

# Agenda

July Group of Sessions 2008



**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2008**  
**AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK**

**TIMES OF SITTINGS**

Friday 4 July	4.00 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.20 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Saturday 5 July	11.00 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 6 July	2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Monday 7 July	9.30 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.
Tuesday 8 July	9.30 am to 1.00 p.m.

**SERVICES**

**Friday 4 July**

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

**Saturday 5 July**

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

**Sunday 6 July**

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

**Monday 7 July**

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

**Tuesday 8 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 (other than amendments to legislative business or to amendments of Standing Orders) 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* (4 July) –  
**4.00 p.m. on 3 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 sitting – **10.00 a.m. that day**

Amendments to item 20 (Women Bishops: Report from the House of Bishops GS 1685A) shall be delivered by **4.00 pm on Sunday 6 July**.

Amendments to the contingency business shall be delivered by **10.00 am on Friday 4 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 business, liturgical business or amendments to Standing Orders.)

Notice of amendments to legislative business or to amendments to Standing Orders must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in this Agenda.

3. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(b)).
4. Notice of Questions under SOs 105-106 shall be delivered **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 24 June 2008** (SO 10(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 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](mailto:questions@c-of-e.org.uk) in respect of Questions and [david.williams@c-of-e.org.uk](mailto: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.

Friday 4 July 2008

4.00 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES

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### 2. PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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#### REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1688)

*The Reverend Prebendary Kay Garlick* (Hereford) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

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

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#### ANGLICAN-ORTHODOX RELATIONS

### 4. The Archbishop of Canterbury will invite Metropolitan John of Pergamon to address the Synod under SO 112.

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#### THE CHURCH OF THE TRIUNE GOD: THE CYPRUS AGREED STATEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR ANGLICAN-ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL DIALOGUE BRIEFING PAPER FROM FAITH AND ORDER ADVISORY GROUP (GS 1706)

*The Archbishop of Canterbury* to move:

- ### 5. 'That this Synod:
- (a) thank the International Commission for Anglican–Orthodox Theological Dialogue for the Cyprus Agreed Statement *The Church of the Triune God* and commend the Statement for study in the Church of England, where possible with members of the Orthodox Churches, and with other ecumenical partners;
  - (b) note the points raised in the commentary and assessment provided in the briefing paper on the Agreed Statement, produced by the Faith and Order Advisory Group; and
  - (c) welcome the degree of theological agreement between Anglicans and the Orthodox revealed in the Agreed Statement and encourage the continuation of dialogue in those areas on which agreement has not yet been achieved.'

Friday 4 July 2008

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8.20 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

**WOMEN BISHOPS: PREPARATION FOR GROUP WORK**

6. *The Bishop of Manchester* will make a presentation to introduce the group work on Saturday morning on the Report of the Women Bishops Legislative Drafting Group (GS 1685).
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**7. QUESTIONS**

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Saturday 5 July 2008

11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**WOMEN BISHOPS: REPORT OF THE WOMEN BISHOPS LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING GROUP (GS 1685)**

*The Bishop of Manchester* to move:

8. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

9. *The Archbishop of York* will give a Presidential Address.
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**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

- 500-1 Draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure (GS 1637B) –  
*Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval*
- Draft Church of England Pensions (Amendment) Measure (GS 1682A)  
– *Draft Measure for Revision and Final Approval*
- 503 Draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure  
(GS 1683A) – *Draft Measure for Revision*
- 504 Draft Vacancies in Suffragan Sees and Other Ecclesiastical Offices  
Measure (GS 1692) – *Draft Measure for First Consideration*
- 505 Draft Crown Benefices (Parish Representatives) Measure (GS 1693) –  
*Draft Measure for First Consideration*
- 506 Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2008 (GS 1694)  
– *Draft Instrument for Approval*
- 507 Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993, as amended – *for  
Proclamation as an Act of Synod*
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8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

