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3 Barton, Rev Canon JM
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3 Cassidy, Very Rev H
2 Twaddell, Rev Canon WR
2 Swann, Rev Canon FD
2 Ellis, Rev IW
3 Hoey, Ven RG
3 McKegney, Rev JW
3 Ferguson, Rev WR
0 Lawrenson, Rev RD
3 Porteus, Rev Canon RJN
3 Kennedy, Rev Dr MC
3 Harper, Rev BJ
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1 Boyd, Rev RH
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1 McCollum, Mr WJ
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0 Wilkinson, Mr RS
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 3 McKeen, Mrs VE
 3 Wilkinson, Mrs JO
 2 Grindle, Miss NC

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 3 Cruise, Mr DG
 0 Hannon, Mr DG
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 3 Moore, Rev Canon JC
 3 Blacoe, Rev Canon BT
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 3 Taggart, Rev WJ
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0 Henderson, Rev R
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 0 McComb, Rev S
 0 Graham, Rev GE
 3 Redfern, Rev P
 2 McCann, Rev MJ
 3 Hall-Thompson, Rev CL
 2 Wilson, Rev Canon JR

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 2 Davidson, Dr DC
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 0 Fell, Mr JH
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 1 Henry, Mr D
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 3 Richey, Rev Canon RSP
 3 Johnson, Ven S
 3 Sides, Rev Canon JR
 3 Lidwill, Rev MR
 3 Lindsay, Rev C
 3 Davison, Rev GTW

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 1 Trenier, Mr N
 2 Hicks, Mrs HR

1 Clarke, Mr H
 1 Corrie, Mr JE
 1 Taylor, Mr GW
 3 Regan, Mr NL
 3 Thompson, Mr R
 0 Tilson, Mr J
 1 McElwaine, Mr W
 2 Roberts, Mr W
 3 Heaslip, Mr K
 0 Rutledge, Mr J

Elphin and Ardagh – Clerical

2 McGee, Very Rev SI
 3 Gallagher, Rev Canon I
 2 Griscome, Rev D
 0 Kingston, Rev Canon AW
 0 Minion, Rev A
 3 Merrick, Rev J

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 2 Laird, Mr A
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 3 Burns, Mrs D
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 3 Hastings, Rev GL
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 0 Bourke, Mr NPL
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 2 Gilmore, Mr WGD
 3 McMaster, Mr JE
 3 Walton, Mrs EA

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 3 Kearon, Rev Canon KA
 3 Colton, Rev Canon WP
 3 Sinnamon, Rev Canon WD
 3 Stacey, Rev Canon VG
 3 Harman, Rev Canon RD
 2 Linney, Ven GCS
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 3 White, Mrs ME
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 3 Butler, Rev GW

Glendalough – Lay

3 Clarke, Mr G
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3 Townley, Very Rev RK
1 Carmody, Rev DPR
3 Grimason, Rev Canon AJ
3 Ritchie, Rev WJ
0 Peoples, Rev JS
2 Bourke, Rev RSJ

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3 Bruton, Mrs JM
1 Colton, Mr R
2 Kilroy, Major WR
3 Revington, Mr JF
2 Potterton, Mrs HM
2 Dunne, Mr JK
2 Thompson, Mr JA
2 Weld Moore, Mrs J
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0 Brabazon, Mr RWT
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0 Lynas, Very Rev NN
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0 Neill, Rev WBA
3 Beare, Rev Canon W
3 Murray, Ven JG
3 Sandes, Rev DL
0 Black, Rev RJEFB
3 McCullagh, Rev Canon MA
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3 Oxley, Rev DW
3 Wallace, Rev A
2 Sherlock, Rev TA

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3 Bradley, Mr G
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3 Peavoy, Mr J
2 Nicholson, Mr J
2 Shirley, Ms S
2 Rathdonnell, Lord
3 Kerr, Ms MF
0 Gillis, Mr AL
2 Kingston, Mr JW
2 Couchman, Mr JMD
3 Young, Mr WA
2 Kemp, Mr J
0 Daunt, Mrs OA
3 Donald, Mr S
1 Moynan, Mr RW
3 Kidd, Mr D
1 Wallace, Mr C
2 Wellwood, Mr J
2 Shirley, Mr J
3 Smyth, Mr G

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0 Greene, Mr PR
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2 Roe, Mr GD
1 Stanley, Mr AJA
1 Grubb, Mr L
0 Young, Mr H

Ferns – Clerical

3 Wilkinson, Ven KS
2 Mullen, Rev CW
3 Waugh, Rev Canon NJ
3 Forrest, Very Rev LDA
0 Jackson, Rev Canon AM
3 Ruddock, Rev Canon NT

Ferns – Lay

3 Borthistle, Mr HG
2 Sheil, Mr TJ
3 O'Morchoe, The
3 McCabe, Mr T
1 Stephens, Mrs D
3 Stephens, Mrs G
1 Sutton, Mr JF
1 McAdam, Mr OW
1 Kidd, Mr G
3 Thorpe, Mr DB
2 Deacon, Mr SH

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2 Burrows, Rev Canon MAJ
3 Thomas, Rev Canon PR
3 White, Ven REB
3 Draper, Rev PR
3 Williams, Rev Canon D
3 Hilliard, Very Rev GPStJ
3 Hanna, Rev PT
2 Heaslip, Rev WJ
2 Houston, Rev Canon AJ
3 Lester, Rev TR
3 Graham, Rev M

3 Wilkinson, Rev AM
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3 Hastie, Mr KD
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1 Cairns, Mr BD
2 Perrott, Mr WT
3 O'Donovan, The
3 Williams, Mr AC
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2 Clarke, Mr JW
0 Brickenden, Mr JG
0 Minchin, Mr DL
3 Morrow, Mrs SA

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3 Shannon, Ven MJD
1 Warren, Rev Canon R
3 Loughheed, Rev Canon BFB

Ardfert and Aghadoe – Lay

3 Champ, Mr TE
2 Groves, Mrs M
3 Gleasure, Mrs LM
3 Hilliard, Mr JRF
2 Boyle, Mrs ME
1 Keane, Mr P
3 Stephens, Mr J

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Kilmacduagh – Clerical*

2 Towers, Rev Canon PL
3 Condell, Rev Canon JAA
2 Keegan, Ven DL
3 Cummins, Very Rev NM
1 Hanna, Rev RC
3 White Spinner, Rev JJ
3 Carney, Rev RW

*Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert and
Kilmacduagh – Lay*

0 Roe, Mr R
1 Crawford, Mr AHL
3 Read, Mr PDG
1 Benson, Mr RW
2 Gill, Mrs R
2 Armstrong, Mr A
0 Weir, Dr HWL
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APPENDIX

STANDING ORDERS

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY, 1965

(amended 1970, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1979, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988 and 1997)

General

1. The Holy Bible and the Book of Common Prayer shall lie on the table of the Synod Hall.
2. Each day's proceedings shall open with a reading from Holy Scripture and prayer, during which time the doors shall be closed.
3. The hours for the Synod when in ordinary session shall be as follows:

Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., or, if the first and second readings of all bills sent to the members with the summonses have not then been concluded, until such later hour as the Synod shall determine.

Wednesday, 10.00 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. or such other hour as the Synod may determine.

Provided that the Synod by resolution assented to by at least two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting thereon jointly may (unless the bishops present by a majority object) prolong the period of any sitting to such hour as may be named in such resolution.

The hours for the Synod when in special session shall be specified in the notice convening the meeting.

4. (a) Notice of each ordinary meeting of the General Synod shall be sent by post to every member thereof at least 21 days before the day fixed for such meeting.
- (b) Notice of each special meeting of the General Synod shall be sent by post to every member thereof at least 7 days before the day fixed for such meeting.

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5. Every member shall be furnished with a card of admission by the honorary secretaries, to be presented at the door of the house: and without such card no person, save members of the Representative Body and its Chief Officer and Secretary, the assessors, and other officers of the Synod, and representatives of Churches invited by the General Synod or by the Standing Committee, shall be admitted to the body of the Synod Hall. Strangers may, on the introduction of a member, be admitted to the gallery, subject to such conditions in this behalf as may be laid down by the Synod. They shall not be admitted to the body of the Synod Hall unless by leave of the house.
6. Reporters shall be admitted to such part of the Synod Hall as the Synod may appoint except when the Synod shall exclude them by standing order or by an express vote.
7. Four honorary secretaries, two clerical and two lay, shall be elected by their respective orders from among their own members. Any casual vacancy may be filled by the Standing Committee provided always that the clerical or lay representative so elected by the Standing Committee shall be deemed to hold office only until the day previous to the next meeting of the General Synod.
8. On the first day of each ordinary session the President shall appoint as Assessor a person having legal qualifications and experience of the form of government of the Church. He shall hold office until immediately prior to the following ordinary session and shall be eligible for re-appointment.
9. When the President shall have taken the Chair, no member shall continue standing, except when addressing the Chair.
10. No member shall pass between the Chair and a member who is speaking.
11. If it appear on notice being taken that a quorum is not present, the President shall thereupon adjourn the Synod, without question put, until an hour to be named by him, or until the next day of meeting, as he shall think fit.
12. A motion to suspend Standing Orders may be moved without notice and to be passed such motion shall require the consent of three-fourths of the members present and voting.
13. All questions of order and relevance shall be decided by the President.
14. The President shall regulate the proceedings of the Synod in all matters not provided for in these Orders by analogy to parliamentary practice.

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Rules of Debate

15. Every member desiring to speak shall rise in his place, and address the Chair, and when two or more members shall rise simultaneously to address the Chair the President shall decide which of them shall speak.
16. The President shall confine each speaker to the subject-matter of debate; it shall not be in order for any member to interrupt the speaker, except through the medium of the President.
17. Whenever the President rises during a debate, any member speaking or offering to speak shall sit down so that the President may be heard without interruption.
18. No speech of more than five minutes' duration shall be permitted except
 - (a) the proposer of the reports of the Standing Committee and the Representative Body, who may speak for fifteen minutes each; and
 - (b) the seconder of the reports of the Standing Committee and the Representative Body and the proposer of any other report or of any bill, who may speak for ten minutes;

provided that the President, having regard to the circumstances, including the gravity or complexity of the subject of the debate and the time available for the disposal of business, may decide that compliance with the above restrictions ought to be waived in regard to a particular speech.
19. The President shall leave the Chair when he desires to take part in a debate.

(Note - Appointment of Chairman - see appendix)
20. The proposer of a motion shall have a right of reply, but otherwise a member shall not be permitted to speak more than once on the same question except on the committee stage of a bill. The seconder of a motion or amendment may reserve his speech to any period of the debate.
21. Members of the Representative Body and its Chief Officer and Secretary shall be entitled to address the House on any question before it, but only those who are members of the House shall be entitled to vote.

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Bills

22. Notice of motion for leave to bring in bills for specified purposes may be sent to the honorary secretaries of the Synod at any time not less than one week before the day appointed for the opening of the session of the Synod, and shall appear on the Agenda for the first day of such session; provided that any bill which is lodged with the honorary secretaries not less than six weeks before the first day of the session shall be printed and sent to the members with the summonses.
23. On leave being asked to bring in a bill, the name or names of the member or members proposing to bring in the bill shall be stated and the name or names shall be printed with the bill.
24. (a) At the first ordinary session of each Synod a Bills Committee consisting of six members with the Assessor ex officio shall be elected to hold office until immediately prior to the first ordinary session of the following General Synod.

(b) The Bills Committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Synod to consider legal and drafting aspects of the Bills being presented. The proposer of each Bill shall be notified of the date and place of meeting, and he (or his nominee) shall be entitled to participate during the consideration of such Bill.

(c) It shall be competent for the Synod to refer to the Bills Committee any amendments which may be proposed during the progress of a Bill through the Synod.
25. Bills shall be considered in the order of lodgement thereof with the honorary secretaries, save that bills introduced at the request of the Synod or the House of Bishops or the Standing Committee or the Representative Body or the Pensions Board shall have priority over other bills.
26. Where there are for consideration two or more bills dealing with the same subject matter, the President, if he is of the opinion that it is advisable so to do, may direct that the question be not put on the second reading of any such bills until there shall have been a debate on the second reading of the other or others.
27. Notice of any amendment proposed to a bill shall be given in writing to the honorary secretaries. (And see S.O.s Nos. 34 to 39.)
28. In the case of any Ordinary Bill which has been printed and sent to the members with the summonses, no amendment shall be considered, save with the leave of the Synod, unless it has been notified to the honorary secretaries on or before the Friday next preceding the session of the Synod; and in the case of such bill (not being a bill to which Standing Order 30 refers) the Synod, if it thinks fit, may proceed on the day of the first reading to the second reading and consideration in committee.

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29. Procedure on Ordinary Bills (Ch. 1 sec. 25 of the Constitution) shall be as follows:-

(a) Introduction and First Reading

The member moving for leave to introduce a bill shall be permitted to make a brief explanatory statement of not more than ten minutes' duration, and if the motion is opposed, a member opposing may make a statement in opposition of not more than ten minutes' duration. The member moving for leave may postpone his statement until after the member opposing has spoken.

Only the one speech in support of, and one in opposition to, the motion may be made, and the question shall then be put without amendment or further debate; provided that in the case of a bill proposed to be introduced at the request of the Synod or the House of Bishops or the Standing Committee or the Representative Body or the Pensions Board the resolution giving leave to introduce it shall be put without debate unless notice of intention to oppose the resolution has been given to the honorary secretaries of the Synod on or before the Friday next preceding the meeting of the Synod.

Leave to introduce having been given, the bill shall be read a first time, without debate, and an order made fixing a day for the Second Reading.

(b) Second Reading

On the motion "That the bill be now read a second time", the debate, if any, shall be confined to the question whether the Synod approves the proposal in principle, matters of detail being postponed to the committee stage. The only amendment which may be moved to this motion is one proposing to delete all or some of the words after "That," and the substitution of words which state some reason against the bill being read a second time forthwith.

The bill having been read a second time, an order shall be made fixing a day for consideration in Committee of the whole Synod.

(c) Consideration in Committee

The Committee of the whole Synod shall consider the bill, clause by clause, together with any relevant amendments which may be proposed, the preamble being taken last. The bill, with or without amendments, shall then be reported to the Synod and an order made fixing a day for consideration on report.

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(d) Consideration on Report

On the order for consideration of a bill on report being read, the Synod may consider amendments which arise out of consideration on the committee stage and of which notice has been given the previous day: Provided that amendments rejected in committee shall not be in order. Amendments may also be made without notice if in the opinion of the President they involve merely matters of drafting or the correction of grammatical or clerical errors.

When the bill has received any relevant consideration, an order shall be made fixing a day for the third reading; provided that such order, together with that made under para. (c) above, must permit, unless the Synod otherwise direct, for a clear day being interposed between consideration in Committee and the third reading.

(e) Third Reading

On the motion "That the bill be now read a third time and passed," any debate shall be confined to what is provided in the bill.

30. Procedure on Special Bills (Ch. 1 sec. 26 of the Constitution) shall be as for Ordinary Bills; provided that:

- (a) Leave to introduce such a bill may only be given 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. No amendment to such a bill may be moved at the first reading stage, but notice of any such amendment must be given at this stage. Amendments, of which notice has been given at the first reading stage, may be moved at the committee stage, and no other amendment may then be moved except any dealing with omissions or grammatical errors.
- (b) Copies of the resolution giving leave to introduce shall be sent to each diocesan synod within one month after the ending of the session at which the resolution was passed.
- (c) The consent of not less than two-thirds of each order, present and voting, shall be required to pass the motions (i) for leave to introduce the bill, (ii) that the bill be now read a second time, and (iii) that the bill be now read a third time and passed, and
- (d) Debate on the motion that leave to introduce be given shall be governed by the rules of debate without the limitations imposed by S.O. 28(a).

Motions

31. (a) A notice of motion (other than a notice of motion referred to in (d) or (e) of this Order) shall be delivered to the Honorary Secretaries not less than one month before the day appointed for the opening of the session of the Synod at which the motion is to be moved.
- (b) A notice of motion duly delivered to the Honorary Secretaries in accordance with (a) of this Order shall be sent to the members of the Synod with the Summons for the Synod at which the motion is to be moved. Such notice shall also be printed on the agenda for the 1st day of such Synod, and may be taken into consideration without further notice.
- (c) A notice of motion shall be signed by the intended mover or by some member on his behalf.
- (d) A notice of motion received during a session of the Synod shall be read to the Synod by one of the Honorary Secretaries on such day as the President shall direct, but such motion shall not be taken into consideration until the next following session unless:
- (i) it arises out of business already transacted at the session at which it is received, or
 - (ii) The President and a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting consent to its being taken into consideration at the session at which it is received.
- If a motion is taken into consideration under (i) or (ii) it shall be taken into consideration on such day as the President shall direct. If it is not taken into consideration it shall be sent to the members of the Synod with the summonses for the next following session.
- (e) A motion may be moved without notice by the unanimous leave of the Synod.
32. Motions shall be set down in the order in which the notices were given, provided that motions relating to the same subject shall be taken consecutively and provided that motions relating to any committee or board or commission shall be taken in conjunction with the report of such committee or board or commission.
33. A motion which does not propose that action be taken beyond its publication or transmission to certain persons shall not be moved unless the permission of the Synod has been previously obtained. When such a motion has been submitted the President shall put the question that leave be given to the member desiring to propose the motion to do so, and a vote shall be taken on this question without debate.

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34. No motion or amendment, except in Committee, shall be taken into consideration unless it be seconded; but, if seconded, it shall not be withdrawn without the leave of the Synod.

Amendments

35. A question having been proposed may be amended (a) by leaving out specified words or (b) by inserting in lieu of specified words included therein other specified words, or (c) by adding or inserting specified words; provided that an amendment which is in effect a direct negative to the question may not be moved.

All amendments shall be delivered in writing to the honorary secretaries.

36. All amendments shall be put according to the priority of the words proposed to be inserted in or omitted from the clause under consideration, and, except by leave of the Synod, no amendment may be proposed in any part of a question after a later part has been amended.
37. The question to be put in regard to any proposed amendment shall in all cases be whether the proposed amendment be made.
38. (a) At any time before the question has been put in regard to any proposed amendment the mover thereof may with the leave of the Synod alter the terms thereof, but no other amendment to a proposed amendment shall be in order.
- (b) When an amendment has been made, the question thus amended becomes the substantive question and further amendments may then be proposed.
39. Where amendments have been made, the main question as amended shall be put and where no amendments have been made the question shall be put as originally proposed.
40. The Synod may order a complicated question to be divided.

Enforced Closure of Debate

41. (a) At any time after a question has been proposed in the Synod, or in a Committee of the whole Synod, a member may claim to move "that the question be now put," and, unless it shall appear to the President that such a motion is an abuse of Standing Orders, it shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.
- (b) At any time after a question has been proposed in the Synod a member who considers that a vote on the question is undesirable may claim to move "that the Synod do now pass from this question to its next business," and, unless it shall appear to the President that such a motion is an abuse of Standing Orders, it shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

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- (c) The proposer of a closure motion under (a) or (b) above may not interrupt a speaker to do so, and the President, before putting such motion, shall read the original motion (or the motion as amended as the case may be) which was being debated.
- (d) If a closure motion under (a) or (b) above is negatived this shall not of itself preclude the proposal of (i) further amendments and (ii), at the discretion of the President, further closure motions, upon the subject in debate.

Motion for Adjournment of Debate or of the Synod

- 42. No discussion shall be permitted on a motion for adjournment; but the question shall be put immediately from the Chair, and decided by a show of hands on such motion, or by a division, if called for.
- 43. No adjournment of a debate or of the Synod may be moved if a similar motion on the same subject has been made within the preceding hour.

Voting Procedure

- 44. (a) When any question is to be put to the Synod or to a Committee of the whole Synod, the President shall rise and announce that "The question is that ...", thereupon reading or stating the question, and shall require that as many as are of that opinion shall say "Aye" and as many as are of the contrary opinion shall say "No". He shall judge from the answers to his requests and state the result, in his opinion, of the putting of the question.
- (b) After the President shall have stated the result, in his opinion, of the putting of any question, any member may call for a vote upon that question. If a vote is not called for, the President shall forthwith declare the result to be that which he had previously expressed as an opinion.
- (c) When a vote is called for, it shall be taken by show of hands unless 20 members request a division; and the President, before calling for a show of hands, shall afford sufficient opportunity for requests to be made for a division or for a vote by orders.
- (d) A vote by orders shall be taken if ten members of either order or the provisions of Ch. 1 sec. 25 of the Constitution so require, and such vote shall be by show of hands unless a division is requested by the requisite number of members.

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- (e) When a division is to be taken, an interval of five minutes shall be allowed after which the doors shall be closed and the question put a second time. The President shall appoint two tellers for each side and order the House to divide; whereupon every member of the House of Representatives present, and wishing to vote, shall record his opinion by passing into the lobby with the "Ayes" or with the "Noes". At the conclusion of the voting the tellers, having added their own votes, shall report the result to the President, who shall communicate it to the Synod.
 - (f) No question shall be deemed to be carried in the House of Representatives unless, in the case of both orders voting together, there is a majority in favour of the same of the representatives voting thereon, or in the case of the votes being taken by orders there is a majority in favour of the same of the representatives of each order voting thereon. (But see S.O. 29(c) in the case of Special Bills.)
45. When a division is called for, it shall be taken, notwithstanding that the time may have arrived at which, according to standing orders, the Synod ought to adjourn, or proceed to some other business.

(Note - Voting by bishops in Synod - see appendix)

Committees of the Synod

46. All committees of the Synod appointed at one session, and ordered to report at the following session of the Synod, shall lay their report upon the table within the first two days of the session, accompanied by such resolutions as may be necessary.
47. The Synod may order any resolutions, presented by committees upon the first day of the session, to be taken into consideration without further notice.
48. When a motion for the appointment of a committee is carried, the mover thereof shall then, or at the next meeting of the Synod, move the appointment of the members proposed to serve on the Committee, one of whom shall be named as convener. The name of the mover of the resolution for the Committee shall be included in the list of proposed members, provided that this shall not be obligatory when the resolution has been moved on behalf of the House of Bishops, the Standing Committee or the Representative Body.
49. No committee shall, without leave of the Synod, consist of more than fifteen members. Each Committee shall appoint its own chairman.
50. Every report of a committee requiring action shall be accompanied by a resolution or resolutions for the consideration of the Synod, and the mere adoption by the Synod of a report of a committee shall not be an authority for the expenditure of money.

