

Changes to Code of Canons and Digest Of Resolutions, passed at General Synod 2023

The canonical changes which were passed at General Synod 2023 include the following: a new Canon 4: *Of the Calling and Election of Bishops to Vacant Sees*; addition to the Schedule of Canon 22; changes to the resolutions under Canons 35, 42, and 52; and various revisions to the Digest of Resolutions.

The changes are as follows:

Code of Canons

Canon 4: *Of the Calling and Election of Bishops to Vacant Sees*

→ Revised Canon in its entirety

Schedule to Canon 22: *Of Divine Worship And Administration Of The Sacraments And Other Rites And Ceremonies Of The Church*

→ Addition of Pastoral Offices for Priests, Deacons, and Readers and Authorised Lay Ministers

Resolution 7 under Canon 35: *Of the Structure, Furniture and Monuments of Churches and the Due Care thereof*

→ Appeals window changed from four to six weeks.

Resolution 1 under Canon 42: *Of Church Registers*

→ Brings congregational risk registers and risk assessment records within the scope of Deans' inspections.

Resolution 4 under Canon 52: *Of The General Synod*

→ Change to the accompanying note setting out the date of the next decennial review.

Digest of Resolutions

2.4 Mission Board and Pendant Committees

Paragraphs 2.4.3 and 2.4.6

- ➔ Creation of Local Mission Development Committee

7.2 Duties of Diocesan Synods and Congregations

Paragraph 7.2.1

- ➔ Includes arrangements for risk management as part of the diocesan duty of enquiry (See changes to Resolution1 under Canon 42).

Paragraph 7.2.2

- ➔ Brings within the scope of quinquennial buildings survey reports the requirement for an up-to-date energy performance certificate.

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