**READER MINISTRY: REPORT FROM THE MINISTRY DIVISION OF THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 1689)**

*The Bishop of Carlisle to move:*

10. 'That this Synod welcome the report on Reader Ministry and call upon the dioceses, deaneries and parishes of the Church of England, along with the House of Bishops:
- (a) to encourage the study of the report, and in particular by clergy and Readers; and
  - (b) to consider how its recommendations and action points may be pursued nationally and in each diocesan and local situation.'
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Sunday 6 July 2008

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA III  
PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION  
CHURCH TOURISM (GS Misc 887 A and B)**

*Mr Roy Thompson (York) to move:*

11. '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:
    - (i) 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).'
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**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

- 508** Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2008 (GS 1695) – *Order for Approval.*
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**CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN SECURITY: CHALLENGING AN ENVIRONMENT OF INJUSTICE: A REPORT BY THE MISSION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL (GS 1705)**

*The Bishop of London* to move on behalf of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

12. 'That this Synod, recognizing that climate change poses both an environmental and human security challenge:
- (a) endorse the recommendations as set out in *Climate Change and Human Security: Challenging an Environment of Injustice*;
  - (b) call on the Archbishops' Council and all diocesan synods to consider this report and its conclusions with a view to developing an integrated and holistic response to climate change; and
  - (c) ask the Mission and Public Affairs Council to report back to this Synod by July 2010 on progress made towards developing such a response.'

not later than 5.45 p.m.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS BOARD (GS 1689)**

*The Archbishop of York* to move:

13. 'That this Synod approve the appointment of Dr Jonathan Spencer as Chair of the Church of England Pensions Board from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2013.'

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (GS 1690)**

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

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

**APPOINTMENT OF ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S AUDITORS (GS 1704)**

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

15. 'That this Synod approve the appointment of the Auditors to the Archbishops' Council.'

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 1701)**

The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 96 that this report does not need to be debated. Any member who wishes to debate the motion 'That the Synod do take note of this Report', must give notice to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 25 June** with details of the member's points of concern.

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

**PAROCHIAL FEES: FOUR FUNERALS AND A WEDDING (GS Misc 877)  
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FROM THE DEPLOYMENT, REMUNERATION AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE COMMITTEE (GS 1703)**

*The Bishop of Ripon and Leeds* to move:

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

*The Bishop of Ripon and Leeds* to move:

17. 'That this Synod:
- (a) request the Archbishops' Council to introduce legislation to give effect to recommendations (a)-(f) in GS 1703; and
  - (b) request the Deployment, Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee to consult with relevant stakeholders on recommendations (g)-(j) in GS 1703 and to report back to this Synod.'

**Monday 7 July 2008**

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**MORNING WORSHIP**

**ANGLICAN/METHODIST COVENANT (GS 1691)**

*The Bishop of Peterborough to move:*

18. 'That this Synod:
- (a) thank the members of the Joint Implementation Commission for their report *Embracing the Covenant* and for their work during the past five years;
  - (b) commend the report, with its recommendations, for study, action and response in the Church of England, and for discussion with members of the Methodist Church;
  - (c) endorse the Commission's recommendations regarding the shape of its work in the next phase; and
  - (d) request that Bishop's Councils consider the report and refer it for study by other appropriate bodies in the dioceses and that responses be sent to the Council for Christian Unity by 31 December 2009.'

**not later than 11.15 am**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**Any uncompleted or remaining items of legislative business (details of which are contained in Special Agenda I) will be taken.**

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

Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2008 (GS 1696)

Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2008 (GS 1697)

Parochial Fees Order 2008 (GS 1698)

Monday 7 July 2008

**FORTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1699)**

*Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC (Manchester) to move:*

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

If item 19 is carried the motions for amendment to the Standing Orders contained in the Second Notice Paper will be moved, insofar as they need to be debated. 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 3 July.**

**2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.**

**WOMEN BISHOPS:  
REPORT OF THE WOMEN BISHOPS LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING  
GROUP (GS 1685)  
REPORT FROM THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS (GS 1685A)**

*A member of the House of Bishops to move:*

20. 'That this Synod:
- (a) reaffirm its wish for women to be admitted to the episcopate;
  - (b) affirm its view that special arrangements be available, within the existing structures of the Church of England, for those who as a matter of theological conviction will not be able to receive the ministry of women as bishops or priests;
  - (c) affirm that these should be contained in a national code of practice to which all concerned would be required to have regard; and
  - (d) instruct the legislative drafting group, in consultation with the House of Bishops, to complete its work accordingly, including preparing the first draft of a code of practice, so that the Business Committee can include first consideration of the draft legislation in the agenda for the February 2009 group of sessions.'

