

A g e n d a

July Group of Sessions 2011

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2011
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Friday 8 July	4.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Saturday 9 July	9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Sunday 10 July	2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Monday 11 July	9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Tuesday 12 July	9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

SERVICES

Friday 8 July

10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in Heslington Church
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall

Saturday 9 July

7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Central Hall
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall

Sunday 10 July

10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in York Minster
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall

Monday 11 July

7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Central Hall
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall

Tuesday 12 July

7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Central Hall
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GENERAL NOTES

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Save where a special note is included in the Agenda the following rules apply under the Standing Orders of the General Synod to notice of motions and amendments other than procedural motions:

1. The period of notice of new business has expired, save for urgent or other specially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.
2. Notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to legislative business, to liturgical business or to amendments of Standing Orders) must be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod as follows (SOs 10(a), 11 and 26(a)):

Business appointed for the *first day of the group of sessions* (8 July) –
5.30 p.m. on Thursday 7 July

Business appointed for the *remaining days of the group of sessions*:

Business appointed for a morning sitting –

10 a.m. the day before;

Business appointed for an afternoon or evening sitting –

4 p.m. the day before.

Contingency business – **10 a.m. on Friday 8 July.**

3. Under Standing Order 10(a) and 26(a), such notice must be accompanied by evidence of support from two or more members of the Synod in addition to the member giving the notice. (This provision does *not* apply to amendments to legislative business, to liturgical business or to amendments of Standing Orders.)
4. Notice of amendments to legislative business, to liturgical business or to amendments of Standing Orders must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in this Agenda.
5. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(b)(i)).
6. Notice of Questions under Standing Orders 105-106 must be delivered **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 28 June 2011** (SO 10(b)(i)), with an indication of whether an oral or written answer is required (SO 105(c)). **Members are reminded that, unless notice is given that an oral answer is required, it will be assumed that a written answer is required.**

7. Notice must be in writing signed by the member giving notice and delivered to the Clerk to the Synod either by hand, by post, fax or e-mail. The postal address is Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3AZ. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The e-mail address is:

in respect of Questions: **questions@churchofengland.org**

in respect of amendments and motions arising out of business on the

Agenda: **amendments@churchofengland.org**

in respect of submissions to Revision Committees:

SynodRevisionCommittee@churchofengland.org

in respect of other matters: **colin.podmore@churchofengland.org**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

8. Business set out in the Timetable and the Agenda will be taken on the day and at the times shown there. If business set down for a particular day is completed before the next timed business is due to be called, the opportunity will be taken to complete business already partly considered at this group of sessions.

CONTINGENCY BUSINESS

9. If there is no uncompleted business and a gap appears in the Agenda during this group of sessions, contingency business will be taken as follows:

SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

(see pages 22-23)

Appointment of Archdeacons (GS 1846 A and GS 1846 B)

Members are therefore asked to be ready for such an eventuality and to submit any amendments by **10 a.m. on Friday 8 July**. If this item is debated at the forthcoming group of sessions, it is likely to be at relatively short notice.

MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF CLERGY

10. The House of Clergy will meet on **Friday 8 July at 2.30 p.m. in Lecture Theatre X001 at the Exhibition Centre.**

Friday 8 July 2011

4.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of the Pro-Prolocutors of the Convocation of Canterbury

Presentation of the Deputy Prolocutors of the Convocation of York

3. WELCOME TO ANGLICAN AND ECUMENICAL GUESTS

His Beatitude Anastasios, Archbishop of Tirana, Durrës and All Albania, will address the Synod at the invitation of the Presidents under SO 112.

4. PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1824)

The Ven. Julian Henderson, Archdeacon of Dorking (Guildford) (Acting Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

5. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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DATES OF GROUPS OF SESSIONS IN 2013

The Ven. Julian Henderson, Archdeacon of Dorking (Guildford) (Acting Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

6. 'That this Synod meet on the following dates in 2013:

4-8 February

5-9 July

18-20 November (contingency dates).'

