



**THE CONSTITUTION OF**

**THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**COMMONLY CALLED**

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN**

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**EXTRACTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND  
RELEVANT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF  
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY  
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**CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND**

## CHAPTER 3

### PARISHES AND PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS

#### PART III

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 37** None of the provisions of this Chapter shall apply to or affect... the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, commonly called Christ Church, Dublin; insofar as they conflict with the prerogatives, rights, privileges, or constitution of any or either of them.

## **CHAPTER VI**

### **ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS**

#### **PART II**

- 23** If and so often as a vacancy shall occur in the archbishopric of Dublin, the guardianship of the spiritualities of the united dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough shall, so far as no other provision has been made therefor by the Constitution, devolve upon the dean and chapter of the cathedral of the Holy Trinity (commonly called Christ Church), Dublin, who shall forthwith proceed to elect an official administrator to carry out and executive the duties of the office.

## CHAPTER 7

### PART I

### CATHEDRALS

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#### **Appointment to, and tenure of, deanery**

- 2 When a vacancy shall occur in any deanery (...other than the deaneries of ... the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (commonly called Christ Church), Dublin... in respect of which... the rights of appointment are expressly provided for in the several statutes referred to in the schedule to this Chapter) the right of appointment shall vest in the bishop of the diocese who shall make choice from among the beneficed or licensed clergy of the diocese. The appointment may be retained until the person so appointed has ceased to be beneficed or licensed in the diocese or shall have been granted a pension under the provisions of Chapter XIV.
- 3 The deanery of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and the deanery of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, shall not be held by the same person.

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#### **Exceptions**

- 18 None of the foregoing provisions in this Chapter contained shall apply to or affect ... the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

(commonly called Christ Church) Dublin;... or the prerogatives, rights, privileges, or constitution of any of them...

## General Provisions

- 19** It shall be lawful for the diocesan synod to make regulations for any case not herein provided for, and to make further regulations for any cathedral in the diocese or united diocese: Provided that the same be not inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

Statutes affecting the Cathedrals of Armagh; Christ Church, Dublin; Down; and St Anne, Belfast

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### (2) Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin

1872, cap. IV; 1886, cap. VII; 1902, cap. I, as amended by 1920, cap. V and 1920 (Special Session), cap. VI; 1935, cap. V; 1971, cap. IX; 1997, cap. II and 2006, cap IV and 2017, cap. V.

Under these Statutes, the Archbishop of Dublin is the Ordinary and has the right of appointing the Dean, and also has the right of appointment to the Dignities and Canonries,

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<sup>1</sup> Excluded as not relevant (Armagh Cathedral).

other than (a) the Canon chosen in accordance with the schedule to 1971, cap. IX, and (b) the Precentor and the Priest Vicars appointed by the Dean and Chapter; the Archbishop also has the right of appointment of two Lay Canons and two Ecumenical Canons. The Statutes provide for the regulation of the Cathedral affairs; the registration of vestry members; the return of synod members; and the triennial election of nine lay members of the Cathedral Board, and of five clerical members, to form, with the Dean, the Precentor, the Chancellor and the Treasurer, the Cathedral Board.

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<sup>2</sup> Excluded as not relevant (Down Cathedral and St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast) and Declaration for Subscription of Ecumenical Canons of St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin. The consolidated version of Chapter VII of the 2017 Constitution appears erroneously to include in its Schedules the Declaration for Subscription of Ecumenical Canons of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, which is a Schedule to the Statute of 1902 and not to Chapter VII of the Constitution (and which is set out below.)

CONSOLIDATED STATUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD  
OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND  
RELEVANT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF  
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY  
COMMONLY CALLED CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN

CONSOLIDATED

STATUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD

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*Disclaimer:*

*A full review of the Journals of General Synod has not been possible. If you are aware of other applicable Statutes, please bring these to our attention.*



## **1872 Chapter IV**

### **STATUTE**

TO SEPARATE THE DEANERY OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY, COMMONLY CALLED CHRIST CHURCH, FROM THAT OF THE COLLEGIATE AND CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT PATRICK, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SAID CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY, COMMONLY CALLED CHRIST CHURCH.