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV  
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION:  
FAITH, WORK AND ECONOMIC LIFE (GS Misc 890 A and B)**

*Mr Simon Baynes* (St Albans) to move on behalf of the St Albans Diocesan Synod:

21. 'That this Synod:
- (a) affirm daily work as essentially a spiritual activity;
  - (b) recognise the importance of Christian values within economic life; and
  - (c) request the Mission and Public Affairs Council to examine the engagement of the Church of England with the economic sector in this country and to present its findings to Synod.'

Tuesday 8 July 2008

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**MORNING WORSHIP**

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV  
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION  
ANGLICAN GOVERNANCE (GS Misc Misc 891 A and B)**

*The Revd Canon Robert Cotton* (Guildford) to move on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Synod:

22. 'That this Synod request the House of Bishops:
- (a) to prepare a report that describes and explores the relationship between discussions, recommendations and decisions made by these bodies:
    - the Lambeth Conference,
    - the Anglican Consultative Council,
    - the Primates' meeting,
    - the House of Bishops of the Church of England,
    - the Archbishops' Council,
    - and the General Synod of the Church of England; and
  - (b) to promote discussion of the report to increase the understanding of the governance of the Church of England within the Anglican Communion.'

**ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2009 (GS 1700)**

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

23. 'That this Synod now consider for approval the Draft Budget of the Archbishops' Council to cover expenditure to be incurred in the year 2009, as set out in GS 1700, together with revised expenditure for 2008 in respect of Votes 1 and 5.'

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

'That this Synod authorise the Archbishops' Council to expend in 2008 a revised sum (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) not exceeding X in respect of Vote X.'

24.	1 Training for Ministry	£11,645,500
25.	5 CHARM	£2,999,000

'That this Synod authorise the Archbishops' Council to expend in 2009 a sum (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) not exceeding X in respect of Vote X.'

	VOTE	£
26.	1 Training for Ministry	12,553,600
27.	2 National Church Responsibilities	10,147,954
28.	3 Grants and Provisions	1,668,200
29.	4 Inter-diocesan Support/ Mission Agencies Clergy Pension Contributions	800,000
30.	5 CHARM	3,099,000

#### APPORTIONMENT

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

31. 'That the net sum to be provided in 2009 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 1700).'

*Note:*

The amount sought from apportionment – as reflected in the Table of Apportionment – reflects the proposed use of £520,000 and £150,000 from Vote 1 and Vote 5 reserves respectively:

Vote 1	£12,033,600
Vote 2	£10,147,954
Vote 3	£1,668,200
Vote 4	£800,000
Vote 5	£2,949,000

*Note:*

All the sums specified above are subject to final approval by the Archbishops' Council at its meeting on 12 June (i.e. after the production of this Agenda). Should the Council amend the proposed expenditure or apportionment in respect of any Vote, the relevant motion will be moved in a form which includes an appropriately modified sum.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS

32. Presentation under Standing Order 97.

#### 33. FAREWELLS

#### 34. PROROGATION

**DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES (TERMS OF SERVICE)  
MEASURE (GS 1637B)**

**Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval (Revised at the February 2008 group of sessions)**

**Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1637Z)**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of Dover (the Rt Revd Stephen Venner)) to move:*

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

*Note: If item 500 is carried, the special amendments set out in the Third Notice Paper will be moved (SO 59(d)).*

501 'That the Measure entitled "Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure" be finally approved.'

