

**GENERAL SYNOD  
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CHURCH OF IRELAND**

**2011**

**BILLS**

**AND**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDA**

## INTRODUCTION

This pamphlet contains those Bills which were lodged with the honorary secretaries at least six weeks before the first day of the session.

A Bill is a proposal for legislation which, if passed, will become a Statute, binding on all members of the Church of Ireland. The procedure is designed to ensure that the proposed legislation is considered carefully, both in principle and in detail, and that there is a day's interval for reflection before final approval is given.

The Bills will be taken into consideration in the order in which they appear in this pamphlet, unless the Synod directs otherwise. On the first stage, the proposer moves "That leave be given to introduce Bill No. \_\_\_" unless leave has been given in the previous session. This is a formal motion which is normally put to the Synod without debate, but in certain circumstances one speech in support of the motion, and one in opposition to it, may be permitted.

If that motion is passed, the Synod proceeds to the Second Reading, when the principles of the Bill are open to debate. At the conclusion of the debate on this stage, the motion "That the Bill be approved in principle and given a second reading" is put to the Synod. If this motion is passed, indicating that the Synod approved the Bill in principle, the Committee stage follows.

In the case of Special Bills leave to introduce such a Bill may be given only at an ordinary session of the Synod; leave having been given, the Bill shall be deemed to have been read a first time, but it shall not be processed further until the next ordinary session when it will come before the Synod for second reading.

On the Committee stage, the Bill is considered in detail, the clauses being put to the Synod one by one for debate and decision. The clauses are taken first in their order; then, the schedules (if any); and, finally, the Preamble (the introductory matter). Amendments, notice of which was given to the honorary secretaries not later than the Friday before the session, will appear on the agenda paper for the first day; no other amendment may be moved on Committee stage except with the leave of the Synod. An amendment is taken on the clause to which it relates, and is disposed of before the clause itself is put to the Synod.

In the case of Special Bills, an amendment can be moved on Committee stage only if notice has been given in the previous session except for any dealing with omissions or grammatical errors.

When the Committee stage has been concluded, the Bill is reported to the Synod, and a day – usually the third day – is fixed for the remaining stages.

On the third day the Report stage is taken. Any amendments which have been lodged with the honorary secretaries before the close of business on the second day will appear on the supplemental agenda paper for the third day. After these amendments have been disposed of – or immediately if there are not any amendments – the Synod proceeds to the Third Reading. At this stage, debate is confined to the provisions of the Bill, and at its conclusion the motion "That the Bill be now read a third time and passed" is put to the Synod.

A simple majority of the House of Representatives is required to pass any and every motion during the passage of a Bill through the Synod, except when

- (a) a vote by orders has been requisitioned by ten members of either order (which may be done on any motion), in which case a simple majority of each order, voting separately, is required.
- (b) a two-thirds majority of each order, voting separately, is required to pass the Second Reading and the Third Reading of a Bill which proposes a modification or alteration in the articles, doctrines, rites, rubrics or formularies of the Church.

For fuller information on Bill procedure reference should be made to Part II of Chapter I of the Constitution and to the Standing Orders. A leaflet on Bill procedure is available on application to the Honorary Secretaries.

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**BILL NO 1**

**Explanatory Memorandum**

In 2010, the General Synod approved, by the requisite majorities, a resolution granting leave for the introduction of this Bill and accompanying Schedule in 2011.

The Bill provides for the amendment of the *Book of Common Prayer* by including, in all future printings thereof, a prayer for Northern Ireland.

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BISHOP OF DOWN AND DROMORE  
REV CANON MC KENNEDY

**BILL**

**(at the request of the General Synod)**

**To amend *The Book of Common Prayer (2004)* by including therein a prayer for Northern Ireland**

WHEREAS it is desirable that a prayer for Northern Ireland, as set out in the accompanying Schedule, be included in *The Book of Common Prayer (2004)*, in *The Order for Morning and Evening Prayer*, immediately after *N.I. [A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament ...our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen]* and immediately before *R.I. [A Prayer for the President and all in authority]*;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2011 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. In all future printings of *The Book of Common Prayer (2004)* in the Order for Morning and Evening Prayer there shall be included the prayer for Northern Ireland, as set out in the accompanying Schedule, immediately after *N.I. [A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament ...our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen]* and immediately before *R.I. [A Prayer for the President and all in authority]*.

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**SCHEDULE**

A Prayer for Northern Ireland

God of our ancestors, God of our future;  
from whom all authority comes,  
We pray for the legislative assembly and its executive;  
By your gracious help may it give Northern Ireland good governance,  
serve with integrity and seek the common good;  
that all people may live peaceably, and grow in respect for one another;  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**BILL NO 2**

**Explanatory Memorandum**

In 2009, the Standing Committee initiated a process to consider the possibility of introducing an enabling ecumenical Canon which would provide for the regulation of local ecumenical partnerships.

The Standing Committee directed the Legislation Committee, with the assistance of the Bills Committee, to draft an enabling ecumenical Canon to which regulations could be attached which would be binding as is the case with the *Safeguarding Trust* and the Marriage Regulations.

In January 2011, the Standing Committee requested that the Bill drafted by the Legislation Committee and the Bills Committee be brought to the General Synod 2011.

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VEN PF PATTERSON  
VERY REV NK DUNNE

**BILL**

**(at the request of the Standing Committee)**

**To amend Chapter IX of the Constitution**

WHEREAS it is desirable to recognise and to make formal provision for the regulation of local ecumenical partnerships between a Church of Ireland parish or ministry and a church or ministry of another Christian denomination not in full communion with the Church of Ireland but with which the Church of Ireland has a formal ecumenical agreement approved by the General Synod;

AND WHEREAS for such purposes it is necessary to amend Chapter IX of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2011 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. In this Statute, ‘Chapter IX’ means Chapter IX of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.
2. In Chapter IX, immediately after Section 11, there shall be inserted the following section:

**11 (A) Local Ecumenical Partnerships**

- (1) A “local ecumenical partnership” shall mean a partnership formed, with the leave of the ordinary, between a Church of Ireland parish or ministry and a church or ministry of another Christian denomination not in full communion with the Church of Ireland but with which the Church of Ireland has a formal ecumenical agreement approved by the General Synod.
- (2) The Standing Committee of the General Synod may make such regulations as may be required to govern local ecumenical partnerships. Such regulations shall not alter the doctrine, rites, formularies or rubrics of the Church of Ireland.
- (3) All regulations made under paragraph (2) of this Canon shall be published and reported to the General Synod.

**BILL NO 3****Explanatory Memorandum**

Currently, in accordance with the Constitution of the Church of Ireland (hereinafter referred to as the Constitution), Chapter I, Section 5 (1), the diocesan synods elect representatives and supplementalists to the General Synod for a period of three years commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> January following their election.

This results in a significant number of members of General Synod who, in this capacity, serve as members of committees, being ineligible to continue their work as members of those committees from 1 January in an election year.

It is proposed to amend Chapter I, Section 5 (1) of the Constitution to state that newly elected members of General Synod will assume their office on the day preceding the next ordinary session of the General Synod. Therefore existing Synod members will be eligible to continue their committee work until the day before the next ordinary session of the General Synod.

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MRS EE HARKNESS  
VEN REB WHITE

**BILL****To amend Chapter I of the Constitution**

WHEREAS it is desirable, to enable those members of Church of Ireland committees who serve on such committees by virtue of their membership of General Synod to continue their committee work until the day preceding the next ordinary session of the General Synod;

AND WHEREAS for such purposes it is necessary to amend Chapter I of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2011 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. In this Statute 'Chapter I' means Chapter I of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.
2. In this Statute 'the Constitution of the Standing Committee' means The Constitution, Duties and Powers of the Standing Committee as provided by the resolution of the General Synod dated the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1967, as amended 1972, 1974, 1975, 1980, 1989, 1992, 1996 and 2009.
3. In Section 5 (1) of Chapter I for '1<sup>st</sup> January' there shall be substituted 'the day preceding the next ordinary session of the General Synod'.

4. In the Constitution of the Standing Committee Sections 5 (3) 1 and 5 (3) 2 shall be replaced with the following:
  - 5 (3) The vacancies so caused shall be filled by election by postal ballot in accordance with the following rules, the clerical representatives-elect of each diocese being entitled to nominate and to vote for the clerical members for that diocese, and the lay representatives-elect of each diocese being entitled to nominate and to vote for the lay members for that diocese:
    1. The Honorary Secretaries shall, not later than six weeks before the first ordinary session of each General Synod, send to each member-elect of the House of Representatives a copy of these rules.
    2. (1) Each clerical member-elect may nominate
      - (a) a clerical member-elect for the diocese who is forty-five\* years or over on the first day of the next ordinary session of the General Synod; and
      - (b) a clerical member-elect for the diocese who is under forty-five\* years on such date.
    - (2) Each lay member-elect may nominate
      - (a) a lay member-elect for the diocese who is forty-five\* years or over on the first day of the next ordinary session of the General Synod; and
      - (b) a lay member-elect for the diocese who is under forty-five\* years on such date.
    - (3) Nominations shall be in writing, shall indicate that the consent of each person being nominated has been obtained, shall be signed by the member-elect making the nomination and countersigned by the member-elect being nominated, and shall be sent to the Honorary Secretaries so as to reach them not later than three weeks before the first day of the next ordinary session of the General Synod.

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\* In the case of any diocese where the Standing Committee has so directed, for "forty-five" read "fifty-five".



**BILL NO 4****Explanatory Memorandum**

The report of the Representative Church Body (RCB) to the General Synod 2010 stated that the RCB had undertaken to review the timing of the process involved in arriving at and approval of the annual rates of the Minimum Approved Stipend (MAS) (*Book of Reports 2010* page 28).

The review was initiated following consistent concerns raised at General Synod at how changing economic circumstances may make decisions on MAS levels out of date by the time they are implemented.

Under the current system a recommendation for MAS levels is arrived at by the RB Stipends Committee in January, considered by the RB Executive Committee in February and by the Representative Church Body in March. It is then recommended to the next ordinary session of the General Synod and implemented the following January.

The RB Stipends Committee produced the following proposal for a revised timing and process for arriving at MAS levels that was approved by the RB Executive Committee, the Representative Church Body and the Standing Committee:

- Statistical data to 30 June to be used.
- RB Stipends Committee to meet in late August/early September to consider MAS levels for the following January.
- RB Executive Committee to consider recommendation of Stipends Committee and make proposal to September meeting of RB.
- September meeting of RB (to be held in morning) to consider Executive Committee proposal and make recommendation to Standing Committee of General Synod.
- September meeting of Standing Committee (to be held in afternoon) to ratify, on behalf of General Synod, recommendation of RB.
- MAS to be implemented in following January.
- MAS as implemented in January to be reported to General Synod in that year.

This new process was proposed with the understanding that a movement of the MAS implementation date away from January each year would cause diocesan and central Church budgetary and administrative difficulties.

The proposed new sequence of events would significantly reduce the delay between the decision on MAS levels and the date of implementation.

The inclusion of the words "an incumbent or" in the substituted paragraph (a) of section 51 (1) of Chapter IV is to correct a clerical error following the consolidation of the Constitution in 2003.

BISHOP OF CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS  
MR SR HARPER

**BILL**

**(at the request of the Representative Church Body and the Standing Committee of the General Synod)**

**To amend Section 51 (1) of Chapter IV of the Constitution**

WHEREAS it is desirable that the process of annual approval of Minimum Approved Stipend levels be changed to reduce the delay between approval and implementation;

AND WHEREAS for such purposes it is necessary to amend Section 51(1) of Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2011 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. In this Statute "Chapter IV" means Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.
2. In Section 51(1) of Chapter IV for the second and third paragraphs thereof there shall be substituted:

"The term "approved stipend" shall mean such stipend as the diocesan council from time to time, and after all the facts that appear to be relevant in the particular case have been taken into account, shall determine to be the "approved" stipend of the office: provided that the sum of the approved stipends for incumbents, divided by the number of incumbencies in the diocese, shall not exceed 110% of the minimum stipend approved by the Standing Committee on behalf of the General Synod.

The Standing Committee on behalf of the General Synod shall in 2011 and annually thereafter determine by resolution, to be reported to the next ordinary session of the General Synod, the minimum stipend which may be approved for:

- (a) an incumbent or a member of the clergy appointed as bishop's curate under the provisions of section 42 of this Chapter or a diocesan curate over the age of 30 years appointed under the provisions of section 43 of this Chapter and
- (b) a diocesan curate who is under the age of 30 years or a curate assistant.'

**SCHEDULE**

In Section 2 of Chapter XIV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland for the definition of “Minimum Approved Stipend” there shall be substituted:

“Minimum Approved Stipend” shall mean the minimum stipend determined by the Standing Committee on behalf of the General Synod in accordance with the provisions of section 51 (1) of Chapter IV.

