Agenda

July Group of Sessions 2007



GENERAL SYNOD

JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2007

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Friday 6 July 4.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Saturday 7 July 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Sunday 8 July 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Monday 9 July 9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Tuesday 10 July

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

SERVICES

Friday 6 July

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion in Heslington Church

6.20 p.m. Evening Worship in the Central Hall

Saturday 7 July

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

Sunday 8 July

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion in York Minster6.20 p.m. Evening Worship in the Central Hall

Monday 9 July

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Tuesday 10 July

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Central Hall

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 (SO 10(a), 11 and 26(a)):

Business appointed for the *first day of the group of sessions* (6 July) – **4.00 p.m. on 5 July (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 or evening sitting – 10.00 a.m. that day (Except that business appointed for the afternoon and evening sittings on Sunday shall be delivered by 4.00 p.m. the day before)

Amendments to the further Revision Stage on the Marriage Measure shall be delivered by **5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 4th July**.

Under Standing Order 10(a) and 26(a), such notice shall 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 and liturgical business or to Standing Orders.

- 3. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(b)).
- Notice of Questions under SOs 105-106 shall be delivered not later than
 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 26th June 2007 (SO 10(b)(i)).
- 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 postal address is Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3AZ. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The e-mail 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 Chair will take the opportunity to complete business already partly considered at this group of sessions.

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

Friday 6 July 2007

4.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

2. PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

IS MODERN CHILDHOOD ALL THAT IT COULD BE?

 The Bishop of Leicester will introduce Sir Albert Aynsley Green (Children's Commissioner) who, at the invitation of the Presidents, will address the Synod.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1657)

Preb Kay Garlick (Hereford) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

That the Synod do take note of this Report.

not later than 6.05 p.m.

PREPARATION FOR GROUP WORK

5. The Revd Dr Richard Burridge will introduce group work

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

6. QUESTIONS

Saturday 7 July 2007

10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I) will be taken:

500 Draft Church of England Marriage Measure (**GS 1616YY**) – Report by the Revision Committee and Further Revision Stage

In the event of a debate being requested on any of the following items, it will take place at this point:

Sunderland Minster Representation Scheme (**GS 1666**) Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2007 (**GS 1653**) Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and others (Fees) Order 2007 (**GS 1654**) Parochial Fees Order 2007 (**GS 1659**)

FORTY-FIRST REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1664)

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC (Manchester) to move:

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

If item 7 is carried the motions for amendment to the Standing Orders contained in the First Notice Paper will be moved. Any member wishing to move an amendment to any of those motions must give notice in accordance with Standing Order 10(c) not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 5th July.

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL AND THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS BOARD (GS 1658)

The Archbishop of York to move:

- 8. 'That this Synod approve the appointment of Mr Allan Bridgewater as Chair of the Church of England Pensions Board from 1 January 2008 until 31 December 2008.'
- 9. 'That this Synod approve the appointment of Mr Andrew Britton as a member of the Archbishops' Council for a five-year term from 1 October 2007 until 30 September 2012.'
- 10. 'That this Synod approve the appointment of Mrs Katherine McPherson as a member of the Archbishops' Council from 1 January 2008 until 31 December 2009.'
- 11. 'That this Synod approve the appointment of Mrs Anne Sloman as a member of the Archbishops' Council from 1 January 2008 until 31 December 2009.'

CLERGY PENSIONS (GS 1660)

The Bishop of Ripon and Leeds to move:

12. 'That this Synod endorse the recommendations contained in paragraph 52 of GS 1660.'

The following items from Special Agenda I will be taken.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDED PENSIONS SCHEME (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2007 (GS1667)

CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDED PENSIONS SCHEME (ACCRUAL RATES) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2007 (GS 1670)

CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDED PENSIONS SCHEME (GUARANTEED INCREASES) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2007 (GS 1671)

Rules made under the Pensions Measure 1997

Mr Allan Bridgewater (Ex officio) to move:

'That the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (General) (Amendment) Rules 2007 be approved.'

- 'That the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Accrual Rates) (Amendment) Rules 2007 be approved.'
- 'That the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Guaranteed Increases) (Amendment) Rules 2007 be approved.'

SPECIAL AGENDA III PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION

POSSIBLE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAN (GS Misc 855A & B)

Canon Simon Bessant (Blackburn) to move:

13. 'That this Synod, in the light of growing international concern about possible US military action against Iran, believe that in present circumstances unilateral, pre-emptive military action by the US or any other government against Iran cannot be justified.'

not later than 5.55 p.m.