**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS (AMENDMENT)  
MEASURE (GS 1682A)**

**Draft Measure for Revision  
(First Consideration February 2008)**

**Notes:**

1. *As reported in the First Notice Paper, no proposals for amendment were received and there were no other matters for the Revision Committee to report.*
2. *The Synod will consider the draft Measure clause by clause.*

**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS (AMENDMENT)  
MEASURE (GS 1682A)**

**Draft Measure for Final Approval**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Venerable Clive Mansell (Archdeacon of Tonbridge) (Rochester)) to move, subject to the provisions of SO 61(b):*

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

*Note: The Steering Committee considers that a Final Drafting Stage is unnecessary in respect of the draft Measure.*

**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)  
MEASURE (GS 1683A)**

**Draft Measure for Revision  
(Deemed First Consideration February 2008)**

**Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1683Y)**

*The Chair of the Revision Committee (Mr James Humphery (Salisbury)) to move:*

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

**Notes:**

1. *In the debate on item 503 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 503, 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 3rd July 2008.***

**DRAFT VACANCIES IN SUFFRAGAN SEES AND OTHER  
ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES MEASURE (GS 1692)**

**Draft Measure for First Consideration**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Ven George Howe (Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness) (Carlisle)) to move:*

504 'That the Measure entitled "Vacancies in Suffragan Sees and Other Ecclesiastical Offices Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

*Note: If item 504 is carried, any member wishing to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee 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 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008** (SO 53).*

**DRAFT CROWN BENEFICES (PARISH REPRESENTATIVES)  
MEASURE (GS 1693)**

**Draft Measure for First Consideration**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Ven George Howe (Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness) (Carlisle)) to move:*

- 505 'That the Measure entitled "Crown Benefices (Parish Representatives) Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

**Note:** *If item 505 is carried, any member wishing to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee 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 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008** (SO 53).*

**DRAFT VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT)  
REGULATION 2008 (GS 1694)**

**Draft Instrument for approval**

*One of the Presidents to move:*

- 506 'That the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2008 be approved.'

**Notes:**

1. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 70(a) that the Regulation shall be considered on one motion.*
2. *Amendments to the Regulation 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008**.*

If item 506 is carried, *one of the Presidents* being in the Chair to move:

- 507 'That the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993, as amended by the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2003 and the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2008, and as to be amended by the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2007 upon the coming into force of that Regulation, be solemnly affirmed and proclaimed an Act of Synod.'

**THE PAYMENTS TO THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST  
ORDER 2008 (GS 1695)**

**Order made under section 53 of the Pastoral Measure 1983**

*The Bishop of London to move:*

- 508 'That "The Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2008" be approved.'

**Notes:**

1. *The Church Commissioners have laid the above Order (GS 1695) before the Synod for approval pursuant to the 1983 Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 70(a) that the Order shall be considered on one motion.*
3. *Amendments' to the Order are not in order.*

**LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2008 (GS 1696)**

**ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS  
(FEES) ORDER 2008 (GS 1697)**

**PAROCHIAL FEES ORDER 2008 (GS 1698)**

**Orders made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986**

**Notes:**

1. *The Fees Advisory Commission and the Archbishops' Council have laid the above Orders (GS 1696, GS 1697 and GS 1698) 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.*
3. *Any member who wishes to debate an Order under Standing Order 69 must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008**.*
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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008**.*

**'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:
  - (i) 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).'

**134 Signatures**

**(February 2007)**

**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.'

**124 Signatures**

**(February 2007)**

**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.'

**111 Signatures**

**(July 2007)**

**HR POLICY AND PRACTICE AT THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES AND REGIONAL COURSES**

*The Revd Hugh Lee (Oxford) to move:*

'That this Synod, believing that the staff disciplinary and grievance procedures and human resources practices of all theological colleges and regional courses approved by the House of Bishops for the training of ordinands should be professional both in their policy framework and in their application, and should conform with the guidelines currently being prepared by DRACSC, request the House of Bishops and Ministry Division:

(a) to initiate an urgent review of the HR policy and practice of all approved training institutions; and

(b) to report back to the House of Bishops and General Synod on the findings of the review, with recommendations as to how and in what circumstances action might be taken to ensure best HR practice.'

