THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

THE GENERAL SYNOD

To: Diocesan Secretaries
Cc: Diocesan Bishops, Diocesan Registrars

By email

The Reverend
Alexander McGregor
Registrar of the General Synod

15th July 2026

Dear Diocesan Secretary

ACT OF SYNOD – VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES REGULATION 2024 AS AMENDED

At its July group of sessions the General Synod proclaimed and affirmed as an Act of Synod the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 2024 as amended by the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2025 and the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2026. I now enclose a copy of the instrument recording the amended Regulation's formal proclamation and affirmation as an Act of Synod. Explanatory notes describing the amendments made by the 2026 Regulation are also enclosed.

Diocesan Secretaries are asked that the Act of Synod be proclaimed at the next session of the diocesan synod, in the normal way. The Chair may wish to use the following form of words:

> "At the group of sessions of the General Synod held at York in July 2026 the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 2024 in the form it takes following its amendment at that group of sessions was formally affirmed and proclaimed as an Act of Synod.
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> An Act of Synod is the embodiment of the will or opinion of the Church of England as expressed by the whole body of the General Synod. Copies of the Instrument proclaiming and affirming the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation as an Act of Synod have been sent to members of this Synod."

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

Yours sincerely,

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