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 1831)

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move on behalf of the Archbishops' Council:

7. 'That the appointment of Professor John Craven to the Archbishops' Council for a term ending on 31 July 2013 be approved.'

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move on behalf of the Archbishops' Council:

8. 'That the appointment of Mr Philip Fletcher to the Archbishops' Council for a term ending on 31 December 2014 be approved.'
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CONSTITUTION OF THE LEGAL ADVISORY COMMISSION (GS 1829)

The Rt Worshipful Timothy Briden (ex officio) to move:

9. 'That this Synod approve the constitution of the Legal Advisory Commission of the General Synod, as set out in the annex to GS 1829.'
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8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

10. QUESTIONS

Saturday 9 July 2011

9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

11. *The Archbishop of Canterbury will give a Presidential Address.*
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Members of the Synod will be invited to spend the rest of the morning in small groups, engaging in reflection and discussion. The morning will conclude with worship in the groups.

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 12-16) will be taken in so far as time allows:

- 500 Draft Church of England Marriage (Amendment) Measure (**GS 1805A**)
– *Draft Measure for Revision*
- 503 The Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2011
(**GS 1828**) – *Order for Approval*
- 504 Parochial Fees Order 2011 (**GS 1832**) – *Order for Approval*
- 505 The Reorganisation Schemes (Compensation) Rules 2011 (**GS 1839**)
– *Rules for Approval*
- 506-507 The Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Sodor and Man) (Amendment) Rules 2011 (**GS 1833**) and
The Church of England Pensions (Sodor and Man) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (**GS 1834**) – *Instruments for Approval*
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8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION

**MISSION ACTION PLANNING IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
(GS 1835 A AND GS 1835 B)**

*The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham*¹ to move:

- 12.** 'That this Synod
- (a) recognize the urgent missionary task facing the Church of England to reverse decades of numerical decline and make new disciples for Jesus Christ in every community in our land;
 - (b) affirm the experience of a remarkable and growing number of parishes that find mission action planning to be a strategic tool which helps them grow in faith, in numbers and in service to their community; and
 - (c) call on the Archbishops' Council to work with the central structures of the Church of England to produce a national mission action plan that will support parishes in growing the number of worshipping Anglicans, enabling them to grow in faith.'
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¹ The Revd Mark Ireland, who gave notice of this motion, does not intend to move it. Under SO 22(b) it will be moved by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham.

Sunday 10 July 2011

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

**HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING CHANGES:
A REPORT FROM THE MINISTRY COUNCIL (GS 1836)**

The Bishop of Sheffield to move:

- 13.** 'That this Synod endorse the recommendations made in paragraph 11 of GS 1836.'
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**THE ANGLICAN-METHODIST COVENANT:
A REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
(GS 1837), to which is appended
MOVING FORWARD IN COVENANT:
Interim Report of the Joint Implementation Commission**

The Bishop of Coventry (Co-Chair of the Joint Implementation Commission) to move:

- 14.** 'That the Synod do take note of this report.'
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DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

**ADMISSION OF BAPTIZED ADULTS TO COMMUNION
(GS 1840 A and GS 1840 B)**

Mr Malcolm Halliday (Bradford) to move on behalf of the Bradford Diocesan Synod:

- 15.** 'That this Synod ask the House of Bishops to bring forward regulations under Canon B 15A.1 to authorize the admission to the Holy Communion of adults who have been baptized but who have not yet been confirmed and who are not yet ready and desirous to be confirmed.'
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8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (GS 1830)

Mr Keith Malcouronne (Guildford) (Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee)
to move:

- 16.** 'That the Synod do take note of this report.'
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 1827)

- 17.** Presentation under SO 97.
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Monday 11 July 2011

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Dr Philip Giddings (Oxford) to move on behalf of the Archbishops' Council:

18. 'That the appointment of the Bishop of Dover (the Rt Revd Trevor Willmott) as Chair of the Business Committee until 31 July 2013 be confirmed.'
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Items of legislative business appearing on the Agenda for the afternoon sitting on Saturday 9th July (see page 3) will be taken at this point, if not completed previously.

