

## 1.2 ENACTMENT, AMENDMENT AND REPEAL OF BY-LAWS

### ENACTMENT AND AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

- 1.2.1 By-Laws may be enacted or amended by addition, deletion or alteration by decision of a meeting of the Synod *or the Synod Standing Committee* when so authorised.
- 1.2.2 The Synod may give directions to the *Synod Standing Committee* in regard to the scope and nature of any By-Laws that the *Synod Standing Committee* is authorised to enact or amend.
- 1.2.3 The Synod may authorise the *Synod Standing Committee* to amend any By-Law as a consequence of decisions of the Assembly or Synod, provided that the *Synod Standing Committee* must report any such amendments to the next ordinary meeting of the Synod.
- 1.2.4 All proposals to enact or amend the By-Laws must be included in the Synod agenda and be available to members of the Synod before the commencement of the meeting at which they are to be considered. If any proposal to enact or amend the By-Laws affects any Synod body, agency or instrumentality, the proposal shall not be considered or approved until there has been consultation with the body, agency or instrumentality affected.
- 1.2.5 When the *Synod Standing Committee* determines that an urgent or emergent situation requires a decision to enact or amend a By-Law before the next Synod meeting, then the *Synod Standing Committee* may, in exercise of its powers under and in accordance with the procedures of Regulation 3.7.4.1 (d), enact or amend a By-Law and give it interim authority until the next Synod meeting either confirms its action or takes some alternative action.
- 1.2.6 All proposals to enact or amend the By-Laws must be referred to the By-Laws Committee for consideration in time for a report and recommendation to be included in the Synod, or *Synod Standing Committee* agenda and be available to the members before the commencement of the *meeting* at which they are to be considered.
- 1.2.7 Enactments and amendments to the By-Laws will come into force from the conclusion of the Synod or *Synod Standing Committee* meeting at which they are approved unless another time is specified.

### REPEAL OF BY-LAWS

- 1.2.8 By-Laws may be repealed by decision of a meeting of the Synod or by the *Synod Standing Committee* when so authorised by a Synod or Presbytery meeting.
- 1.2.9 All proposals to repeal any By-Laws must be included in the Synod agenda and be available to the members before the commencement of the meeting at which they are to be considered.
- 1.2.10 If the proposed repeal of a By-Law affects any Synod body, agency or instrumentality, the proposal shall not be considered or approved by the Synod until the By-Laws Committee has considered and reported on the proposal, there has been consultation with the body, agency or instrumentality affected, and arrangements have been made for winding up the activities and affairs of the body, agency or instrumentality affected by the proposed repeal of By-Laws.
- 1.2.11 Repeals of By-Laws or Rules will come into force from the conclusion of the Synod, or *Synod Standing Committee* meeting at which they are approved unless another time is specified.