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Request for Information

51. If any member ask for information with regard to the business of any committee, either of the Synod or of the Representative Body, it shall be the duty of the chairman of such committee, or of some other member thereof or of the Chief Officer and Secretary of the Representative Body, if so requested, to reply: Provided that at least one clear day's notice of such question shall have been given. The terms of all such requests received by the Honorary Secretaries not less than one week before the first day of a session of the Synod shall be printed on the agenda for the said first day. Any such requests shall be answered on each day of the session at 2 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

Allocation of Money in the Hands of the R.C.B.

52. No resolution relating to the allocation of money in the hands of the Representative Body other than (a) money to the credit of the General Purposes Fund, or (b) for the payment of the expenses of the Synod and its committees shall be put to the Synod until a report from the Representative Body on the subject shall have been first obtained.

Separate Consideration by Bishops of Any Matter in Debate

53. When the bishops shall express their wish to consider separately any matter in debate, and upon such separate consideration shall think fit to communicate to the Synod their opinion upon such matter, the communication so made shall be inserted in the printed orders of the day, and shall come before the Synod in due course for its consideration.
54. If the communication so made shall relate to a bill previously discussed in committee, and then awaiting its third reading, the publication as aforesaid of such communication shall of itself have the effect of re-committing the bill for further consideration upon the subject of such communication, but for no other purpose.

(Note - Voting by bishops in Synod - see appendix)

Orders of the Day

55. Prior to each session of the Synod the honorary secretaries shall prepare an agenda paper which shall include (a) all items required by the Constitution or Standing Orders to be discharged by the Synod, (b) all items which the Synod at a previous session has directed to be included, and (c) all bills, reports and notices of intention to propose motions or amendments which have been received by them by the appointed date. Motions relating to any committee, board or commission shall be placed on the agenda paper in conjunction with the report of the appropriate committee, board or commission.

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56. On the Tuesday, following the President's Address the Synod shall consider a motion or motions to be presented by the honorary secretaries with the approval of the President to allocate the time available under Standing Order 3 between the items listed on the agenda paper. In allocating the Synod's time the Honorary Secretaries shall bear in mind that the first priority of the Church of Ireland is spiritual not material. On the adoption of such motion or motions (with or without amendments) business shall be conducted in accordance therewith. Such motion or motions shall include provision of not less than two hours each for consideration of the reports of the Standing Committee and the Representative Body and not less than one hour for the consideration of the report of the Role of the Church Committee.
57. The minutes of the proceedings of the session as certified by the honorary secretaries shall be presented to the next meeting of the Standing Committee and shall be confirmed by the signature of the Chairman.

Consideration of the General State of the Church

58. On any day of meeting it shall be open to any member, at an hour when motions have precedence, to move that in priority to all other motions the Synod shall proceed to take into consideration the general state of the Church, its progress, prospects and needs. Such motion shall be put without discussion.
59. On such motion being passed, any subject then brought forward by any of the bishops shall have precedence of all others.
60. During such consideration neither strangers nor reporters shall be admitted to any part of the Synod hall or gallery.
61. Such consideration, if not sooner concluded, shall automatically cease at the expiration of one hour, unless prolonged by a special vote.
62. It shall not be necessary for a member bringing forward any subject to conclude with a resolution.
63. A separate record of the proceedings during such consideration shall be kept, and shall be authenticated by the signature of the President before the resumption of the business of the Synod.
64. During such consideration the discussion shall be regulated by the President, whose decision shall be final in all matters not provided for in the foregoing orders.

Petitions

65. A petition in writing may be made by any person or persons of the age of 18 years or upwards being a member or members of the Church of Ireland. Such petition shall be sent to the honorary secretaries of the Synod not later than one week before the day appointed for the meeting of the Synod. Any such petition shall be presented to the Synod by a member thereof and shall be referred to the Petitions Committee which shall be elected at the first session of each Synod.

APPENDIX

Voting by Bishops in Synod

Procedure relative to voting by the bishops at meetings of the General Synod is in accordance with the provisions contained in the following sections of Chapter I of the Constitution:

20. If at any time the bishops express their wish to consider separately any matter in debate, the further discussion of that matter shall be postponed until the bishops shall have had the opportunity of so doing.
21. The bishops shall vote separately from the representatives, and no question shall be deemed to have been carried unless there be in its favour a majority of the bishops present, if they desire to vote, and a majority of the clerical and lay representatives present voting conjointly or by orders: Provided always, that if a question affirmed by a majority of the clerical and lay representatives present and voting, conjointly or by orders, but in favour of which there shall not be a majority of the bishops, shall be re-affirmed at the next ordinary session of the General Synod, by not less than two-thirds of the clerical and lay representatives present and voting conjointly or by orders, it shall be deemed to be carried, unless it be negatived by not less than two-thirds of the then members of the House of Bishops, the said two-thirds being present and voting, and giving their reasons in writing.
22. The bishops shall not vote until after the declaration of the votes of the clerical and lay representatives. If they desire to vote, the bishops may withdraw from the General Synod for that purpose, and may reserve the declaration of their vote until the following day.

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Appointment of Chairman

Procedure relative to the appointment of a Chairman at meetings of the General Synod is in accordance with the provisions contained in the following section of Chapter I of the Constitution:

- 18.** The President may, at his discretion, invite any member of the House of Bishops to act as Chairman for such period during a session as the President may determine; and the person so acting as Chairman shall have, and may exercise, all the powers and functions conferred by Standing Orders on the President.

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BILLS AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDA

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 on the Tuesday, 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 only be given 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 Tuesday; *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 Thursday - is fixed for the remaining stages.

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On the Thursday the Report stage is taken. Any amendments which have been lodged with the honorary secretaries before the close of business on the Wednesday will appear on the supplemental agenda paper for Thursday. 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 the case of appointment of clergy to parishes there is normally some lapse of time between an appointment to a cure, and the Institution which gives effect to this appointment. Similarly when a priest is elected as bishop of a diocese, some time elapses before there is a Consecration. This is in accord with the Constitution and enables time for an orderly laying down of one set of responsibilities before taking on another.

In the case of the election of a Primate, or the election or confirmation of election by the House of Bishops of a person already in episcopal orders, the Constitution does not make provision for a similar delay. When an election is confirmed, or when the House of Bishops elects an archbishop or bishop to another see, that archbishop or bishop immediately ceases to be archbishop or bishop of the diocese which he serves, and immediately becomes bishop of a diocese to which he has been elected. The purpose of this Bill is to provide for an interval between the election and the translation of an archbishop or bishop.

NO. 1

THE ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN
THE BISHOP OF KILMORE

(at the request of the House of Bishops)

BILL

To amend Chapter VI of the Constitution

WHEREAS it is desirable to make provision for some delay in effecting the translation of an archbishop or bishop who has been duly elected to another see;

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 1998, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. To amend Chapter VI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland by deleting Part 1, Section 2, and enacting a new Section in the following terms:
2. On the occurrence of a vacancy in the See of Armagh the House of Bishops shall meet and shall by a majority of the votes of those present and voting elect one of its members to the Archbishopric of Armagh and Primacy of All Ireland. The House of Bishops shall determine the date, within a period of three months from the date of the election, upon which such translation shall take effect.

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2. To amend Chapter VI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland by deleting Part 1, Section 14, and enacting a new Section in the following terms:
 14. The bishop or priest elected as aforesaid shall immediately thereafter be notified of the fact by the President or secretary of the College, and upon his acceptance his name shall be transmitted to the House of Bishops which, if satisfied of his fitness, shall take the necessary steps to give effect to such election, including in the case of a translation the determination of a date, within a period of three months from the date of the Episcopal Electoral College, upon which such translation shall take effect. If the bishop or priest elected as aforesaid shall decline, the President shall re-summon the College.
3. To amend Chapter VI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland by deleting Part 1, Section 18, and enacting a new Section in the following terms:
 18. Whenever the appointment of an archbishop of Dublin or a bishop shall have passed to the House of Bishops under the foregoing provisions, the House of Bishops shall, as soon as conveniently may be, by a majority of the votes of the archbishops and bishops present and voting at a meeting duly convened for the purpose, elect such person, being a bishop or priest of not less than thirty years of age, as it may think fit, to the vacant see. In the case of a translation, the House of Bishops shall determine the date, within a period of three months from the date of the election, upon which such translation shall take effect. At such meeting there shall be laid before the House of Bishops a record of the proceedings of the Electoral College.

BILL NO. 2

Explanatory Memorandum

1. General

This Bill proposes substantial improvements in the benefits provided from the Pensions Fund. It follows the triennial actuarial report on the Fund, particulars of which are included in the Report of the Church of Ireland Pensions Board. The Bill also includes some other proposals.

It is proposed that the changes should come into effect on the date of enactment of the Bill or as soon thereafter as is administratively practicable.

There are several references to "members". A "member" is a clergyman in the service of the Church of Ireland on or after 1 January 1976 other than any who have been exempted from membership or who have exercised their right under legislation in the United Kingdom to opt out of membership.

The word "widow" is defined in section 2 of Chapter XIV as including a widower.

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As the Pensions Fund is an Exempt Approved Scheme, the approval of the Revenue Commissioners (Republic of Ireland) and the Commissioners of Inland Revenue (United Kingdom) to this legislation will be required.

Section 1 contains a definition.

2. Normal Pensionable Age

In 1989 normal pensionable age was reduced from 70 to 68 and in 1995 it was reduced to 67. It is proposed in sections 3 and 7 to reduce it further to 65.

Following the reduction in normal pensionable age a revised Table is required to calculate the pension entitlement of those members who retire voluntarily before reaching the age of 65. This is provided by section 8.

A revised Table is also required to calculate the pension entitlement of those members who are now under 67 and who will be 66 or over when they retire. This is provided by section 9.

Since entitlement to pension is calculated on the day on which a member reaches normal pensionable age, section 10 so specifies in the case of those members who have reached the age of 67 but have not reached the age of 71 by 14 May 1998 and who remain in service after that date.

Section 20 is consequential on section 7. It makes a transitional provision to regulate the rights of members who are aged 65 or 66 and will reach normal pensionable age immediately on the enactment of this Bill.

It is proposed in section 7 that a member shall be regarded as having reached normal pensionable age upon completion of 40 years of service in the Church of Ireland although he or she has not reached the age of 65.

The funding of these proposals will require IR£1,650,000 and £2,640,000.

3. Years and Months of Service

Contributions are credited to the Fund on a monthly basis, but retirement benefits are calculated on the number of completed years of service of a member, the odd months being disregarded.

It is proposed in section 2 that after the enactment of this Bill benefits shall be calculated on the number of completed years and months of service of a member.

4. Purchase of Additional Years of Service

The purchase of additional years of service is paid for by monthly contributions deducted from stipend.

At the request of some members it is proposed in section 11 that an alternative method of payment, namely by lump sum be made available.

5. Pensions of Surviving Spouses

(a) *Surviving Spouses of Members*

The surviving spouse of a member (other than a member who was in the service of the Church of Ireland on 18 May 1989 - the date on which commutation of pensions was made available -and was 70 or over on that date or a member who was in receipt of a pension on that date) is entitled to a pension of 50% of his or her late spouse's pension or pension entitlement, which corresponds to two-thirds of his or her net pension if maximum commutation had been taken.

The surviving spouses of members who were in service on 18 May 1989 and were 70 or over on that date or who were in receipt of a pension on that date are entitled to a pension of two-thirds of their late spouses' pensions.

Each method of calculation produces the same result in monetary terms.

It is proposed in section 13 that these figures should be increased by one-fifth, from 50% to 60% and from two-thirds to 80%.

A child dependency allowance is one-third of the surviving spouse's pension, and an increase in this will follow without further legislation.

Section 18 makes provision for the same increase in the pension entitlement of the surviving spouses of archbishops or bishops.

It is proposed in section 17 that pensions of surviving spouses and child dependency allowances, which are currently in course of payment, should be increased by the same fraction.

Section 19 makes provision for the same increase in the pensions currently being paid to the surviving spouses of bishops. (For widows of archbishops see section 6 of this Memorandum.)

The funding of these proposals (including that contained in (2) of section 6 of this Memorandum) requires IR£2,000,000 and £2,400,000.

(b) *Widows of Clergy who died or retired before 1976*

Until 1980 the widows of clergy who died or retired before 1976, and therefore were not members of the Fund, received a pension of £80. Since then, there has been a series of increases.

It is now proposed to increase these pensions to figures which represent 62.5% of the normal pension of the surviving spouse of a member, to review that percentage triennially, and to apply on 1 January of each year the same percentage increase as will apply to the pensions of the surviving spouses of members. To achieve this, it is necessary:

- (1) to increase those pensions which are payable out of the Northern Ireland Fund by 16.03% and those payable out of the Republic of Ireland Fund by 11.93%, the difference in percentages being caused by the fact that the pensions payable from the Northern Ireland Fund have fallen behind those payable from the Republic of Ireland Fund as a proportion of minimum approved stipend; and
- (2) to apply to pensions as adjusted by (1) above the increase of 20% as in the case of the pensions of surviving spouses of members.

These proposals are included in section 16. They require funding of IR£103,800 and £132,600.

(c) *Summary*

The above proposals will have the following effects:

- (1) To increase the normal rate of pension of the surviving spouse of a member from £4,833.33 to £5,800 and from IR£5,000 to IR£6,000.
- (2) To increase the normal rate of child dependency allowance from £1,611.11 to £1,933.33 and from IR£1,666.66 to IR£2,000.
- (3) To increase pensions of surviving spouses of members and child dependency allowances currently in course of payment by 20%.
- (4) To increase pensions of widows of clergy who died or retired before 1976 from £2,603.42 to £3,625 and from IR£2,791.85 to IR£3,750.

6. Pensions of Retired Archbishops and Widows of Archbishops

On 28 February 1998 pensions were in course of payment to 2 retired archbishops and 3 widows of archbishops. All 5 pensions are payable out of the Republic of Ireland Fund.

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In view of the decision of the Executive Committee of the Representative Body to make a special increase in archiepiscopal stipends and the policy of ensuring as far as practicable parity between existing and future pensions, it is proposed that:

- (1) Those 5 pensions should be increased by the same percentage as that by which the archiepiscopal stipend (Republic of Ireland) was increased. This requires funding of IR£166,820.
- (2) The pensions of the 3 widows, as adjusted by (1) above, should be increased by the same percentage as will apply to the pensions of the surviving spouses of other members. The funding for this is included in the Irish Pounds figure given in section 5(a) of this Memorandum.

These proposals are included in section 19.

7. Deferred Pensions

A "deferred pension" is a pension payable at normal pensionable age to a former member of the Fund who has withdrawn from the service of the Church of Ireland otherwise than by retirement on pension and whose pension accumulation remains in the Fund, not having been transferred to another Fund.

(a) Indexation

On 1 January of each year the pension accumulation of each former member is increased by the same percentage as that applied to pensions in course of payment, but this is at present restricted to those former members who have withdrawn from service in the Church of Ireland since 1 January 1986 in respect of contributions paid since 1 January 1985.

It is proposed in sections 5 and 12 that those dates should be moved back 9 years to the commencement of the present Fund.

This requires funding of IR£163,000 and £353,000.

(b) Death Benefit

Provision is not made at present for the situation where a former member entitled to a deferred pension dies before reaching the age at which payment of such pension would commence and is unmarried or a widower or widow without dependent children, that is, where there is no one with entitlement to a pension.

Section 28 of the Pensions Act 1990 (Republic of Ireland) provides that in those circumstances and provided that at least 5 years' contributions have been paid, of which at least 2 years relate to the period after section 28 came into effect, a lump sum representing the accrued pension accumulation of the deceased former member is to be paid to his or her legal personal representatives.

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It is proposed in sections 6 and 12 that this be incorporated in Chapter XIV. This proposal does not require funding.

8. Family Law

Section 55A(1) of Chapter XIV gives the Board a discretion as to the person to whom a child dependency allowance is to be payable in trust for the child when the parents have been separated, the member has died, and the surviving spouse does not have custody of the child.

Recent legislation on Family Law in the Republic of Ireland has empowered the civil courts to make a pension adjustment order (commonly called "pension splitting") on the grant of a decree of judicial separation, annulment or dissolution of the marriage, any such order to be binding on the trustees and administrators of the relevant pension fund and over-riding any provision of the pension scheme which may conflict with it. A Green Paper published in the United Kingdom early in 1997 envisaged a similar provision there from April 2000.

It is proposed in sections 14 and 15:

- (a) to enact a new section to provide for the situation where there is an order of a civil court, and
- (b) to repeal section 55A(1) and re-enact it in a different form to cover the situation where a child dependency allowance is payable and a custody order has not been made by the civil court.

9. Part-time Deployment in Stipendiary Ministry

It is proposed in section 4 that the Board be authorised to make provision by Regulation in respect of the pensions of clergy who have moved from full-time stipendiary ministry to be deployed part-time if such a scheme is given constitutional approval by the General Synod.

NO. 2

CANON J.L.B. DEANE
LADY SHEIL

(at the request of the Church of Ireland Pensions Board)

BILL

To amend Chapter XIV of the Constitution

WHEREAS it is desirable to improve the benefits provided under Chapter XIV of the Constitution and to make sundry other amendments to the said Chapter;

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

AND WHEREAS the Church of Ireland Pensions Board has certified that on the enactment of this Statute the Fund will remain solvent as required by Section 16(1) of Chapter XIV of the Constitution;

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 1998, 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 1988.
2. For Section 2(1)(i) of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following paragraph:
 - (i) "Accrued service" shall mean the number of years service which a member has completed and in the event of the final year of service being incomplete shall include such part of that year as was completed in terms of months.
3. In the following Sections of Chapter XIV, namely, Sections 2(1)(j) and (k), 40(4), 44, 46(1), 47(1), 48(2), 49(1)(a), 74, 75(2), 80A(1) and 80A(2) for the figure "67" wherever it occurs there shall be substituted the figure "65".
4. For sub-section (3) of Section 16 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:
 - (3) To make such Regulations as it may deem necessary for the administration of the Fund including Regulations concerning the recognition of defined pensions schemes for use by those deployed on a part-time basis in stipendiary ministry and related matters: Provided that such Regulations do not contravene any of the provisions of this Chapter.

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5. For sub-section (2) of section 40 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following sub-section:
 - (2) When a member ceases on or after 1 January 1977 to be a contributing member and has not received a withdrawal benefit or a transfer in pursuance of sub-section (1)(b) of this section, the portion of his accrued pension accumulation attributable to the contributions paid on or after 1 January 1976 (or if he was enrolled after 1 January 1976 his accrued pension accumulation) subsisting on 31 December of 1998 and each subsequent year shall be increased with effect on and from 1 January of the following year by the same percentage as that applied to pensions in course of payment, as provided by section 60 of this Chapter.

6. For sub-section (3) of section 40 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following sub-section:
 - (3)(a) If a former member entitled to an accrued pension accumulation dies, and is survived by a widow or dependent children, sections 49 to 55A inclusive shall apply as if the member had died in the service of the Church of Ireland, and for the purposes of sections 49 and 54 pension entitlement shall be deemed to be his accrued pension accumulation.

 - (b) If a former member entitled to an accrued pension accumulation dies prior to reaching the age at which payment of pension would have commenced and is unmarried or is a widower without dependent children, a sum to be decided upon by the board on the advice of the actuary as representing the value of his accrued pension accumulation shall be paid to the legal personal representatives of the deceased former member: Provided that at least five years' contributions have been paid and that at least two of those years relate to the period after 1 January 1991.

7. For section 42 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:
 - 42(1) A member who retires on reaching the age of 65 shall receive a pension calculated in the following manner, that is to say, the number of completed years of his service in the Church of Ireland, but excluding such years in excess of 40, multiplied by one sixtieth part of the minimum approved stipend for the purposes of section 51(1) of Chapter IV in force on the last day of his service.

 - (2) A member who completes 40 years' service in the Church of Ireland before reaching the age of 65 years shall be deemed for the purposes of this section to have reached that age.

8. For section 43 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following section:
 43. A member who has completed two years' service in the Church of Ireland may retire after attaining the age of 60 years at his own option, and the pension payable shall be the product of a sum calculated in accordance with the

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provisions of Section 42, multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the following table which shall be operative in respect of pensions, payment of which commences after 14 May 1998:

| Optional Retirement Age | Rate % |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 60 | 79 |
| 61 | 83 |
| 62 | 87 |
| 63 | 91 |
| 64 | 95 |

9. For Section 45 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following Section:

45. A member in the service of the Church of Ireland on 14 May 1998 who has reached the age of 65 years but has not reached the age of 67 years on that date, and a member who reaches the age of 65 years after that date, and who in either case is aged 66 years or over on retirement shall receive a pension which shall be the product of a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of Section 42 applied as on the day on which he reached the age of 65 years, multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the following table:

| Postponed Retirement Age | Rate % |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 66 | 110 |
| 67 | 122 |
| 68 | 135 |
| 69 | 149 |
| 70 | 165 |
| 71 | 182 |
| 72 | 201 |
| 73 | 222 |
| 74 | 245 |
| 75 | 271 |

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Provided that, if the pension were to be greater if it were calculated in accordance with the provisions of Section 42 relating to:

- (a) years of service to the date of retirement excluding any years in excess of 45; and
- (b) minimum approved stipend for the purposes of Section 51(1) of Chapter IV as on that date,

he shall receive instead such increased pension.

10. After Section 45A of Chapter XIV there shall be inserted the following Section:

45B. A member who is in the service of the Church of Ireland on 14 May 1998 and is aged between 67 and 70 years (inclusive) on that date shall receive a pension calculated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter as they existed on the day on which he reached the age of 67 years.

11. For Section 46(4) of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:

- (4) Every additional personal contribution referred to in sub-section (1) above shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) above, be made into the Fund either:
 - (a) by deduction from the stipend of the member concerned in accordance with the provisions of Section 35(2) of this Chapter and in such manner as Regulations made under this Section may prescribe; or
 - (b) by a single lump sum paid by the member in such manner as Regulations made under this Section may prescribe.

12. Section 46A of Chapter XIV is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

This section shall not apply to any modifications to section 40 of this Chapter which are included in a Statute enacted by the General Synod at its ordinary session in the year 1998.

13. Sub-section (1) of section 49 of Chapter XIV is hereby amended

- (a) by substituting "14 May 1998" for "18th May 1995" and "60%" for "50%" in paragraph (a);
- (b) by substituting "80%" for "two-thirds" in paragraph (b);
- (c) by substituting "60%" for "50%" in paragraph (c).