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 12-16) may be taken:

- 501-502 Draft Church of England Marriage (Amendment) Measure (GS 1805A) – *Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval*

The Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2011 (GS 1825) and the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers And Others (Fees) Order 2011 (GS 1826) will be taken at this point if notice is given of a desire that they be debated.

Not later than 11.00 a.m.

LITURGICAL BUSINESS

The following item (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda II – see page 17) will be taken:

- 600 Additional Eucharistic Prayers (GS 1822) – *Draft Texts for First Consideration*
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DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

HOUSE OF LAITY ELECTIONS (GS 1843 A and GS 1843 B)

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod:

19. 'That this Synod request the Business Committee to commission a thorough review of how the House of Laity of this Synod and the houses of laity of diocesan synods are elected, particular consideration being given to whether the electorate should be some body of persons other than the lay members of deanery synods.'
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2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A PASTORAL AND MISSIONAL
APPROACH FOR THE NEXT DECADE:
A REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE FOR MINORITY ETHNIC
ANGLICAN CONCERNS (GS 1844)**

The Ven Daniel Kajumba, Archdeacon of Reigate (Chair of the Committee for Minority Ethnic Concerns) will make a presentation under SO 97.

The Bishop of Dudley to move:

20. 'That this Synod, mindful of the recommendations made in 2003 in *Called to Act Justly* (GS 1512) and in 2007 in *Present and Participating* (GS 1655), and recognizing the importance of converting good intentions into real change, request the Archbishops' Council and the House of Bishops, in consultation with CMEAC, to take the necessary steps to implement the recommendations in paragraph 32 of GS 1844.'
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Not later than 4.00 p.m.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S DRAFT BUDGET AND PROPOSALS FOR APPORTIONMENT FOR 2012 (GS 1842)

Mr Andrew Britton (ex officio) (Chair of the Finance Committee of the Archbishops' Council) to move:

21. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Mr Andrew Britton to move in relation to the Archbishops' Council's expected expenditure in respect of each area of activity specified below:

'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's expenditure for the year 2012, as shown in its budget, of £[X] (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of [Y]':

EXPECTED EXPENDITURE [X] AREA OF ACTIVITY [Y]

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| 22. | £12,510,000 | Training for Ministry |
| 23. | £10,492,700 | The work of the Council generally |
| 24. | £1,376,000 | Grants and provisions |
| 25. | £785,000 | Mission agencies' clergy pension contributions |
| 26. | £3,586,300 | CHARM Scheme. |

Mr Andrew Britton to move:

27. 'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 1842) for the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the net sum to be provided by them to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget for the year 2012.'

Mr Andrew Britton to move:

28. 'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 1842) for the pooling adjustment for 2012 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.'

**GENEROUS LOVE FOR ALL:
PRESENCE AND ENGAGEMENT FOR THE NEW QUINQUENNium:
A REPORT FROM THE PRESENCE AND ENGAGEMENT TASK
GROUP (GS 1838)**

The Ven Richard Atkinson, Archdeacon of Leicester (Leicester) to move:

29. 'That this Synod:
- (a) reaffirm the commitment to the Presence and Engagement programme;
 - (b) note with pleasure H. M. Government's grant of £5m to the Near Neighbours project; and
 - (c) accept the recommendations in paragraphs 21-36 of GS 1838 for the future work of the Presence and Engagement programme.'
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8.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**CONVERSATIONS WITH THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH:
A REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
(GS 1841)**

The Bishop of Guildford (Chair of the Council for Christian Unity) to move:

30. 'That this Synod approve the recommendations in paragraph 144 of GS 1841.'
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TUESDAY 12 JULY 2011

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

31. *The Archbishop of Canterbury* will make a Presidential Statement.
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CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' ANNUAL REPORT

32. Presentation under SO 97.
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Not later than 11.00 a.m.

THE CHURCH AND EDUCATION: INTO THE NEXT 200 YEARS: A REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (GS 1845)

The Bishop of Oxford (Chair of the Board of Education) to move:

33. 'That this Synod:
- (a) congratulate the National Society on 200 years of outstanding service to the nation and contribution to the mission of the Church of England;
 - (b) affirm the continued importance of Church of England schools being 'distinctively Christian institutions, rooted in the life of the parishes while being open to the diverse communities they serve'; and
 - (c) invite the Archbishops' Council to report regularly in this quinquennium on the impact of the work set out in GS 1845 on enhancing the effectiveness of the Church of England's stake in the public education system and promoting improved standards of religious education in all schools.'
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34. **PROROGATION**
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SPECIAL AGENDA I

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1805A)

**Draft Measure for Revision
(First Consideration at the November 2010 group of sessions)**

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1805Y)

The Chair of the Revision Committee (Mr Clive Scowen (London)) to move:

500 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Notes:

1. In the debate on item 500 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Measure which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 54(c)).
2. When the debate is concluded on item 500, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 55(a)).
3. Any member wishing to move an amendment pursuant to SO 56(a) must give notice to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 7 July 2011.**

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1805A)

Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1805Z)

The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Rt Worshipful Timothy Briden (ex officio)) to move:

501 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Note:

If item 501 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 59(d)).

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The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Rt Worshipful Timothy Briden (Vicar General of the Province of Canterbury) (*ex officio*)) to move, subject to the provisions of SO 61(b):

- 502** 'That the Measure entitled "Church of England Marriage (Amendment) Measure" be finally approved.'

THE PAYMENTS TO THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST ORDER 2011 (GS 1828)

Order made under section 53 of the Pastoral Measure 1983

The Bishop of London to move:

- 503** 'That the Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2011 be approved.'

Notes:

1. The Church Commissioners have laid the above Order (GS 1828) before the Synod for approval pursuant to the 1983 Measure.
2. The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 68(a) that the Order shall be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 70(a).
3. Amendments to the Order are not in order.

PAROCHIAL FEES ORDER 2011 (GS 1832)

Order made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986

The Bishop of Rochester to move:

- 504** 'That the Parochial Fees Order 2011 be approved.'

Notes:

1. The Archbishops' Council has laid the above Order (GS 1832) before the General Synod for approval pursuant to the 1986 Measure.

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2. The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 68(a) that the Order shall be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 70(a).
3. Amendments to the Order are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 7 July 2011.**

THE REORGANISATION SCHEMES (COMPENSATION) RULES 2011 (GS 1839)

Rules made under paragraph 16 of Schedule 2 to the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007

Professor Michael Clarke (Worcester) (Chair of the Dioceses Commission to move:

505 'That the Reorganisation Schemes (Compensation) Rules 2011 be approved.'

Notes:

1. The Dioceses Commission has laid the above Rules (GS 1839) before the Synod for approval pursuant to the 2007 Measure.
2. The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 68(a) that the Rules shall be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 70(a).
3. Amendments to the Rules are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment should do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 7 July 2011.**

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDED PENSIONS SCHEME (SODOR AND MAN) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2011 (GS 1833)

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS (SODOR AND MAN) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2011 (GS 1834)

Rules made under the Pensions Measure 1997 Regulations made under the Clergy Pensions (Amendment) Measure 1972

Dr Jonathan Spencer (Chair of the Church of England Pensions Board) (*ex officio*) to move:

- 506** 'That the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Sodor and Man) (Amendment) Rules 2011 be approved.'
- 507** 'That the Church of England Pensions Scheme (Sodor and Man) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 be approved.'

