GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2005

AT CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMINSTER

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Monday 14 February	5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 15 February	9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 16 February	9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Thursday 17 February	9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

SERVICES

Tuesday 15 February

8.20 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

(The Revd Lynda Barley)

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Assembly Hall

1.05 p.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

Wednesday 16 February

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall

Thursday 17 February

8.20 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

(The Revd Andrew Davey)

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Assembly Hall

1.05 p.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

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 shall be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod as follows (SO10(a) and 26(a)):

Business appointed for the first day of the group of sessions (14 February) - 4.00 p.m on 13 February (5.30 p.m.) in the case of amendments)

Remaining days of the group of sessions

Business appointed for a morning sitting -4.00 p.m the day before

Business appointed for an afternoon sitting -10.00 a.m. that day

- 3. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chairman (SO 26(b)).
- 4. Notice of Questions under SOs 105-106 shall be delivered not later than 5.30 pm on Wednesday 2nd February 2005 (SO10(b)(i)).
- 5. Notice shall be in writing signed by the member giving notice and delivered to the Clerk to the Synod either by hand, by post, fax or Email. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The Email

address is questions@c-of-e.org.uk in respect of Questions and david.williams@c-of-e.org.uk in respect of other business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Business set out in the Timetable and General 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 Chairman will take the opportunity to complete business already partly considered at this group of sessions.

CONTINGENCY BUSINESS

If there is no uncompleted business and a gap appears in the Agenda, contingency business will be taken as follows:

1. Parochial Fees – item 810

Members are therefore asked to be ready for such an eventuality. In particular, any member minded to submit an amendment to this motion is asked to do so in good time, bearing in mind that, if this item is debated at the forthcoming group of sessions, it is likely to be at relatively short notice.

The order of business set out in the previous paragraphs is subject to variation in accordance with SO 9.

5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS GS 1560 COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Business Committee (the Revd Dr Richard Turnbull (Winchester)) to move:

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

APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE GS 1565 ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:

4. 'That this Synod endorse this Report and approve the recommendation contained in paragraph 7.'

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CHAIR OF THE PENSIONS BOARD

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:

5. 'That this Synod approve the appointment of Mr Alan Bridgewater as chair of the Church of England Pensions Board from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2007.'

SPECIAL AGENDA IV DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

Special Agenda IV

Item 806 – Canon B44 – will be taken

9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Special Agenda I

The items in Special Agenda I will be taken.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE GS 1567 CHURCH'S MISSION: Report by the Board of Education

The Bishop of Portsmouth to move:

- **6.** 'That this Synod
 - (a) celebrate the Church of England's historic and current commitment to the work of the Higher Education sector in its diversity;
 - (b) instruct the Board of Education to engage further with the public debate on values and purposes;
 - (c) encourage Chaplains as key instruments of God's mission, working with and within their

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institutions; and

(d) agree that the Church of England should ensure, where appropriate, that each Higher Education institution is served by at least one whole time Church of England chaplain, to work with ecumenical and multi-faith partners.'

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Special Agenda IV

Item 809 - Election Addresses - will be taken

at 2.30 p.m.

REVIEW OF CLERGY TERMS OF GS 1564 SERVICE: Report on the second phase of the work

Professor David McClean (Sheffield) to move:

- 7. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
- **8.** 'That this Synod

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- (a) welcome the recommendations summarized on pages 1 to 7 of the Report (GS 1564);
- (b) commend the report to the dioceses and the wider Church and ask dioceses and other interested parties to submit comments by the end of July 2005 to the implementation group referred to in (c) below; and
- (c) request the Archbishops' Council to appoint an implementation group to follow up the recommendations in the report (taking account of the responses from dioceses and other interested parties both to this report and to the earlier report (GS 1527) on the first phase of the work) and to bring forward legislation based on those recommendations as early possible the as in next quinquennium.'

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS GS 1561 2005: Report by the Business Comittee

The Chairman of the Business Committee (the Revd Dr Richard Turnbull (Winchester)) to move:

9. 'That this Synod approve the recommendations set out in paragraph 12 of GS 1561.'

not later than 5.30 p.m.

10. QUESTIONS

9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL

WOMEN BISHOPS IN THE CHURCH GS 1557 OF ENGLAND?: A Report of the House of Bishops' Working Party on Women in the Episcopate

The Bishop of Rochester to move:

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

at 2.30 p.m.

WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE: GS 1568 Report from the House of Bishops

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:

12. 'That the Synod welcome the report from the House of Bishops (GS 1568) and invite the Business Committee to make sufficient time available at the July group of sessions for Synod to determine whether it wishes to set in train the process for removing the

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legal obstacles to the ordination of women to the episcopate.'

not later than 3.45 p.m.