**48 Signatures**

**(February 2008)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON DIOCESAN OFFICES**

*Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford) to move:*

'That this Synod, concerned to see the extent of additional administrative work being introduced to Diocesan Offices, request the Archbishops' Council to conduct a strategic review with the aim of reducing significantly the administrative burden (in terms of both cost and time wasted) throughout the Church, particularly as it impacts on the mission and ministry of diocesan bishops.'

**43 Signatures**

**(February 2008)**

**DATE OF EASTER**

*The Revd Andrew Dow (Gloucester) to move:*

'That this Synod, mindful of the confusion and disruptions caused by the varying date of Easter, request the Archbishops' Council to work with the Government and relevant ecumenical bodies to fix the date of Easter on a weekend in the Spring appropriate to the Church's mission to the nation, and local communities, and conducive to the smooth running of the educational system.'

**34 Signatures**

**(February 2008)**

**BAN ON WHALING**

*The Revd Gill Henwood (York) to move:*

'That this Synod, following the evidence of the scale and nature of this season's Japanese whaling activity provided by Australian and conservation monitors, call on HM Government to work to ensure the enforcement of the worldwide ban on whaling, affirming the beauty, diversity and sanctity of God's creation and mysterious creatures.'

**21 Signatures**

**(February 2008)**

**FRESH EXPRESSIONS RESOURCES**

*The Revd Richard Moy (Lichfield) to move:*

'That this Synod invite the Fresh Expressions team in consultation with the Liturgical Commission to produce an on-line library of visual and video resources for worship, so that hard-pressed local worship leaders may access and use them in both mission and congregational contexts.'

**(July 2008)**

**CHURCH WATER BILLS**

*Mr Martin Dales (York) to move:*

'That this Synod, concerned about the effect on many parishes of sudden, massive rises in water charges for churches, request HM Government to remind OFWAT of its obligations to ensure that the water companies adhere to the clear guidance given by the Secretary of State for the Environment in 2000, which states that "there are many non-household users who are not businesses ... including places of worship ... and it would be inappropriate to charge all non-household customers as if they were businesses".'

**(July 2008)**

**VIOLENT COMPUTER GAMES**

*Mr Thomas Benyon (Oxford) to move:*

'That this Synod:

- (a) express concern about the potentially desensitising and damaging effects upon children and young people of computer games containing gratuitous violent and sexual content;
- (b) request changes to the classification system for video games in the United Kingdom to strengthen appropriate age rating and effective enforcement;
- (c) call upon H M Government to review the regulatory system for advertising video games to prevent the targeting of children and young people with unsuitable material; and
- (d) support programmes of education for both parents and children in managing access to video games.'

**(July 2008)**

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**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**

**FAITH, WORK AND ECONOMIC LIFE**

Mr Simon Baynes to move on behalf of the St Albans Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod:

- (a) affirm daily work as essentially a spiritual activity;
- (b) recognize the importance of Christian values within economic life;
- (c) request the Mission and Public Affairs Council to examine the engagement of the Church of England with the economic sector in this country and to present its findings to Synod.'

**June 2007**

**ANGLICAN GOVERNANCE**

The Revd Canon Robert Cotton to move on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod request the House of Bishops:

- (a) to prepare a report that describes and explores the relationship between discussions, recommendations and decisions made by these bodies:
  - the Lambeth Conference,
  - the Anglican Consultative Council,
  - the Primates' meeting,
  - the House of Bishops of the Church of England,
  - the Archbishops' Council,
  - and the General Synod of the Church of England; and
- (b) to promote discussion of the report to increase the understanding of the governance of the Church of England within the Anglican Communion.'

**June 2007**

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**VOICE OF THE CHURCH IN PUBLIC LIFE**

The Revd Canon David Felix to move on behalf of the Chester Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod, mindful of the questions raised in public debate about the role of the Church in civic society, invite the Divisions of the Archbishops' Council to report to the General Synod, before the end of the quinquennium, on their work:

- (a) to foster clearer understanding of the Christian faith among the institutions and organisations of society; and
- (b) to reinforce the claims of the Church to take its place in public life in Britain.'