Whereas by the 3rd Chapter, 35th Section, of the Statutes of the General Convention of the Church of Ireland, it was enacted that all arrangements relating to the future management of cathedrals should be postponed until the General Synod should make provision therefor; and it is now expedient to make such provision with respect to the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, commonly called Christ Church, Dublin; And whereas the said Cathedral is, from peculiar circumstances, unsuited to be brought under any general scheme for regulating Cathedrals, it is expedient that special provision should be made therefor:

Be it therefore enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops, and Representatives of the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Dublin, as follows:-

1. The present Dean of Christ Church and Saint Patrick's may resign either Deanery without vacating the other; and, on such resignation, or on the vacancy of both Deaneries, the Union of Christ Church Cathedral with the Deanery of Saint Patrick's Cathedral (as created by the 3rd and 4th William IV., chap. 37,

sec. 50) shall cease to exist, and the said Deaneries shall not again be held by the same person.

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<sup>3</sup> Sections 2-16 repealed by 1886 Chapter VII, Section 1.

## 1886 Chapter VII

### STATUTE

#### STATUTE TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE STATUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD PASSED FOR THE REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

Whereas it is expedient to amend and consolidate the Statutes of the General Synod passed for the Regulation and Management of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, commonly called Christ Church, Dublin:

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 1886, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. The Statutes of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, Session 1872, chapter 4 (save section 1), Session 1874, chapter 1, Session 1879, chapter 2, and Session 1883, chapter 2, shall be henceforth repealed. Provided always that such repeal shall not invalidate any act or thing heretofore done, or any right or liability heretofore acquired or incurred under or in pursuance of the provisions hereby repealed.

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<sup>4</sup> Section 2 *et seq* repealed by Section 1 of 1902, Chapter 1.

## 1902 Chapter I

### STATUTE

STATUTE TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR THE REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY, COMMONLY CALLED CHRIST CHURCH, DUBLIN.

11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1902

Whereas it is expedient to make better provision for the Regulation and Management of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, commonly called Christ Church, Dublin.

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 1902, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. The Statute of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, Session 1886, Chapter VII, save Section 1, shall be henceforth repealed: Provided always that such repeal shall not invalidate any act or thing heretofore done, or any right or liability heretofore acquired or incurred, under or in pursuance of the provisions hereby repealed.

2. The said Cathedral shall be the Cathedral of the Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough, **retaining all the ancient prerogatives, rights, and privileges, as heretofore: and the Constitution of the said Cathedral shall in all respects remain unaltered, save as herein provided.**

3. The Archbishop of Dublin shall be the Ordinary of the said Cathedral, and shall have the right of appointing to the several Dignities and Canonries, **with the exceptions mentioned in**

Sections 8 and 11 hereinafter and in section 6 of the schedule to the Statute of the General Synod Chapter 9 of 1971<sup>5</sup>.

- 3A.<sup>6</sup> (i) The Archbishop of Dublin shall have the right to appoint at his or her sole discretion two honorary Lay Canons to the Cathedral, such appointments to be in recognition of particular and distinguished service to the Cathedral or to the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough or the community in those dioceses or to the Church of Ireland.
- (ii) A Lay Canon shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of appointment and shall be entitled to a designated seat in the Cathedral while holding such office. A Lay Canon shall be entitled to attend Chapter Meetings as a non-voting member.
- (iii) A Lay Canon who has served five years may be reappointed.
- (iv) A Lay Canon may be removed by the Archbishop for cause shown.
- 3B.<sup>7</sup> (i) The Archbishop of Dublin may appoint two Ecumenical Canons to the Chapter. An Ecumenical Canon shall mean a minister or accredited preacher of one or other of such Christian denominations not in full communion with the Church as may from time to time be specified by the House of Bishops. The Ecumenical Canons shall each have a designated stall in the Cathedral and shall be non-voting members of the Chapter.

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<sup>5</sup> Substituted by 1971, Chapter 9, Section 9.

<sup>6</sup> Inserted by Clause 1, 2017, Chapter 5.

<sup>7</sup> Inserted by Clause 1, 2017, Chapter 5.

- (ii) Such Ecumenical Canons may be removed by the Archbishop for cause shown. Each Ecumenical Canon, if not so removed, shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of appointment or until such Ecumenical Canon shall resign from such office. An Ecumenical Canon who has served five years may be reappointed.
- (iii) The appointment of an Ecumenical Canon shall not be effective unless and until that person shall make and subscribe before the Archbishop the declaration contained in the Schedule hereto annexed.
- (iv) An Ecumenical Canon may be invited by the Archbishop to perform all or any of the following duties insofar as the same are consonant with the provisions of Canon 10 –
  - (a) To say or sing Morning or Evening Prayer or the Litany;
  - (b) To read the Holy Scriptures;
  - (c) To deliver an address;
  - (d) To assist at a Baptism, Marriage or Funeral Service or at the Celebration of the Holy Communion;

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

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

4.<sup>8</sup> The Chapter shall consist, with the Dean, of the Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, Archdeacon of Dublin, Archdeacon of Glendalough, and twelve Canons, eight of whom shall be appointed from the beneficed or licensed Clergy of the Diocese of Dublin, and four from the beneficed or licensed Clergy of the Diocese of Glendalough. Of such twelve Canons the first three in seniority of appointment shall bear respectively the name and style of Prebendary of St. Michael, Prebendary of St. Michan, and Prebendary of St. John.

4A<sup>9</sup> Save to the extent otherwise provided for herein, the Dean and Chapter, with the consent of the Ordinary, shall be responsible for and may make regulations for the conduct of Divine Service in the Cathedral.

5. The Archbishop shall have the right of appointing the Dean, whenever a vacancy shall occur. The Dean shall be resident during ten months at the least of every year, and shall not hold any other office the duties of which would, in the opinion of the Ordinary, interfere with the discharge of his duties as Dean.

6. The Dean shall have power, at his discretion, to nominate a Member of the Chapter to act as his Deputy in case of his absence: and such Deputy shall hold office at the pleasure of the Dean, and shall discharge all the duties of the Dean in his absence.

7. A meeting of the Dean and Chapter may be summoned at any time by the Dean, or, in his absence, by his Deputy, and shall be summoned at any time on the written requisition of any six members of the Chapter, addressed to the Dean, or to his Deputy, as the case may be. At the meetings of the Chapter, the Dean, or, in his absence, the Member of the Chapter next in rank

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<sup>8</sup> Substituted by Clause 2 of Chapter VI of 2016.

<sup>9</sup> Inserted by Clause 3 of Chapter VI of 2016.

who shall be present, shall preside, and shall have both an ordinary and a casting vote.

8. The Precentor (who must be skilled in music) shall be appointed by the Dean and Chapter, and shall (subject to them) have the direction of all arrangements connected with the Choral Services.

9. The appointment of special and occasional Preachers, and the arrangements for any services in addition to the ordinary Sunday and week-day Services, shall be made by the Dean. The Dean shall also have power, subject to confirmation by the Dean and Chapter, to represent and to act for the Dean and Chapter in cases of emergency, or in cases not otherwise provided for, when a meeting of the Dean and Chapter cannot conveniently be held.

10. No clergyman holding a Deanery, Dignity, Prebend, Canonry, Cure of Souls, Incumbency, or Curacy, not being in the Diocese of Dublin or of Glendalough, or being resident out of the said Dioceses, shall be eligible to be Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, or Treasurer of Christ Church Cathedral, unless he shall resign such Dignity or Office, and shall become resident in the Diocese of Dublin or of Glendalough; and the acceptance hereafter of any Deanery, Dignity, Prebend, Canonry, Cure of Souls, Incumbency, or Curacy, not being in the Diocese of Dublin or of Glendalough, or permanent resident out of the said Dioceses, by the Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, or Treasurer of the said Cathedral, or by any of the Prebendaries of the said Cathedral, or by any of the Canons thereof, appointed or to be appointed from the same Dioceses, shall operate as a resignation of the Dignity or other Office held by such person in the said Cathedral.



11.<sup>10</sup> A member of the clergy in priest's orders (not being a members of the Chapter), skilled in chanting, shall be appointed by the Dean and Chapter to conduct the choral services of the Cathedral, and may be removed by the same authority. The person so appointed shall be designated the Dean's Vicar, and shall receive a stipend from the Cathedral Board. This person shall not be a member of the Chapter, but shall have the right to be present and to speak, but not to vote, at all meetings of the Chapter.<sup>11</sup> The Dean and Chapter may, from time to time, if they think fit, appoint Honorary Clerical<sup>12</sup> Vicars, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Dean and Chapter.