SPECIAL AGENDA II LITURGICAL BUSINESS

Special Agenda II

Item 601 – Common Worship Ordination Services – will be taken

not later than 6.15 p.m.

HIND IMPLEMENTATION: REVIEW GS 1569 OF THE SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR CME 1-4

The Bishop of Chelmsford to move:

13. 'That this Synod endorse the analysis in GS 1569 and agree in particular that the desired improvement in the overall quality of CME 1-4 should be pursued by setting expected learning outcomes nationally while keeping responsibility for funding with the dioceses.'

9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

THE WINDSOR REPORT: Report by GS 1570 the House of Bishops

The Bishop of Durham to move:

14. 'That this Synod

- (a) welcome the report from the House (GS 1570) accepting the principles set out in the *Windsor Report*;
- (b) urge the Primates of Anglican Communion to take action, the light in of the Windsor Report's recommendations, to secure unity within the constraints of truth and charity and to seek reconciliation within the Communion; and
- (c) assure the Archbishop of Canterbury of its prayerful support at the forthcoming Primates' Meeting.'

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SPECIAL AGENDA II LITURGICAL BUSINESS

Special Agenda II

Item 600 – Weekday Lectionary - will be taken.

REVIEW OF CONSTITUTIONS OF BODIES ANSWERABLE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD THROUGH THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL

GS 1566

The Revd Canon Bob Baker (Norwich) to move:

15. 'That the Synod do take note of this report.'

at 2.30 p.m.

FAREWELLS

SPECIAL AGENDA III PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION

Special Agenda III

Item 700 – Senior Church Appointments – will be taken

SHARING GOD'S PLANET: Report GS 1558 by the Mission and Public Affairs Council

The Bishop of London to move:

16. 'That this Synod

- (a) commend *Sharing God's Planet* as a contribution to Christian thinking and action on environmental issues:
- (b) remind all members of the Church of England of their calling to care for the creation particularly in their lifestyle choices;
- (c) encourage parishes, diocesan and national church organisations to carry out environmental audits and adopt specific and targeted measures to reduce consumption of non-renewable resources and ask the Mission and Public Affairs Council to report on outcomes achieved to the July 2008 group of sessions:
- (d) welcome Her Majesty's Government's prioritising of climate change in its chairing of the

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G8 and its forthcoming presidency of the European Union; and

(e) commend the approach of 'contraction and convergence' as a way to address global warming.'

DRAFT CONVOCATIONS (ELECTION TO THE UPPER HOUSE) RULES (AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION 2005 (GS 1563)

Draft Rules made under paragraph 5 of Canon H 3

The Bishop of Dover (the Rt Revd Stephen Venner) to move:

That the "Convocations (Election to the Upper House) Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2005" be approved.

- 1. The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 70(a) that the Resolution shall be considered on one motion.
- 2. Amendments to the Resolution are permissible and 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 11th February 2005.

AMENDING CANON No 26 (Synodical Government) (GS 1484B)

Canon for Promulgation (Finally approved at the July 2004 Group of Sessions)

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:

501 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No 26" be promulged and executed.'

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE (GS 1555A)

Measure for Revision (First Consideration at the July 2004 Group of Sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1555Y)

The Chairman of the Revision Committee (the Very Reverend George Nairn-Briggs (Northern Deans)) to move:

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

Notes:

1. In the debate on item 502 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment

to the Measure and which appears on a Notice Paper for this Group of Sessions (SO 54(c)).

- 2. When the debate is concluded on item 502, the Synod will proceed to consider the 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 11th February 2005.

DRAFT PASTORAL (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1524B)

Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval (Revised at the July 2004 Group of Sessions)

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1524Z)

The Chairman of the Steering Committee (the Venerable Peter Elliott (Archdeacon of Northumberland)) to move:

- 503 'That the Synod do take note of the Report.'
- 504 'That the Measure entitled "Pastoral (Amendment) Measure" be finally approved.'

LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2005 (GS 1562)

Order made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986

A member of the Fees Advisory Commission to move:

505 'That the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2005 be approved.'

- 1. The Fees Advisory Commission has laid the above Order before the General Synod pursuant to the provisions of the 1986 Measure.
- 2. Under SO 69(e) amendments to the Order are not permissible.

SPECIAL AGENDA II – LITURGICAL BUSINESS

WEEKDAY LECTIONARY AND AMENDMENTS to Calendar, Lectionary and Collects, Rules for Regulating Authorized Forms of Service, and 'Rules to Order the Service and Other Miscellaneous Liturgical Proposals' (GS 1342A, as amended by GS 1342B) (GS 1520B)

Article 7 Business

Drafts for Final Approval

The Bishop of Beverley to move:

600 'That the liturgical business entitled "Weekday Lectionary and Amendments" be finally approved for a period from 21 February 2005 until further Resolution of the Synod.'