Notes:

1. The Church of England Pensions Board has laid the above Rules (GS 1833) and the above Regulations (GS 1834) before the General Synod for approval pursuant to the 1997 Measure and the 1972 Measure respectively.
2. The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 68(a) that both the Rules and the Regulations shall be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 70(a).
3. Amendments to the Regulations are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 7 July 2011.**

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LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2011 (GS 1825) ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER 2011 (GS 1826)

Orders made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986

Notes:

1. The Fees Advisory Commission has laid the above Orders (GS 1825 and GS 1826) before the General Synod for approval pursuant to the 1986 Measure.
2. The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 1986 Measure) that the Orders do not need to be debated.
3. Any member who wishes to debate an Order under SO 69 must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8 July 2011.**
4. Amendments to the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 7 July 2011.**

SPECIAL AGENDA II

ADDITIONAL EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS (GS 1822)

Article 7 Business

Drafts for First Consideration introduced by the House of Bishops

The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of Wakefield) to move:

- 600** 'That the liturgical business entitled "Additional Eucharistic Prayers" be considered for revision in committee.'

Note:

If the motion is passed, this liturgical business will automatically stand committed to a Revision Committee. Any member wishing to submit proposals for amendment must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach him **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 12 August 2011.**

SPECIAL AGENDA III

MISSION ACTION PLANNING IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Revd Mark Ireland (Lichfield) to move:

‘That this Synod

- (a) recognize the urgent missionary task facing the Church of England to reverse decades of numerical decline and make new disciples for Jesus Christ in every community in our land;
- (b) affirm the experience of a remarkable and growing number of parishes that find mission action planning to be a strategic tool which helps them grow in faith, in numbers and in service to their community; and
- (c) call on the Archbishops’ Council to work with the central structures of the Church of England to produce a national mission action plan that will support parishes in growing the number of worshipping Anglicans, enabling them to grow in faith.’

141 signatures

November 2010

MANIFESTATION OF FAITH IN PUBLIC LIFE

The Revd Stephen Trott (Peterborough) to move:

‘That this Synod express its conviction that it is the calling of Christians to order and govern our lives in accordance with the teaching of Holy Scripture, and to manifest our faith in public life as well as in private, giving expression to our beliefs in the written and spoken word, and in practical acts of service to the local community and to the nation.’

86 signatures

February 2011

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON ASSISTED DYING

Mrs Sarah Finch (London) to move:

‘That this Synod express its concern that the Independent Commission on Assisted Dying is insufficiently independent to be able to develop proposals which will properly protect the interests of vulnerable and disabled people.’

83 signatures

February 2011

SPECIAL AGENDA III

ORDER FOR HOLY BAPTISM

Revd Moira Astin (Oxford) to move:

‘That this Synod request the House of Bishops to commission the preparation, by the end of this quinquennium, of a draft Order for Holy Baptism for use where a significant number of those attending are not regular churchgoers.’

81 signatures

November 2010

ELECTRONIC VOTING IN SYNOD GENERAL ELECTIONS

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move:

‘That this Synod, concerned both about limited public engagement with the issues affecting General Synod elections and about recent disappointing turn-outs despite the high cost of printing and postage, invite the Archbishops’ Council to:

- (a) seek advice from the Electoral Reform Society about the best way to achieve maximum use of electronic voting for all future General Synod elections;
- (b) obtain quotations from Electoral Reform Services and other suitable organizations for running elections to the next General Synod with voting by internet alongside optional paper voting;
- (c) require all clergy and lay candidates’ election addresses to be published on those candidates’ own diocesan website; and
- (d) bring forward necessary amendments to the rules governing the conduct of elections and any other relevant provisions.’

60 signatures

November 2010

ETHICAL INVESTMENT POLICY

Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford) to move:

‘That this Synod, recognizing

- (a) that dioceses, parishes and parishioners wish their investments to be compliant with the ethical investment policy and list of restricted investments maintained by the Church’s Ethical Investments Advisory Group; and

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- (b) that only a single organization is currently able to offer managed collective investment funds in compliance with this policy, consider that the policy and list should be made available under licence (subject to an appropriate fee) to commercial fund managers so that they are in a position to offer a competing range of ethically compliant funds of varying risk, management and performance profiles which can be available for both Church bodies and individual Christians.'

