

## The Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2025

The General Synod makes the following Regulation:

1. The Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 2024 is amended as follows.
2. In paragraph 2, after sub-paragraph (3) insert—
  - “(3) In the application of this Regulation to the diocese of Sodor and Man, a reference to the bishop’s council is to be read as a reference to the standing committee of the diocesan synod established in accordance with rule 44(2)(h) of the Church Representation Rules as they have effect in the Isle of Man.”

3. After paragraph 6, insert—

### **Restriction on election and nomination**

“6A.—(1) A person (A) may not be elected under paragraph 5 or nominated under paragraph 6 if another person (B) is an ex officio member of the Vacancy in See Committee under paragraph 3, an elected member under paragraph 4, or a nominated member under paragraph 5 and both A and B have a relevant connection with the same—

- (a) parish;
- (b) cathedral church;
- (c) place of worship mentioned in paragraph 5(b)(iii); or
- (c) mission initiative.

(2) Accordingly, if two or more persons who have a relevant connection with the same benefice, cathedral church, place of worship mentioned in paragraph 5(b)(iii) or mission initiative are proposed and seconded for an election under paragraph 5, or considered for nomination under paragraph 6, not more than one of them may be elected or nominated.”

(3) A person has a relevant connection with a parish if—

- (a) the person is authorised by the bishop to exercise ministry in the parish or in a benefice to which the parish belongs; or
- (b) the person’s name is on the roll of the parish.

(4) A person has a relevant connection with a cathedral church if—

- (a) the person holds office in the cathedral church;
- (b) in the case of a cathedral church which is a parish church, the person’s name is on the roll of the parish of which the cathedral church is the parish church; or
- (c) in the case of a cathedral church which is not a parish church, the person’s name is on the community roll of the cathedral church.