12. There shall be Vestrymen registered for the said Cathedral, and every<sup>13</sup> member of the Church of Ireland, aged twenty-one years, who shall have been for six months previous to registration an accustomed member of the Congregation of the said Cathedral, and shall be an annual contributor of at least One Pound towards the funds of the said Cathedral, and also every<sup>14</sup> member of the Church of Ireland, aged twenty-one years, who shall contribute a sum of not less than Five Pounds per annum towards the said funds, such contributions having been paid six months previous to registration, or who shall have contributed a sum of not less than Fifty Pounds in one sum towards the said funds, shall be entitled to be registered as a Vestryman.

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<sup>10</sup> Clause 11 substituted by Clause 1 of 2006, Chapter IV (replacing a previous substitution effected by Clause 1 of 1997, Chapter II.)

<sup>11</sup> This sentence, then applicable to a number of Priest Vicars, was inserted by Clause 1 of the Christ Church Cathedral Regulation Act, 1920, and retained with "*Meetings*" replaced with "*meetings*". This was substituted by the present text by Clause 1 of 2006, Chapter IV.

<sup>12</sup> Clause 1 of the Christ Church Cathedral Regulation Act, 1920 in effect substituted "*Honorary Priest Vicars*" for "*Honorary Clerical Vicars*". This was reversed by Clause 1 of 2006, Chapter IV.

<sup>13</sup> Clause 1 of the Christ Church Regulation Act 1920 B deleted the word "*male*".

<sup>14</sup> Clause 1 of the Christ Church Regulation Act 1920 B deleted the word "*male*".

13. The Dean of the Cathedral shall be *ex officio* a member of the Synod of Dublin, and of the Synod of Glendalough. The remaining members of the Chapter shall each be *ex officio* a member of the Synod of the Diocese with which he is connected by benefice, licence, or permanent residence therein. The Clergymen appointed under the foregoing Section 11, other than **Honorary Clerical Vicars**<sup>15</sup>, shall be *ex officio* members of the Synod of the Diocese of Dublin. The Registered Vestrymen shall be entitled to return Synodsmen to the Diocesan Synod of Dublin, or of Glendalough, as the case may be, who shall be elected in the same manner, and shall possess the same rights and privileges, as the Synodsmen returned under the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, Chapter II. The number of Synodsmen to be returned to each Synod shall not exceed two for each Clergyman of the Cathedral who is entitled under this Section, but not otherwise, to be a member of that Synod.

14.<sup>16</sup> **In the year 1999, and in every third year thereafter, the Dean and Chapter shall elect from among their number five persons, who, with the Dean, the Precentor, the Chancellor, and the Treasurer, shall be members of the Cathedral Board. The Registered Vestrymen shall, at the same time, elect nine Lay persons<sup>17</sup> from amongst themselves, to be members of the Board. Any member of the Board ceasing to be a Dignitary or Canon of the Cathedral the Cathedral, or a Registered Vestryman, as the case may be, shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Cathedral Board.**

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<sup>15</sup> Clause 12 of the Christ Church Cathedral Regulation Act, 1920 substituted "*Honorary Priest Vicars*" for "*Honorary Clerical Vicars*". Clause 2 of 2006, Chapter IV substituted "*Honorary Clerical Vicars*" for "*Honorary Priest Vicars*", restoring the 1902 version.

<sup>16</sup> The first sentence having been substituted by Clause 2 of the Christ Church Regulation Act, 1920, the entire Section was substituted by Clause 3 of 1997, Chapter II.

<sup>17</sup> Clause 2 of the Christ Church Regulation Act, 1920 B substituted "*lay persons*" for "*laymen*" (*sic*: the 1902 Act had stated "*Laymen*"). In the substitution of the entire Section by Clause 3 of 1997, Chapter II, this phrase became "*Lay persons*".

15.<sup>18</sup> The Cathedral Board shall have the power to make rules and regulations for the times and conduct of its meetings; it shall be presided over by the Dean, or, in his or her absence, by the member of the Chapter next in rank, who shall be present, and the President shall have both an ordinary and a casting vote. A meeting of the Board may be summoned at any time by the Dean, or, in his absence, by his or her Deputy, and shall be summoned at any time on the written requisition of four members of the Board, addressed to the Dean, or to his or her Deputy, as the case may be. The elected members of the Board shall retire from office at the Easter Vestry in every third year, but shall severally be capable of re-election.