PRE-LAMBETH CONFERENCE 2008 HOSPITALITY

14. Presentation under Standing Order 97.

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

TRANSFORMING WORSHIP: Report by the Liturgical Commission (GS 1651)

15. Presentation under Standing Order 97.

The Bishop of Wakefield to move:

16. 'That this Synod

- (a) affirm that the worship of God is the fundamental purpose of the Church, crucial for transformation and mission;
- (b) welcome the Liturgical Commission's 'Transforming Worship' initiative for liturgical formation and training;
- (c) commend the Commission's Report Transforming Worship: Living the New Creation (GS 1651) to the Church of England for study, reflection and action;
- (d) endorse the recommendations set out in Chapter 9 of the Report; and
- (e) request the Commission to report to the Synod on the progress of the 'Transforming Worship' initiative before the end of this quinquennium.'

Sunday 8 July 2007

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.¹

THE ANGLICAN COVENANT PROPOSAL (GS 1661)

17. At the invitation of the Presidents, the Most Revd Drexel Gomez (chair of the Anglican Covenant Design Group) will address the Synod.

A member of the House of Bishops to move:

- **18.** 'That this Synod:
 - (a) affirm its willingness to engage positively with the unanimous recommendation of the Primates in February 2007 for a process designed to produce a covenant for the Anglican Communion;
 - (b) note that such a process will only be concluded when any definitive text has been duly considered through the synodical processes of the provinces of the Communion; and
 - (c) invite the Presidents, having consulted the House of Bishops and the Archbishops' Council, to agree the terms of a considered response to the draft from the Covenant Design Group for submission to the Anglican Communion Office by the end of the year.'

THE ANGLICAN/METHODIST COVENANT: LIVING GOD'S COVENANT: Second Interim Report of the Joint Implementation Commission

The Bishop of Peterborough to move:

19. 'That this Synod commend the report as a basis for study and action, to be undertaken wherever possible with representatives of the Methodist Church and of other partner churches.'

¹ Amendments for items in this sitting shall be delivered by 4.00 p.m. on Saturday 7th July

8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.²

PRESENT AND PARTICIPATING: A place at the table (GS 1655)

The Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin (London) to move:

- 20. 'That this Synod, rejoicing in the enrichment that minority ethnic people bring to our society and the Church of England, and reaffirming the grave sinfulness of all forms of racism, including institutional racism:
 - (a) request all dioceses to assess what further developments of their structures and practices are needed to secure a greater use of the gifts of minority ethnic people in the life of the Church at all levels and an increase in the number of ethnic minority young people in leadership;
 - (b) request the Archbishops' Council to review the results of these assessments, consider whether further national action is required and report to Synod within three years; and
 - (c) reiterate that support for political organisations whose policies engender racism is inconsistent with Christian discipleship.'

9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

21. The Archbishop of York will give a Presidential Address

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS

22. Presentation under Standing Order 97

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS (GS Misc 856A and B)

Mr Adrian Greenwood to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

23. 'That this Synod request an urgent review by the Archbishops' Council of the status and accountability of the Church Commissioners.'

DISABILITY ISSUES FOR MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (GS 1663)

24. Presentation under Standing Order 97

The Bishop of Sheffield to move:

- 25. 'That this Synod affirm the value of the contribution made by disabled clergy in the life and witness of the Church of England and its commitment to and support for their ministry by asking dioceses to:
 - (a) take note of the report 'Disabled clergy in the Church of England' and the outcome of this debate;
 - (b) ensure that a 'lead' person on disability issues is appointed in each diocese and that appropriate training is made available; and
 - (c) ensure that disability issues are made an integral part of the functioning of diocesan structures.

² Amendments for items in this sitting shall be delivered by 4.00 p.m. on Saturday 7th July

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

TALENT AND CALLING: Report of the Senior Church Appointments Review Group (GS 1650)

26. At the invitation of the Presidents Sir Joseph Pilling (Chair of the Review Group) will address the Synod

The Bishop of Sheffield to move:

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

The Bishop of Leicester to move:

- 28. 'That this Synod
 - (a) endorse the recommendations listed in Chapter 10 of the report;
 - (b) invite those with the relevant responsibilities to give effect to them; and
 - (c) invite the Archbishops' Council to report to the Synod during 2008 on progress with implementation.'

CHURCH ARMY

29. Presentation under Standing Order 97.

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION ETHICAL INVESTMENT ADVISORY GROUP: RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS (GS Misc 857A and B)

Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford) to move:

- **30.** 'That this Synod consider that the list of restricted investments maintained by the Ethical Investment Advisory Group should be:
 - (a) published to provide easy access for all Church bodies and for individual Christians of all denominations, to help them in structuring ethically the investments in their care; and
 - (b) made available under licence (subject to an appropriate fee) to commercial fund managers so that they are in a position to offer a range of ethically-compliant funds of varying risk, management and performance profiles, which can be available for both Church bodies and individual Christians.'

ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT (GS 1668)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S AUDIT COMMITTEE (GS 1669)

The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 96 that these reports do not need to be debated. Any member who wishes to debate, in respect of either report, the motion 'That this Synod do take note of this Report.', must give notice to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on 28th June with details of the member's points of concern.

Tuesday 10 July 2007

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2008 (GS 1665)

The Chair of the Finance Committee of the Archbishops' Council (Mr Michael Chamberlain) to move:

31. 'That this Synod now consider for approval the Draft Budget of the Archbishops' Council to cover expenditure to be incurred in the year 2008, as set out in GS 1665.'

The following motion to be moved separately in respect of the undermentioned votes:

'That the Synod authorise the Archbishops' Council to expend in 2008 a sum not exceeding X in respect of Vote X.'

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32.	1	Training for Ministry	10,947,200
33.	2	National Church Responsibilities	10,060,328
34.	3	Grants and Provisions	1,596,200
35.	4	Inter-diocesan Support/	800,000
		Mission Agencies Clergy	•
		Pension Contributions	
36.	5	CHARM	2,960,000

APPORTIONMENT

The Chair of the Finance Committee of the Archbishops' Council (Mr Michael Chamberlain) to move:

37. 'That the net sum to be provided in 2008 to meet expenditure approved in Votes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 be apportioned between the dioceses in accordance with the Table of Apportionment (contained in GS 1665).'

Note:

The figures given for Votes 1-5 in items 32-36 are gross as authority is sought for the total proposed expenditure. The amount sought from apportionment – as reflected in the Table of Apportionment – is the net expenditure which amounts to:-

Vote 1	£10,647,200
Vote 2	£10,060,328
Vote 3	£1,596,200
Vote 4	£791,000
Vote 5	£2,813,000

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I) may be taken (subject to Standing Order 61(b)):

501-2 Draft Church of England Marriage Measure – *final drafting and final approval*

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39. PROROGATION

SPECIAL AGENDA I - LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND MARRIAGE MEASURE (GS 1616B)

Draft Measure for Revision (Revised at the February 2007 Group of Sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1616YY)

The Chair of the Revision Committee (Mr Geoffrey Tattersall (Manchester)) 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 and 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. The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 11 that 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 Wednesday 4**th **July 2007**.

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND MARRIAGE MEASURE Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1616Z)

The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Dean of Wakefield (the Very Revd George Nairn-Briggs)) to move:

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

Notes:

- 1. If item 501 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 59(d)).
- 2. Following final drafting of the Measure, subject to the provisions of SO 61(b), the Dean will move item 502.
- 502 'That the Measure entitled "Church of England Marriage Measure" be finally approved.'

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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- 'That the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Accrual Rates) (Amendment) Rules 2007 be approved.'
- 'That the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Guaranteed Increases) (Amendment) Rules 2007 be approved.'

Note:

The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 68(a) that all three sets of Rules shall be considered on the One Motion procedure under SO 70.

LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2007 (GS 1653)

ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER 2007 (GS 1654)

PAROCHIAL FEES ORDER 2007 (GS 1659)

Orders made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986

Notes:

- 1. The Fees Advisory Commission and the Archbishops' Council have laid the above Orders (GS 1653, GS 1654 and GS 1659) before the General Synod 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.
- Any member who wishes to debate an Order under Standing

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Order 69 must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 6th July 2007.

4. Amendments to the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order and the Parochial 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 5th July 2007.

SUNDERLAND MINSTER REPRESENTATION SCHEME (GS 1666)

Scheme made under the Church Representation Rules

Notes:

- 1. The Scheme has been laid before the General Synod pursuant to Rule 26(3) of the Church Representation Rules. A copy of the Scheme will be sent to any member on application to the Clerk to the Synod. Copies of the Scheme will also be available in the Concourse.
- 2. A member may give notice that he or she wishes the Scheme to be debated, in which case the Scheme will not come into operation until approved by the General Synod.
- 3. Any member wishing to debate the Scheme must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 6**th **July 2007**.

SPECIAL AGENDA III - PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

ETHICAL INVESTMENT ADVISORY GROUP: RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS

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'That this Synod consider that the list of restricted investments maintained by the Ethical Investment Advisory Group should be:

- (a) published to provide easy access for all Church bodies and for individual Christians of all denominations, to help them in structuring ethically the investments in their care; and
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127 Signatures

(November 2005)

POSSIBLE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAN

Canon Simon Bessant (Blackburn) to move:

'That this Synod, in the light of growing international concern about possible US military action against Iran, believes that in present circumstances unilateral, pre-emptive military action by the US or any other government against Iran cannot be justified.'

101 Signatures

(February 2007)

CASINOS

Mr Thomas Benyon (Oxford) to move:

'That this Synod, appalled that the total national spend on gaming (particularly on the Internet) has risen in each year over the past four years from £4 to £40 billion, call on church leaders to redouble their effort in opposition to Her Majesty's Government's astonishing promotion of the opening of casinos.'