**BILL NO 5**

**Explanatory Memorandum**

The Representative Church Body (RCB) and the Standing Committee have agreed to bring legislation to General Synod in 2011 to change the approval process for Pensionable Stipend in line with the proposed changes to the approval process for Minimum Approved Stipend (Bill No 3).

Under the current system a recommendation on Pensionable Stipend is brought by the Representative Church Body and the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee Limited for approval at the ordinary session of the General Synod and implemented the following January.

The legislation seeks to provide for a recommendation on Pensionable Stipend to be brought by the Representative Church Body and the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee Limited for approval by the Standing Committee in September for implementation on the following 1 January.

The proposed change would, as in the case of the proposals relating to Minimum Approved Stipend, allow more up-to-date statistical data to be used in arriving at recommendations and would also substantially reduce the lead time for implementation of agreed figures.

BISHOP OF CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS  
REV FJ MCDOWELL

**BILL**

**(at the request of the Representative Church Body and the Standing Committee of the General Synod)**

**To amend Section 2 of Chapter XIV of the Constitution**

WHEREAS it is desirable that the process of annual approval of Pensionable Stipend be changed to reduce the delay between approval and implementation;

AND WHEREAS for such purposes it is necessary to amend Section 2 of Chapter XIV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2011 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. In this Statute, 'Chapter XIV' means Chapter XIV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.
2. In Chapter XIV, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland for the sentence "Pensionable Stipend" shall mean the figure approved annually by the General Synod on the recommendation of the Trustee and the Representative Body having regard to the financial status of the Fund and having received actuarial advice and shall not be a figure lower than that for the previous year.'

there shall be substituted:

"Pensionable Stipend" shall mean the figure approved annually by the Standing Committee on behalf of the General Synod on the recommendation of the Trustee and the Representative Body having regard to the financial status of the Fund and having received actuarial advice and shall not be a figure lower than that for the previous year.'

**BILL NO 6****Explanatory Memorandum**

In 1972 a comprehensive revision and amendment of the Statutes of General Synod relating to the Cathedral Church of St Patrick Armagh resulted in the enactment of Chapter XI of 1972. Apart from a single-purpose Statute of 1993 (Chapter III of 1993), to make provision for the appointment by the Archbishop of Armagh of Lay Canons, there has been no further revision of the relevant legislation. This Bill seeks to amend and consolidate the provisions of the earlier legislation. While many of the provisions of the Statute of 1972 remain virtually unchanged, others have been substantially amended and the Bill includes several entirely new provisions.

Clause 1 follows the format of the Statute of 1972 in providing for the repeal of the earlier legislation and the substitution of the provisions contained in Schedule I for those of the Statutes so repealed.

Clause 2 seeks to amend the First Schedule to Chapter VII of the Constitution by substituting a summary of the provisions of this Bill for the summary of the 1972 and 1993 Statutes which this Bill seeks to repeal.

As with the 1972 legislation, the detailed provisions relating to the regulation and management of the Cathedral are set out in paragraphs in a Schedule to the Bill, in this instance, Schedule I.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 are exactly the same as before except that the term of any such appointment is no longer limited to 10 years but will be for such term of years as the Archbishop shall determine. Paragraph 3 is similar to the earlier provision but no longer includes provision for the appointment by the Dean of a sub-Dean.

The provisions of paragraph 4 are similar to the corresponding provisions of the earlier legislation but the four Prebendaries are no longer in order of precedence. The paragraph also makes new provision for each Dignitary and Prebendary to undertake, by arrangement with the Dean, two Sundays in-residence each year in the Cathedral.

In paragraph 5, provision is made for the conduct of meetings of the Chapter and paragraph 6 (i) permits the appointment by the Dean, with the approval of the Archbishop, of a Dean's Vicar; similarly paragraph 6 (ii), which is entirely new, enables the appointment by the Precentor, with the approval of the Dean and of the Archbishop, of a Succentor. Not more than six Clerical Vicars Choral may, with the approval of the Archbishop, be appointed by the Dean and Chapter.

The provisions of paragraph 7, which are entirely new for Armagh Cathedral, enable the Archbishop of Armagh to appoint two Ecumenical Canons to the Chapter. Apart from the appointment being made by the Archbishop of Armagh rather than by the Dean and Chapter the provisions of this paragraph are to all intents and purposes identical to those of Sections 24A of Chapter VII of the Constitution, which relate to the appointment of ecumenical canons to St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin, and those of the legislation governing the appointment of ecumenical canons to the Chapter of St Anne's Cathedral Belfast. Schedule II to this Bill contains the Declaration for Subscription required under paragraph 7 (iii).

