

RULES FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF THE TRURO DIOCESAN SYNOD

Made under Rules 30 and 31 of the Church Representation Rules

Constitution

- XA.1 The Diocesan Synod (hereinafter called 'the Synod') shall consist of three authorities, namely:
- (a) The House of Bishops
 - (b) The House of Clergy, and
 - (c) The House of Laity

The House of Bishops

- XA.2 The House of Bishops shall consist of:
- (1) The Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be President
 - (2) The Suffragan Bishop,
 - (3) Such other person or persons being a person or persons in episcopal orders working in the Diocese, as the Bishop of the Diocese, with the concurrence of the Archbishop of the Province, may nominate.

The House of Clergy

- XA.3 The House of Clergy shall consist of
- (a) The following ex-officio members, that is to say
 - (1) Any person or persons in episcopal orders nominated by the Bishop of the Diocese other than a suffragan bishop or a person nominated under Rule 30(2) of the Church Representation Rules (ie para 2 above)
 - (2) The Dean
 - (3) The Archdeacons
 - (4) The Proctors elected from the Diocese to the Lower House of the Convocation of the Province
 - (5) Any other member of that House, being the person chosen by and from among the clerical members of religious communities in the Province, who reside in the diocese
 - (6) The Chancellor of the Diocese (if in Holy Orders)
 - (7) The Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance (If in Holy Orders)
 - (8) The Chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (if in Holy Orders)
 - (b) Members elected by the House of Clergy of the Deanery Synods in the Diocese in accordance with the Church Representation Rules: and
 - (c) Not more than five members (being Clerks in Holy Orders) co-opted by the House of Clergy of the Diocesan Synod.
 - (d) The Bishop of the Diocese may nominate up to five additional Clerks in Holy Orders

The House of Laity

XA.4 The House of Laity shall consist of:

- (a) The following ex-officio members, that is to say
 - (1) The Chancellor of the Diocese (if not in Holy Orders)
 - (2) The Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance (if not in Holy Orders)
 - (3) The Chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (if not in Holy Orders)
 - (4) The Members elected from the Diocese to the House of Laity of the General Synod, excluding the Registrar of the Diocese (if so elected)
 - (5) Any other Member of that House, being an ex-officio or co-opted member of the House of Laity of the General Synod or a person chosen by and from among the lay members of religious communities in the Province, who resides in the diocese.
- (b) Subject to Rule 5 hereof members elected by the Houses of Laity of the Deanery Synods in the Diocese in accordance with the Church Representation Rules
- (c) Not more than 5 members co-opted by the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod, who shall be actual communicants of 18 years or upwards
- (d) The Bishop of the Diocese may nominate up to five additional lay people

Diocesan Synod as Diocesan Board of Finance

- XA.5 (a) The Diocesan Boards of Finance Measure 1925 requires the Diocesan Board of Finance to have a majority of Lay Members. To ensure this:
- (i) Should the Bishop of the Diocese appoint a second suffragan bishop, the number of people to be elected to the House of Laity shall be increased by one
 - (ii) Should the Bishop of the Diocese nominate one or more person or persons to be members of the House of Bishops &/or House of Clergy, the number of people to be elected to the House of Laity shall be increased by an equal number.
 - (iii) Should a person be chosen by and from among the clerical members of religious communities in the Province, who reside in the diocese be elected to the House of Clergy, the number of people to be elected to the House of Laity shall be increased by one.
 - (iv) Should the Chancellor of the Diocese be in Holy Orders, the number of people to be elected to the House of Laity shall be increased by one.
 - (v) Should the Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance be in Holy Orders the number of people to be elected to the House of Laity shall be increased by one.
- (b) Employees of the Diocesan Board of Finance shall not be members of the Board nor members of Synod, but officers of the Synod and Board.

Matters raised by Deanery Synods

- XA.6 A Deanery Synod may, on a motion moved by a member of the Diocesan Synod who represents that Deanery, bring before the Diocesan Synod any question of general Church interest or affecting the Deanery or any Parish within the Deanery.

Making, Revocation and Amendment of Rules and Standing Orders

- XA.7 The Synod may from time to time make, revoke or alter standing orders, consistently with the terms of the Church Representation Rules, for the summoning, holding and procedure of the Synod and its committees, and generally for the transaction of its business. A motion for the amendment of standing orders shall require the previous consent of the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee.