

Tuesday 16 February 2016

11.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m.

2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

ORDER PAPER II

**REPORT FROM THE EVANGELISM TASK GROUP
(GS 2015)**

8 Presentation under SO 107.

The Bishop of Liverpool to move:

9 That the Synod do take note of this Report.

2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

**REPORT OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND–CHURCH OF
SCOTLAND JOINT STUDY GROUP (GS 2016)**

10 Presentation under SO 107 by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt Revd Dr Angus Morrison.

The Bishop of Chester (Co-Chair of the Joint Study Group)
to move:

11 That this Synod,

- (a) welcome the report of the Joint Study Group of the Church of England and the Church of Scotland (annexed to GS 2016) as a significant development in the relationship between the two churches;
- (b) approve the Columba Declaration, consisting of mutual Acknowledgements and Commitments, as set out in paragraph 39 of the report; and
- (c) request the Council for Christian Unity to oversee the implementation of the Commitments contained in the Columba Declaration and set up the Contact Group proposed by it.

Canon Mark Russell (Sheffield) to move as an amendment:

- 20** *Leave out* everything after “That this Synod” and *insert* “do take note of this Report and invite the House of Bishops to consider what further action should be taken in response to it and to report back to the Synod with proposals by July 2017.”

If item 20 is not carried:

The Bishop of Truro to move as an amendment:

- 21** At the end *insert*–
- “(–) grateful for the Church of England’s valued relationship with the Scottish Episcopal Church within the Anglican Communion, request the Council for Christian Unity to ensure that the Scottish Episcopal Church is invited to appoint a representative to attend meetings of the Contact Group.”

SPECIAL AGENDA IV DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

PAROCHIAL FEES (GS 2017A AND GS 2017B)

The Venerable Nikki Groarke, Archdeacon of Worcester (Worcester) to move on behalf of the Worcester Diocesan Synod:

- 12** That this Synod call on the Archbishops’ Council to exercise its powers under s.1 of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986 so that fees prescribed as payable to parochial church councils in respect of funerals and weddings should include any costs and expenses of providing a verger.

The Venerable Nikki Groarke, Archdeacon of Worcester (Worcester) to move on behalf of the Worcester Diocesan Synod:

- 13** That this Synod call on the Archbishops' Council to exercise its powers under s.1 of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986 so that fees prescribed as payable to parochial church councils in respect of funerals and weddings should include any costs and expenses of providing heating.
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PROPOSED ENABLING MEASURE (GS 2018)

The Bishop of Willesden (Southern Suffragans) (Chair of the Simplification Task Group) to move:

- 14** That this Synod,
- (a) endorse the view of the Archbishops' Council that there needs to be a means of amending or repealing some primary legislation concerning the Church of England by a more rapid and less complex process than is currently possible;
 - (b) welcome the proposals set out in GS 2018; and
 - (c) invite the Council to introduce draft legislation at the July group of sessions to give effect to them.

Clive Scowen (London) to move as an amendment:

- 22** After "GS 2018" *insert* ", subject to provision being made for a prescribed number of members of General Synod to be able to give notice in advance of the group of sessions at which a draft Order is due to be considered requiring that consideration of the draft Order should proceed as if it were a draft Measure".
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7.00 p.m. Evening Worship