90 Signatures

(February 2007)

SPECIAL AGENDA III - PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

'SACRED BRITAIN' STRATEGY

Mr Roy Thompson (York) to move:

'That this Synod:

- (a) support the aims and objectives of the Churches Tourism Association's "Sacred Britain" strategy;
- (b) call on the Archbishops' Council to encourage each Diocese to form a Churches Tourism Group or, at least, to identify a Diocesan Tourism Officer;
- (c) propose that such Groups and officers be encouraged to:
 - develop ecumenical church tourism networks through Churches Regional Commissions, where they exist, or similar regional bodies, to enable and facilitate strategic partnerships within Government Regions;
 - (ii) work with Cathedrals and the Greater Churches in their area to establish strong, sustainable, cultural and educational links to strengthen the part played by churches in the wider cultural life of the nation; and
 - (iii) establish and maintain regional and sub-regional contacts and dialogue with English Heritage, Churches Tourism Association, Historic Churches Preservation Trust, Churches Conservation Trust and other heritage and funding bodies; and
- (d) ask the Archbishops' Council to report back on progress before the end of this Synod (July 2010).'

65 Signatures

(February 2007)

BIBLE AVAILABILITY

Mr Tim Cox (Blackburn) to move:

'That this Synod, believing in the importance of scripture, desire that anyone entering a church building or attending a church service should have easy and unfettered access to one of the versions of the Bible referred to in the note by the House of Bishops on Versions of Scripture dated 9th October 2002.'

64 Signatures

(February 2007)

SPECIAL AGENDA III - PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

UNIQUENESS OF CHRIST IN MULTI-FAITH BRITAIN

Mr Paul Eddy (Winchester) to move:

'That this Synod request the House of Bishops to report to the Synod on their understanding of the uniqueness of Christ in Britain's multi-faith society, and offer examples and commendations of good practice in sharing the gospel of salvation through Christ alone with people of other faiths and of none.'

62 Signatures

(February 2007)

PATRONAGE (BENEFICES) MEASURE

The Revd David Parrott (Chelmsford) to move:

- 'That this Synod, in the light of the changes to be made by the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure and the legislation giving effect to the Review of Clergy Terms of Service, request the Archbishops Council to establish a working party to:
 - (a) review the working of the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986;
 - review the role, rights and responsibilities of patrons, and the system of patronage generally;
 - (c) consider new, more appropriate ways of appointing clergy to benefices;
 - (d) consider introducing a system for the appointment of priests in charge which is consistent with any such new process for appointing clergy to benefices; and
 - (e) report back within the current quinquennium.

56 Signatures

(July 2006)

STATISTICS OF ETHNIC ORIGIN

Miss Vasantha Gnanadoss (Southwark) to move:

'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to arrange Collection of Statistics of Ethnic Origin when the next general revision of Electoral Rolls takes place in 2007, using a method based on the experience gained in 2002.'

52 Signatures

(July 2006)

SPECIAL AGENDA III - PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

NATIONAL CHURCH INSTITUTIONS

The Revd Stephen Trott (Peterborough) to move:

'That this Synod call for a review of the governance of the National Church Institutions, to be completed in time for the tenth anniversary of the National Institutions Measure 1998.'

21 Signatures

(July 2006)

NEW MOTION

RACE EQUALITY

Miss Vasantha Gnanadoss (Southwark) to move:

'That this Synod, noting that in 2004 the Association of Chief Police Officers adopted a policy whereby

"no member of the Police Service, whether police officer or police staff, may be a member of an organisation whose constitution, aims, objectives or pronouncements contradict the general duty to promote race equality" and "this specifically includes the British National Party",

request the House of Bishops to formulate and implement a comparable policy for the Church of England, to apply to clergy, ordinands, and such employed lay persons as have duties that require them to represent or speak on behalf of the Church.'

SPECIAL AGENDA IV - DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

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

THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS

Mr Adrian Greenwood to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod request an urgent review by the Archbishops' Council of the status and accountability of the Church Commissioners.'

July 2006

HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHIN THE CHURCH

to move on behalf of the Derby Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to establish a working party to:

- (a) consider the issue of Health and Safety within the Church, especially from the point of view of:
 - (i) safe-guarding those working for the Church (whether on or off site) and visitors to its buildings and other property; and
 - (ii) identifying those who are or should be responsible for complying with Health and Safety obligations within the Church and enabling them to more effectively discharge those obligations;
- (b) 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) report to this Synod within two years.'

May 2007

SPECIAL AGENDA IV - DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT

to move on behalf of the Durham Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod request the House of Bishops to commission the expeditious preparation of a Eucharistic Prayer suitable for use on occasions when a significant number of children are present or when it is otherwise pastorally appropriate to meet the needs of children present.'

May 2007

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