

**Church of Ireland**  
**GENERAL SYNOD 2005**  
**MOTION NO 4**

**4. AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL SCHEME 89  
THE BISHOP OF CONNOR AND MR JE BUNTING**

That the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, in accordance with Section 38 of the School Scheme No 89 for the Parochial Schools of the Dioceses of Down and Dromore, and Connor, dated 6 November 1893, approves application to the Department of Social Development for Northern Ireland for alteration of School Scheme No. 89 in accordance with the attached Amending Scheme.

**EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS (IRELAND) ACT 1885  
SCHEME NO. 89**

**THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS OF THE DIOCESES OF DOWN AND DROMORE, AND CONNOR**

**AMENDING SCHEME** made on by the Department of Social Development.

**WHEREAS** a Scheme No 89 (hereinafter called "the Original Scheme") was framed under the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act 1885 for the government and management of the Endowments of and belonging to the Parochial Schools of the Dioceses of Down and Dromore and Connor (hereinafter called "the Dioceses") and was finally approved by the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council in Ireland by Order in Council dated 6<sup>th</sup> November 1893.

**AND WHEREAS** an Amending Scheme (No. 214) amending the Original Scheme was framed under the said Act and was duly approved by Order in Council dated 31 December 1894.

**AND WHEREAS** by virtue of the Government of Ireland Act 1920 and Orders duly made thereunder the power to alter the Original Scheme conferred by Clause 38 thereof became exercisable by the Department of Social Development.

**AND WHEREAS** the Diocesan Synods of the respective Dioceses have applied to the Department in accordance with Clause 38 of the Original Scheme to alter the Original Scheme as amended by the aforesaid Amending Scheme in the manner hereinafter appearing;

**AND WHEREAS** the Department has enquired into the circumstances of the case and is satisfied after consultation with the Department of Education for Northern Ireland that the Original Scheme as so amended should be so altered;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Department in exercise of the power conferred upon it by the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act 1885 and by Clause 38 of the Original Scheme

**DOETH HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** that from and after the date of this Amending Scheme the Original Scheme amended as aforesaid shall be altered as follows:

1. Clause 1 of the Original Scheme shall be amended by alteration of the definition of the words "The Diocesan Synod" to read as follows:- "The Diocesan Synod" shall mean either the body known as the Diocesan Synod of the United Dioceses of Down and Dromore, or that known as the Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Connor, appointed in accordance with the constitution of the said Church, and shall include any authority empowered under the said constitution to perform the functions now performed by the said Diocesan Synods or either of them, or to represent or act for the said Diocesan Synods or either of them in that behalf.
2. Clause 10 of the Original Scheme shall be amended by renumbering sub-clause (g) as subclause (o) and by

inserting the following additional sub-clauses immediately after subclause(f):

- (g) If and whenever the funds at the disposal of the Board may suffice, or funds may be provided for the purpose, the Board may make grants to the undernoted bodies, which act for the benefit of the Dioceses of the Church of Ireland:
    - (1) The General Synod Board of Education.
    - (2) The General Synod Board of Education (NI).
    - (3) The Joint Committee for Church Music in Ireland.
    - (4) The Church of Ireland Student Centres at The Queen's University Belfast, and the University of Ulster.
    - (5) The Church of Ireland Youth Department.
    - (6) The Youth Councils of Down and Dromore and of Connor.
    - (7) The Church of Ireland Theological College.
  - (h) If and when the funds at the disposal of the Board may suffice, or funds may be provided for the purpose, the Board may make grants to Bodies which promote and encourage Religious Education and Church Music in the Dioceses of Down and Dromore and of Connor.
  - (i) If and whenever the funds at the disposal of the Board may suffice, or funds may be provided for the purpose, the Board may make grants towards the cost of maintenance, education and training of students from the Diocese of Down and Dromore and the Diocese of Connor in attendance at the Church of Ireland Theological College, or at any other Theological College.
  - (j) If and whenever the funds at the disposal of the Board may suffice, or funds may be provided for the purpose, the Board may make grants towards the costs of further education for the clergy of the Dioceses of Down and Dromore and of Connor.
  - (k) If and whenever the funds at the disposal of the Board may suffice, or funds may be provided for the purpose, the Board may make grants to assist in the education and training of students from the Dioceses for non-stipendiary and lay ministry.
  - (l) If and whenever the funds at the disposal of the Board may suffice, or funds may be provided for the purpose, the Board may make grants to Bodies responsible for the training and teaching of Church organists and directors of music in the Dioceses of Down and Dromore and of Connor.
  - (m) If and whenever the funds at the disposal of the Board may suffice, or funds may be provided for the purpose, the Board may make grants to any bodies or Societies involved in the work of the Church of Ireland for such educational purposes as the Board may from time to time determine.
3. For Clause 13 of the Original Scheme there shall be substituted the following clause:
13. The Elementary Schools existing at the date of this Scheme shall be maintained in the building hitherto occupied thereby respectively, or in such other buildings as the Board may acquire as hereinafter provided. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme as to existing Schools and National Schools, the Board, with the consent of the Local School Authority or Authorities concerned, may discontinue any Elementary School or Schools, or may remove any Elementary School or Schools to some more convenient site or sites, or may combine or amalgamate two or more of the Elementary Schools; or they may provide for the use of different Schools for different kinds of education, or by different classes of pupils, as to the Board may be sold, let or otherwise disposed of to the best advantage. Whenever any Elementary School shall, in the opinion of the Board, have ceased to be in efficient operation, the Board may dispose of the site, buildings, and other Endowments thereof, and may apply the same, or the produce thereof, for such of the purposes of this Scheme as they shall think fit, or may permit buildings no longer required as School-houses or Teachers' Residences to be used for other charitable parochial uses or purposes in connection with said Church with or without charge as the Board shall deem expedient; provided always that, before proceeding to dispose of the endowments of any School existing at the date of this Scheme, the Board shall give public notice of their intention so to do, and if any person shall object to the proposed disposition within one month after such public notice, the

Board shall not proceed to carry out their intention, unless and until the same shall be sanctioned by the Diocesan Synod.

4. For Clause 38 of the Original Scheme there shall be substituted the following:

38. This Scheme may be altered from time to time by the Department of Social Development in any manner whatsoever, upon the application of the Board, or of the General Synod or of the Diocesan Synods, but except upon such application no alteration shall be so made, and no alteration shall be made contrary to anything contained in the Act provided that no such application shall be made by the Board unless and until the same shall have been approved by resolution of a special meeting of the Board passed after due notice.

SEALED with the Official Seal of the  
Department of Social Development

On

In the presence of:

ASSISTANT SECRETARY