Paragraph 8 which replaces and restates the provision of Chapter III of 1993 concerning the appointment of Lay Canons expands the provisions of the 1993 Statute to enable two Lay Canons to attend Chapter meetings as non-voting members.

Paragraph 9, which makes provision for the register of vestrypersons for the Cathedral, is very similar to the existing provision of the earlier legislation as is paragraph 10, except that the period of time within

which the meeting to elect members of the Cathedral Board has been altered to bring it into line with the time-frame for parochial general vestry meetings to elect Select Vestries.

Paragraph 11 contains provisions relating to the membership of the Cathedral Board which are very similar to those of existing legislation but one provision is new. Under paragraph 11 the Dean, with the agreement of the Board, may appoint a Dean's Cathedral Warden for one year and the Board may then appoint a People's Cathedral Warden. Such Wardens, whose appointment would be renewable, would become ex-officio members of the Board for the term of their appointment.

With one exception, namely sub-paragraph (e), the provisions of paragraph 12 are very similar to those of the Statute of 1972. Paragraph 12 (e) provides that the Board shall have the control, charge and management of all contributions from the Cathedral payable to the Diocese of Armagh towards Diocesan Assessments.

Paragraphs 13 and 14 are identical to those of the existing legislation.

Schedule II contains the Declaration for Subscription required under the provisions of paragraph 7 (iii) of Schedule I to this Bill.

VERY REV PW ROOKE  
CANON LADY SHEIL

**BILL**

**To amend the provisions relating to the regulation and management of  
the Cathedral Church of St Patrick, Armagh**

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the provisions relating to the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of Saint Patrick, Armagh;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to make consequential amendment of the First Schedule to Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2011 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. The Statutes of the General Synod, Chapter XI of 1972 and Chapter III of 1993 are hereby repealed and the provisions contained in Schedule I hereto annexed substituted therefor.
2. For paragraph (1) of the First Schedule to Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland there shall be substituted:-

(1) Armagh Cathedral

2011, cap. [ ]

Under this Statute the Archbishop of Armagh is the Ordinary and has the right of appointment to the Deanery, Dignities and Prebends; appointments (other than to the Deanery) shall be for such term of years as the Archbishop shall decide; and are not confined to clergy of the diocese. The Statute also provides for the regulation of the Cathedral affairs; the appointment of a Dean's Vicar, Succentor, not more than six Clerical Vicars Choral, two Ecumenical Canons and not more than six Lay Canons; the registration of vestrypersons; and the election of ten lay members of the Cathedral Board and its constitution.



## SCHEDULE I

1. The existing Dean, Dignitaries and Prebendaries of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Armagh, shall (subject to the provisions of the Irish Church Act, 1869) continue to hold their respective offices therein, and shall retain the same rights, powers and privileges as they have heretofore enjoyed, and shall be liable to the discharge of all duties to which they have hitherto been subject, except so far as the same may be extended or modified by the provisions of this Act.
2. The Archbishop of Armagh shall be the Ordinary of the said Cathedral, and shall have the right of appointment to each and every of the Deanery, Dignities, and Prebends thereof and in exercising such right of appointment shall choose one who is a Bishop or a Priest, having due regard to the abilities and qualifications required for the proper performance of the duties of each office. Each such appointment, save that to the Deanery, shall be for such term of years as the Archbishop shall determine.
3. The Dean, who shall be resident, shall be subject to the authority and control of the Ordinary. The Dean shall order the services of the Cathedral and, in matters pertaining thereto, shall direct the clergy and officials. Unless hindered by reasonable cause, the Dean shall attend and assist in the services of the Cathedral on Sundays and week-days.
4. The officers who shall continue to constitute the Cathedral Body shall be the Dignitaries; namely, the Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer and Archdeacon, in that order, and the Prebendaries; namely, the Prebendary of Mullabrack, Prebendary of Ballymore, Prebendary of Loughgall and Prebendary of Tynan, in no particular order. The Dignitaries shall undertake the customary duties pertaining to their office. Each Dignitary and Prebendary shall undertake, by arrangement with the Dean, two Sundays in-residence each year in the Cathedral. The Dignitaries and Prebendaries shall also undertake any other duties as decided from time to time by the Dean and Chapter.
5. The Dean and Chapter shall have power to make rules and regulations for the times and conduct of meetings of the Chapter and the discharge of its responsibilities. Meetings of the Chapter shall be presided over by the Dean or, in the absence of the Dean, by the member of the Chapter next in order of precedence who is present.
6. (i) There may be one Dean's Vicar, appointed by the Dean, subject to the approval and confirmation of the Ordinary. The Dean's Vicar shall be licensed by the Archbishop of Armagh for specific duties in the Cathedral.  
  
