

## **GENERAL SYNOD**

### **JULY 2022 GROUP OF SESSIONS**

#### **BUSINESS DONE AT 7.00 PM**

**ON FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

#### **WORSHIP**

The Chaplain to the Synod, the Revd Andrew Hammond led the Synod in an act of worship.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

The Pro-Prolocutors for the Province of Canterbury, the Venerable Alastair Cutting (Southwark) and the Revd Esther Prior (Guildford) were presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Deputy Prolocutors, the Venerable Stewart Fyfe (Carlisle) and the Revd Canon Andy Salmon were presented to the Archbishop of York.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES**

1 The following introductions were made:

##### New members

- The Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath & Wells, House of Bishops, Canterbury Province replacing The Rt Revd Peter Hancock;
- The Rt Revd Jonathan Frost, Bishop of Portsmouth, House of Bishops, Canterbury Province replacing The Rt Revd Christopher Foster;
- The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Gibbs, Bishop of Rochester, House of Bishops, Canterbury Province replacing The Rt Revd James Langstaff;
- The Rt Revd Stephen Lake, Bishop of Salisbury, House of Bishops, Canterbury Province replacing The Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam;
- The Rt Revd Jill Duff, Bishop of Lancaster, Suffragan Bishops, replacing The Rt Revd Jonathan Gibbs;
- The Very Revd Mandy Ford, Deans, replacing The Very Revd David Ison;
- The Revd Claire McArthur, Diocese of Coventry, replacing The Revd Stella Bailey;

- The Revd Howard Stoker, Diocese of Norwich, replacing The Ven Karen Hutchinson;
- The Ven Stephen Dunwoody, Armed Forces, replacing The Ven Clinton Langston;
- The Ven Giles Legood, Armed Forces, replacing The Ven John Ellis.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK welcomed:

The members recently co-opted to the Convocation of Canterbury:

- The Revd Aneal Appadoo;
- The Revd Prebendary Sandra McCalla;
- The Revd Sandra Schloss.

A member recently co-opted to the Convocation of York

The Revd Canon Falak Sher.

The members recently co-opted to the House of Laity

- Abishaq Leel;
- David Hermitt;
- Jesvin John;
- Kenson Li;
- Wendy Kasenene.

The recently appointed Third Church Estates Commissioner

- The Revd Flora Winfield.

The bishops attending this group of sessions under Standing Order 123 in place of the diocesan bishop

- The Bishop of Berwick, the Rt Revd Mark Wroe, for the Diocese of Newcastle;
- The Bishop of Southampton, the Rt Revd Debbie Sellin, for the Diocese of Winchester.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK welcomed the following Anglican Communion guests:

- The Most Reverend Dr Titre Ande Georges, Archbishop of the Congo and Bishop of Kindu;
- The Most Reverend Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

## **ADDRESS BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION**

- 2 At the invitation of the Presidents, Archbishop Titre Andre George addressed the Synod under Standing Order 120.

## **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

- 3 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK gave a Presidential Address.

## **REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2257)**

- 4 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

## **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) presented two petitions to the Synod in accordance with Standing Order 43.

## **ROUTEMAP TO NET ZERO CARBON BY 2030 (GS 2258)**

- 5 The motion

‘That this Synod, having recognised that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God’s creation, and a fundamental injustice, and following General Synod’s motion passed in February 2020 to plan to reach net zero carbon by 2030:

- (a) endorse the “Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030” (GS 2258).
- (b) request every Diocesan Synod to debate the Routemap as it applies to their structures, parishes and BMOs, and to agree a feasible programme of action towards achieving net zero carbon by 2030;
- (c) request high energy users within the Church (every cathedral, TEI, school, office and the top 20% of energy-consuming churches) to similarly draw up a programme of action, with a clear time frame, based on the Routemap.

(d) call on the Environment staff team to report back to Synod on progress against the Routemap in 2025, 2028 and 2031, and for reports on the Church's carbon emissions every year.'

was moved.

57 The amendment (Order Paper I) was lost.

58 The amendment (Order Paper I) was lost.

Following an interruption from persons in the public gallery, the Chair adjourned the sitting for 10 minutes under Standing Order 15(8).

