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THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

1. MEMBERSHIP:

- A. The Programme Committee shall consist of ten or twelve voting members elected by Synod; the number to allow for equal membership from each of the deaneries. Members do not have to be Synod members provided that at least one member from each Deanery on the Programme Committee is a voting member of Synod. No more than one third of the members shall be clergy. Deanery Councils shall present nominees for election at Synod.
- B. That in addition to the elected members referred to in A., the Bishop shall appoint one additional regular member to the committee.
- C. Notwithstanding the requirements of Appendix A 8., the Chairperson shall be appointed by the Bishop in consultation with the committee from within its membership.

2. TERM OF OFFICE

- A. The Committee's term of office shall be two Synod terms, with each member serving until a successor is elected, one-half of the membership to be elected at each ordinary Synod. One-half of the first committee so elected will only serve until the subsequent Synod to allow this term of office to take effect.
- B. In the event of a vacancy of an elected member, the affected Deanery Council will have three months from the date of the vacancy to elect a replacement. Should the Deanery Council fail to elect, the Bishop shall appoint a replacement to complete the term.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

The mandate of the Programme Committee shall be:

- A. to promote and encourage programmes to enable and assist in the fulfilment of baptismal ministries of faith and action.
- B. to study, evaluate, plan, recommend and initiate singly or in combination programmes of study and/or training for use in parishes or at the Diocesan level related to any matter of Christian concern.
- C. to concern itself with religious education, evangelism, congregational development, family life, social justice, stewardship, and rural life.

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- D. to maintain and develop a variety of audio visual material, manuals and printed resources.
- E. to define terms of reference for its Task Forces.
- F. to make written reports to Synod and between Synods to the Diocesan Executive Council.
- G. to undertake any specific task assigned to it by Synod, the Diocesan Executive Council or the Bishop.

4. MEETINGS

- A. The meetings of the Programme Committee shall be held as needed but no less than twice a year. Meetings may be held face to face, by teleconferencing, by e-mail or any other way deemed appropriate by the committee.
- B. The Programme Committee, through its chair, may invite non-committee members to any meeting of the committee to serve as resource persons as needed.

5. TASK FORCES

- A. The Programme Committee shall have the power to create, subject to budget limitations, Task Forces to deal with specific topics.
- B. Each Task Force shall be limited in size, time and scope by the motion creating it.
- B. The Chairperson of each Task Force shall be a member of the Programme Committee. In order to obtain the needed expertise any or all of the other members of a Task Force can be appointed by the Programme Committee from the general membership of the church.
- C. The Chairperson of each Task Force shall submit a written report to every Programme Committee meeting.

6. QUORUM

- A. The quorum of the Programme Committee shall be one-half of the elected members.
- B. The quorum of any Task Force shall be one-half of its membership.

7. VOTING

Votes shall be decided by simple majority. The Chairperson shall vote only in the case of a tie.