16. If at the close of the first or second year after the triennial election of the Cathedral Board any member (Clerical or Lay) shall have failed to attend at least two meetings of the Board during the year then expired, his or her<sup>19</sup> seat shall thereupon become vacant; but he or she<sup>20</sup> shall be capable of re-election.

17. Any casual vacancy, by death, resignation, or otherwise, on the Board, if the vacating member shall have been elected by the Dean and Chapter, shall be filled up by their electing a member of the Chapter<sup>21</sup>, and if the vacating member shall have been elected by the Registered Vestrymen, then by their electing a Lay Registered Vestryman; and each such person elected to fill such vacancy (if he or she<sup>22</sup> continue duly qualified) shall remain in office until the next triennial election of the Board.

18. The election of members of the Cathedral Board by the Dean and Chapter shall be subject to the right of appeal to the

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<sup>18</sup> Substituted by Clause 4 of Chapter VI, 2016.

<sup>19</sup> Inserted by Clause 3 of the Christ Church Regulation Act, 1920 B.

<sup>20</sup> Inserted by Clause 3 of the Christ Church Regulation Act, 1920 B.

<sup>21</sup> Clause 4, 1997, Chapter II substituted "*a member of the Chapter*" for "*a Clergyman of the Cathedral*".

<sup>22</sup> Inserted by Clause 4 of the Christ Church Cathedral Regulation Act, 1920 B.

Diocesan Councils of Dublin and Glendalough jointly, by the Dean, or by any Member of the Chapter. The election of members of the Cathedral Board by the Registered Vestrymen shall be subject to the like right of appeal by the Dean, or by any Registered Vestryman of the Cathedral. The appeal may be made by lodging with the respective Secretaries of the said Diocesan Councils a written notice, within one fortnight after the election, specifying the grounds of objection to the election, and signed by the appellant. The said Diocesan Councils shall thereupon take such proceedings for hearing the appeal, and for deciding the questions raised thereby, as the said Councils shall deem fit and sufficient.

19<sup>23</sup>(A) Save where otherwise provided for herein, the registration of vestry persons, the election of synods persons, the filling of vacancies and the business of the Cathedral Board, shall be conducted in the same manner as for parishes under the provisions of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, or as near thereto as circumstances will permit.

(B) The Dean, or his or her Deputy, shall have the powers and duties of an Incumbent.

(C) The Cathedral Board shall have the powers, functions and duties of a Select Vestry and of Churchwardens and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, shall have the control, charge and management of the following:-

- i. The preservation, restoration, and repair of the fabric of the Cathedral and all permanent structures therein.
- ii. The lighting, heating and cleaning of the Cathedral.
- iii. The ornaments of the Cathedral, the monuments, the tablets, windows and brasses to be placed in the

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<sup>23</sup> Substituted by Clause 5, Chapter VI, 2016.

Cathedral: provided that none shall be erected or placed in the Cathedral or removed therefrom without the consent or approval of the Dean and Chapter and of the Ordinary.

- iv. The collections and all financial matters relating to the Cathedral, including the regulation of all salaries and pensions payable by the Board.
- v. The appointment and removal of all lay officials of the Cathedral and all officers of the Cathedral whose appointment is not vested in the Archbishop, or in the Dean and Chapter, excepting the Verger (who shall be appointed and may be removed by the Dean).

20. Nothing herein enacted shall prejudice the rights or privileges of the Dignitaries or other Clergymen, or of the Officials, of the Cathedral, existing at the passing of this Act.

## SCHEDULE<sup>24</sup>

### DECLARATION FOR SUBSCRIPTION

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

- (1) I am a minister or accredited preacher of \_\_\_\_\_ Church.
- (2) I agree to be bound by the provisions of Part II of Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and, to that extent only, I submit myself to the authority of the Church of Ireland, and to the laws and tribunals thereof.
- (3) I A.B. do declare that I will perform Canonical obedience to the Ordinary of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity commonly

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<sup>24</sup> Inserted by Clause 2 and Schedule, 2017, Chapter 5.

called Christ Church, Dublin, and his or her successors, Archbishops of Dublin. I will observe the statutes and ancient customs of Cathedral of the Holy Trinity commonly called Christ Church, Dublin, so far as they are not repugnant to the laws of the Church of Ireland, I will keep private and undisclosed the secrets of the Chapter.