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14. The following section shall be inserted in Chapter XIV immediately following section 55:

55AA Notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter, the Board shall give effect to any order made by a civil court concerning retirement benefits consequent on the grant of a decree of judicial separation, annulment or dissolution of the marriage of a member or any order in proceedings concerning the custody of a child or children of a member.

15. For sub-section (1) of section 55A of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following sub-section:

(1) Where prior to his death a deceased member was separated from his wife or his marriage was annulled or dissolved, and an order to which section 55AA refers has not been made, a child dependency allowance shall be payable in respect of each of the children of the marriage to the person having actual custody of the children or such other person as the Board may from time to time approve to be held in trust by such person for each such child until the month in which such child attains the age of 18 or marries, whichever is the earlier.

16. For sub-section (1) of section 59A of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following sub-section:

(1) The rate of annuity payable under section 4 to the widow of a clergyman (not being the widow of a voluntary member) shall be increased with effect from 1 June 1998 by 39.24% in the case of annuities payable out of the Clergy Pensions Fund (Northern Ireland) or by 34.32% in the case of annuities payable out of the Clergy Pensions Fund (Republic of Ireland).

17. For Section 59 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following section:

59. The rate of

- (a) every pension payable to the widow of a clergyman under section 49 of this Chapter, and
(b) every child dependency allowance payable under section 54 of this Chapter,

payment of which commenced before 14 May 1998 and which is in course of payment on 31 May 1998 shall be increased with effect from 1 June 1998 by 20%: Provided that the total of pension and child dependency allowances shall not in any instance exceed the limit permitted by the Revenue Authorities.

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18. Section 76 of Chapter XIV is hereby amended as follows:
- (i) in sub-section (A1) there shall be substituted "14 May 1998" for "18th May 1995" and "60%" for "50%";
 - (ii) in sub-section (1) for the word "two-thirds" there shall be substituted the figure "80%";
 - (iii) in sub-section (2) for the figure "50%" there shall be substituted the figure "60%".
19. Section 78AA of Chapter XIV is hereby amended by inserting the following sub-sections:
- (5) The rate of every pension payable to an archbishop under sub-section (1) (ii) of section 70 of this Chapter, payment of which commenced before 1 January 1998 and which is in course of payment on 31 May 1998, shall be increased by 30% with effect from 1 June 1998.
 - (6) The rate of every pension payable to the widow of an archbishop or bishop under any of sections 49, 67 or 76 of this Chapter, payment of which commenced before 14 May 1998 and which is in course of payment on 31 May 1998, and the prospective entitlement of a widow under section 67, shall be increased with effect from 1 June 1998 by 56% in the case of a pension payable to the widow of an archbishop or by 20% in the case of a pension payable to the widow of a bishop.
20. For Section 80A(4) of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following sub-section:
- (4) A member in the service of the Church of Ireland on 14 May 1998 who has reached the age of 65 years but has not reached the age of 67 years on that date, and a member in the service of the Church of Ireland who reaches the age of 65 years between 15 May and 30 June 1998 (both dates inclusive) may, notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (3), exercise an option under sub-section (1) not later than 12 June 1998 and, if he opts for immediate commutation, the lump sum shall be payable on 30 June 1998 and calculated as though he retired on pension on that date.

BILL NO. 3

Explanatory Memorandum

The purpose of this bill is to secure finances to assist with the work of re-roofing Cloyne Cathedral, diocese of Cork Cloyne and Ross. The Commission on Church Buildings determined that the cathedral should remain open for Public Worship.

Parts of the cathedral date from 1250AD. Over recent years about half of the building, which is cruciform in shape, has been re-roofed by the efforts of the people; and with help from the Heritage Council of Ireland. There are eighteen families living in the Cloyne area of Cloyne Union of parishes. Over £50,000 has been spent.

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The resources of the people have been generously given. But the Cathedral has an asset which could complete the work on the roof of the cathedral sooner rather than later, if that asset could be realized.

Over the years certain pieces of silver plate have been donated to the Cathedral. For many years these have been surplus to requirements, and have been lodged in a bank vault, neither seen nor used.

Over the years certain pieces of silver plate from churches, in the parish of Cloyne Union, which have been closed for public worship, have been passed to the Dean of Cloyne Cathedral for safe keeping. These are surplus to requirements, and have been lodged in a bank vault, neither seen nor used.

The time has come to put these pieces of silver plate to use, not for the purpose for which they were intended, as they are surplus to requirements, towards the maintenance of Cloyne Cathedral. The proposer and seconder of the bill realise that they are setting one part of the heritage of Cloyne Cathedral against another - The Building or the Silver. It is their considered opinion that it would be morally wrong to leave silver in the bank vault while the Cathedral collapses. In that case the silver would certainly be surplus to requirements, as the building to which it was given would be in use no longer, or in existence no longer.

When work was being carried out on the roof of the choir in 1993 it was discovered that all the roof beams, dating from 1760s, were "Bowed". It can be reasonably assumed that beams in other parts of the roof are in the same condition. Therefore the task of re-roofing is urgent.

The Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne;
The Select Vestry of Cloyne Union of Parishes;
And the Diocesan Council of Cork, Cloyne and Ross;
Are all satisfied that the pieces of Silver Plate, listed in the schedule to the bill, should now be realised, and that the money generated by the sale of the silver plate pieces be used to continue re-roofing Cloyne Cathedral.

NO. 3

VERY REV. G.P. St. J. HILLIARD
MR. J.A.D. BIRD

BILL

To authorise the sale of certain pieces of silver plate which were donated for use in the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne; or in certain churches in Cloyne Union, Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, which have been closed for Public Worship.

WHEREAS certain pieces of silver plate which were donated for use in the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne, are no longer required for that purpose and have been for many years deposited for safe keeping in a bank;

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AND WHEREAS certain pieces of silver plate which were donated for use in churches in Cloyne Union which have been closed for public worship have also for many years been deposited for safe keeping in a bank;

AND WHEREAS substantial expenditure of a capital nature is required on the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne;

AND WHEREAS the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne and the Select Vestry of Cloyne Union, have consented to the provisions of this Statute;

AND WHEREAS the approval of the General Synod is required for the disposal of silver plate;

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 1998, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:-

1. The General Synod hereby authorises the sale, in the Republic of Ireland, of any or all of the pieces of silver plate contained in the Schedule to this Statute.
2. The proceeds of sale of any or all of the pieces of silver plate contained in the Schedule shall be applied exclusively towards expenditure of a capital nature on the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne.
3. The General Synod hereby ordains and directs the Representative Church Body to take such action compatible with the Civil Law as may be necessary to carry out the intentions of this Statute.

SCHEDULE

PART ONE

Silver plate donated for use in the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne:

- (a) The Scaredeville Chalice and Paten.
- (b) The Pooley Flagon.
- (c) The eleven inch diameter Paten, made by Adam Billon.
- (d) The nine inch diameter Paten, donated by H. Maule.

PART TWO

Silver plate donated for use in churches in Cloyne Union which have been closed for public worship:

- (a) The Aghada Chalice and Paten;
- (b) The Lisgoold Paten, donated by R. Woodward.

BILL NO. 4

Explanatory Memorandum

The dioceses of Meath and Kildare were united in 1976. With a relatively small number of clergy in the united diocese, it seems reasonable to allow an overlap of membership between the two cathedral chapters. This is however, precluded by the existing Statutes. The Statutes relating to both cathedrals pre-date the uniting of the dioceses, and therefore assume that membership of each chapter is restricted to the clergy of that particular diocese. In addition, there is a Statute relating to St. Brigid's Cathedral Kildare which states explicitly that a member of that chapter may not belong to any other cathedral chapter (except St. Patrick's Cathedral Dublin).

This bill permits membership of the chapters of both St. Patrick's Cathedral Trim and St. Brigid's Cathedral Kildare for clergy of the United Dioceses. It does not amalgamate the two chapters.

NO. 4

VEN. P. LAWRENCE

BILL

To provide for the future management and regulation of the Cathedral Churches of St. Brigid of Kildare and St. Patrick at Trim.

WHEREAS the Dioceses of Meath and Kildare having united, it is expedient to alter the provisions for the appointment of Clergy to the Dignities of the Cathedrals of the United Dioceses.

AND WHEREAS to give effect to the alteration of the said provisions it is necessary to amend the following Statutes namely 1878 c. viii. 1892 c. ii. and 1923 c. v relating to the Cathedral Church of St. Brigid of Kildare and 1954 c. iv relating to the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick at Trim.

AND WHEREAS the said two Cathedral Chapters have agreed to the provisions contained in this Act which have been approved at a meeting of the Diocesan Synod of the United Dioceses of Meath and Kildare held in Multyfarnham, Co. Westmeath on 20 September 1997.

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 1998, and by authority of the same, as follows:-

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1. That notwithstanding anything contained in the statutes of the Cathedral Church of St. Brigid of Kildare or of the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick at Trim that is to say 1878 c. viii, 1892 c. ii, 1923 c. v and 1954 c. iv, any member of the Clergy of the United Diocese appointed to any Dignity, Canonry, or Prebend in either of the said Cathedrals may nevertheless also be appointed to and hold any Dignity, Canonry or Prebend in the other of the said two Cathedrals.
2. This statute may be referred to as "The Kildare and Trim Cathedrals Regulation Amendment Act 1998".

BILL NO. 5

Explanatory Memorandum

The purpose of this Bill is to re-organise the united Cathedral Chapters of St. Canice, Kilkenny and St. Laserian, Leighlin in accordance with the expressed wishes of the Diocesan Synod held in Kilkenny on 7 October 1996 and agreed by the Diocesan Council of the United Dioceses of Cashel, Waterford, Lismore, Ossory and Leighlin held in Kilkenny on 20 March 1997.

Such reorganisation will permit the appointment of clergy by the Bishop of Cashel & Ossory from the Dioceses of Cashel, Waterford and Lismore, excluded by present legislation, to the Cathedral Chapters of St. Canice, Kilkenny and St. Laserian, Leighlin. The historic rights and dignities of the Cathedral Chapters of St. John the Baptist, Cashel, St. Carthage, Lismore, and Christ Church, Waterford will not be affected.

Enactment of this proposed legislation will create a Cathedral Chapter of St. Canice's Kilkenny which represents the United Dioceses of Cashel, Waterford, Lismore, Ossory and Leighlin, and serves the needs of the United Diocese as expressed by the Diocesan Synod, yet preserves the historic rights and dignities of St. Laserian Cathedral, Leighlin.

NO. 5

VERY REV. N.N. LYNAS
VERY REV. P.J. KNOWLES

BILL

To re-organise the united Chapters of the Cathedral Churches of St. Canice, Kilkenny and St. Laserian, Leighlin.

WHEREAS it is expedient to re-organise the Cathedral Chapters of St. Canice, Kilkenny and St. Laserian, Leighlin, united under previous legislation;

AND WHEREAS the Dignities of Precentor, Chancellor and Treasurer of each of the said Cathedral Churches and the Archdeaconries of Ossory and Leighlin are filled by the person holding the corresponding Dignity and Archdeaconry in the other Cathedral Church;

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AND WHEREAS the Diocesan Synod held in Kilkenny on 7 October 1996 resolved that such re-organisation is desirable, and the said Cathedral Chapters have agreed to the provisions hereinafter set forth, the approval of which was agreed by the Diocesan Council of the United Dioceses of Cashel, Waterford, Lismore, Ossory and Leighlin held in Kilkenny on 20 March 1997;

AND WHEREAS it is not desired in any way to affect the Rights and Dignities of the Cathedral Chapters of St. John the Baptist and St. Patrick's Rock, Cashel, St. Carthage, Lismore, or The Blessed Trinity (Christ Church), Waterford;

Be it enacted by the Archbishop and Bishops, and by the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in the year 1998, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. (a) The Cathedral Chapter of St. Canice, Kilkenny shall consist of the following Dignitaries and Prebendaries:

The Dean of Ossory
The Precentor
The Chancellor
The Treasurer
The Archdeacon
The Prebendary of Blackrath
The Prebendary of Aghoure
The Prebendary of Mayne
The Prebendary of Killamery
The Prebendary of Tascoffin
The Prebendary of Kilmanagh
The Prebendary of Cloneamery

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- (b) The Prebendary of Mayne shall be the Dean of Cashel for the time being
The Prebendary of Killamery shall be the Dean of Lismore for the time being
The Prebendary of Tascoffin shall be the Dean of Leighlin for the time being
The Prebendary of Cloneamery shall be the Dean of Waterford for the time being.

2. (a) The Cathedral Chapter of St. Laserian, Leighlin shall consist of the following Dignitaries and Prebendaries:

The Dean of Leighlin
The Precentor
The Chancellor
The Treasurer
The Archdeacon
The Prebendary of Telcome
The Prebendary of Ullard
The Prebendary of Tullowmagimma
The Prebendary of Aghold

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- (b) The Prebendary of Telcome shall be the Dean of Cashel for the time being
The Prebendary of Ullard shall be the Dean of Ossory for the time being
The Prebendary of Tullowmagimma shall be the Dean of Lismore for the time being
The Prebendary of Aghold shall be the Dean of Waterford for the time being.
- 3. The Dignitaries and remaining Prebendaries shall be appointed by the Bishop of Cashel and Ossory from amongst the beneficed or licensed clergy of the United Dioceses of Cashel, Waterford, Lismore, Ossory and Leighlin.
- 4. (a) There shall be one Archdeacon for the United Dioceses of Cashel, Waterford, Lismore, Ossory and Leighlin, to be known as the Archdeacon of Cashel, Waterford, Lismore, Ossory and Leighlin, with jurisdiction in each of these United Dioceses and to be a member of each of the Cathedral Chapters in these United Dioceses.

(b) If the Bishop so determines, the Archdeaconry may be held by the Dean of Cashel, or the Dean of Waterford, or the Dean of Lismore, or the Dean of Ossory, or the Dean of Leighlin.
- 5. The provisions of this Statute shall be without prejudice to the rights of the existing holders of any Dignity or Prebendal Stall, and they shall not give to any member the right to a second vote in the united Cathedral Chapters of St. Canice's Kilkenny and St. Laserian's, Leighlin.
- 6. When vacancies occur in the existing Dignities and Prebendal Stalls, or as soon as is practicable after the passing of the Statute, the Bishop shall take all the necessary steps to secure that the Dignities and Prebendal Stalls shall be held in accordance with the provisions contained in this Statute.
- 7. Section 2 of Chapter XII of the Statutes of General Synod 1922
Sections 3 and 4 of Chapter VIII of the Statutes of General Synod 1963
Sections 5(a) and 5(b) of Chapter V of the Statutes of the General Synod of 1981 are hereby repealed.

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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 12 MAY, 1998

On this day, according to the summons of His Grace the Lord Primate, the Synod, having attended the Celebration of the Holy Communion in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital Kilmainham at 9.30 a.m., assembled in the Great Hall.

The Chair was taken at 11.00 a.m. by His Grace the Lord Primate.

A portion of Holy Scripture and Prayer was read by the Bishop of Tuam.

A list of the members of the Synod was laid on the Table.

The President nominated Mr. M.C. Davey to act as his Assessor.

President's Address

His Grace the Lord Primate delivered the following address:-

Your Grace, my lords, members of the General Synod, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

I welcome you to the General Synod of 1998 and I pray that Almighty God will bless and guide our work together this week.

Time of Decision

As I reflect on my own years as a member of the General Synod I can recall the many occasions when we have gathered to transact the business of our Church and to discuss the needs of our communities in an atmosphere of sorrow, frustration and bewilderment.

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What was happening through those long years of violence and division cast its shadow on our work. We brought to our sessions a vivid reflection of suffering and bereavement and we sought under God the role our Church should play as our people, particularly in Northern Ireland, faced seemingly endless darkness. As we gather this year the people of Ireland prepare to vote on some of the most important issues which will affect not alone our own generation but generations to come. This is a time of decision. This is a time of unique importance for our people in both jurisdictions.

I recognise that there are many opinions being expressed throughout our island on what should or should not be the nature of those decisions. Within this General Synod those differing opinions are well represented. Yet, irrespective of our personal views, could any of us have imagined even a year ago that we would meet this year in such an atmosphere of change? Time and again this Synod has urged politicians to engage in dialogue. Time and again this Synod has emphasised that violence will solve nothing. Time and again this Synod has urged politicians to show courage. Time and again this Synod has prayed for hope and vision of a new way forward. Now we, the people of Ireland, have to make decisions. Irrespective of the results of the referenda throughout the Church of Ireland and beyond while views cover a wide spectrum of opinion, north and south, there is a ground-swell of longing at present for stability, peace and greater understanding.

Members of Synod, as we express our different attitudes to the effort which produced the Agreement and as we share our different opinions on the questions in the Referenda let us try to place it all in perspective.

The Agreement was and is a political document produced by politicians. It represents years of arduous work. It represents political possibilities of immense significance. But it is a political document. It is an important step on the long road - but it is not the end of the road. It is not the final or complete solution to our problems. I have often felt that one of the great dangers in the peace process in Ireland is that political agreement alone would ever be considered all that is needed. The Agreement is a vital point in the Irish pilgrimage of peace. But what really matters lies in the hearts and minds, the wishes and the actions, the relationships and the attitudes of the people of Ireland. How we relate to each other, how we regard each other, how we deal with each other - above all how we build bridges between the traditions will be the ultimate yard-stick for the quality of our lives in Ireland in the days ahead.

The Standing Committee recently issued a statement on the coming referenda. It spoke of the importance of prayerful consideration of the issues and the freedom to record a vote according to individual conscience. It is the view of the Standing Committee that such is the nature of the guidance to be offered to members of the Church of Ireland at this time and that a vote according to conscience which can be either 'yes' or 'no' is a personal matter.

I have to say that the recent attempts by some interests in Northern Ireland to categorise a 'yes' vote as non-Christian and a 'no' vote as Christian are deplorable. The casting of one's vote according to conscience has nothing to do with the calibre of one's Christian profession. A Christian can vote 'yes' or 'no' and remain a faithful follower of Christ.

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I recognise that there are those who would wish the Church of Ireland to give categorical indication of how a person should vote. I share the view that that course would be wrong. What I believe are the key steps for any member of the Church of Ireland to take can be simply stated:

- ◆ understand the issues and listen to the arguments for and against;
- ◆ make those issues the subject of your prayers;
- ◆ consider if the proposals are fair not just to ourselves but to the position of others;
- ◆ record our vote.

It is a moment of decision. It is a moment when the whole of Ireland must express its view. It is not just a matter for the people of Northern Ireland. There are implications for everyone on this island in what is to be decided. No matter what our views may be - it is an historic moment. May God guide Ireland and bless her people...

Our Past - a Key to the Future

Members of General Synod, the Referenda apart there are serious and wider issues to be considered by the Church at this time. Irrespective of what decisions will be made in the immediate future the real quality of life for us all will stem from personal attitudes, personal relationships and outlook.

High on this list must be the nature of our attitude to reconciliation. What does it mean? What does it involve? What is the Christian dimension to reconciliation at this stage of Irish history?

Reconciliation is a process - not a single fact. It involves attitudes not just to each other, but to the past, to experience, to memory - and to what we do with memories.

For the Christian, reconciliation in society lies in the context of reconciliation with God. It is not just the present revelation of God's love and purpose but in the knowledge and memory of what God has already achieved that our spiritual expression of reconciliation must be placed. In the Biblical context the pilgrim gains strength for what lies ahead from what has occurred in the past.

I believe that fact has much to say to us about the nature of reconciliation today.

Memories

In this address I want to deal with one aspect of the process of reconciliation - an aspect which has immense human dimensions.

Isn't it true that the most positive, the best, developments in human experience are believable mostly in retrospect, not in prospect? Only in retrospect do great dreams take on the colour of plausibility. In other words, it is much easier to look back to events in both public and private life and wonder why they proved difficult at the time than to look

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ahead and be the confident prophet on their outcome. Was it plausible to most of our world before it happened in April 1994 that a fiercely protective white minority holding supreme power in South Africa would grant political and racial equality to an overwhelming black majority, installing as President a black leader with a record of 27 years imprisonment? Who could have anticipated that in 1989 a seemingly invincible communism would take a week to collapse from the top and that 13 occupied nations of the former Soviet Union would have achieved their freedom?

Retrospect is the key to hope. Retrospect is the key to human courage. Retrospect is the key to how we look forward. Who would have thought that from the dead body of a condemned and brutalised woodworker and his little group of intimidated disciples there would arise generations of convinced believers seeking to continue his life and power, with hands of compassion and justice around the earth?

Looking back is often just as important as looking forward. When we consider the distance travelled it often helps us to put the way ahead into perspective. Recent months have produced approaches to historic differences unimaginable a short time ago. Future generations will look to our time and probably wonder at our difficulties.

At the heart of the process of reconciliation lies the issue of what we do with our memories, for memory can hold the real key to the present and the future.

In our current situation a vast amount is being demanded of perhaps the most vulnerable section of society as we seek to move forward. For them memory and what they do with it is the centre of their being.

A Forgotten People

Throughout the years of our Troubles atrocities have provoked the widest spectrum of human reaction. Anger, disgust and resentment have walked hand-in-hand with suffering, bereavement and hurt which it is impossible for those who have mercifully escaped the actualities of tragedy in their own family circle to comprehend. As history moves on so do attitudes. Euphoria and hope can easily dull reaction to the sensitivities of the most vulnerable.

Within the Church of Ireland there are so many families and individuals who carry on their hearts, minds and bodies scars, memories and thoughts which only they can appreciate. I feel we have a duty as a Church which has attempted to minister to them pastorally so faithfully through the years to remember them during this Synod.

A few weeks ago I met with a group of people who have lived with those scars and will continue to do so probably for the rest of their lives. Some of them find it impossible to gain regular employment. Some cannot enjoy normal relationships with other human beings. Some spoke to me of "*having no hope for the future*". If any of you had been with me on that occasion you would I am sure have been as moved as I was.

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Among individuals and families who have been classified as the 'victims' by society it is not just those who have lost loved-ones. It is the wide circle of friends and relatives - and one cannot estimate a figure to describe such a wide circle. From within that sector of society we have marvelled at the levels of forgiveness, reconciliation and resilience at individual examples of courage and forbearance. Who could possibly ignore the pleas for no retaliation or no revenge from homes stricken by heartache? Such sentiments must always rank as supreme examples of Christian living which so outshine the reactions of those who too often captured the headlines with their own sentiments.

