the Convocations) is amended as follows.
 - (2) In Proviso (a) to paragraph 2 in the form which it takes in relation to the Province of Canterbury, for “136” substitute “133”.
 - (3) In Proviso (a) to paragraph 2 in the form which it takes in relation to the Province of York, for “59” substitute “58”.
 - (4) In Proviso (a) to paragraph 2 in the form which it takes in relation to the Province of Canterbury, omit “except the diocese in Europe which shall have two proctors”.
 - (5) In Proviso (a) to paragraph 2 in the form which it takes in relation to the Province of Canterbury—
 - (a) before “priests and deacons chosen from the members of the religious communities” insert “priests and deacons chosen for the electoral area constituted under paragraph 3, the”, and
 - (b) in the definition of “proctors specially elected”, for the words from “the deans” to “the university proctors” substitute “the deans and the Dean of Jersey or Guernsey as the case may be”.
 - (6) In Proviso (a) to paragraph 2 in the form which it takes in relation to the Province of York—
 - (a) before “priests and deacons chosen from the members of the religious communities” insert “priests and deacons chosen for the electoral area constituted under paragraph 3, the”, and
 - (b) in the definition of “proctors specially elected”, omit “and the university proctors”.
 - (7) For paragraph 3 in the form which it takes in relation to each province substitute—
 - “3. (1) The universities and theological education institutions in each province shall together constitute a single electoral area.

(2) Four proctors shall be elected for that area; and (provided that there is at least one candidate in each province) at least one of them shall be elected from a university or theological education institution in the Province of Canterbury and at least one from a university or theological education institution in the Province of York.

(3) In this paragraph, “theological education institution” means an institution recognised by the House of Bishops as an institution for training candidates for ordination as ministers of the Church of England.”

(8) After paragraph 4 in the form which it takes in relation to the Province of Canterbury insert—

“4A. (1) In its application to the diocese in Europe, paragraph 4 has effect as if the reference in sub-paragraph (e) to a deanery synod included a reference to an archdeaconry synod.

(2) The reference in paragraph 5 to a deanery synod is, in the case of the diocese in Europe, to be read accordingly.”

(9) After paragraph 4 in the form which it takes in relation to the Province of York insert—

“4A. (1) In its application to the diocese of Sodor and Man, paragraph 4 has effect as if the reference in sub-paragraph (e) to a deanery synod were a reference to the diocesan synod.

(2) The reference in paragraph 5 to a deanery synod is, in the case of Sodor and Man, to be read accordingly.”

(10) In paragraph 5 in the form which it takes in relation to both provinces, for “paragraph 4(d) above” substitute “paragraph 4(e) above”.

(11) In paragraph 5A in the form which it takes in relation to both provinces, for “an electoral area consisting of a university or group of universities” substitute “the electoral area constituted under paragraph 3”.

(12) In paragraph 8(c) in the form which it takes in relation to both provinces, for “the electoral area for which he was elected” substitute “the electoral area constituted under that paragraph”.

2. (1) Canon H 3 (Of the Constitution of the Upper Houses of the Convocations) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1(c) for “four” substitute “five”.

(3) In paragraph 2(b) for “three” substitute “four”.

3. Nothing in this Canon shall have effect in relation to the composition or meetings of, or the filling of vacancies in the membership of, the Convocations in existence on the date on which this Canon comes into force.



GENERAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

CONSTITUTIONS AND CANONS ECCLESIASTICAL, maturely treated upon by the Archbishops, Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the General Synod of the Church of England in their Synod begun at Westminster in the Year of Our Lord Two thousand and ten and in the fifty-ninth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her Other Realms and Territories Queen Head of the Commonwealth Defender of the Faith being a Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 32” which received Her Majesty’s Royal Assent and Licence on the thirtieth day of January Two thousand and fifteen.

We, being the Presidents, the Prolocutor of the Convocation of Canterbury, the Senior Deputy Prolocutor of the Convocation of York and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the House of Laity of the said Synod do hereby declare and testify Our Consent to the said Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 32” And in testimony of such Our Consent We have hereunto subscribed our names as hereafter followeth:

Dated this tenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen and in the sixty-fourth year of the reign of Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second

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