- 1. As indicated in GS 1520B, the House of Bishops has approved this item of liturgical business under the provisions of Standing Order 84 in the form set out in GS 1520A, amended by the incorporation of the corrections set out in the Schedule to GS 1520A. No reference was claimed by either of the Convocations or by the House of Laity.
- 2. A majority in each House of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting is required (Standing Order 35(d)(i)(3)).

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COMMON WORSHIP ORDINATION SERVICES (GS 1535A)

Consideration of a Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1535Y)

Article 7 Business

The Bishop of Chichester to move:

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

- 1. Notice of motions for re-committal under the provisions of Standing Order 77(a) must be given in writing to the Clerk to the Synod by 5.30 pm on 14th February 2005 (Standing Order 10(c)). Any such motions will appear on a Notice Paper.
- 2. If no such motion is carried, the liturgical business will automatically stand committed to the House of Bishops under Standing Order 77(f).

SENIOR CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Mr Anthony Archer (St. Albans) to move:

700 'That this Synod:

- (i) consider that the Church should adopt an integrated and consistent method for the making of appointments to senior ecclesiastical office (other than diocesan bishops) to ensure that all appointments are transparent and encourage the confidence of the Church in the procedures that support the final selection; and
- (ii) request the Archbishops' Council to commission a working party (to be chaired by a person independent of the Council and the Synod) to review and make recommendations (without limitation) as to:
 - (a) the office of suffragan bishop, dean, archdeacon and residentiary canon, and the functions, demands and requirements of these senior ecclesiastical ministries in a changing Church;
 - (b) the law and practice regarding appointments to these offices, including:-

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- (A) the role and practice adopted by diocesan bishops in the making of nominations to suffragan sees; and
- (B) the role of the Crown in the making of appointments to the other senior church offices referred to above and how it is discharged (and in particular the possibility of seeking agreement to the functions of Ministers of the Crown either (i) being transferred to the Archbishop of the province concerned, or (ii) becoming purely formal ones involving the submission of the received advice from the Archbishop).

and for the Archbishops' Council to report back to the Synod within eighteen months of the date of this debate.'

159 Signatures

(February 2004)

INTER-DIOCESAN MUTUAL SUPPORT

The Revd Dr Richard Turnbull (Winchester) to move:

701 'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to bring forward proposals for a contributory system of inter-diocesan mutual support, including plans for its implementation and use of the resources generated in the

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period 2007-2012, and to make a report to this Synod within two years.'

117 Signatures

(February 2003)

MINISTRY OF THE EVANGELIST

The Revd Captain Paul Allinson (Durham) to move:

702 'That this Synod:

- (a) affirm and celebrate the distinctive gift of the evangelist within the body of Christ;
- (b) call on dioceses to (i) encourage new vocations to this ministry from both laity and clergy as an inclusive calling and (ii) to that end, to promote (in consultation with other agencies) training initiatives which will encourage and resource the proclamation of the gospel in culturally appropriate and exciting ways; and
- (c) request the Mission and Public Affairs Council to keep abreast of developments and report back to Synod in three years.'

58 Signatures

(February 2004)

LITURGICAL MATERIAL FOR USE WHEN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE PRESENT

The Revd David Bird (Peterborough) to move:

703 'That this Synod ask the House of Bishops to Commission from the Liturgical Commission, in cooperation with Diocesan Children's and Youth Officers, Liturgical material, including Eucharistic Prayers, for use when children and young people are present.'

38 Signatures

(July 2004)

FEES

The Revd David Butterfield (Lichfield) to move:

704 'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to introduce amending legislation to determine that fees that are presently paid to an incumbent be paid to the respective diocesan board of finance or other central body.'

34 Signatures

(February 2004)

THE RT REVD GENE ROBINSON

The Revd Anthony Braddick-Southgate (Southwark) to move:

705 'That this Synod commend the 2003 General Convention of the Episcopal Church (ECUSA) for approving the

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decision of the Diocese of New Hampshire to consecrate Gene Robinson as a bishop in the Church of God; noting in particular that this was the democratically expressed wish of the majority of Episcopalians, a Church in which we have full confidence and in which we, members of the General Synod of the Church of England, gladly remain in full communion.'