Society in general and the Church in particular cannot allow those who endure such burdens to become '*the forgotten people of Ireland*'. In any changed circumstances there is so much being demanded of them. Too easily they become yesterday's names, yesterday's headlines and yesterday's problem.

Parish clergy in Northern Ireland know these people. Those close to them know them. Tragically, society too easily forgets the price they have paid and continue to pay for our troubled history. Rightly it is said of all conflicts that time moves on - unfortunately for some in Ireland time does not necessarily heal the wounds.

I believe the current situation demands a great deal of '*the forgotten people*'. They are being asked to accept much which will require degrees of courage, understanding and charity. While many of them do acknowledge the need to move forward there are those who find it impossible to come to terms with a situation which seems to speak as one person has said to me of "*a convenient forgetting for the sake of peace*". Those are words, very human words, which in all our discussions we must not ignore. Nor must we treat such sentiments lightly.

Last week's announcement by the British government of financial assistance for the victims of the troubles has of course to be welcomed. But I have to say that such recognition of those who have lost most would have had much greater significance if it had been produced a long time ago. '*The forgotten people*' deserve to be recognised in much more tangible ways than in the run-up to the Referenda.

For a long time I have been among those calling on government to consider the needs of such cases. May I plead with government not to use any such word as '*compensation*' in this regard. Such terms seem to me to be totally inappropriate and insensitive. No one can be *compensated* for the loss of a loved one. But at least this recent move can be welcomed as recognition of genuine need.

Soon the Bloomfield Report on a suitable memorial to the victims will be produced. In our submission the northern bishops have stressed the need for some form of remembrance which will look forward as well as back: that will speak to the needs of a new generation while recalling with dignity the tragedies of the past.

Prisoners

The whole issue of the release of prisoners is the cause of much debate at present. I find that question has provoked much heart-searching - and in particular to the *'forgotten people'* and their relatives to whom I have already referred. Such releases demand so much from those who have lost most and suffered most. Beyond political questions and on purely moral grounds I wonder has sufficient consideration been given at any level of this issue to at the least a recognition by those who may be released that suffering has occurred and at the least a declaration of their regret for their part in that suffering? Such words will not immediately heal wounds - and many will be sceptical of such declarations. But if we are in fact to move into a new era when healing of wounds and memories is to take place such sentiments expressed in some way could play a role in the healing process. I make this suggestion purely in the light of my knowledge of the depth of suffering endured by so many within and without the Church of Ireland during the years of violence.

There has been much use of the word *'forgiveness'* recently. That is a most emotive word. It calls for the greatly varying reactions. At times it demands of people something far and beyond their emotions. Forgiveness does not mean forgetting. But forgiveness from the lips of some who have lost so much has stunned the community during the past few years. No one has a right to demand another to show forgiveness. No one has the right to judge another for either showing forgiveness or withholding it. It is a very personal matter. But the process of peace involves reconciliation and there can be no real and lasting reconciliation without healing in which forgiveness plays a part. This is where the Church of Jesus Christ has such a role to play. The Churches were challenged and tested during the years of prolonged violence. The Churches face an even greater testing time and challenge now as we seek to speak, act and influence attitudes in the minefield of those many *'grey areas'* of the search for permanent peace.

There are no easy answers to questions of reconciliation and forgiveness. There are no easy answers to what we do with our memories. The Church must struggle and go on struggling with these questions. But I feel that the sign-posts provided by the revelation of God in Christ, the revelation of God's forgiveness, and in a human sense, the distance our society has already travelled, hold one key to the way forward.

Bishop of Tuam

Since we last met the Episcopal Electoral College has elected a new bishop for Tuam, Killala and Achonry. On behalf of the General Synod I welcome Bishop Richard Henderson and wish him, Mrs Henderson and their family every blessing as they settle into their new life in the west. Within the House of Bishops we have already benefited from his gifts and wisdom.

Lambeth Conference

During the summer the archbishops and bishops of the Church of Ireland will attend the Lambeth Conference at Canterbury. Each decade the Archbishop of Canterbury invites the Bishops of the Anglican Communion to join him in this Conference. This year's event will be the largest numerically and probably the most in-depth study of Anglicanism and how our Communion relates to the world we live in of any Lambeth Conference. All of our bishops will be fully involved in study, dialogue and fellowship which it produces in the worship and in the decisions to be reached. The agenda contains subjects of great importance - and to be realistic about it - some subjects which are divisive and prompt strong reaction. In the months after the Conference I am quite certain each of our dioceses will hear much of what will take place. I ask you all to remember the Lambeth Conference in your prayers.

Communication

Recently the Church of Ireland Youth Council made a memorable presentation of its work to the General Synod. This year that opportunity has been extended to the Central Communications Board of our Church.

Few departments of the Church in this day and age demand and deserve such attention and priority as communications. The Church is in the business of communicating. How we communicate is just as vital as what we communicate. This is the age of information technology. We are seeing a veritable revolution in communication. On Wednesday you will have the opportunity to learn of how our Board is facing up to the challenge of making the voice of the Church of Ireland known through the media, how we are sharing information about ourselves with others and how we are attempting to extend Christ's kingdom through modern communication methods. Radio, television, the Internet, E-mail, relations with the media, the training of clergy and laity to play a part in mass communication, Church publications, diocesan and parish magazines - all are a part of this vast developing world. More and more the voice of the Church as it proclaims the Gospel must take its competitive place beside a secular world in which the highest quality of production and presentation is rightly demanded. In many ways the pulpit is now the TV screen; the mystery of God tends to be explained in widely scrutinised radio and TV programmes; the opinion of the Church is expressed in the news interview; the Christian contribution to community life is in the newspaper article. No Church can afford to diminish either its interest or financial commitment to communications. We have come a long way as a Church from those days when someone was appointed in a part-time capacity to answer journalists' queries about the parish fête. We are now in a highly sophisticated world of critical and often hostile attitude. We must face that world, be involved in that world and influence that world in the name of Christ.

I pay tribute to the work of the Communications Board, the Broadcasting and Literature Committees, the Press Officer and the diocesan communication officers for all their work on our behalf. Mr Mark Larmour has done excellent work for us on the technical side of communications, on a part-time basis. During the year Mrs Betty McLaughlin retired after 12 years as assistant to Mrs Elizabeth Gibson-Harries and we pay tribute to her long and devoted service to the Press Office. In her place we welcome Mrs Jennie Compston.

European Issues

The book of reports which we will consider in this Synod contains a wealth of detail on many subjects. I pray we will give all these issues careful attention for they represent many hours of dedicated work by those who have acted on our behalf.

During the debate on the Role of the Church Committee report Dr Milne will be telling us something of the issues being addressed by the Working Party on Europe. I attach great importance to this work. Agriculture is a primary concern for many members of this Synod. Members of the Church of Ireland have made significant contributions to the development of farming policy. Legislation from Brussels on agriculture is of supreme importance to our farming community. Today the entire agriculture industry faces crisis. The question of survival for many farms is now of prime importance in Ireland. I feel it is essential that the Santer proposals in the recently published Agenda 2000 should give a clear indication that our rural population is afforded a reasonable opportunity to farm the land of their native island. Agriculture, as the Working Group reminds us, is the heartland of the Church of Ireland in the Republic. This Synod cannot ignore the concerns of our farming communities, north as well as south.

The Dean of Christ Church

I know the General Synod will join with me in extending our very best wishes to the Very Reverend J.T.F. Paterson, Dean of Christ Church, as he resumes his duties following his long and trying illness and major surgery. We were remembering him in our prayers and I know you will all share my admiration for the courage and patience John exhibited which were an example to us all.

Mrs Rhoda Neill

It is our custom to refer during our prayers to those former members of the General Synod who have died since we last met. However there is one name which could easily be overlooked, but which will be remembered by senior members of the General Synod who recall the days of the 'old' Synod Hall at Christ Church. During the year Mrs Rhoda Neill, who was for many years responsible for catering at Synod and who worked in conditions unacceptable to many commercial caterers, passed away. She provided that service willingly, voluntarily and with the help of a team which included her own husband and family. Let us not be too busy with concerns of the present that we overlook those who have helped us so willingly in the years that are past.

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As the Bishop of Connor reminded us in his sermon at St Patrick's last night we need to address the demands of change. We face change in almost every department of our lives at this time. As a Church we are passing through a period of change: change in structures, change in personnel, change in the opportunities and demands made upon us by the attitudes of people to the things of God. We are surrounded by the possibilities of change in Ireland. To this picture of change we must seek to bring a Christian perspective. We cannot see into the future with certainty. But the future is in the hands of God - just as are our memories of the past. All this and more is reflected in this week's agenda of the General Synod.

May I share with you some words I came across recently. They were written by a contemporary American poet, Susan Sherard. I take comfort from them. As we begin our work in this era of change let them remind us that human hope is never unaccompanied by the divine presence.

*"Heaven will not leave us alone.
Heaven will continue to come to earth
Until heaven and earth are one.
Heaven will not leave us alone until
Love's work is done."*

May God bless us all.

Motions on Procedure

It was proposed by Mr. E.W.R. Cookman, seconded by the Very Rev. H. Cassidy, and passed:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 56, the time available under Standing Order 3 be allocated as follows:

Tuesday 12 May

11.00 a.m. President takes the chair
to Reading of Holy Scripture and Prayer
1.00 p.m. List of members of the General Synod to be laid on the table
Nomination of an assessor by the President
President's Address
Motion No. 1 - Timetable
Motion No. 2 (a) - Education Reports
Motion No. 2 (b) - Suspending Standing Orders
Formal business and communications
Bills Nos. 1 and 2
Report of the Pensions Board (not more than 30 minutes)
Bills Nos. 3, 4 and 5

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- 2.00 p.m. Answers to requests for information (if any) (S.O. 51)
to Bills Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (continued)
6.30 p.m. Report of the Standing Committee (not more than 2 hours to
include 30 minutes allocated for Appendix E on
Sectarianism)
Motion No. 4 in the name of the Honorary Secretaries
(not more than 15 minutes)
Report of the Commission on Episcopal Needs
(not more than 1 hour)

Wednesday 13 May

- 10.00 a.m. Formal business and communications
to Bishop of Meath - Format of the Presentation by the Central
1.00 p.m. Communications Board (not more than 7 minutes)
Report of the Representative Body (not more than 2 hours)
Motion No. 6 in the names of Mr. G.W. McMaster and
Rev. A.D.H. Orr (not more than 20 minutes)
Report of the Commission on Ministry
(not more than 45 minutes)
Motion No. 5 in the names of Rev. Canon S.F. Gillmor and
Very Rev. R.B. MacCarthy (not more than 20 minutes)
Motion No. 9 in the names of Rev. Canon W.G. Neely and
Very Rev. R.B. MacCarthy (not more than 20 minutes)
- 2.00 p.m. Presentation by the Central Communications Board
to (not more than 30 minutes)
6.30 p.m. Answers to requests for information (if any) (S.O. 51)
Report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee } (not more than
Liturgical Resolutions } 45 minutes)
Report of the Church of Ireland }
Marriage Council } (not more than
Motion No. 8 in the names of The Bishop } 40 minutes)
of Down and Dromore and Dr. J. Turner }
Report of the Hymnal Revision Committee
(not more than 30 minutes)
Report of the Role of the Church Committee
(not more than 1 hour)
Report of the Christian Stewardship Committee
(not more than 30 minutes)
Report of the Church's Ministry of Healing
(not more than 30 minutes)
Report of the Committee for Christian Unity
(not more than 30 minutes)

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| 10.00 a.m. | Formal business and communications |
| to | Bills: further stages as ordered on Tuesday |
| 1.00 p.m. | Report of the Board of Education } (not more than 1 Report of the Secondary } hour 30 minutes) Education Committee } |
| | Report of the Select Committee on Communion of Baptised but Unconfirmed (not more than 30 minutes) |
| | Motion No. 7 in the names of Mr. W. Quigley and Mr. V.G. Carson (not more than 20 minutes) |
| 2.00 p.m. | Answers to requests for information (if any) (S.O. 51) |
| to | Report of the Church of Ireland Youth Council |
| 4.30 p.m. | (not more than 30 minutes) |
| | Report of the Council for the Church Overseas (not more than 30 minutes) |
| | Report of the Board of Social Responsibility (N.I.) (not more than 30 minutes) |
| | Report of the Board of Social Responsibility (R.I.) (not more than 30 minutes) |
| | Report of the Council for Mission in Ireland (not more than 30 minutes) |
| | Report of the Commission on Church Buildings (not more than 15 minutes) |
| | Motion No. 3 concerning publication of the Journal (not more than 5 minutes) |

- At 4.25 p.m. any outstanding items will be put from the Chair without debate.
- If business listed for any period is completed before the hour appointed for adjournment, Reports listed for Thursday afternoon will be taken in reverse order, commencing with the Commission on Church Buildings.
- References in this motion to a "Report" shall include any Resolutions accompanying such Report on the Agenda Paper.

It was proposed by Mr. E.W.R. Cookman, seconded by the Very Rev. H. Cassidy, and passed:

- (a) That the Reports of the Board of Education and the Secondary Education Committee be taken together, that the first part of the debate be confined to matters mainly concerning education in the Republic of Ireland, being introduced by two speeches, one on behalf of the Board of Education and one on behalf of the Secondary Education Committee;

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that the second part of the debate be confined to matters mainly concerning education in Northern Ireland, being introduced by one speech, on behalf of the Board of Education, and that the time allotted to each part of the debate be at the discretion of the President, but not to exceed a total of one and a half hours.

- (b) That Standing Orders be suspended at 2.00 p.m. until 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 13 May to allow presentations to be made by the Central Communications Board.

Reports of Committees and Boards etc

The following reports were presented:

Representative Church Body
Church of Ireland Pensions Board
Standing Committee
 World Development - Bishops' Appeal Advisory Committee
 Central Communications Board
 Sectarianism Working Group
Role of the Church Committee
Board of Education
Youth Council
Secondary Education Committee
Council for the Church Overseas
Committee for Christian Unity
Liturgical Advisory Committee
Commission on Ministry
Commission on Episcopal Needs
Marriage Council
Council for Mission in Ireland
Hymnal Revision Committee
Select Committee on the Communion of the Baptised but Unconfirmed
Commission on Church Buildings
Church's Ministry of Healing
Christian Stewardship Committee
Board for Social Responsibility (NI)
Board for Social Responsibility (RI)
Priorities News
ICC Annual Report
Church of Ireland Jubilee Fund: 109th Annual Report
CIYC: Audited Accounts to the Year End 1997
Incorporated Society: Report and Accounts to end July 1997

Diocesan Synods Rules and Regulations

The following Rules and Regulations were laid on the table:

Diocese of Clogher, Appendix to Diocesan Financial Scheme (New Financial Regulations).

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Bills

A copy of the Bills Pamphlet was laid on the table.

Liturgical Resolutions

A copy of Liturgical Resolutions Nos. 1 and 2 and the Schedule to Resolution No. 1 were laid on the table.

Report of the Bills Committee

In accordance with Standing Order 24(b) the Bills Committee met at Church of Ireland House on 21 April 1998 at 4.30 pm.

Present: The Bishop of Cashel and Ossory (Chairman)
Mr. M.C. Davey
Canon J.L.B. Deane
Ven. R.G. Hoey
Rev. Canon R.D. Harman
Ven. P. Lawrence

Apologies: Lady Sheil
Ven. G.C.S. Linney
The Archbishop of Dublin
Very Rev. G.P. St. J. Hilliard
Very Rev. N.N. Lynas

1. The Committee considered Bills Nos. 1-5 in the attached Bill Pamphlet.

Bill No 1: The Committee made no comments on this Bill.

Bill No 2: Canon Deane drew the attention of the Committee to 2 formatting errors.

(1) On page 18 the word “member” should be moved to the previous page for clarity.

(2) On page 15 in Section 7, the text of 42(1) and 42(2) should be aligned.

The Committee agreed to correct these errors in future printing of the Bill.

Bill No 3: The Committee agreed that the word “Authority” in the last line of the Preamble should read “authority”.

The Committee made no other comments on this Bill.

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Bill No 4: The Committee agreed that the words “and Canonries” should be inserted after the word “Dignities” on the second line of the Preamble.

The Committee agreed that the word “the” should be inserted after the words “and by” on the penultimate line of the Preamble.

The Committee made no other comments on this Bill.

Bill No 5: The Committee agreed that the word “and” in line 5 of the Preamble should be deleted and the word “or” inserted in its place. The Committee agreed that the words “of Cashel and Ossory” in Section 3 of the Bill on the last line of page 30 should be deleted.

The Committee made no other comments on this Bill.

2. The Committee considered the Liturgical Resolutions Nos. 1 and 2.

Resolution No 1 The Committee made no comment on this Resolution.

Resolution No 2 The Committee made no comment on this Resolution.

Bill (No.1) to amend Chapter VI of the Constitution

It was proposed by the Archbishop of Dublin, seconded by the Bishop of Kilmore, and passed:

That leave be given to introduce Bill No. 1.

That the Bill be approved in principle and given a second reading.

According to order the House went into Committee.

The Bill was considered Clause by Clause.

The Clauses were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

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Bill (No.2) to amend Chapter XIV of the Constitution

It was proposed by Canon J.L.B. Deane, seconded by Lady Sheil, and passed:

That leave be given to introduce Bill No. 2.

That the Bill be approved in principle and given a second reading.

According to order the House went into Committee.

The Bill was considered Clause by Clause.

The Clauses were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

Thursday 14 May was fixed for the next stage.

Church of Ireland Pensions Board

It was proposed by the Rev. Canon V.E.S. McKeon, seconded by Mr. W.T. Morrow, and passed:

That the Report of the Church of Ireland Pensions Board be received and adopted.

Bill (No. 3) to authorise the sale of certain pieces of silver plate which were donated for use in the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne; or in certain churches in Cloyne Union, Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, which have been closed for public worship.

It was proposed by the Very Rev. G.B. St. J. Hilliard, seconded by Mr. J.A.D. Bird, and passed:

That leave be given to introduce Bill No. 3.

That the Bill be approved in principle and given a second reading.

According to order the House went into Committee.

The Bill was considered Clause by Clause.

It was proposed by the Very Rev. G.B. St. J. Hilliard, seconded by Mr. J.A.D. Bird, and passed:

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That the word "Authority" in the last line of the preamble be deleted and substituted with the word "authority".

The Clauses were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

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VOTING: Ayes: 215 Noes: 188

Bill (No. 4) to provide for the future management and regulation of the Cathedral Churches of St. Brigid of Kildare and St. Patrick at Trim.

It was proposed by the Ven. P. Lawrence, seconded by the Rev. Canon A.J. Grimason, and passed:

That leave be given to introduce Bill No. 4.

That the Bill be approved in principle and given a second reading.

According to order the House went into Committee.

The Bill was considered Clause by Clause.

It was proposed by the Ven. P. Lawrence, seconded by the Rev. A.J. Grimason, and passed:

- (1) That the words "and Canonries" be inserted after the word "Dignities" on the second line of the Preamble.
- (2) That the word "the" inserted after the words "and by" on the penultimate line of the Preamble.

The Clauses were passed.

The Preamble was passed.

The Bill was reported.

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Chair

The Archbishop of Dublin took the Chair.

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Bill (No. 5) to reorganise the united Chapters of the Cathedral Churches of St. Canice, Kilkenny and St. Lasarian, Leighlin.

It was proposed by the Ven. J.G. Murray, seconded by the Very Rev. P.J. Knowles, and lost:

That leave be given to introduce Bill No. 5.

VOTING: Ayes: 117 Noes: 157

Adjournment

The House adjourned at 1.00 p.m. and resumed at 2.00 p.m.

Chair

The Archbishop of Armagh resumed the Chair.

Standing Committee

It was proposed by Mrs. A.A. Bedlow, seconded by the Bishop of Clogher, and passed:

That the Report of the Standing Committee be received and adopted.

That the General Synod of the Church of Ireland agrees that the following Declaration arising from the Fetter Lane Agreement between the Church of England, the Church of Ireland and the Moravian Church in Great Britain and Ireland be signed on behalf of the Church of Ireland:

THE FETTER LANE DECLARATION

We, the Church of England, the Church of Ireland and the Moravian Church in Great Britain and Ireland, in light of what we have re-discovered of our common history and heritage and on the basis of our common understanding of our calling to full, visible unity, our fundamental agreement in faith, our understanding of the ordained ministry of the Church, and our agreement on apostolicity and succession, make the following acknowledgements and commitments.

We acknowledge one another's churches as churches belonging to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ and truly participating in the apostolic mission of the whole people of God;

We acknowledge that in our churches the Word of God is authentically preached and the sacraments of baptism and eucharist are duly administered;

We acknowledge that both our churches share in the common confession of the apostolic faith;

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We acknowledge the extent of our common traditions of spirituality and liturgy, which have given us similar forms of worship, common texts, hymns, canticles and prayers;

We acknowledge one another's ordained ministries, ordered in a threefold pattern, as given by God and as instruments of his grace by which our churches are served and built up, and look forward to the time when our churches are united and our ministries are interchangeable;

We acknowledge in our churches an episcopal ministry through which both churches intend to continue the ministry of the universal Church and to maintain and signify the apostolicity and catholicity of the Church. This intention has been signified in the laying on of hands by those already so consecrated.

We acknowledge that personal and collegial oversight (*episkope*) is embodied and exercised in our churches in a variety of forms, episcopal and synodical, as a visible sign of the Church's unity and continuity in apostolic life, mission and ministry.

We commit ourselves to share a common life and mission. We will take all possible steps to visible unity in as many areas of life and witness as possible.

As the next steps towards that goal we agree:

To worship together and to pray for and with one another;

On the basis of our common baptism to welcome one another's baptized members to receive sacramental and other pastoral ministrations;

To encourage the invitation of authorized ministers of our churches to minister in the other church in accordance with existing regulations;

Taking into account other ecumenical partnerships and formal relations, to encourage the establishment of Local Ecumenical Partnerships wherever a Moravian and an Anglican congregation live in the same community;

To participate as observers by invitation in each other's forms of oversight, including meetings of bishops and synods;

To train candidates for ordained and lay ministries of our churches together where appropriate;

To share our resources appropriately in order to strengthen the mission of the Church;

To help our own members and members of other churches to appreciate and draw out the distinctive gifts which each of our traditions has to offer to the wider Church;

To share the insight of our Common Statement with Anglicans and Moravians in other parts of the world and to invite our international bodies to consider the implications of this Agreement for their consultative processes.

