

Monday 8 July 2013
9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

ORDER PAPER V

MORNING WORSHIP

WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE (GS 1886)

A member of the House of Bishops to move:

- 16** 'That this Synod:
- (a) reaffirm its commitment to admitting women to the episcopate as a matter of urgency;
 - (b) instruct the Appointments Committee to appoint this month a Steering Committee to be in charge of the draft legislation required to that end;
 - (c) instruct the Business Committee to arrange for the First Consideration stage for that draft legislation to be taken at the November 2013 group of sessions, so that the subsequent stages can follow the timetable set out in paragraph 141 of the annex to GS 1886; and
 - (d) instruct the Steering Committee to prepare the draft legislation on the basis described in paragraphs 79-88 of the annex to GS 1886 as 'option one' and invite the House of Bishops to bring to the Synod for consideration at the February 2014 group of sessions a draft Act of Synod or draft declaration to be made by the House to accompany the draft legislation.'

The Revd Paul Benfield (Blackburn) to move as an amendment:

- 39** 'In paragraph (d) *leave out* all the words after "on the basis" and *insert* "that the provision made for those who cannot receive the ministry of female priests or bishops should be made by Measure or regulations made under Canon".'

If item 39 is not carried:

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move as an amendment:

- 40** 'In paragraph (d) *leave out* "described in paragraphs 79-88 of the annex to GS 1886 as 'option one'" and *insert* "of co-provincial provision for alternative episcopal oversight to be administered by the two Archbishops jointly through the Archbishops' Council along lines that continue the system of episcopal visitors currently in existence";

And

Leave out "or draft declaration to be made by the House".'

If neither item 39 nor item 40 is carried:

Mr Peter Collard (Derby) to move as an amendment:

- 41** 'In paragraph (d) *leave out* all the words after "the basis described in" and *insert* "paragraphs 96-109 of the annex to GS 1886 as 'option three', but on the basis that (i) the only amendment made to the 1993 Measure is the removal of the ability of cathedrals to pass Resolutions A and B and (ii) the provision to be made in relation to episcopal ministry is contained in an Act of Synod based on the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993, and invite the House of Bishops to bring to the Synod for consideration at the February 2014 group of sessions a draft Act of Synod to accompany the draft legislation".'

If none of items 39, 40 or 41 is carried:

The Venerable Clive Mansell (Rochester) to move as an amendment:

- 42** 'In paragraph (d) *leave out* "79-88 of the annex to GS 1886 described as 'option one'" and *insert* "89-95 of the annex to GS 1886 described as 'option two'".'

If item 42 is carried:

The Bishop of Dover (The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott) to move as an amendment:

- 43** ‘In paragraph (d) after “option two” *insert* “with the addition of a mandatory grievance procedure for parishes in which diocesan bishops are required to participate”.’

If none of items 39, 40, 41 or 42 is carried:

The Revd Simon Cawdell (Hereford) to move as an amendment:

- 44** ‘In paragraph (d) *leave out* all the words after “to prepare” and *insert* “draft legislation which enables women to be admitted to the episcopate without reservation and which also enables those unable on theological grounds to accept their ministry to flourish within the Church of England as described in paragraph 12 of GS 1886;
- (e) invite the House of Bishops to bring to the Synod for consideration at the February 2014 group of sessions a draft Act of Synod or draft declaration to be made by the House to accompany the draft legislation; and
 - (f) request the Presidents to convene such facilitated groups as may assist the Steering Committee in its task throughout the process.”.’

If none of items 39, 40, 41, 42 or 44 is carried:

The Bishop of Dover (The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott) to move as an amendment:

- 45** ‘In paragraph (d) after “option one” *insert* “with the addition of a mandatory grievance procedure for parishes in which diocesan bishops are required to participate”.’

If item 41 is not carried:

The Venerable Clive Mansell (Rochester) to move as an amendment:

- 46** ‘At the end of paragraph (d) *insert* “together with provision to prevent legal challenge to patrons, bishops, PCC members and parish representatives acting properly in accordance with their duties in the appointment process for an incumbent or a priest-in-charge (such issues being identified within paragraphs 130-136 of GS 1886)”.’

Whether or not any of items 39 to 46 is carried:

Mr Keith Malcouronne (Guildford) to move as an amendment:

- 47** ‘At the end *insert* as a new paragraph –
“(–) urge that the process of facilitated conversations continue to be used at significant points in the formulation and consideration of the draft legislation.”.’
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