*I subscribe the above declaration to be appointed to the office of Ecumenical Canon of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, commonly called Christ Church, Dublin.*

**1935**

**CHAPTER V**

STATUTE TO ENABLE THE DEAN AND CHAPTER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK, ARMAGH, AND THE DEAN AND CHAPTER OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY, COMMONLY CALLED CHRIST CHURCH, DUBLIN, FROM TIME TO TIME TO ALTER THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN FEES PAYABLE TO THEM

*16<sup>th</sup> MAY 1935*

WHEREAS it is expedient to enable the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick, Armagh; and the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, commonly called Christ Church, Dublin, from time to time to alter the amount of certain Fees payable to them:

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 1935, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

“The fees payable in connexion with the consecration, enthronement, installation, admission, or induction of any Archbishop, Bishop, Dean, Dignitary, Canon, Prebendary, Minor Canon, Clerical Vicar, Vicar Choral, or Registrar, or with marriages or interments, or the erection or affixing of any window, monument, mural tablet, or brass in the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick, Armagh, or in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, commonly called Christ Church, Dublin, shall be in accordance with a Scale from time to time appointed by the Chapter of the said Cathedral

in which the act shall be done, and approved by the Board thereof.”



**1971**

**CHAPTER IX**

TO PROVIDE FOR THE GROUPING OR UNION OF CERTAIN PARISHES IN THE CITY AND DIOCESE OF DUBLIN WITH THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY (COMMONLY CALLED CHRIST CHURCH), DUBLIN.

WHEREAS under the provisions of the Statutes of the General Synod, Chapter II of 1948 as amended 1949, 1954 and 1963 the City and Town Parishes Commission was entrusted with the power of grouping and uniting city and town parishes in order that the most effective use might be made of the manpower and resources of the Church of Ireland.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the several parishes named in the scheme set out in the Schedule hereto should be prospectively grouped or united together with the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity (commonly called Christ Church) Dublin;

AND WHEREAS Section 3 of Statute VII of 1963 provides that no scheme to be made pursuant to the provisions of the said Statute shall affect the ancient prerogatives, rights and privileges of the said Cathedral Church save with the consent of the Dean, Chapter and Cathedral Board and with the approval of a resolution of the General Synod;

AND WHEREAS the provisions of the scheme set out in the Schedule attached hereto in no way affect the ancient prerogatives, rights and privileges of the said Cathedral Church;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend Statute of the General Synod Chapter I of 1902 as amended by Statutes of the General

Synod of 1920, 1920 (Special Session) and 1935 which make provision for the regulation and management of the said Cathedral Church in order that the provisions of the said scheme shall be made effectual by a statute of the General Synod in manner hereafter appearing:

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 1971, and by the authority of the same as follows:-

- (1) Nothing contained in this Statute shall in any wise diminish or derogate from the position of the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity (commonly called Christ Church) Dublin as the Cathedral of the Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough [or the rights and privileges of the Dean, Dignitaries or other Clergymen, or the Officials, of the said Cathedral, existing at the passing of this Act.](#)
- (2) Upon the passing of this Act the scheme set out in the Schedule hereto shall come into effect operating prospectively in accordance with the provisions of the Statute of the General Synod No. II of 1948, as amended by Statute of the General Synod of 1949, 1954 and 1963, and in the manner set out in. the said schedule with nevertheless the amendment to the said Statute I of 1902.

## **SCHEDULE**

### ***Scheme***

- (1) This Scheme relates to parishes situated within the diocese of Dublin, and references in it to “the Archbishop”, “the

Diocesan Council” and “the Diocesan Committee of Patronage” shall be construed accordingly.

(2) The parishes comprised in and affected by this scheme are those of –

- (a) St. Andrew
- (b) St. Werburgh
- (c) All Saints, Grangegorman
- (d) St. Michan, St. Paul and St. Mary

and this Scheme shall come into effect in the manner hereinafter described.

