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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1981 No. 959**

**The Church Representation Rules  
(Amendment) Resolution 1981**

**Chairman of annual meeting**

4.—(1) For the first sentence of rule 7 there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

“(1) The minister, if present, or, if he is not present, the vice-chairman of the parochial church council, or, subject to paragraph (2) of this rule, if he also is not present, a chairman chosen by the annual meeting shall preside thereat.

(2) Where a parish is in the area of a benefice for which a team ministry is established, and a vicar in that ministry is entitled to preside at an annual meeting of that parish by virtue of a provision in a pastoral scheme or the bishop's licence assigning to the vicar the duties, or a share in the duties, of the chairmanship of the annual meeting of that parish, then, if both he and the vice-chairman of the parochial church council are not present at that meeting, but the rector in that ministry is present, the rector shall preside thereat.”

(2) The second sentence of rule 7 shall become paragraph (3) of that rule.