5 The motion was carried.

## **WAR IN UKRAINE (GS 2259)**

6 The motion

That this Synod, committed in Christ to support peacemakers and to work for the reconciliation of humanity to God in a world marked by division and conflict:

- (a) lament Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, the suffering and terror experienced by Ukrainians and the repercussions and anxiety felt globally for our common future;
- (b) urge all Christians and people of faith to pray that the war in Ukraine be ended, that the risk of strategic miscalculation between conflicting parties be avoided and that the Russian people find respite from an authoritarian government;
- (c) call on each diocese to work towards providing long term refuge to refugees from Ukraine and other conflicts, and to contribute to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Appeal or the appeal organised by USPG and the Diocese in Europe;
- (d) call on Her Majesty's Government to work to secure a negotiated peace that provides for the flourishing of relations in Ukraine and between nations in Europe and to provide a generous response to those seeking refuge from the conflict.'

was moved

59 The amendment (Order Paper I) was carried.

60 The amendment (Order Paper I) was moved.

The Chair adjourned the debate in accordance with Standing Order 15(7)(b) at 5.45 p.m.

## QUESTIONS

7 Supplementary questions in respect of questions 1 to 67 as set out on the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

## VARIATION

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i), the order of business for Saturday 9th July 2022 and for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod as follows:

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July – morning sitting:

- Item 13 to commence not later than 11.00 a.m.
- Item 14 not to be taken at this sitting
- Item 15 to commence not later than 11.30 a.m.

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July – afternoon sitting:

- Items 505 (Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2022) and 506 (Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2022) to be taken immediately after item 500
- Item 14 (and the further motion at item 70) to be taken immediately after item 506
- Item 18 not to be taken at this sitting
- Item 19 to commence not later than 6.00 p.m.

## DEEMED BUSINESS

The following items of business were deemed to have been approved by the Synod, no member having given notice a wish to debate them:

The Amendments to the Standing Orders in the First Notice Paper (59<sup>th</sup> Report of the Standing Orders Committee)

Church of England Funded Pension Scheme (Amendment) Rules 2022 (GS 2280)

## **EVENING WORSHIP**

The Chaplain to the Synod, the Revd Andrew Hammond led the Synod in an act of worship.

**GENERAL SYNOD**

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**BUSINESS DONE AT 12:40 PM**

**ON SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

**WORSHIP**

The Revd Canon Tim Bull (St Albans) led the Synod in an act of worship.

**SEE OF CANTERBURY CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION (GS 2260)**

8 The motion

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders to reduce from six to three the number of members elected by the Diocese of Canterbury to the Crown Nominations Commission for consideration of a vacancy in the see of Canterbury’

was moved.

62 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost.

8 The motion

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders to reduce from six to three the number of members elected by the Diocese of Canterbury to the Crown Nominations Commission for consideration of a vacancy in the see of Canterbury’

was carried following a counted vote by the Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	27	0
Clergy	129	30
Laity	118	49

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops, 10 abstentions were recorded in the House of Clergy, and 11 abstentions were recorded in the House of Laity.

9 The motion

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders to increase from one to five the number of representatives of other churches of the Anglican Communion who are members of the CNC for consideration of a vacancy in the see of Canterbury.’

was moved.

63 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	2	25
Clergy	54	104
Laity	78	86

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops, 10 abstentions were recorded in the House of Clergy, and 10 abstentions were recorded in the House of Laity.

64 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost.

9 The motion

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders to increase from one to five the number of representatives of other churches of the Anglican Communion who are members of the CNC for consideration of a vacancy in the see of Canterbury.’

was carried following a counted vote by the Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	22	0
Clergy	118	37
Laity	101	61

4 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, 8 abstentions were recorded in the House of Clergy, and 11 abstentions were recorded in the House of Laity.

### **REVIEW OF STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AND LOWEST INCOME FUNDING (GS 2261)**

13 Sir Robert Chote gave a presentation under Standing Order 107.

### **SPENDING PLANS OF THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS AND ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 2262)**

15 The motion

‘That this Synod

- (a) welcome the spending plans by the Church Commissioners and Archbishops’ Council, set out in GS 2262, for financial distributions over 2023 to 2025 and indicative distributions for the subsequent six years;
- (b) welcome the investment in ministry in parishes, chaplaincies, schools, Cathedrals and other forms of church in support of the Church’s vision and strategy as set out in Annex A of GS 2262; and
- (c) welcome the focused investment to support previously agreed commitments to a 2030 net zero carbon target and to address racial justice.’

was moved.

69 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost.

## **EXTENSION OF SITTING**

Under Standing Order 15(6) the sitting was extended by the Chair by ten minutes with the consent of the Synod.

15 The motion

‘That this Synod

- (a) welcome the spending plans by the Church Commissioners and Archbishops’ Council, set out in GS 2262, for financial distributions over 2023 to 2025 and indicative distributions for the subsequent six years;
- (b) welcome the investment in ministry in parishes, chaplaincies, schools, Cathedrals and other forms of church in support of the Church’s vision and strategy as set out in Annex A of GS 2262; and
- (c) welcome the focused investment to support previously agreed commitments to a 2030 net zero carbon target and to address racial justice.’

was carried on a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	28	0
Clergy	108	16
Laity	96	41

No abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, 13 abstentions were recorded in the House of Clergy, and 16 abstentions were recorded in the House of Laity.