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Committees etc. Reporting to the General Synod

It was proposed by Mr. E.W.R. Cookman, seconded by the Very Rev. H. Cassidy, and passed:

- (a) That commencing in the year 1999 the following shall report to General Synod at least once every two years:

Council for Church Overseas
Church of Ireland Youth Council
Council for Mission in Ireland
Commission on Church Buildings
Church's Ministry of Healing
Christian Stewardship Committee
Board for Social Responsibility (N.I.)
Board for Social Responsibility (R.I.)
Committee for Christian Unity
Church of Ireland Marriage Council

- (b) That the identity of those bodies reporting in any given year shall be determined by agreement between the bodies listed above and the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod subject to the approval of the Standing Committee at its January meeting. Where such agreement is not forthcoming the Standing Committee shall make a ruling.

Chair

The Archbishop of Dublin took the Chair.

Commission on Episcopal Needs

The following motion was proposed by the Bishop of Kilmore and seconded by Mr. W.F. Baker:

That the Report of the Commission on Episcopal Needs be received.

It was proposed by the Bishop of Kilmore, seconded by Mr. W.F. Baker, and passed:

That the motion that "that the report of the Commission on Episcopal Needs be received" be deleted and replaced by "That the report of the Commission on Episcopal Needs be adopted and that the Standing Committee be requested to take the necessary action for implementation of its proposals".

The motion as amended was passed.

VOTING: Ayes: 122 Noes: 108

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Notices of Motion

The following Notices of Motion were handed in to the Honorary Secretaries and read to the House:

MOTION IN THE NAMES OF DR. A.R. ACHESON AND THE REV. G.C. KERR

That the General Synod, in the light of the Agreement reached in the recent multi-party talks, calls on our Church of Ireland people, in both jurisdictions, prayerfully to consider and conscientiously to determine their response to the choice before them in the Referendums to be held on 22 May 1998.

MOTION IN THE NAMES OF THE VERY REV. D.R. CHILLINGWORTH AND THE REV. CANON W.R.D. McCREERY

- (a) That the Church of Ireland supports the work and aims of Jubilee 2000 and should seek membership of the Jubilee 2000 Coalition.
- (b) That as an earnest of our support the Church of Ireland will send a representative to the annual meeting of the Jubilee 2000 Coalition held in England funding for which should be arranged from resources already available to the committees of the Standing Committee.

The Benediction was pronounced and the Synod adjourned until Wednesday, 13 May, 1998.

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SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY, 1998

The Chair was taken at 10.00 a.m. by His Grace the Lord Primate.

A portion of Holy Scripture and Prayer was read by the Bishop of Tuam.

Communication from the Representative Body

The following communication was received from the Representative Body:

I wish to advise you that at its meeting on 13 May 1998, the Representative Church Body re-elected the following as co-opted members:

His Hon. Judge J.G. Buchanan
Mr. J.R.B. Hewat
The O'Donovan

Yours faithfully

(Signed) J.F. Buttimore
Assistant Secretary

13 May 1998.

Communication from the Record Committee

The following communication was received from the Record Committee:

The Record Committee reports that, as provided by the Statutes, the Statutes passed at the last Session have been printed in duplicate and they now present two copies which have been compared, certified and sealed by the Committee, and signed by his Grace, the Lord Primate.

(Signed) J. Gerard Buchanan
Chairman

5 May 1998.

Standing Orders

By leave of the House, Standing Orders were suspended.

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Presentation by Central Communications Board

The Bishop of Meath and Kildare explained to the General Synod that the Central Communications Board will be making two presentations between 2.00 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 13 May to the General Synod. One presentation to take place in the Great Hall on "the Press Office" and the other to take place in the Chapel on "Broadcasting" to be address by Mr. Bryan Dobson of R.T.E.

Standing Orders

Standing Orders were resumed.

The Representative Church Body

The following resolutions were proposed by Mr. G. Richards and seconded by the Very Rev. D.R. Chillingworth:

That the Report of the Representative Church Body be taken into consideration.

I. Allocations

That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations from the balance on the General Funds Revenue Account for the year ended 31 December 1997:-

| | IR£ |
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| Group A- Maintenance of the Stipendiary Ministry | 710,689 |
| Group B- Retired Clergy and Surviving Spouses | 749,338 |
| Group C- Training of Ordinands | 473,223 |
| Group D- General Synod Activities | 491,830 |
| Group E- Miscellaneous Financing | 72,162 |
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II. Minimum Approved Stipend

That, in accordance with Section 51 (1) of Chapter IV of the Constitution and with effect from 1 January 1999:

- (a) no stipend shall be less than £15,225 per annum in Northern Ireland or IR£15,750 per annum in the Republic of Ireland in the case of an Incumbent or a clergy man appointed as Bishop's Curate under the provisions of Section 42 of Chapter IV or of a Diocesan Curate over the age of 30 years appointed under the provisions of Section 43 of Chapter IV.

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- (b) the stipend for a Curate-Assistant shall be in accordance with the following scale:-

| <u>Year of Service</u> | <u>Annual Stipend</u> |
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| First Year | 75.0% of minimum stipend for incumbent |
| Second Year | 77.5% " |
| Third Year | 80.0% " |
| Fourth Year | 82.5% " |
| Fifth and succeeding Years | 85.0% " |

III. By-Laws of the Representative Body

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of Chapter X of the Constitution, the By-Laws be amended by the substitution of 'Stipends Committee' for 'Ministry Committee' in sections 3.02 and 3.03.

IV. Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund

That the Representative Body be authorised to transfer the sum of IR£172,143 from its income surplus at 31 December 1997 to the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund for the purpose of financing a shortfall in the funding of prospective pensions of retired archbishops.

That the Report of the Representative Church Body be adopted subject to the Resolutions already passed relating thereto.

Investments

It was proposed by Mr. G.W. McMaster, seconded by the Rev. A.D.H. Orr, and lost:

That the General Synod instructs the Standing Committee to appoint a sub-committee to:

- (1) consider, what the Church of Ireland view should be on investments in companies which are involved in the production and selling of arms;
- (2) consult with relevant parties in order to determine, if the RCB investment policy is compatible with that view, and if any action is required to reconcile divergent views;
and
- (3) submit a report to General Synod 1999.

VOTING: Ayes: 151 Noes: 161

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Commission on Ministry

It was proposed by Mr. D.G. Perrin, seconded by the Rev. Canon J.A.A. Condell, and passed:

That the Report of the Commission on Ministry be received and adopted.

Adjournment

The House adjourned at 1.00 p.m. and resumed at 2.00 p.m.

Standing Orders

By leave of the House, Standing Orders were suspended at 2.00 p.m. and resumed at 2.30 p.m. to allow presentations to be made by the Central Communications Board.

Request for Information (Standing Order 51)

MR. G.W. McMASTER

In the Revised Common Lectionary, why is it proposed to revert to the nomenclature "Sundays after Trinity", rather than continuing the current practice of having alternative names?

The following reply was given by the Rev. Canon J.A.B. Mayne, on behalf of the Liturgical Advisory Committee:

The Calendar of 1968 which underlies that in the English A.S.B. of 1980 and our A.P.B. of 1984 was arranged around three Great Festivals – Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Sundays were numbered before and after Christmas, before and after Easter and after Pentecost – simple, clear – but A.S.B. and A.P.B. retained alternative names Advent, after Epiphany, Lent, and after Trinity. The lectionary was built on themes and on the Sundays after Pentecost developing themes of the continuing work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

The Calendar proposed (which underlies the R.C.L.) focuses on Christmas – Easter with season of preparation for – celebrations of Christological events. There are seasons: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Eastertide. The Day of Pentecost is the climax of the Great 50 Days of Easter as the Bishop of Tuam has reminded us in our prayers this Synod.

Sundays following the Festival of the Holy Trinity are simply designated in R.C.L. by their calendar date to which numbered "sets of readings or propers" are assigned. The LAC did not find titling these Sundays "Sundays of the Year" as the Roman Catholic Church does or calling them "Ordinary Sundays" acceptable. Our first thought had been to retain A.P.B. alternative titling and it was so in the booklets produced for trial use. However, recognising that the proposed calendar and lectionary will be incorporated in the Book of Common Prayer in which the Sundays between Trinity Sunday and the first Sunday of Advent have been called Sundays after Trinity for 450 years the L.A.C. proposes reverting to that way of describing these Sundays.

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Liturgical Advisory Committee

It was proposed by the Bishop of Meath and Kildare, seconded by Lady Sheil, and passed:

- (a) That the Report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee be received.
- (b) That general approval is given to the table of contents of a revised Book of Common Prayer and to the projected time-table for the work of revision.
- (c) That the following be elected members of the Liturgical Advisory Committee for the next three years:-

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| Very Rev. J.T.F. Paterson | Rev. Canon W.P. Colton |
| Rev. Canon M.C. Kennedy | Dr. A.F. Carver |
| Rev. Canon J.A.B. Mayne | Mr. D.B. O'Callaghan |
| Rev. Canon B.T. Blacoe | Lady Sheil |
| Rev. Canon W.R. Twaddell | Rev. N. Jardine |
| Rev. Canon C. West | Mrs. H. McClenaghan |

It was proposed by the Rev. Canon J.A.B. Mayne, and seconded by the Rev. N. Jardine, and passed:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(1) of Chapter I of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 1999 to provide for the use, in Churches and Chapels of the Church of Ireland, of the Revised Common Lectionary with Introduction and additional Canticles and Calendar, as adapted for use in the Church of Ireland and as set out in the accompanying Schedule.

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| VOTING: | Clerical | Ayes: 104 | Noes: 0 |
| | Lay | Ayes: 133 | Noes: 1 |

It was proposed by the Rev. Canon J.A.B. Mayne, seconded by the Rev. N. Jardine, and passed:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29(1) of Chapter I of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 1999 in the following terms:

“Whereas it is desirable to enable those provisions of *The Revised Common Lectionary as adapted for use in the Church of Ireland* which concern the number of readings from scripture and the order in which such readings are to be read, to apply in Churches and Chapels of the Church of Ireland where that Lectionary is in use at Services of Morning or Evening Prayer, whether according to the *Book of Common Prayer* or the *Alternative Prayer Book* and in the office of Holy Communion according to the *Book of Common Prayer*:

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Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 1999, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In the *Book of Common Prayer* after the fourth paragraph of the *General Directions for Publick Worship* there shall be inserted the following paragraph:

When the *Revised Common Lectionary as adapted for use in the Church of Ireland* is in use

- (a) at a Service of Morning or Evening Prayer a Lesson taken out of the Old Testament may be read before the Psalm and two further Lessons, both taken out of the New Testament, may be read where the rubrics direct that the First and Second Lessons shall be read;
- (b) at a Service of Holy Communion a Lesson from the Old Testament may be read followed by a Psalm, which may be said or sung, before the reading of the Epistle.

2. In the *Alternative Prayer Book in Concerning the Services of the Church*, at the end of paragraph 3 the following shall be added:

When the *Revised Common Lectionary as adapted for use in the Church of Ireland* is in use the Psalm may be sung after the First Reading, the Second Reading may follow the Psalm and precede the Second Canticle and a Third Reading, also from the New Testament, may follow the Second Canticle at Morning or Evening Prayer.”

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| VOTING: | Clerical | Ayes: 98 | Noes: 0 |
| | Lay | Ayes: 131 | Noes: 0 |

The Church of Ireland Marriage Council

It was proposed by the Bishop of Down and Dromore:

That the Report of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council be received.

Standing Orders

By leave of the House, Standing Orders were suspended to allow the Rev. R. Moore to introduce the Report of the Marriage Council. Standing Orders were resumed.

The Church of Ireland Marriage Council

Dr. J. Turner seconded the Motion that the Report of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council be received.

Standing Orders

By leave of the House, Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mrs. P. Totten to speak on the Report of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council. Standing Orders were resumed.

The Church of Ireland Marriage Council

The Motion "That the Report of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council be received" was passed.

It was proposed by the Bishop of Down and Dromore, seconded by Dr. J. Turner, and passed:

- (1) In order to permit continuity of expertise and management of projects, but also to introduce new membership -
 - (a) That the Marriage Council be established for a further period of six years, reporting to General Synod once every two years.
 - (b) That the present members of the Marriage Council be re-elected for two years, in accordance with the resolution of General Synod of 1996, except that they will have authority to co-opt up to five members.
- (2) That during each two year period the Marriage Council will have as a priority a particular subject or project related to marriage and family life.

The Marriage Council will inform General Synod of the intended priority in its report or as part of resolutions attached to the report.

- (3) In view of the proposed changes to marriage and family law in both jurisdictions, and those about to come into effect, the Council will take as its first priority Section D(ii) of the 1996 resolution of General Synod which established the Council. This stated :-

"In consultation with appropriate agencies both within and without the Church of Ireland, the Council will draw up proposals to facilitate the provision of:

- (a) post marriage counselling services. Such services should be both nurturing (marriage enrichment) and remedial (marriage breakdown).
- (b) resources and training programmes that will enhance the Church's effectiveness in supporting marriage and family life.
- (c) two provincial co-ordinators, as recommended by the Select Committee on Marriage. The Council's proposal should specify how such co-ordinators can best be recruited, deployed and managed; and how their functions can be financed."

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Hymnal Revision

It was proposed by the Bishop of Limerick, seconded by the Rev. Canon. M.A.J. Burrows, and passed:

That the Report of the Hymnal Committee be received.

Role of the Church Committee

It was proposed by the Ven. D.S. McLean, seconded by Mrs. J. Whiteside, and passed:

That the Report of the Role of the Church Committee be received.

Northern Ireland Peace Agreement

It was proposed by Dr. A.R. Acheson, seconded by the Rev. G.C. Kerr, and passed:

That the General Synod, in the light of the Agreement reached in the recent multi-party talks, calls on our Church of Ireland people, in both jurisdictions, prayerfully to consider and conscientiously to determine their response to the choice before them in the Referendums to be held on 22 May 1998.

Notice of Motion

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and read to the House:

MOTION IN THE NAMES OF THE REV. CANON W.S. BAIRD AND THE REV. CANON C.G. HYLAND

That the canticle "Song of Moses and Miriam" be omitted from the Schedule to Resolution No. 1 of the Liturgical Advisory Committee.

The Benediction was pronounced and the Synod adjourned until Thursday, 14 May 1998.

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THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 14 MAY, 1998

The Chair was taken at 10.00 a.m. by His Grace, the Lord Primate.

A portion of Holy Scripture and Prayer was read by the Bishop of Tuam.

Bill (No. 1) to amend Chapter VI of the Constitution

As ordered Bill No. 1 was received for final consideration.

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by the Archbishop of Dublin, seconded by the Bishop of Kilmore, and passed:

That in Section 2 that the word "given" be replaced by "give" and that in Section 1 the word "See" with a capital "S" be replaced by a lower case "s".

It was proposed by the Archbishop of Dublin, seconded by the Bishop of Kilmore, and passed:

That the Bill to amend Chapter VI of the Constitution be read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) to amend Chapter XIV of the Constitution

As ordered Bill No. 2 was received for final consideration.

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by Canon J.L.B. Deane, seconded by Lady Sheil, and passed:

That the Bill to amend Chapter XIV of the Constitution be read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) to authorise the sale of certain pieces of silver plate which were donated for use in the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne; or in certain churches in Cloyne Union, Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, which have been closed for public worship

As ordered Bill No. 3 was received for final consideration.

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by the Very Rev. G.B. St. J. Hilliard, seconded by Mr. J.A.D. Bird, and lost:

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That the Bill to authorise the sale of certain pieces of silver plate which were donated for use in the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne; or in certain churches in Cloyne Union, Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, which have been closed for Public Worship be read a third time and passed.

VOTING: Ayes: 87 Noes: 154

Bill (No. 4) to provide for the future management and regulation of the Cathedral Churches of St. Brigid of Kildare and of St. Patrick at Trim

As ordered Bill No. 4 was received for final consideration.

It was agreed that the next stage be taken.

It was proposed by the Ven. P. Lawrence, seconded by the Rev. Canon A.J. Grimason, and passed:

That the Bill to provide for the future management and regulation of the Cathedral Churches of St. Brigid of Kildare and St. Patrick at Trim be read a third time and passed.

Christian Stewardship Committee

It was proposed by the Rev. R. Fox, seconded by the Rev. W.K.M. Brew, and passed:

That the Report of the Christian Stewardship Committee be received.

Church's Ministry of Healing

It was proposed by the Very Rev. R.K. Townley, seconded by the Rev. C.L. Hall-Thompson, and passed:

That the Report of the Church's Ministry of Healing be received.

Committee for Christian Unity

It was proposed by the Bishop of Down and Dromore, seconded by Mr. W.T. Morrow, and passed:

- (a) That the Report of the Committee for Christian Unity be received.
- (b) That the following be elected members of the Committee:

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| The Archbishops and Bishops | Mrs. Ruth Heard |
| Miss Janet Barcroft | Rev. Iain Knox |
| Rt. Hon. David Bleakley | Rev. Canon Walter Lewis |
| Very Rev. Herbert Cassidy | Ven. Gregor McCamley |

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| Mr. George Clarke | Mrs. Roberta McKelvey |
| Rev. Canon David Crooks | Dr. Kenneth Milne |
| Rev. Dr. Ian Ellis | Mr. Trevor Morrow |
| Very Rev. Leslie Forrest | Rev. Gillian Wharton |
| Very Rev. David Godfrey | Rev. Trevor Williams |
| Rev. Robert Gray | Mrs. Andrea Wills |

- (c) That the following represent the Church of Ireland on the Irish Council of Churches:

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| Mrs. B. Aalen | The Rev. Canon J.C.D. Mayes |
| Miss J. Barcroft | Mr. W.T. Morrow |
| The Most Rev. W.N.F. Empey | Mr. J.T. N. McGaffin |
| The Rev. Dr. I.M. Ellis | Mrs. R. McKelvey |
| The Rev. Canon D.S.G. Godfrey | The Rt. Rev. J.R.W. Neill |
| The Rev. R.J. Gray | Mrs. J. Peters |
| The Rt. Rev. B.D.A. Hannon | The Rev. Canon R.S.P. Richey |
| The Rev. A.J. Houston | The Rev. Canon W.D. Sinnamon |
| The Rev. Canon M.C. Kennedy | Prof. M. Wheeler |
| The Rev. I.J.E. Knox | The Rev. T.R. Williams |

- (d) That the Report of the Inter-Church Consultative Committee be received and the Committee re-appointed.

Chair

The Bishop of Meath and Kildare took the Chair.

Board of Education

The following resolution was proposed by the Rev. Canon S.M.J. Dickson:

That the Report of the Board of Education be received and adopted.

Chair

The Archbishop of Dublin took the Chair.

Secondary Education Committee

The following resolution was proposed by the Rev. Canon S.M.J. Dickson:

That the Report of the Secondary Education Committee be received and adopted.

Board of Education

The resolution was seconded by Mr. S.R. Harper and passed.

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Secondary Education Committee

The resolution was seconded by the Rev. Canon R.J.E.F.B. Black and passed.

Adjournment

The House adjourned at 1.00 p.m. and resumed at 2.00 p.m.

Chair

The Archbishop of Armagh resumed the Chair.

Select Committee on the Communion of the Baptised but Unconfirmed

It was proposed by the Rev. A.F. Abernethy, seconded by the Ven. G.A. McCamley, and passed:

That the Report of the Select Committee on the Communion of the Baptised but Unconfirmed be received.

Theological College - Accommodation for Married Students

The following Motion was proposed by Mr. W. Quigley and seconded by Mr. V.G. Carson:

That a Select Committee be appointed to ensure that adequate provision is made for married students in order that minimum upset be made to the normal pattern of family life by providing suitable accommodation at or convenient to the Theological College and ensuring that the financial provision for their dependants reflects the pastoral responsibility of a caring church.

The committee to provide an interim report to the synod meeting in the year 1999 and a final report and recommendations to the synod meeting in 2000.

It was proposed by Mr. W. Quigley, seconded by Mr. V.G. Carson, and passed:

That a further paragraph be added to Motion No. 7 as follows:-

“That the Select Committee has power to co-opt further members.”

It was proposed by Mr. W. Quigley, seconded by Mr. V.G. Carson, and passed:

That Motion No. 7 be amended to read as follows:

“That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate the position of married students in the Theological College and provide an interim report to the synod meeting in the year 1999 and a final report and recommendations to the synod meeting in 2000”

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And further amended by the addition of the words:

“The Committee to be appointed by Standing Committee at its meeting in June 1998 in consultation with the proposer and seconder and with power to co-opt.”

The motion as amended was passed.

Church of Ireland Youth Council

It was proposed by Mr. R. Totten, seconded by Mr. S.R. Harper, and passed:

That the Report of the Church of Ireland Youth Council be received and adopted.

Council for the Church Overseas

It was proposed by the Rev. Canon P.A. Harvey, seconded by Mr. G. Clarke, and passed:

That the Report of the Council for the Church Overseas be received and adopted.

Jubilee 2000 Coalition

It was proposed by the Very Rev. D.R. Chillingworth, seconded by the Bishop of Cork, and passed:

- (a) That the Church of Ireland supports the work and aims of Jubilee 2000 and should seek membership of the Jubilee 2000 Coalition.
- (b) That as an earnest of our support the Church of Ireland will send a representative to the annual meeting of the Jubilee 2000 Coalition held in England funding for which should be arranged from resources already available to the committees of the Standing Committee.

Board for Social Responsibility (N.I.)

It was proposed by Mr. J.T.N. McGaffin, seconded by Dr. J. Turner, and passed:

That the Report of the Board for Social Responsibility (N.I.) be received.

Board for Social Responsibility (R.I.)

It was proposed by Mr. P.D.G. Read, seconded by the Ven. W.D. Johnston, and passed:

That the Report of the Board for Social Responsibility (R.I.) be received.

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Council for Mission in Ireland

The following resolution was proposed by the Bishop of Clogher and seconded by Rev. Dr. W.G. Neely:

That the Report of the Council for Mission in Ireland be received.

It was proposed by the Bishop of Clogher, seconded by the Rev. Dr. W.G. Neely, and passed:

That the following words be appended to the motion on the agenda paper:

“and that the following members of the General Synod be elected to that Council:

The Ven. Kenneth Good
The Rev. Canon Richard Rountree
Miss Cindy O'Shea
The Rev. Stephen Lowry”

The amended resolution was passed.