27 Signatures

(February 2004)

HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHIN THE CHURCH

The Revd Brian Leathers (Derby) to move:

- 706 'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to establish a working party-
 - (a) to consider the issue of Health and Safety within the Church, especially from the point of view of:-

safeguarding those working for the Church (whether on or off site) and visitors to its buildings and other property; identifying those who are or should be responsible for complying with Health and Safety obligations within the Church; and enabling them more effectively to discharge those obligations

(b) to make recommendations in relation to the matters set out in (a) above, including recommendations as to structures, practices, procedures and (if appropriate) legislative change; and

(c) to report to this Synod within two years.'

25 Signatures

(February 2004)

NEW MOTIONS

CONSECRATION OF WOMEN TO THE EPISCOPATE

The Revd Professor John Barton (Oxford University) to move:

707 'That this Synod ask that legislation be brought forward to make it lawful for women to be consecrated as bishops in the Church of England.'

CONSECRATION OF WOMEN TO THE EPISCOPATE

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move:

708 'That this Synod, considering the terms in which the Bishop of Rochester's Group has reported on the issues surrounding the consecration of women as bishops, request that legislation be brought forward, without further delay (and in any event no later than the final group of sessions of this current quinquennium), to authorise such consecration, and that, furthermore, such legislation both shall be in a simple form, and also shall make suitable provision for those unable to accept the consecration of women as bishops in terms of further refinement of the existing Act of Synod and/or a

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comprehensive code of practice recommended for use by members of the House of Bishops.'

CONSECRATION OF WOMEN TO THE EPISCOPATE

to move on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod ask that legislation be introduced to permit the consecration of women to the Episcopate in the Provinces of Canterbury and York without delay.'

1 July 2002

The **Ripon and Leeds** Diocesan Synod forwarded a motion in identical terms on 15 March 2003 and the **St Albans** Diocesan Synod did on 18 October 2004

THE CLERGY FREEHOLD

to move on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Synod:

"That this Synod, disappointed that the current review of pastoral arrangements does not extend to including any direct examination of the clergy freehold, request the Archbishops' Council to institute a review of this issue as a matter of urgency, either as part of the remit of the Dioceses and Pastoral Measure Review Group, or otherwise."

19 July 2002

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod

802 'That this Synod

- (a) recognise the value of the Anglican Communion;
- (b) note with concern that disagreements about a number of issues threaten to fragment the Communion; and
- (c) commit itself to
 - (i) raise awareness within the Church of England of the world-wide nature of the Communion; and
 - (ii) work with our partners from other Provinces to find an acceptable and unifying model for decision making.'

2 September 2002

APPORTIONMENT

The Revd Andrew Watson to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod

'That this Synod, noting that the method by which the Archbishops' Council's expenditure is apportioned to dioceses is based on statistical formulae like average weekly attendance and electoral roll number, ask that the method of apportionment should be altered to meet the expenditure by agreed contributions from dioceses, similar to the London Diocesan's Fund's method of determining Common Fund contributions from parishes.'

2 September 2002

EPISCOPAL MINISTRY ACT OF SYNOD

to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

That the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993 be rescinded.

8 March 2003

ORDERS OF MINISTRY

to move on behalf of the Worcester Diocesan Synod:

that this Synod ask that legislation be introduced that would have the effect of ensuring that, as from 2005, gender will cease to be a consideration in the admission of candidates to any orders of ministry in the Church of England.'

16 June 2003

CANON B 44

The Revd Canon Alan Hargrave to move on behalf of the Ely Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod request that legislation be introduced to rescind paragraph 5 of Canon B 44 Of local ecumenical projects.'

11 October 2003

CONSECRATION OF WOMEN TO THE EPISCOPATE

to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

to permit the consecration of women to the Episcopate in the Provinces of Canterbury and York without delay and hope that such legislation includes adequate safeguards and respect for those unable to accept such consecrations.'

1 November 2003

CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS

to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod ask the Mission and Public Affairs Council to investigate and recommend how church members can reduce CO₂ emissions by 60% by 2050 in line with the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (the IPCC).'

13 March 2004

ELECTION ADDRESSES

Mrs Janet Atkinson to move on behalf of the Durham Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod support a change to the Church Representation Rules by requiring that candidates seeking election to the House of Laity of the General Synod, who produce election addresses for distribution to electors, as permitted by Church Representation Rule 39(6), shall include in such addresses details including a brief resume of the aims and policies of any Church related organization, society, movement or association to which they belong or support or are affiliated, either directly or through parochial links, and which could affect their voting intentions in General Synod in matters of doctrine or ecclesiology in order to ensure transparency for electors.'

13 November 2004

PAROCHIAL FEES

Ther Revd Moira Astin to move on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to bring forward draft Parochial Fees Orders

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increasing the level of parochial fees so as to reflect the real cost of the ministry to which they relate."

15 December 2004