(3) The Archbishop shall arrange for the care of the parish of St. Andrew either

- (a) by placing the parish in the care of the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, with his consent, or
- (b) by placing the parish in the care of an incumbent of one of the other parishes comprised in the scheme or
- (c) by making such other temporary provision for the spiritual duties in the parish as in the circumstances he may think fit.

The Select Vestry of the parish shall continue its existence and functions.

(4) When first a vacancy shall occur in one of the other parishes comprised in the scheme, the Archbishop, in consultation with the Dean of Christ Church and with such others as he may in his discretion wish to consult, shall decide as to

how the spiritual duties in this vacant cure, together with that of St. Andrew's, may best be discharged due regard being had to the amount of pastoral and institutional work involved. This arrangement shall be of a temporary nature pending the formation of the union or a grouping of parishes provided for in the next paragraph of this scheme. In the meantime the Select Vestry of the parish becoming vacant shall continue its existence and functions. The Diocesan Council shall determine the stipend to be paid to the clergyman or clergymen doing the duty of the said parish.

(5) When, in addition to the Parish of St. Andrew, two of the other said parishes shall have become vacant, there shall be summoned by the Archbishop a Special Board of Patronage over which the Archbishop shall preside. The Special Board of Patronage for the prospective union of the four parishes shall consist of the Archbishop whose powers shall be as defined in Section 8 of Chapter 4 of the Constitution, the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral whose consent and approval shall be necessary for the ratification of any nomination made by the special Board of Patronage, one lay and two clerical members of the Diocesan Committee of Patronage, summoned in the order of their election, one layman elected by the registered vestrymen of the Cathedral, and four parochial representatives to be elected by the general vestries of the four parishes, each vestry electing one representative at the next Easter Vestry after the passing of this Act. Provided that if the Dean of Christ Church shall be a member of the Diocesan Committee of Patronage, the clergyman whose name stands next highest on the list shall also be summoned.

(6) This Board, with the approval of the said Dean, shall select a Clergyman in priests orders and, upon his election the three vacant parishes shall forthwith be united with one Select Vestry, the Diocesan Council making arrangements for each of the three said parishes to have due representation on it. The union of parishes so formed shall be grouped with the Cathedral

Church of the Holy Trinity (commonly called Christ Church) Dublin, the Dean becoming the incumbent of the Group for all constitutional purposes. The clergyman so elected by the said Board shall have responsibility for the three said parishes as Vicar of the same. He shall become a Canon designate of the said Cathedral succeeding to the next of the eight Dublin canonries falling vacant after his election. He shall take an oath of obedience to the Dean but his primary duty (apart from taking his turn of residence as a Canon) shall be the pastoral day-to-day work of the said united parishes. He shall receive an Incumbent's stipend and allowances and be entitled to a free residence and the provisions of Chapter 4, Section 9 of the Constitution shall apply to him. If he resigns he shall, by such resignation, be deemed to have resigned his canonry to which his successor shall succeed on appointment.

(7) When the fourth of the said parishes shall become vacant it shall forthwith be united with the other three parishes. The Archbishop then, in consultation with the Dean of Christ Church and with such others as he may in his discretion wish to consult, shall decide in the light of the then-existing circumstances as to what additional staff (if any) will be required for the efficient discharge of the spiritual duties of the said united parishes. The Diocesan Council shall make arrangements for fair representation of the fourth parish so falling vacant on the united Select Vestry of the four parishes. The allocation of the stipends to be paid to the clergymen discharging the spiritual duties of the four united parishes shall be decided by the Archbishop and the said Dean in consultation with the Diocesan Council.

(8) In case of the resignation, retirement or death of the first, or any subsequent Canon and Vicar, whose primary duty is the pastoral day-to-day work of the united parishes, his successor shall be appointed by a Special Board of Patronage similar to that to be summoned under Section 4 of this Scheme save that the four parochial representatives shall have been elected by the general vestrymen of the union of parishes so

formed. Where, however, only three parishes<sup>25</sup> shall have been united at the time of the vacancy, the general vestry of the three united parishes shall elect three representatives, and the general vestry of the parish not yet included in the union shall elect the fourth.

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<sup>25</sup> *Sic.*

<sup>26</sup> Amendment of Section 3 of 1902, Chapter 1 not included here.