Commission on Church Buildings

It was proposed by Mr. G. Bradley, seconded by Mr. J.T. Stephens, and passed:

- (a) That the report of the Commission on Church Buildings be received.
- (b) That the Commissioners be re-elected.

Journal of the General Synod

It was proposed by Mr. E.W. Cookman, seconded by the Very Rev. H. Cassidy, and passed:

That the Honorary Secretaries be instructed to publish with as little delay as possible, the Journal of the Proceedings of the Synod during this session, with such appendices as they think expedient.

Attendance of Members

| | Clerical | Lay | Total |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|
| Tuesday, 12 May 1998 | 185 | 305 | 490 |
| Wednesday, 13 May 1998 | 181 | 293 | 474 |
| Thursday, 14 May 1998 | 152 | 182 | 334 |

The Benediction was pronounced and the session terminated at 4.25 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL SYNOD SESSION 1998

Bills

To amend Chapter VI of the Constitution:
Second reading passed.
Third reading passed.

To amend Chapter XIV of the Constitution:
Second reading passed.
Third reading passed.

To authorise the sale of certain pieces of silver plate which were donated for use in the Cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne; or in certain churches in Cloyne Union, Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, which have been closed for public worship.
Second reading passed.
Third reading lost.

To provide for the future management and regulation of the Cathedral Churches of St. Brigid of Kildare and of St. Patrick at Trim.
Second reading passed.
Third reading passed.

To re-organise the united Chapters of the Cathedral Churches of St. Canice, Kilkenny and St. Laserian, Leighlin.
First reading lost.

Board for Social Responsibility (N.I.)

That the Report of the Board for Social Responsibility (N.I.) be received.

Board for Social Responsibility (R.I.)

That the Report of the Board for Social Responsibility (R.I.) be received.

Board of Education

That the Report of the Board of Education be received and adopted.

Christian Stewardship Committee

That the Report of the Christian Stewardship Committee be received.

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Church of Ireland Pensions Board

That the Report of the Church of Ireland Pensions Board be received and adopted.

Church of Ireland Marriage Council

That the Report of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council be received.

- (1) In order to permit continuity of expertise and management of projects, but also to introduce new membership -
 - (a) That the Marriage Council be established for a further period of six years, reporting to General Synod once every two years.
 - (b) That the present members of the Marriage Council be re-elected for two years, in accordance with the resolution of General Synod of 1996, except that they will have authority to co-opt up to five members.
- (2) That during each two year period the Marriage Council will have as a priority a particular subject or project related to marriage and family life.

The Marriage Council will inform General Synod of the intended priority in its report or as part of resolutions attached to the report.

- (3) In view of the proposed changes to marriage and family law in both jurisdictions, and those about to come into effect, the Council will take as its first priority Section D(ii) of the 1996 resolution of General Synod which established the Council. This stated:-

“In consultation with appropriate agencies both within and without the Church of Ireland, the Council will draw up proposals to facilitate the provision of:

- (a) post marriage counselling services. Such services should be both nurturing (marriage enrichment) and remedial (marriage breakdown).
- (b) resources and training programmes that will enhance the Church's effectiveness in supporting marriage and family life.
- (c) two provincial co-ordinators, as recommended by the Select Committee on Marriage. The Council's proposal should specify how such co-ordinators can best be recruited, deployed and managed; and how their functions can be financed.”

Church of Ireland Youth Council

That the Report of the Church of Ireland Youth Council be received and adopted.

Church's Ministry of Healing

That the Report of the Church's Ministry of Healing be received.

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Commission on Church Buildings

- (a) That the Report of the Commission on Church Buildings be received.
- (b) That the Commissioners be re-elected.

Commission on Episcopal Needs

That the Report of the Commission on Episcopal Needs be adopted and that the Standing Committee be requested to take the necessary action for implementation of its proposals.

Commission on Ministry

That the Report of the Commission on Ministry be received and adopted.

Committee for Christian Unity

- (a) That the Report of the Committee for Christian Unity be received.
- (b) That the following be elected members of the Committee:

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| The Archbishops and Bishops | Mrs. Ruth Heard |
| Miss Janet Barcroft | Rev. Iain Knox |
| Rt. Hon. David Bleakley | Rev. Canon Walter Lewis |
| Very Rev. Herbert Cassidy | Ven. Gregor McCamley |
| Mr. George Clarke | Mrs. Roberta McKelvey |
| Rev. Canon David Crooks | Dr. Kenneth Milne |
| Rev. Dr. Ian Ellis | Mr. Trevor Morrow |
| Very Rev. Leslie Forrest | Rev. Gillian Wharton |
| Very Rev. David Godfrey | Rev. Trevor Williams |
| Rev. Robert Gray | Mrs. Andrea Wills |

- (c) That the following represent the Church of Ireland on the Irish Council of Churches:

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| Mrs. B. Aalen | The Rev. Canon J.C.D. Mayes |
| Miss J. Barcroft | Mr. W.T. Morrow |
| The Most Rev. W.N.F. Empey | Mr. J.T.N. McGaffin |
| The Rev. Dr. I.M. Ellis | Mrs. R. McKelvey |
| The Rev. Canon D.S.G. Godfrey | The Rt. Rev. J.R.W. Neill |
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| The Rev. A.J. Houston | The Rev. Canon W.D. Sinnamon |
| The Rev. Canon M.C. Kennedy | Prof. M. Wheeler |
| The Rev. I.J.E. Knox | The Rev. T.R. Williams |

- (d) That the Report of the Inter-Church Consultative Committee be received and the Committee re-appointed.

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Committees etc reporting to the General Synod

- (a) That commencing in the year 1999 the following shall report to General Synod at least once every two years:

Council for Church Overseas
Church of Ireland Youth Council
Council for Mission in Ireland
Commission on Church Buildings
Church's Ministry of Healing
Christian Stewardship Committee
Board for Social Responsibility (N.I.)
Board for Social Responsibility (R.I.)
Committee for Christian Unity
Church of Ireland Marriage Council

- (b) That the identity of those bodies reporting in any given year shall be determined by agreement between the bodies listed above and the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod subject to the approval of the Standing Committee at its January meeting. Where such agreement is not forthcoming the Standing Committee shall make a ruling.

Council for Mission in Ireland

That the Report of the Council for Mission be received and that the following members of the General Synod be elected to the Council:

The Ven. Kenneth Good
The Rev. Canon Richard Rountree
Miss Cindy O'Shea
The Rev. Stephen Lowry

Council for Church Overseas

That the Report of the Council for the Church Overseas be received and adopted.

Hymnal Revision Committee

That the Report of the Hymnal Revision Committee be received.

Journal

That the Honorary Secretaries be instructed to publish with as little delay as possible, the Journal of the Proceedings of the Synod during this session, with such appendices as they think expedient.

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Jubilee 2000 Coalition

- (a) That the Church of Ireland supports the work and aims of Jubilee 2000 and should seek membership of the Jubilee 2000 Coalition.
- (b) That as an earnest of our support the Church of Ireland will send a representative to the annual meeting of the Jubilee 2000 Coalition held in England funding for which should be arranged from resources already available to the committees of the Standing Committee.

Liturgical Advisory Committee

- (a) That the Report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee be received.
- (b) That general approval is given to the table of contents of a revised Book of Common Prayer and to the projected timetable for the work of revision.
- (c) That the following be elected members of the Liturgical Advisory Committee for the next three years:-

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| Very Rev. J.T.F. Paterson | Rev. Canon W.P. Colton |
| Rev. Canon M.C. Kennedy | Dr. A.F. Carver |
| Rev. Canon J.A.B. Mayne | Mr. D.B. O'Callaghan |
| Rev. Canon B.T. Blacoe | Lady Sheil |
| Rev. Canon W.R. Twaddell | Rev. N. Jardine |
| Rev. Canon C. West | Mrs. H. McClenaghan |

- (d) That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(1) of Chapter I of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 1999 to provide for the use, in Churches and Chapels of the Church of Ireland, of the Revised Common Lectionary with Introduction and additional Canticles and Calendar, as adapted for use in the Church of Ireland and as set out in the accompanying Schedule.
- (e) That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29(1) of Chapter I of the Constitution, leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 1999 in the following terms:

“Whereas it is desirable to enable those provisions of *The Revised Common Lectionary as adapted for use in the Church of Ireland* which concern the number of readings from scripture and the order in which such readings are to be read, to apply in Churches and Chapels of the Church of Ireland where that Lectionary is in use at Services of Morning or Evening Prayer, whether according to the *Book of Common Prayer* or the *Alternative Prayer Book* and in the office of Holy Communion according to the *Book of Common Prayer*:

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Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 1999, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In the *Book of Common Prayer* after the fourth paragraph of the *General Directions for Publick Worship* there shall be inserted the following paragraph:

When the *Revised Common Lectionary as adapted for use in the Church of Ireland* is in use

- (a) at a Service of Morning or Evening Prayer a Lesson taken out of the Old Testament may be read before the Psalm and two further Lessons, both taken out of the New Testament, may be read where the rubrics direct that the First and Second Lessons shall be read;
 - (b) at a Service of Holy Communion a Lesson from the Old Testament may be read followed by a Psalm, which may be said or sung, before the reading of the Epistle.
2. In the *Alternative Prayer Book in Concerning the Services of the Church*, at the end of paragraph 3 the following shall be added:

When the *Revised Common Lectionary as adapted for use in the Church of Ireland* is in use the Psalm may be sung after the First Reading, the Second Reading may follow the Psalm and precede the Second Canticle and a Third Reading, also from the New Testament, may follow the Second Canticle at Morning or Evening Prayer.”

Northern Ireland Peace Agreement

That the General Synod, in the light of the Agreement reached in the recent multi-party talks, calls on our Church of Ireland people, in both jurisdictions, prayerfully to consider and conscientiously to determine their response to the choice before them in the Referendums to be held on 22 May 1998.

Representative Church Body

That the Report of the Representative Church Body be taken into consideration.

I. Allocations

That the General Synod hereby authorises the Representative Body to make the following allocations from the balance on the General Funds Revenue Account for the year ended 31 December 1997:-

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| | IR£ |
|---|------------------------------|
| Group A - Maintenance of the Stipendiary Ministry | 710,689 |
| Group B - Retired Clergy and Surviving Spouses | 749,338 |
| Group C - Training of Ordinands | 473,223 |
| Group D - General Synod Activities | 491,830 |
| Group E - Miscellaneous Financing | 72,162 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> <u>2,497,242</u> |

II. Minimum Approved Stipend

That, in accordance with Section 51 (1) of Chapter IV of the Constitution and with effect from 1 January 1999

- (a) no stipend shall be less than £15,225 per annum in Northern Ireland or IR£15,750 per annum in the Republic of Ireland in the case of an Incumbent or a clergyman appointed as Bishop's Curate under the provisions of Section 42 of Chapter IV or of a Diocesan Curate over the age of 30 years appointed under the provisions of Section 43 of Chapter IV.
- (b) the stipend for a Curate-Assistant shall be in accordance with the following scale:-

| <u>Year of Service</u> | <u>Annual Stipend</u> |
|----------------------------|--|
| First Year | 75.0% of minimum stipend for incumbent |
| Second Year | 77.5% " |
| Third Year | 80.0% " |
| Fourth Year | 82.5% " |
| Fifth and succeeding Years | 85.0% " |

III. By-Laws of the Representative Body

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of Chapter X of the Constitution, the By-Laws be amended by the substitution of 'Stipends Committee' for 'Ministry Committee' in sections 3.02 and 3.03.

IV. Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund

That the Representative Body be authorised to transfer the sum of IR£172,143 from its income surplus at 31 December 1997 to the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund for the purpose of financing a shortfall in the funding of prospective pensions of retired archbishops.

That the Report of the Representative Church Body be adopted subject to the Resolutions already passed relating thereto.

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Role of the Church Committee

That the Report of the Role of the Church Committee be received.

Secondary Education Committee

That the Report of the Secondary Education Committee be received and adopted.

Select Committee on the Communion of the Baptised but Unconfirmed

That the Report of the Select Committee on the Communion of the Baptised but Unconfirmed be received.

Standing Committee

- (a) That the Report of the Standing Committee be received and adopted.
- (b) That the General Synod of the Church of Ireland agrees that the following Declaration arising from the Fetter Lane Agreement between the Church of England, the Church of Ireland and the Moravian Church in Great Britain and Ireland be signed on behalf of the Church of Ireland:

THE FETTER LANE DECLARATION

We, the Church of England, the Church of Ireland and the Moravian Church in Great Britain and Ireland, in light of what we have re-discovered of our common history and heritage and on the basis of our common understanding of our calling to full, visible unity, our fundamental agreement in faith, our understanding of the ordained ministry of the Church, and our agreement on apostolicity and succession, make the following acknowledgements and commitments.

We acknowledge one another's churches as churches belonging to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ and truly participating in the apostolic mission of the whole people of God;

We acknowledge that in our churches the Word of God is authentically preached and the sacraments of baptism and eucharist are duly administered;

We acknowledge that both our churches share in the common confession of the apostolic faith;

We acknowledge the extent of our common traditions of spirituality and liturgy, which have given us similar forms of worship, common texts, hymns, canticles and prayers;

We acknowledge one another's ordained ministries, ordered in a threefold pattern, as given by God and as instruments of his grace by which our churches are served and built up, and look forward to the time when our churches are united and our ministries are interchangeable;

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We acknowledge in our churches an episcopal ministry through which both churches intend to continue the ministry of the universal Church and to maintain and signify the apostolicity and catholicity of the Church. This intention has been signified in the laying on of hands by those already so consecrated.

We acknowledge that personal and collegial oversight (*episkope*) is embodied and exercised in our churches in a variety of forms, episcopal and synodical, as a visible sign of the Church's unity and continuity in apostolic life, mission and ministry.

We commit ourselves to share a common life and mission. We will take all possible steps to visible unity in as many areas of life and witness as possible.

As the next steps towards that goal we agree:

To worship together and to pray for and with one another;

On the basis of our common baptism to welcome one another's baptized members to receive sacramental and other pastoral ministrations;

To encourage the invitation of authorized ministers of our churches to minister in the other church in accordance with existing regulations;

Taking into account other ecumenical partnerships and formal relations, to encourage the establishment of Local Ecumenical Partnerships wherever a Moravian and an Anglican congregation live in the same community;

To participate as observers by invitation in each other's forms of oversight, including meetings of bishops and synods;

To train candidates for ordained and lay ministries of our churches together where appropriate;

To share our resources appropriately in order to strengthen the mission of the Church;

To help our own members and members of other churches to appreciate and draw out the distinctive gifts which each of our traditions has to offer to the wider Church;

To share the insight of our Common Statement with Anglicans and Moravians in other parts of the world and to invite our international bodies to consider the implications of this Agreement for their consultative processes.

Theological College – Accommodation for Married Students

That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate the position of married students in the Theological College and provide an interim report to the synod meeting in the year 1999 and a final report and recommendations to the synod meeting in 2000.

The Committee to be appointed by Standing Committee at its meeting in June 1998 in consultation with the proposer and seconder and with power to co-opt.

STATUTES
of
THE CHURCH OF IRELAND
passed in
THE SESSION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD 1998
CHAPTER I

To amend Chapter VI of the Constitution

WHEREAS it is desirable to make provision for some delay in effecting the translation of an archbishop or bishop who has been duly elected to another see;

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 1998, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. To amend Chapter VI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland by deleting Part 1, Section 2, and enacting a new Section in the following terms:
 2. On the occurrence of a vacancy in the see of Armagh the House of Bishops shall meet and shall by a majority of the votes of those present and voting elect one of its members to the Archbishopric of Armagh and Primacy of All Ireland. The House of Bishops shall determine the date, within a period of three months from the date of the election, upon which such translation shall take effect.
2. To amend Chapter VI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland by deleting Part 1, Section 14, and enacting a new Section in the following terms:
 14. The bishop or priest elected as aforesaid shall immediately thereafter be notified of the fact by the President or secretary of the College, and upon his acceptance his name shall be transmitted to the House of Bishops which, if satisfied of his fitness, shall take the necessary steps to give effect to such election, including in the case of a translation the determination of a date, within a period of three months from the date of the Episcopal Electoral College, upon which such translation shall take effect. If the bishop or priest elected as aforesaid shall decline, the President shall re-summon the College.

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3. To amend Chapter VI of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland by deleting Part 1, Section 18, and enacting a new Section in the following terms:
 18. Whenever the appointment of an archbishop of Dublin or a bishop shall have passed to the House of Bishops under the foregoing provisions, the House of Bishops shall, as soon as conveniently may be, by a majority of the votes of the archbishops and bishops present and voting at a meeting duly convened for the purpose, elect such person, being a bishop or priest of not less than thirty years of age, as it may think fit, to the vacant see. In the case of a translation, the House of Bishops shall determine the date, within a period of three months from the date of the election, upon which such translation shall take effect. At such meeting there shall be laid before the House of Bishops a record of the proceedings of the Electoral College.

CHAPTER II

To amend Chapter XIV of the Constitution

WHEREAS it is desirable to improve the benefits provided under Chapter XIV of the Constitution and to make sundry other amendments to the said Chapter;

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

AND WHEREAS the Church of Ireland Pensions Board has certified that on the enactment of this Statute the Fund will remain solvent as required by Section 16(1) of Chapter XIV of the Constitution;

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 1998, 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 1988.
2. For Section 2(1)(i) of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following paragraph:
 - (i) "Accrued service" shall mean the number of years service which a member has completed and in the event of the final year of service being incomplete shall include such part of that year as was completed in terms of months.
3. In the following Sections of Chapter XIV, namely, Sections 2(1)(j) and (k), 40(4), 44, 46(1), 47(1), 48(2), 49(1)(a), 74, 75(2), 80A(1) and 80A(2) for the figure "67" wherever it occurs there shall be substituted the figure "65".
4. For sub-section(3) of Section 16 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:
 - (3) To make such Regulations as it may deem necessary for the administration of the Fund including Regulations concerning the recognition of defined pensions schemes for use by those deployed on a part-time basis in stipendiary ministry and related matters: Provided that such Regulations do not contravene any of the provisions of this Chapter.
5. For sub-section (2) of section 40 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following sub-section:
 - (2) When a member ceases on or after 1 January 1977 to be a contributing member and has not received a withdrawal benefit or a transfer in pursuance of sub-section (1)(b) of this section, the portion of his accrued pension accumulation attributable to the contributions paid on or after 1 January 1976

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(or if he was enrolled after 1 January 1976 his accrued pension accumulation) subsisting on 31 December of 1998 and each subsequent year shall be increased with effect on and from 1 January of the following year by the same percentage as that applied to pensions in course of payment, as provided by section 60 of this Chapter.

6. For sub-section (3) of section 40 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following sub-section:
 - (3)(a) If a former member entitled to an accrued pension accumulation dies, and is survived by a widow or dependent children, sections 49 to 55A inclusive shall apply as if the member had died in the service of the Church of Ireland, and for the purposes of sections 49 and 54 pension entitlement shall be deemed to be his accrued pension accumulation.
 - (b) If a former member entitled to an accrued pension accumulation dies prior to reaching the age at which payment of pension would have commenced and is unmarried or is a widower without dependent children, a sum to be decided upon by the board on the advice of the actuary as representing the value of his accrued pension accumulation shall be paid to the legal personal representatives of the deceased former member: Provided that at least five years' contributions have been paid and that at least two of those years relate to the period after 1 January 1991.
7. For section 42 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:
 - 42(1) A member who retires on reaching the age of 65 shall receive a pension calculated in the following manner, that is to say, the number of completed years of his service in the Church of Ireland, but excluding such years in excess of 40, multiplied by one sixtieth part of the minimum approved stipend for the purposes of section 51(1) of Chapter IV in force on the last day of his service.
 - (2) A member who completes 40 years' service in the Church of Ireland before reaching the age of 65 years shall be deemed for the purposes of this section to have reached that age.
8. For section 43 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following section:
 43. A member who has completed two years' service in the Church of Ireland may retire after attaining the age of 60 years at his own option, and the pension payable shall be the product of a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of Section 42, multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the following table which shall be operative in respect of pensions, payment of which commences after 14 May 1998:

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| Optional Retirement Age | Rate % |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 60 | 79 |
| 61 | 83 |
| 62 | 87 |
| 63 | 91 |
| 64 | 95 |

9. For Section 45 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following Section:

45. A member in the service of the Church of Ireland on 14 May 1998 who has reached the age of 65 years but has not reached the age of 67 years on that date, and a member who reaches the age of 65 years after that date, and who in either case is aged 66 years or over on retirement shall receive a pension which shall be the product of a sum calculated in accordance with the provisions of Section 42 applied as on the day on which he reached the age of 65 years, multiplied by the relevant rate % in accordance with the following table:

| Postponed Retirement Age | Rate % |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 66 | 110 |
| 67 | 122 |
| 68 | 135 |
| 69 | 149 |
| 70 | 165 |
| 71 | 182 |
| 72 | 201 |
| 73 | 222 |
| 74 | 245 |
| 75 | 271 |

Provided that, if the pension were to be greater if it were calculated in accordance with the provisions of Section 42 relating to:

- (a) years of service to the date of retirement excluding any years in excess of 45; and
- (b) minimum approved stipend for the purposes of Section 51(1) of Chapter IV as on that date,

he shall receive instead such increased pension.

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10. After Section 45A of Chapter XIV there shall be inserted the following Section:

45B. A member who is in the service of the Church of Ireland on 14 May 1998 and is aged between 67 and 70 years (inclusive) on that date shall receive a pension calculated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter as they existed on the day on which he reached the age of 67 years.

11. For Section 46(4) of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following:

(4) Every additional personal contribution referred to in sub-section (1) above shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) above, be made into the Fund either:

(a) by deduction from the stipend of the member concerned in accordance with the provisions of Section 35(2) of this Chapter and in such manner as Regulations made under this Section may prescribe; or

(b) by a single lump sum paid by the member in such manner as Regulations made under this Section may prescribe.

12. Section 46A of Chapter XIV is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

This section shall not apply to any modifications to section 40 of this Chapter which are included in a Statute enacted by the General Synod at its ordinary session in the year 1998.

13. Sub-section (1) of section 49 of Chapter XIV is hereby amended

(a) by substituting "14 May 1998" for "18th May 1995" and "60%" for "50%" in paragraph (a);

(b) by substituting "80%" for "two-thirds" in paragraph (b);

(c) by substituting "60%" for "50%" in paragraph (c).

14. The following section shall be inserted in Chapter XIV immediately following section 55:

55A Notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter, the Board shall give effect to any order made by a civil court concerning retirement benefits consequent on the grant of a decree of judicial separation, annulment or dissolution of the marriage of a member or any order in proceedings concerning the custody of a child or children of a member.

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15. For sub-section (1) of section 55A of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following sub-section:
 - (1) Where prior to his death a deceased member was separated from his wife or his marriage was annulled or dissolved, and an order to which section 55AA refers has not been made, a child dependency allowance shall be payable in respect of each of the children of the marriage to the person having actual custody of the children or such other person as the Board may from time to time approve to be held in trust by such person for each such child until the month in which such child attains the age of 18 or marries, whichever is the earlier.
16. For sub-section (1) of section 59A of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following sub-section:
 - (1) The rate of annuity payable under section 4 to the widow of a clergy man (not being the widow of a voluntary member) shall be increased with effect from 1 June 1998 by 39.24% in the case of annuities payable out of the Clergy Pensions Fund (Northern Ireland) or by 34.32% in the case of annuities payable out of the Clergy Pensions Fund (Republic of Ireland).
17. For Section 59 of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following section:

59. The rate of

 - (a) every pension payable to the widow of a clergyman under section 49 of this Chapter, and
 - (b) every child dependency allowance payable under section 54 of this Chapter, payment of which commenced before 14 May 1998 and which is in course of payment on 31 May 1998 shall be increased with effect from 1 June 1998 by 20%: Provided that the total of pension and child dependency allowances shall not in any instance exceed the limit permitted by the Revenue Authorities.
18. Section 76 of Chapter XIV is hereby amended as follows:
 - (i) in sub-section (A1) there shall be substituted "14 May 1998" for "18th May 1995" and "60%" for "50%";
 - (ii) in sub-section (1) for the word "two-thirds" there shall be substituted the figure "80%";
 - (iii) in sub-section (2) for the figure "50%" there shall be substituted the figure "60%".

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19. Section 78AA of Chapter XIV is hereby amended by inserting the following sub-sections:
- (5) The rate of every pension payable to an archbishop under sub-section (1) (ii) of section 70 of this Chapter, payment of which commenced before 1 January 1998 and which is in course of payment on 31 May 1998, shall be increased by 30% with effect from 1 June 1998.
 - (6) The rate of every pension payable to the widow of an archbishop or bishop under any of sections 49, 67 or 76 of this Chapter, payment of which commenced before 14 May 1998 and which is in course of payment on 31 May 1998, and the prospective entitlement of a widow under section 67, shall be increased with effect from 1 June 1998 by 56% in the case of a pension payable to the widow of an archbishop or by 20% in the case of a pension payable to the widow of a bishop.
20. For Section 80A(4) of Chapter XIV there shall be substituted the following sub-section:
- (4) A member in the service of the Church of Ireland on 14 May 1998 who has reached the age of 65 years but has not reached the age of 67 years on that date, and a member in the service of the Church of Ireland who reaches the age of 65 years between 15 May and 30 June 1998 (both dates inclusive) may, notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (3), exercise an option under sub-section (1) not later than 12 June 1998 and, if he opts for immediate commutation, the lump sum shall be payable on 30 June 1998 and calculated as though he retired on pension on that date.

CHAPTER III

To provide for the future management and regulation of the Cathedral Churches of St. Brigid of Kildare and St. Patrick at Trim.

WHEREAS the Dioceses of Meath and Kildare having united, it is expedient to alter the provisions for the appointment of Clergy to the Dignities and Canonries of the Cathedrals of the United Dioceses.

AND WHEREAS to give effect to the alteration of the said provisions it is necessary to amend the following Statutes namely 1878 c. viii. 1892 c. ii. and 1923 c. v relating to the Cathedral Church of St. Brigid of Kildare and 1954 c. iv relating to the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick at Trim.

AND WHEREAS the said two Cathedral Chapters have agreed to the provisions contained in this Act which have been approved at a meeting of the Diocesan Synod of the United Dioceses of Meath and Kildare held in Multyfarnham, Co. Westmeath on 20 September 1997.

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 1998, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. That notwithstanding anything contained in the statutes of the Cathedral Church of St. Brigid of Kildare or of the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick at Trim that is to say 1878 c. viii, 1892 c. ii, 1923 c. v and 1954 c. iv, any member of the Clergy of the United Diocese appointed to any Dignity, Canonry, or Prebend in either of the said Cathedrals may nevertheless also be appointed to and hold any Dignity, Canonry or Prebend in the other of the said two Cathedrals.
2. This statute may be referred to as "The Kildare and Trim Cathedrals Regulation Amendment Act 1998".

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| Cap. i. | Augmentation of Clerical Incomes. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " ii. | Representative Body. | All except s.1 repealed by 1889, C.i. |
| 1889 | | |
| Cap. i. | Consolidation of Constitution. | 1st schedule (except Preamble and Declaration and Chapter IX) repealed by 1889, C.i. |
| " ii. | Augmentation of Clerical Incomes. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " iii. | Boulter and other Annuities. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| 1890 | | |
| Cap. i. | Cork, Cloyne & Ross Cathedrals. | s.4 and schedule No. 11 repealed by 1972, C.x. |
| " ii. | Waterford & Lismore Cathedrals. | Repealed by 1981, C.v. |
| " iii. | Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert and Kilmacduagh Cathedrals. | s.4(2) repealed by 1915, C.v. Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " iv. | Limerick Cathedral. | - |
| " v. | Exchange of Benefices. | Repealed by 1899, C.i. |
| 1891 | | |
| Cap. i. | Killala and Achonry Cathedrals. | - |
| " ii. | Ferns Cathedral. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " iii. | Tuam Cathedral. | - |
| 1892 | | |
| Cap. i. | Cork, Cloyne & Ross Diocesan Synod. | - |
| " ii. | Kildare Cathedral. | - |
| 1893 | | |
| Cap. i. | Ecclesiastical Tribunals. | Schedule repealed by 1899, C.i. |
| 1894 | | |
| Cap. i. | Diocesan Courts. | Repealed by 1899, C.i. |
| " ii. | Glebes. | All except repealing clause repealed by 1889, C.i. |
| " iii. | Easter Vestry. | Repealed by 1899, C.i. |
| 1895 | | |
| Cap. i. | Court of General Synod. | All except repealing clause repealed by 1899, C.i. |
| " ii. | Glebes. | Repealed by 1899, C.i. |
| " iii. | Widows and Orphans. | Repealed by 1899, C.i. |

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| 1896 | | |
| No Statutes. | | |
| 1897 | | |
| Cap. i. | Retirement of Bishops. | All except s.14 repealed by 1899, C.i. |
| " ii. | Incumbents Mentally Incapacitated. | Repealed by 1899, C.i. |
| " iii. | Glebes. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " iv. | Election of Bishops. | Repealed by 1899, C.i. |
| " v. | Appointments to Cures. | Repealed by 1899, C.i. |
| 1898 | | |
| No Statutes. | | |
| 1899 | | |
| Cap. i. | Consolidation of Constitution. | 1st schedule (except Preamble and Declaration and Chapter IX) repealed by 1909, C.i. Repealed by 1944, C.v. |
| " ii. | Belfast Cathedral. | Repealed by 1944, C.v. |
| 1900 | | |
| Cap. i. | Election of Bishops. | Repealed by 1909, C.i. |
| " ii. | Downpatrick Cathedral. | - |
| " iii. | Diocesan Boundaries. | - |
| " iv. | General Synod. Appointments to Cures. | Repealed by 1909, C.i. |
| 1901 | | |
| Cap. i. | Ferns Cathedral. | - |
| " ii. | Limerick Cathedral. | - |
| 1902 | | |
| Cap. i. | Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. | ss. 11,13,14 amended by 1997, C.ii. s.3 amended by 1971, C.ix. s.11 amended by 1920, C.v. ss.12,16 and 17 amended by 1920, special session, C.vi. s.14 amended by 1920, C.v. and 1920, special session, C.vi. |
| 1903 | | |
| Cap. i. | Appointment to Cures. | Repealed by 1909, C.i. |
| 1904 | | |
| No Statutes. | | |
| 1905 | | |
| Cap. i. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Schedule repealed by 1909, C.i. |
| 1906 | | |
| Cap. i. | Archdeacons. | Repealed by 1909, C.i. |

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| 1906 continued. | | |
| Cap. ii. | Glebes. | Repealed by 1909, C.i. |
| " iii. | Court of General Synod. | Repealed by 1909, C.i. |
| " iv. | Cathedrals. | Repealed by 1909, C.i. |
| " v. | Widows and Orphans. | All except repealing clause repealed by 1909, C.i. |
| 1907 No Statutes. | | |
| 1908 | | |
| Cap. i. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1909, C.i. |
| Cap. i. | Consolidation of Constitution. | 1st schedule (except Preamble and Declaration and Chapter IX) repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " ii. | Diocesan Boundaries. (Note - a statute concerning appointments to cures was also passed, and was incorporated in Cap.i.) | - |
| 1910 No Statutes. | | |
| 1911 No Statutes. | | |
| 1912 | | |
| Cap. i. | Glebes and Parochial Buildings. | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " ii. | Easter Vestry. Registers of Vestrymen. | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| 1913 | | |
| Cap. i. | Divinity Hostel. | s.2 amended by 1943, C.ii. |
| " ii. | General Synod. | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| 1914 | | |
| Cap. i. | Ecclesiastical Tribunals. | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " ii. | Widows and Orphans. | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " iii. | Table of Lessons. | - |
| " iv. | Table of Lessons. | - |
| " v. | Table of Proper Psalms. | - |
| " vi. | Table of Proper Psalms. | - |
| " vii. | Table of Proper Psalms. | - |
| " viii. | Table of Proper Psalms. | - |
| " ix. | Tables and Rules for Feasts. | - |
| " x. | Tables and Rules for Feasts. | - |
| 1915 | | |
| Cap. i. | General Synod. | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " ii. | Superannuation of Clergy | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |

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| 1915 continued. | | |
| Cap. iii. | Superannuation of Clergy . | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " iv. | St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " v. | Killaloe & Kilfenora Cathedrals. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " vi. | Order how Holy Scriptures is to be read. | - |
| " vii. | Morning and Evening Prayer. | - |
| " viii. | Morning Prayer. | - |
| " ix. | Morning Prayer. | - |
| " x. | Evening Prayer. | - |
| " xi. | Evening Prayer. | - |
| " xii. | Prayers and Thanksgiving. | - |
| " xiii. | Confirmation. | - |
| " xiv. | Confirmation. | - |
| " xv. | Confirmation. | - |
| " xvi. | Confirmation. | - |
| " xvii. | Confirmation. | - |
| " xviii. | Confirmation. | - |
| " xix. | Confirmation. | - |
| " xx. | Confirmation. | - |
| " xxi. | Confirmation. | - |
| " xxii. | Solemnization of Matrimony. | - |
| " xxiii. | Solemnization of Matrimony. | - |
| " xxiv. | Solemnization of Matrimony. | - |
| " xxv. | Solemnization of Matrimony. | - |
| " xxvi. | Solemnization of Matrimony. | - |
| " xxvii. | Solemnization of Matrimony. | - |
| " xxviii. | Solemnization of Matrimony. | - |
| " xxix. | Public Institution of Minister. | - |
| " xxx. | First Sunday after Institution. | - |
| " xxxi. | First Sunday after Institution. | - |
| " xxxii. | First Sunday after Institution. | - |
| " xxxiii. | First Sunday after Institution. | - |
| " xxxiv. | First Sunday after Institution. | - |
| " xxxv. | First Sunday after Institution. | - |
| 1916 No Statutes. | | |
| 1917 | | |
| Cap. i. | General Synod. | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " ii. | Superannuation of Clergy . | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " iii. | Widows and Orphans. | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " iv. | Diocesan Boundaries. | - |
| " v. | Morning Prayer. | - |
| " vi. | Evening Prayer. | - |

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| 1917 continued. | | |
| Cap. vii. | Prayers and Thanksgivings. | - |
| " viii. | Confirmation. | - |
| " ix. | Consecration of Churchyard. | - |
| " x. | Date of Coming into Effect of Prayer Book Revision Statutes. | - |
| 1918 | | |
| Cap. i. | Churchwardens. | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " ii. | Retirement of Bishops. | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " iii. | Burying Grounds. | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " iv. | Superannuation of Clergy | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " v. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1919, C.i. |
| " vi. | Morning and Evening Prayer. Litany, Prayers and Thanksgivings. Collects, Epistles and Gospels. | - |
| 1919 | | |
| Cap. i. | Consolidation of Constitution. | 1st schedule (except Preamble and Declaration and Chapter IX) repealed by 1926, C.i. Consolidated with 1919, C.i. |
| " ii. | Widows and Orphans. | - |
| " iii. | Morning and Evening Prayer. Litany. Prayers and Thanksgivings. Holy Communion. Collects. Epistles and Gospels. | - |
| " iv. | Diocesan Boundaries. | - |
| 1920 | | |
| Cap. i. | Election of Bishops. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " ii. | Eligibility of Women. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " iii. | Appointments to Cures. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " iv. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " v. | Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. | - |
| " vi. | Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments. | - |
| " vii. | Date of Coming into effect of Prayer Book Revision Statutes. | - |
| 1920 Special Session | | |
| Cap. i. | Stipends. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " ii. | Central Church Fund. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " iii. | Commission for Union of Parishes. | Commission dissolved by 1925, C.iii. Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " iv. | Light Duty Parishes. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " v. | Representative Body. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |

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| 1920 continued. | | |
| Cap. vi. | Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. | - |
| " vii. | Suspension of Board of Nomination. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " viii. | Appointments to Cures. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| 1921 | | |
| Cap. i. | General Synod. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " ii. | Churchwardens. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " iii. | Stipends. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " iv. | Central Church Fund. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " v. | Diocesan Synods. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " vi. | Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments. | - |
| " vii. | Psalter. | - |
| " viii. | Diocesan Boundaries. | - |
| " ix. | Armagh Cathedral. | Repealed by 1972, C. xi. |
| " x. | Provincial and Diocesan Boundaries. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " xi. | Representative Body. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " xii. | Appointments to Cures. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " xiii. | Diocesan Boundaries. | - |
| " xiv. | Enniskillen Cathedral. | - |
| 1922 | | |
| Cap. i. | Widows and Orphans. | All except repealing clause repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " ii. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " iii. | Retirement of Bishops. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " iv. | Curates-in-charge, etc. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " v. | Election to See of Armagh. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " vi. | Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments. | - |
| " vii. | Psalter. | - |
| " viii. | Psalter. | - |
| " ix. | Downpatrick Cathedral. | - |
| " x. | Cashel Cathedral. | Repealed by 1981, C.v. |
| " xi. | Waterford & Lismore Cathedrals. | Repealed by 1981, C.v. |
| " xii. | Kilkenny & Leighlin Cathedrals. | ss.1 and 3 partly repealed by 1963, C.viii. |
| 1923 | | |
| Cap. i. | Incumbents' Leave of Absence. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " ii. | Central Church Fund. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " iii. | Ecclesiastical Tribunals. | All except s.11 repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " iv. | Deanery of Kildare. | Repealed by 1973, C.vii. |
| " v. | Kildare Cathedral. | - |

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| 1923 continued. | | |
| Cap. vi. | Limerick & Ardfert Cathedrals. | Repealed by 1963, C.vi., insofar as inconsistent therewith. |
| " vii. | Canon 43. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " viii. | Representative Body | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " ix. | Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments. | - |
| 1924 | | |
| Cap. i. | Diocesan Synods. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " ii. | Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments. | - |
| " iii. | Psalter. | - |
| 1925 | | |
| Cap. i. | Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments. | - |
| " ii. | Date of Coming into Effect of Prayer Book Revision Statutes. | - |
| " iii. | Commission for Union of Parishes. Central Church Fund. Stipends. Light Duty Parishes. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " iv. | Suspension of Boards of Nomination. | Repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| " v. | St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. | All except repealing clause repealed by 1926, C.i. |
| 1926 | | |
| Cap. i. | Consolidation of Constitution. | 1st schedule (except Preamble and Declaration and Chapter IX) repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " ii. | Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments. | - |
| " iii. | Psalms and Canticles. | - |
| " iv. | Order of Services. | - |
| " v. | Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments. | - |
| " vi. | Prayers and Thanksgivings. Visitation of Sick. | - |
| " vii. | Appointments to Cures. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " viii. | Bishopric of Down and Connor and Dromore. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " ix. | St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " x. | Archdeacons. Superannuation of Clergy. | - |
| " xi. | Elphin and Ardagh Dioceses. | - |
| 1927 | | |
| Cap. i. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " ii. | Widows and Orphans. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " iii. | Easter Vestry. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " iv. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " v. | Belfast Cathedral. | Repealed by 1944, C.v. |

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| 1927 continued. | | |
| Cap. vi. | Killaloe Cathedral. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " vii. | St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| 1928 | | |
| Cap. i. | Church Extension in Belfast. | s.2 amended by 1931, C.ii. All repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " ii. | Easter Vestry. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " iii. | Register Books. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " iv. | Representative Body. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " v. | Widows and Orphans. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " vi. | Diocesan Synods. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| 1929 | | |
| Cap. i. | Revised Version of Holy Bible. | - |
| 1930 | | |
| Cap. i. | Church Fabric Fund. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " ii. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " iii. | Widows and Orphans. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " iv. | St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| 1931 | | |
| Cap. i. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " ii. | Church Extension in Belfast. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " iii. | Appointments to Cures. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " iv. | Widows and Orphans. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " v. | Alternative Forms of Evening Prayer. | Repealed by 1934, C.vi. |
| 1932 | | |
| Cap. i. | Diocesan Synods. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| 1933 | | |
| Cap. i. | Modification of Alteration of Articles, etc. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " ii. | Boulter Fund. | All except repealing clause repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " iii. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1934, C.i. |
| " iv. | Alternative Forms of Evening Prayer. | - |
| 1934 | | |
| Cap. i. | Consolidation of Constitution. | All except Preamble and Declaration repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " ii. | Glebes and Parochial Buildings. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iii. | Central Church Fund. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iv. | Church Plate and Parochial Documents. | ss.4-7 repealed by 1946, C.i. Remainder repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " v. | Widows and Orphans. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |

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| 1934 continued. | | |
| Cap. vi. | Alternative Forms of Evening Prayer. | - |
| " vii. | Appointments to Cures. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| 1935 | | |
| Cap. i. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " ii. | Groups of Parishes. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iii. | Modification of Alteration of Articles, etc. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iv. | Retirement of Bishops. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " v. | Armagh Cathedral. Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. | - |
| 1936 | | |
| No Statutes. | | |
| 1937 | | |
| Cap. i. | Retirement of Bishops. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " ii. | Light Duty Parishes. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iii. | General Synod. Diocesan Synods. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| 1938 | | |
| Cap. i. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " ii. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| 1939 | | |
| Cap. i. | Election of Bishops. | Repealed by 1945, C.iii. |
| " ii. | Augmentation of Widows' Annuities Fund. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| 1940 | | |
| Cap. i. | Election of Bishops. | Repealed by 1945, C.iii. |
| " ii. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iii. | Retirement of Bishops. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iv. | Vacancy in See. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| 1941 | | |
| Cap. i. | Retirement of Bishops. Augmentation of Incomes of Bishops' Widows Fund. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " ii. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iii. | Election of Bishops. | Repealed by 1945, C.iii. |
| " iv. | Augmentation of Widows' Annuities Fund. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| 1942 | | |
| Cap. i. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " ii. | Augmentation of Widows' Annuities Fund. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iii. | Appointments to Cures. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iv. | Bishopric of Down and Connor and Dromore. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| 1943 | | |
| Cap. i. | Bishopric of Down and Connor and Dromore. | - |
| " ii. | Divinity Hostel. | - |

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| Cap. iii. | Vacancy in See. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iv. | Appointments to Cures. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " v. | St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " vi. | Diocesan Synods. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| 1944 | | |
| Cap. i. | State Prayers. | Repealed by 1950, C.i. |
| " ii. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iii. | Central Church Fund. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iv. | Down, Connor & Dromore Dioceses. | s.6 repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " v. | Belfast Cathedral. | s.5 repealed by 1984, C.vii. s.8 amended by 1984, C.viii. |
| 1945 | | |
| Cap. i. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " ii. | Canon 1. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iii. | Election of Bishops. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " iv. | Glebes and Parochial Buildings. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " v. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " vi. | General Synod. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| " vii. | Canons 1 and 30. | Repealed by 1946, C.i. |
| 1946 | | |
| Cap. i. | Consolidation of Constitution. | All except Preamble and Declaration repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " ii. | Commission of Financial Reconstruction. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " iii. | Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " iv. | Canon 28. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " v. | Holy Communion. | - |
| " vi. | Appointments to Cures. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " vii. | Chancellors of Dioceses. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| 1947 | | |
| Cap. i. | Table of Kindred and Affinity. | - |
| " ii. | Representative Body. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " iii. | Suspension of Boards of Nomination. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " iv. | Suspension of Episcopal Elections. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " v. | Select Vestry. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| 1948 | | |
| Cap. i. | Stipends. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " ii. | City and Town Parishes Commission. | s.5 amended by 1954, C.vi. s.6 amended by 1949, C.vi. and 1954, C.vi. |
| " iii. | Appointment to Cures. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " iv. | Armagh Cathedral. | Repealed by 1972, C.xi. |

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| 1949 | | |
| Cap. | i. State Prayers. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " | ii. Representative Body. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " | iii. Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " | iv. Stipends. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " | v. Glebes. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " | vi. City and Town Parishes Commission. | - |
| " | vii. Bishops' Curates. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " | viii. Eligibility of Women. | Repealed by 1960, C.ii. |
| " | ix. Election of Bishops. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| 1950 | | |
| Cap. | i. State Prayers. | - |
| " | ii. Augmentation of Widow's Annuities Fund. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| 1951 | | |
| Cap. | i. Augmentation of Widow's Annuities Fund. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " | ii. Appointments to Cures. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| 1952 | | |
| Cap. | i. Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " | ii. Litany. | - |
| " | iii. Alternative Forms of Evening Prayer. | - |
| " | iv. Lisburn Cathedral. | s.2 amended by 1965, C.vi. |
| 1953 | | |
| Cap. | i. Glebes and Parochial Buildings. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " | ii. Parishes and Parochial Organization. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " | iii. Church Fabric Fund. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| 1954 | | |
| Cap. | i. Burial of the Dead. | - |
| " | ii. New Areas (Connor) Churches and Church Halls. | s.2 amended by 1955, C.ii. All repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " | iii. New Areas (Down and Dromore) Churches and Church Halls. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " | iv. Trim Cathedral. | - |
| " | v. Augmentation of Widows' Annuities Fund. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " | vi. City and Town Parishes Commission. | - |
| 1955 | | |
| Cap. | i. Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " | ii. New Areas (Connor) Churches and Church Halls. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| 1956 | | |
| Cap. | i. Shortening the Services. | - |
| " | ii. Election of Bishops. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |

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| 1956 continued. | | |
| Cap. iii. | Sparsely Populated Areas Commission. | ss.4 and 6 amended by 1957, C.iv. s.11 amended by 1960, C.iii, 1962, C.iv and 1964, C.ix. |
| " iv. | Central Church Fund. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " v. | Belfast Cathedral. | Repealed by 1984, C.vii. |
| " vi. | Cashel Cathedral. | Repealed by 1981, C.v. |
| 1957 | | |
| Cap. i. | Stipends. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " ii. | Suspension of Episcopal Elections. | Repealed by 1960, C.v. |
| " iii. | Unions of Parishes. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " iv. | Sparsely Populated Areas Commission. | - |
| " v. | Widows and Orphans. Augmentation of Widows' Annuities Fund. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| 1958 | | |
| Cap. i. | Retirement of Bishops. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " ii. | Downpatrick Cathedral. | - |
| 1959 | | |
| Cap. i. | General Synod. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " ii. | Ecclesiastical Tribunals. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " iii. | Election of Bishops. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " iv. | Retirement of Bishops. Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| " v. | Churches and Church Halls. | ss.2 and 6 amended by 1962, C.v. 1964, C.vi., and 1966, C.v., and 1969, C.iv. s.8 amended by 1966, C.v. s.9 amended by 1971, C.iv. |
| " vi. | Widows and Orphans. | Repealed by 1960, C.i. |
| 1960 | | |
| Cap. i. | Consolidation of Constitution. | All except Preamble and Declaration and Rules and Schedules to Chapter XIII, repealed by 1972, C.i. Rules and Schedules to Chapter XIII, repealed by 1973, C.iv. |
| " ii. | Collects, Epistles and Gospels. | Repealed by 1963, C.i. |
| " iii. | Sparsely Populated Areas Commission. | - |
| " iv. | Representative Body. | Repealed by 1966, C.ii. |
| " v. | Suspension of Episcopal Elections. | - |
| " vi. | St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. | Repealed by 1970, C.iii. |
| " vii. | Deanery of Kildare. | Repealed by 1973, C.vii. |

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| 1960 continued. | | |
| Cap. 1961 | viii. Augmentation of Widows' Annuities Fund. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| Cap. | i. Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " | ii. Chancellors of Dioceses. | Repealed by 1971, C.vi. |
| " | iii. Election of Bishops. | Repealed by 1971, C.vii. |
| " | iv. Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " | v. City and Town Parishes Commission. | - |
| " | vi. Widows and Orphans. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |
| " | vii. Election of Bishops. | Repealed by 1971, C.vii. |
| " | viii. Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry. | - |
| 1962 | | |
| Cap. | i. New English Bible, New Testament. | - |
| " | ii. Table of Lessons. | Schedule amended by 1964, C.i. |
| " | iii. Canons 1 and 30. | Repealed by 1971, C.ii. |
| " | iv. Sparsely Populated Areas Commission. | - |
| " | v. Churches and Church Halls. | - |
| " | vi. Stipends. | Repealed by 1971, C.ii. |
| 1963 | | |
| Cap. | i. Prayer Book. Sundry Amendments. | - |
| " | ii. Register Books. | Repealed by 1971, C.ii. |
| " | iii. Ecclesiastical Tribunals. | Repealed by 1971, C.vi. |
| " | iv. Stipends. | Repealed by 1971, C.ii. |
| " | v. Central Church Fund. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " | vi. Limerick Cathedral. | - |
| " | vii. City and Town Parishes Commission. | - |
| " | viii. Kilkenny & Leighlin Cathedrals. | - |
| 1964 | | |
| Cap. | i. Tables of Lessons | - |
| " | ii. Book of Occasional Prayers. | - |
| " | iii. Dedication of Memorial or Gifts. | - |
| " | iv. Parochial Organization. | ss.1 and 3 repealed by 1977, C.ii. |
| " | v. Cathedrals. | s.2 repealed by 1970, C.iii. Repealed by 1970, C.iii. |
| " | vi. Churches and Church Halls. | - |
| " | vii. Retirement of Bishops. Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " | viii. Retirement of Bishops. Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " | ix. Sparsely Populated Areas Commission. | - |
| " | x. Suspension of Episcopal Elections. | Repealed by 1974, C.ii. |

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| 1964 continued. | | |
| Cap. 1965 | xi. Canon 36. | Repealed by 1971, C.ii. |
| Cap. 1965 | i. Revised Standard Version. | - |
| " | ii. Ecclesiastical Tribunals. | Repealed by 1971, C.vi. |
| " | iii. Churches and Church Halls. | - |
| " | iv. Stipends. | Repealed by 1971, C.ii. |
| " | v. Sparsely Populated Areas Commission. | - |
| " | vi. General Synod. | Repealed by 1969, C.ii. |
| " | vii. Archdeaconries in Diocese of Connor. | Repealed by 1984, C.vii. |
| 1966 | | |
| Cap. 1966 | i. Canon 1. | Repealed by 1971, C.ii. |
| " | ii. Representative Body. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " | iii. Widows and Orphans. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " | iv. Glebes and Parochial Buildings. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " | v. Churches and Church Halls. | - |
| 1967 | | |
| Cap. 1967 | i. Modification or alteration of Articles, etc. | Repealed by 1969, C.ii. |
| " | ii. Diocesan Councils. | Repealed by 1971, C.ii. |
| 1968 | | |
| Cap. 1968 | i. Diocesan Synods. | Repealed by 1971, C.ii. |
| " | ii. Churches and Church Halls. | - |
| " | iii. Modification or alteration of Articles, etc. | Repealed by 1969, C.ii. |
| " | iv. Limitation of Rights of Bishops. | - |
| 1969 | | |
| Cap. 1969 | i. Central Church Fund. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " | ii. General Synod. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " | iii. Diocesan Councils. | Repealed by 1971, C.ii. |
| " | iv. Churches and Church Halls. | - |
| " | v. Stipends. | Repealed by 1971, C.ii. |
| " | vi. Insurance. | Repealed by 1971, C.ii. |
| 1970 | | |
| Cap. 1970 | i. Holy Communion. | Amended by 1979, C.i. |
| " | ii. Appointment to Cures. | Repealed by 1975, C.ii. |
| " | iii. Cathedrals. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " | iv. Retirement of Bishops. Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " | v. Endowment Assurance Fund. | Repealed by 1971, C.viii. |
| " | vi. Killaloe & Clonfert Cathedrals. | - |
| " | vii. City and Town Parishes Commission. St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. | - |
| 1971 | | |
| Cap. 1971 | i. Burial Grounds. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |

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| 1971 continued. | | |
| Cap. ii. | Dioceses and Diocesan Organisation. Parishes and Parochial Organisation. Appointment to and Tenure of Cures. Canons. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " iii. | Stipends. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " iv. | Churches and Church Halls. | - |
| " v. | Appointment of Cures. | Repealed by 1975, C.ii. |
| " vi. | Ecclesiastical Tribunals. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " vii. | Election of Bishops. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " viii. | Endowment Assurance Fund. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " ix. | City and Town Parishes Commission. Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. | - |
| " x. | Modification or Alteration of Articles, etc. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " xi. | Archdeaconries in Diocese of Connor. | Repealed by 1984, C.vii. |
| " xii. | Resignation of Bishops. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " xiii. | St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. | Repealed by 1972, C.i. |
| " xiv. | Appointment to Cures. | Repealed by 1975, C.ii. |
| 1972 | | |
| Cap. i. | Consolidation of Constitution. | All except Preamble and Declaration repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " ii. | Baptism. | - |
| " iii. | Archbishops and Bishops. | - |
| " iv. | Modification or Alteration of Articles. etc. | Repealed by 1976, C.ix. |
| " v. | Canon 28. | - |
| " vi. | Suspension of Episcopal Elections. | Spent. |
| " vii. | Stipends. | - |
| " viii. | Representative Body. | - |
| " ix. | Superannuation of Clergy. | - |
| " x. | Cork, Cloyne & Ross Cathedrals. | - |
| " xi. | Armagh Cathedral. | - |
| " xii. | Widows and Orphans. | - |
| 1973 | | |
| Cap. i. | Translations of Bible. | - |
| " ii. | Meath, Kilmore & Tuam Dioceses. | - |
| " iii. | Parishes and Parochial Organisation. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " iv. | Glebes and Parochial Buildings. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " v. | Stipends. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " vi. | Retirement of Bishops. Superannuation of Clergy. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " vii. | Kildare Deanery. | - |

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| 1974 | | |
| Cap. | i. Canons. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | ii. Repeal of Statues. | - |
| " | iii. Commission on Episcopal Needs. | - |
| " | iv. Stipends. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | v. Superannuation of Clergy. | - |
| " | vi. Churches and Church Halls. | - |
| " | vii. St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | viii. Diocesan Synods. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| 1975 | | |
| Cap. | i. Solemnization of Matrimony. | - |
| " | ii. Appointments to Cures. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | iii. Office of Vicar. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | iv. Superannuation of Clergy. Widows and Orphans. | ss.4 and 5 repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | v. Stipends. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | vi. Parishes and Parochial Organisation. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | vii. Dioceses of Ossory & Leighlin. | - |
| 1976 | | |
| Cap. | i. Diocesan Reorganisation. | Repealed by 1981, C.vii. |
| " | ii. General Synod. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | iii. Auxiliary Priests. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | iv. Election of Bishops. | s.1 repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | v. Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | vi. Supplemental Fund. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | vii. Amendments to Constitution. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | viii. Stipends. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | ix. Modification or Alteration of Articles, etc. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | x. Diocesan Councils. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | xi. Glebes and Parochial Buildings. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| 1977 | | |
| Cap. | i. Amendments to Constitution. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| " | ii. Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1978, C.i. |
| 1978 | | |
| Cap. | i. Consolidation of Constitution. | All except Preamble and Declaration repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " | ii. Kildare Deanery. | - |
| 1979 | | |
| Cap. | i. Holy Communion. | - |
| " | ii. Auxiliary Clergymen. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " | iii. St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " | iv. Representative Body. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |

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| 1979 continued. | | |
| Cap. v. | Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " vi. | Resignation of Bishops. Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " vii. | Belfast Cathedral. | Repealed by 1984, c.vii. |
| 1980 | | |
| Cap. i. | Parishes and Parochial Organisation. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " ii. | Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " iii. | Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " iv. | Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| 1981 | | |
| Cap. i. | Morning and Evening Prayer. | - |
| " ii. | Sentences of Scripture. | - |
| " iii. | Canticles. | - |
| " iv. | Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " v. | Cashel, Waterford & Lismore Cathedrals. | - |
| " vi. | Hildersheim Dish. | - |
| " vii. | Diocesan Reorganisation. | - |
| " viii. | Stipends. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| 1982 | | |
| Cap. i. | Holy Communion. | - |
| " ii. | Concerning the Services of the Church. | - |
| " iii. | Archdeacons. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " iv. | Baptismal and Burial Registers. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " v. | Glebe Repair Loans. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " vi. | Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| 1983 | | |
| Cap. i. | Financing of the Episcopacy. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " ii. | Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " iii. | Belfast Cathedral. | - |
| 1984 | | |
| Cap. i. | Ordination of Women as Deacons. | s.1 and Schedule (Pt.V) repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " ii. | Psalter. | - |
| " iii. | Calendar, Collects & Lectionary. | - |
| " iv. | Litany, Late Evening Office. | - |
| " v. | Baptism. | - |
| " vi. | General Synod. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " vii. | Belfast Cathedral. | - |
| " viii. | Belfast Cathedral. | - |
| " ix. | Alternative Prayer Book. | - |
| " x. | Preface. | - |
| " xi. | Canon 38. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |

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| 1984 continued. | | |
| Cap. 1985 | xii. Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| Cap. 1985 | i. Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " 1986 | ii. Downpatrick Cathedral. | - |
| Cap. 1986 | i. Commission on Churches. | s.6 amended by 1993, C.ii. and 1994, C.iii. |
| " 1986 | ii. Church Fabric Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " 1986 | iii. Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| 1987 | | |
| Cap. 1987 | i. Confirmation. | - |
| " 1987 | ii. Solemnization of Matrimony. | - |
| " 1987 | iii. Burial of the Dead. | - |
| " 1987 | iv. Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " 1987 | v. Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " 1987 | vi. Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " 1987 | vii. Clergy Pensions Fund. | Repealed by 1988, C.iii. |
| " 1987 | viii. Limerick, Killaloe and Clonfert Cathedrals. | - |
| 1988 | | |
| Cap. 1988 | i. Renewal of Baptismal Vows. | - |
| " 1988 | ii. Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion. | - |
| " 1988 | iii. Consolidation of Constitution. | Chapter 13 Repealed by 1996, C.iii. |
| " 1988 | iv. Amendments to the Constitution. | - |
| " 1988 | v. Clergy Pensions Fund. | - |
| 1989 | | |
| Cap. 1989 | i. Thanksgiving after Birth or Adoption. | - |
| " 1989 | ii. General Synod. | - |
| " 1989 | iii. Clergy Pensions Fund. | - |
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| Cap. 1990 | i. Ordination of Women as Priests and Bishops. | - |
| " 1990 | ii. Institution of an Incumbent. | - |
| " 1990 | iii. Stipends, Central Church Fund. | - |
| " 1990 | iv. Church Fabric Fund. | s.4 amended 1997, C.ii. |
| " 1990 | v. Clergy Pensions Fund. | - |
| " 1990 | vi. Clergy Pensions Fund. | - |
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| Cap. 1992 | i. Ministry to the Sick. | - |
| " 1992 | ii. Ordinal. | - |

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| Cap. | iii. | Clergy Pensions Fund. | - |
| 1993 | | | |
| Cap. | i. | Central Church Fund. | - |
| " | ii. | Commission on Churches. | - |
| " | iii. | Armagh Cathedral. | - |
| 1994 | | | |
| Cap. | i. | Clergy Pensions Fund. | - |
| " | ii. | Parish and Parochial Organisation. | - |
| " | iii. | Commission on Churches. | - |
| 1995 | | | |
| Cap. | i. | Clergy Pensions Fund. | - |
| " | ii. | Parish and Parochial Organisation. | - |
| 1996 | | | |
| Cap. | i. | Remarriage of Divorced Persons. | - |
| " | ii. | Alternative Prayer Book. | - |
| " | iii. | Management of Glebes etc. | - |
| " | iv. | Clergy Pensions Fund. | - |
| 1997 | | | |
| Cap. | i. | Church Fabric Fund. | - |
| " | ii. | Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. | - |
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| Cap. | i. | Appointment of Archbishops and Bishops. | - |
| " | ii. | Clergy Pensions Fund. | - |
| " | iii. | Kildare Cathedral and Trim Cathedral. | - |

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REPORTS OF CASES HEARD

The following Cases have been reported in the Journals of the General Synod as follows:-

1. 1885 Re Meath Episcopal Election. Right of Diocesan Synod to submit the names of three clergymen to the Bench of Bishops. Case from Bishops. - Reported in Journal, 1886, p. 169.
2. 1886 Re Precedence of Bishop of Meath. Case from Bishops. - Reported in Journal, 1886, p. 176.
3. 1888 Legality of Grant for Divinity School in connection with the Church of Ireland. Case from General Synod. - Reported in Journal, 1888, p. 158.
4. 1888 Mode of Election of Diocesan Nominators. Case from General Synod. - Reported in Journal, 1888, p. 160.
5. 1888 Effect of Resignation of his Benefice of Archdeacon upon his Retainer of the Archdeaconry. Case from Bishops. - Reported in Journal, 1888, p. 161.
6. 1890 M'Keown v. Irwin.
Immorality of Clerk. Case from Diocesan Court of Derry. Sentence of Suspension. - Reported in Journal, 1895, p.202.
7. 1892 Brown and Creagh v. Pattison.
Legality of Election of Incumbent. Petition under Chapter IV of the Constitution. - Reported in Journal, 1895, p. 203.
8. 1892 Grant v. Smith and others.
Construction of Canon XXXVI. Appeal from Diocesan Court of Dublin. Cross on Stand behind Communion Table held to be illegal. - Reported in Journal, 1895, p.204.
9. 1893 MacLaughlin and MacMahon v Diocesan Synod of Cashel.
Power of Diocesan Synod to amend Diocesan Scheme. - Reported in Journal, 1895, p.215.
10. 1893 Ross v M'Donagh.
Drunkenness of Clerk. Using Profane Language. Neglecting to celebrate Divine Service. Case from Diocesan Court of Down, Connor and Dromore. Sentence of Deprivation. - Reported in Journal, 1895, p.216.

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11. 1894 Campbell and others v. Hunt.
Maintaining Doctrines contrary to the Articles of the Church of Ireland.
Petition. - Reported in Journal, 1895, p.217.
12. 1896 Bishop of Limerick v. Cotter.
Maintaining Doctrines contrary to the Articles of the Church of Ireland.
Refusing to wear Surplice. Sentence of Deprivation.
- Reported in Journal 1897, p. 258.
13. 1898 Bishop of Cashel v. Going.
Clergyman incapacitated by permanent mental infirmity.
- Reported in Journal, 1902, p. 222a.
14. 1900 Bellingham, Macan and M'Kee v. Leslie.
Legality of Election of Incumbent. Insufficient notice of holding of Board
of Nomination. - Reported in Journal, 1902, p.222b.
15. 1903 Re Tyney.
Clergyman incapacitated by permanent mental infirmity.
- Reported in Journal, 1905, p. 332.
16. 1903 Re Leet.
Clergyman incapacitated by permanent mental infirmity.
- Reported in Journal, 1905, p. 333
17. 1905 Archbishop of Armagh v. Hains.
Neglect of Ministerial Duty. Ceasing to reside in Parish. Sentence of
Deprivation. - Reported in Journal, 1906, p.313.
18. 1905 Re Sleator.
Clergyman incapacitated by permanent mental infirmity.
- Reported in Journal, 1906, p.314.
19. 1907 Re Cooney.
Clergyman incapacitated by permanent mental infirmity.
- Reported in Journal, 1908, p.332.
20. 1908 Re The Deceased Wife's Sister Marriage Act, 1907. Case from Bishops.
- Reported in Journal, 1908, p.333 and pp.1iii-lv.
21. 1909 Re Dancy.
Clergyman incapacitated by permanent mental infirmity.
- Reported in Journal, 1910, p. 316.

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22. 1914 Correll v. Robinson and others.
Rights of Burial in Parochial Graveyard. Appeal from Diocesan Court of Glendalough. Appeal dismissed. - Reported in Journal, 1915, p.459.
23. 1916 Diocesan Council of Down, Connor and Dromore v. Representative Church Body.
Claim in respect of Bequest of Archdeacon Smythe.
- Reported in Journal, 1916, p. 324.
24. 1918 Archbishop of Dublin v. Robinson.
Ceasing to reside in Parish and to perform his duties as Incumbent. Sentence of Suspension. - Reported in Journal, 1919, p.363.
25. 1918 Hitchcock and others v. Archbishop of Armagh.
Claim a Declaration that ruling of Respondent as President of the Session of the General synod was erroneous. No jurisdiction.
- Reported in Journal, 1919, p. 365.
26. 1919 Re Powers of the General Synod.
The Court decided that it was within the power of the General Synod to amend Canon XXII by the insertion of the following words after the word "Ministers": "and in such examination shall be included a course of theological study approved by the General Synod". Case from Bishops.
- Reported in Journal, 1919, p. 366.
27. 1921 Johnson and others v. Robinson.
Alleged sub-letting of Glebe without permission, and other charges. Petition withdrawn on agreed terms. - Reported in Journal, 1922, p.333.
28. 1928 Chamney and others v. Simpson.
Violations of Canons. Sentence of Admonition.
- Reported in Journal, 1928, p.367.
29. 1933 Re Bradshaw.
Clergy man incapacitated by permanent mental infirmity.
- Reported in Journal, 1933, p. 381.
30. 1935 Christie and others v. Colquhoun.
Violation of Canons. Sentence of Admonition.
- Reported in Journal, 1937, p. 355.
- 30A.1937 Chamney and others v. Colquhoun.
Violation of Canons. Sentence of six months suspension.
- Reported in Journal 1992, p.368.

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31. 1939 Caithness and others v. Colquhoun and others.
Petition for a Faculty for the removal of a Crucifix. Appeal from
Diocesan Court of Dublin. Appeal dismissed.
- Reported in Journal, 1941, p.406.
32. 1940 Colquhoun and others v. Caithness and others.
Petition for a Faculty to confirm the retention of a Crucifix. Appeal from
Diocesan Court of Dublin. Remitted to Diocesan Court.
- Reported in Journal, 1941, p.413.
33. 1941 Hick and others v. Wilson
Alleged violation of Canons. Petition dismissed.
- Reported in Journal, 1947, p.330.
34. 1947 Bishop of Tuam v. Judge.
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1. The following case was also heard and decided by the Court, but was not reported:-

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Defendant was charged with certain ecclesiastical offences, some of which
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no punishment was inflicted nor were costs awarded.
2. The Court sat on sundry dates in November and December, 1923, to hear Appeals from
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were dismissed. Details of the nine Appeals are printed in Journals, 1924 - 1963.

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NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE 1998

| Date | Clerical | Lay | Total |
|--------|----------|-----|-------|
| May 12 | 185 | 305 | 490 |
| May 13 | 181 | 293 | 474 |
| May 14 | 152 | 182 | 334 |

Total number of Signatures, 1,298, average, 433

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|----------|-----|---------|-----|
| Clerical | 518 | Average | 173 |
| Lay | 780 | Average | 260 |

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The ordinary Session commenced on May 12th and terminated on May 14th, having lasted three days.

The House of Bishops did not sit separately but all were present at the meeting of the full Synod.

The greatest number of Representatives known to be present on any day was 490. The average attendance was 433 of whom 173 were Clerical and 260 Lay Representatives.

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