**June 2007**

**SOLAR ENERGY**

to move on behalf of the Winchester Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod, mindful of the need for all Christians to take seriously their God-given responsibility for the care of the environment, request the Cathedrals and Church Buildings Division and the Mission and Public Affairs Division of the Archbishops' Council to encourage those who are developing the necessary technology to investigate the viability of the generation of electricity using the solar energy falling on south-facing church roofs, and to report to the Synod on progress within two years.'

**September 2007**

**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;

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- (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

**STIPENDIARY CLERGY**

to move on behalf of the Bradford Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to formulate proposals for reductions in the numbers of episcopal and senior clergy posts, taking into account reductions for the number of stipendiary clergy since 1979; and submit a report with recommendations to the General Synod within three years.'

November 2007

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

to move on behalf of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod,

in celebrating the centenary of the death of Josephine Butler, who is remembered in the Calendar on May 30<sup>th</sup>, on the centenary of her death,

- (a) recognize and deplores the continuing evil of human trafficking, especially of children and young people;
- (b) urge the Church of England to support the work of those who seek to end the traffic and rescue those trapped in it; and
- (c) support the vigorous implementation of the UK Action Plan on Tackling Human Trafficking, and in particular, calls on HM Government to ensure that effective measures are in place to prevent sex workers being trafficked into Britain during the 2012 Olympics.'

January 2008

Winchester Diocesan Synod passed a motion in the same terms in May 2008.

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**EUCCHARISTIC WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

to move on behalf of the Peterborough Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod request the House of Bishops to commission the preparation of material for Eucharistic worship suitable for use on occasions when a significant number of children and young people are present.'

January 2008

**CLERGY DISCIPLINE MEASURE 2003**

to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod whilst recognizing the need for discipline in the exercise of ordained ministry nonetheless notes with grave concern and regrets the pastoral implications of the new Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 and requests the Archbishops' Council at the earliest possible opportunity to review its practical outworkings and with reference in particular to the attached Code of Practice.'

January 2008

**JUSTICE AND ASYLUM SEEKERS**

to move on behalf of the Southwell and Nottingham Diocese:

'That this Synod, continuing to affirm scriptural teaching about care for the vulnerable, welcome for strangers and foreigners, and the Church's calling to reach out to the marginalized and persecuted, call upon Her Majesty's Government:

- (a) to ensure that the treatment of asylum seekers is just and compassionate, and to that end to consider:
- (i) conferring a right to work on all asylum seekers, and
- (ii) declaring an amnesty for so called 'legacy cases' that predate the Government's New Asylum Model;
- (b) to find a practical and humane remedy to the intolerable situation of destitute 'refused' asylum seekers who are unable to return to their country of origin because of personal safety, health or family reasons.'

February 2008

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**SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING OF THE NATION**

to move on behalf of the Leicester Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod

- (a) celebrate the contribution of the Diocesan Retreat Houses to the Retreat Movement, and to the mission of the Church and the spiritual well-being of the nation;
- (b) in the light of the closure of several Diocesan Retreat Houses, invites the Archbishops' Council to review and to make recommendations for the future sustainability and development of the remaining Diocesan Retreat Houses;
- (c) encourage the Archbishops' Council and the other National Church Institutions, Dioceses, regional training partnerships and parishes to make full use of the Diocesan Retreat Houses for retreat, prayer, study, conferences and creative thinking for the future.'

**February 2008**

**ENDOWMENTS AND GLEBE MEASURE**

to move on behalf of the Worcester Diocese:

'That this Synod call on the Archbishops' Council to conduct an urgent review of the Endowments and Glebe Measure and other relevant Church legislation, with a view to bringing forward at the earliest possible opportunity any amendments need to enable diocesan bodies and PCCs lawfully to dispose of land on terms which give proper weight to environmental considerations as well as financial ones, and so enable the Church to give a stronger moral lead in achieving her Majesty's Government's objectives in cutting carbon emissions.'

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