(ii) There may be one Succentor, appointed by the Precentor, subject to the approval and confirmation of the Ordinary and the Dean. The Succentor shall be licensed by the Archbishop of Armagh for specific duties in the Cathedral.  
  
(iii) The Dean and Chapter, subject to the approval and confirmation of the Ordinary, may appoint not more than six Clerical Vicars Choral from among the clergy resident within the Diocese who shall discharge such duties in the Cathedral as may from time to time be prescribed by the Ordinary and the Dean and Chapter. Clerical Vicars Choral will relinquish their posts upon retirement or on moving from the Diocese. Each Clerical Vicar Choral so appointed shall normally hold office for a term of five years from the date of appointment. Any such appointment may be renewed.
7. (i) The Archbishop of Armagh may appoint two Ecumenical Canons to the Chapter. An Ecumenical Canon shall mean a minister or accredited preacher of one or other of such Christian denominations not in full communion with the Church as may from time to time be specified by the House of Bishops. The Ecumenical Canons shall each have a designated stall in the Cathedral and shall be non-voting members of the Chapter.

(ii) Such Ecumenical Canons may be removed by the Archbishop of Armagh for cause shown. Each Ecumenical Canon, if not so removed, shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of appointment or until such Ecumenical Canon shall resign from such office. An Ecumenical Canon who has served five years may be reappointed.

(iii) The appointment of an Ecumenical Canon shall not be effective unless and until that person shall make and subscribe before the Archbishop of Armagh the declaration contained in Schedule II hereto annexed.

(iv) An Ecumenical Canon may be invited by the Dean to perform all or any of the following duties insofar as the same are consonant with the provisions of Canon 10 –

- (a) To say or sing Morning or Evening Prayer or the Litany;
- (b) To read the Holy Scriptures;
- (c) To deliver an address;
- (d) To assist at a Baptism, Marriage or Funeral Service or at the Celebration of the Holy Communion;

if the Ecumenical Canon is authorised to perform a similar duty in his or her own Church.

(v) The Court of the General Synod shall have authority to determine all questions and disputes that may arise respecting the appointment or removal of an Ecumenical Canon.

8. The Archbishop of Armagh in his capacity as Primate of All Ireland and Ordinary of the Cathedral, shall have the right to appoint, at his sole discretion, not more than six Lay Canons to the Cathedral, such appointments to be in recognition of particular and distinguished service to the Church of Ireland.

A Lay Canon shall be entitled to a designated seat in the Cathedral during his or her lifetime. Two of the Lay Canons shall be entitled to attend Chapter Meetings but will be non-voting members. The six Lay Canons shall choose two of their number to represent them on the Chapter for a three year term, which shall be renewable.

9. (i) There shall be a register of vestrypersons for the Cathedral, and every member of the Church of Ireland of the age of 18 years and over, who shall have been for one year immediately prior to registration an accustomed member of the congregation and a contributor towards the funds of the Cathedral, shall be entitled to register.
- (ii) The Register shall be revised annually during Lent by the Dean and the Lay Treasurer of the Cathedral Board in the manner set forth in sections 5, 6 and 7 of Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland: provided however that the Dean or the Lay Treasurer may, for the purpose of this section, appoint a deputy.
10. Those registered shall meet triennially, not earlier than twenty days before and not later than twenty days after Easter Day, to elect out of their own number:-
- (i) Six Lay members of the Cathedral Board as hereinafter constituted of which there must be at least two male and two female.
  - (ii) Synodspersons to sit as members of the Armagh Diocesan Synod who shall possess the same rights and privileges as the synodspersons elected by parishes. The number of such

synodspersons shall be in proportion to the number of clergy of the said Cathedral who are not otherwise qualified to sit as members of the Armagh Diocesan Synod.

The registered vestrypersons shall also meet at such other times as the Dean may decide.