55 signatures

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS (POWERS) MEASURE 1956

The Revd Christopher Hobbs (London) to move:

'That this Synod call on the Archbishops' Council to bring forward legislation to amend the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 so as to permit a PCC which is a registered charity to acquire and hold any interest in land and any interest in personal property to be held on permanent trusts, without any requirement for the interest to be vested in the diocesan authority.'

53 signatures

February 2011

FIVE-YEAR MINISTRY PLANS

Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford) to move:

'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to provide it each year with a five-year plan for ministry ordination training, resources and deployment, and that it should set clear targets in order to ensure that future ordained stipendiary ministers will be capable of both engaging with young people and offering a significant period of ministry before retirement following their training.'

39 signatures

November 2010

GENERAL SYNOD INTERNET FORUM

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move:

'That this Synod, considering that the witness, debates, exchange of ideas and questions to responsible parties through which the General Synod works as a public sounding-board could usefully be continued between groups of sessions, request that proposals be brought forward, including for any

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necessary amendments to Standing Orders, to set up a General Synod internet forum (subject to a moderator's supervision) where members only could post contributions and comments and where notice could be given of questions of the kind for which provision is made under Standing Orders 105 and 106 which would have to be answered within a suitable timescale.'

39 signatures

November 2010

CATHEDRAL ENTRANCE CHARGES

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move:

'That this Synod believe the profit from entrance charges to cathedrals most able to attract visitors ought to be shared, just as historic parish endowments were long ago, and invite the Archbishops' Council to bring forward an amendment to the Cathedrals Measure to achieve a degree of pooling between all the cathedrals of the profits from such charges.'

9 signatures

November 2010

LAY CHAIR FOR THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford) to move:

'That this Synod consider that a lay chair for the Church of England should be appointed with executive responsibility for administrative co-ordination throughout the whole Church, and that dioceses should co-operate with his/her office to introduce common accounting standards and, where possible, integrated administration and support facilities in order to increase efficiency and reduce costs.'

6 signatures

November 2010

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

EPISCOPAL MINISTRY ACT OF SYNOD

to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

‘That the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993 be rescinded.’

March 2003

ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE EPISCOPATE

to move on behalf of the Rochester Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod

- (a) note that it was resolved in July 2005 that the “process for removing the legal obstacles to the ordination of women to the episcopate should now be set in train”;
- (b) express its wish for suitable pastoral provision to be made for all those, whether clergy or laity, who are unable in conscience to accept this development;
- (c) is particularly aware of the difficulties faced by clergy opposed in conscience to the ordination of women bishops but who currently work, and will continue to do so, in parishes where the Parochial Church Council would otherwise welcome the sacramental ministry of women bishops.’

October 2007

ADMISSION OF BAPTIZED ADULTS TO COMMUNION

Mr Malcolm Halliday (Bradford) to move on behalf of the Bradford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod ask the House of Bishops to bring forward regulations under Canon B15A.1 to authorize the admission to the Holy Communion of adults who have been baptized but who have not yet been confirmed and who are not yet ready and desirous to be confirmed.’

May 2010

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

HOUSE OF LAITY ELECTIONS

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod request the Business Committee to commission a thorough review of how the House of Laity of this Synod and the houses of laity of diocesan synods are elected, particular consideration being given to whether the electorate should be some body of persons other than the lay members of deanery synods.’

December 2010

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHDEACONS

The Bishop of Chichester to move on behalf of the Chichester Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod request that Canon C22.1 be amended to read “No person shall be capable of receiving the appointment of archdeacon unless he has been six years complete in holy orders at the time of appointment”.’

February 2011

VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES

to move on behalf of the Bradford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod resolve that the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993 (as amended in 2003, 2007 and 2008) be amended so as to ensure that Vacancy in See Committees have at least 21 members.’

April 2011