11. The Dean, Dignitaries and Prebendaries shall be *ex-officio* members of the Cathedral Board. The Dean's Vicar shall also be an *ex-officio* member of the Board, provided that, when there is no Dean's Vicar or the Dean's Vicar is a member of the Chapter, the Succentor shall be a member of the Board, which Board shall at the same time be completed by the addition of:-

- (i) Six lay persons elected as herein provided and
- (ii) Four lay persons elected by the lay members of the Armagh Diocesan Council whose qualification for election shall be the same as that for the General Synod.

Vacancies in the places of the elected members occurring in the interval between triennial elections shall be filled as to (i) above, by the lay members of the Board by co-option of the persons qualified for election as in the section provided; and as to (ii) above, by the lay members of the Diocesan Council, and any persons chosen to fill such vacancies shall hold office until the next triennial election. The elected members of the Cathedral Board shall retire from office every third year, but if still qualified shall severally be eligible for re-election.

The Dean may appoint from the list of registered vestrypersons a Dean's Cathedral Warden to act for one year. The Board may then appoint from the list of registered vestrypersons a People's Cathedral Warden to act for one year. The Cathedral Wardens so appointed become *ex-officio* members of the Board for the term of their appointment. Such appointments shall be renewable.

The Board shall triennially elect a Secretary, who shall record the proceedings of the meetings of the Board, and a lay Treasurer who shall submit annually to the Board for its approval an audited financial statement of all funds under the control or management of the Board. If either is not already a member of the Board they may be co-opted.

At least five members, excluding any co-opted members, must be present to form a quorum.

12. The Cathedral Board shall have power to make rules and regulations for the times and conduct of its meetings and the discharge of its responsibilities. It shall be presided over by the Dean or, in the absence of the Dean, by the member of the Chapter next in order of precedence who is present, such President having both an ordinary and a casting vote, except that in the case of co-option to fill a vacancy, such President shall have a casting vote only. A special meeting of the said Board shall be summoned by the Dean or, in the absence of the Dean, by the Precentor, or at any time on the written requisition of five members of the Board. The Board shall have the control, charge and management of the following:-

- (a) The preservation, restoration and repair of the fabric of the Cathedral and of all permanent structures therein.
- (b) The lighting, heating and cleaning of the Cathedral.
- (c) The ornaments of the Cathedral, the monuments, tablets, windows and brasses to be placed in the Cathedral: provided that none shall be erected or placed in the Cathedral, or removed therefrom, without the consent or approval of the Dean and Chapter and of the Ordinary.

- (d) All Cathedral property and funds not excluded from the operation of this paragraph by the Trusts upon which they are held, and in particular the regulation of all salaries and pensions payable by the Board: provided that the selection of the objects of the collections shall be at the discretion of the Dean.
  - (e) All contributions from the Cathedral payable to the Diocese of Armagh towards Diocesan Assessment.
  - (f) The appointment and dismissal of lay officials of the Cathedral, with the exception of the Organist and Master of the Choristers, hereinafter referred to as the Director of Music, who shall be appointed and may be dismissed by the Archbishop of Armagh, and the Dean's Verger who shall be appointed and may be dismissed by the Dean. The appointment of members of the choir shall be made by the Dean after consultation with the Director of Music.
13. The Dean shall act on behalf of the Board in directing the officers appointed by the Board in the discharge of their duties.
14. Matters relating to the Cathedral not herein otherwise provided for and not heretofore subject to the rights of the Dean and Chapter shall be determined by the Board.

## SCHEDULE II

### DECLARATION FOR SUBSCRIPTION

I, A.B., do hereby solemnly declare that:

- 1 I am a minister or accredited preacher of                      Church.
- 2 I agree to be bound by the provisions of Part II of Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and, to that extent only, I submit myself to the authority of the Church of Ireland, and to the laws and tribunals thereof.
- 3 I A.B. do declare that I will perform Canonical obedience to the Ordinary of the Cathedral Church of Saint Patrick, Armagh and *his* successors, Archbishops of Armagh. I will observe the statutes and ancient customs of the Cathedral Church, so far as they are not repugnant to the laws of the Church of Ireland, and will keep private and undisclosed the secrets of the Chapter.

*I subscribe the above declaration to be appointed to the office of Ecumenical Canon of the Cathedral Church of St Patrick, Armagh.*

*This day of 20 .*