**GENERAL SYNOD**

**JULY 2022 GROUP OF SESSIONS**

**BUSINESS DONE AT 7.00 PM**

**ON SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

**SAFEGUARDING AND INDEPENDENCE: UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS  
(GS 2263 AND GS MISC 1320)**

16 A presentation was given under Standing Order 107.

17 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- a) acknowledge and deeply regret the safeguarding failures of the Church of England and especially their effect on victims and survivors, noting the vital importance of their voice in the Church’s ongoing safeguarding work;
- b) recognise the challenges involved in changing the culture and practice of safeguarding across the Church of England as well as the effort that is being put into this nationally and in dioceses and parishes,
- c) urge the Archbishops’ Council to ensure that IICSA’s recommendations for the Church of England are fully met as soon as possible, and
- d) request regular updates on progress at each group of sessions, especially concerning the strengthening of independent accountability and oversight of the Church’s safeguarding work at all levels.’

was carried.

**SEE OF CANTERBURY CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION (GS 2260)**

10 The motion

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders to provide that one such representative is to be chosen by the Joint Standing Committee of the Primates Meeting of the Anglican Communion and the Anglican Consultative Council from each of the five regions of the Anglican Communion (the Europe region to include the provinces of the British Isles other than England).’

was moved.

65 The amendment (Order Paper II) lapsed.

10 The motion

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders to provide that one such representative is to be chosen by the Joint Standing Committee of the Primates Meeting of the Anglican Communion and the Anglican Consultative Council from each of the five regions of the Anglican Communion (the Europe region to include the provinces of the British Isles other than England).’

was carried.

11 The motion

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders to provide that of those so chosen, at least one must be a primate, one a deacon or priest and one a lay person who is an actual communicant.’

was moved.

66 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

67 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

11 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders to provide that of those so chosen, at least one must be a primate, one a deacon or priest and one a lay person who is an actual communicant, and that at least half rounded down

shall be male and at least half rounded down shall be female, and that a majority of them must be Global Majority Heritage.’

was carried.

12 The motion

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders to provide for vacancies in the see of Dover to be considered by the CNC as if it were a diocesan see.’

was carried.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

### **CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS (APPLICATION OF CAPITAL FUNDS) MEASURE (GS 2264)**

#### **Draft Measure for First Consideration**

500 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Church of England Pensions (Application of Capital Funds) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.

was carried.

### **LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2022 (GS 2278)**

505 The motion

‘That the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2022 be approved.’

was carried.

### **ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER 2022 (GS 2279)**

506 The motion

‘That the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2022 be approved.’

was carried.

## **REVIEW OF STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AND LOWEST INCOME COMMUNITIES FUNDING (GS 2261)**

14 The motion

‘That this Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

70 The motion

‘That this Synod, acknowledging with gratitude the enormous value of the independent review performed by Sir Robert Chote and his colleagues, request the Strategic Investment Board commission a follow-up independent review to determine the extent to which the recommendations of and lessons learned from this review have been implemented, and with what success. The results of such a follow-up review to be made available to General Synod when for consideration when it meets in July 2024.’

was carried.

### **QUESTIONS**

19 Supplementary questions in respect of questions 68 to 136, as set out on the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

### **EVENING WORSHIP**

The Revd Andrew Moughtin-Mumby and the Revd Andrew Hammond led the Synod in an act of worship.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with a blessing at 7.20 p.m.

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**JULY 2022 GROUP OF SESSIONS**  
**BUSINESS DONE AT 7.00 PM**  
**ON SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

**VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Under Standing Order 9(1)(a) the order of business for the current sitting was varied by the Chair with the consent of the Synod so that:

- Item 6, *War in Ukraine* (GS 2259) would be resumed as the first item of business at the morning sitting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July.
- Item 507, *Code of Practice under the CDM* (GS 2281) would be taken at the morning sitting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July immediately after Item 501.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE (GS 2266A AND GS 2266B)**

20 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) appreciate the enormous and untiring efforts of health professionals, including healthcare chaplains, in constantly developing and maintaining the excellence of palliative and end of life care provision in this country;
- (b) call on Her Majesty’s Government to guarantee and expedite the adequate funding and resourcing of palliative care services within the NHS to ensure that the highest possible standards of care are achieved and made universally accessible; and
- (c) affirm that the current legislation in relation to Assisted Suicide referenced in Section 2 of the Suicide Act 1961 (and its application through the DPP guidelines) should remain unchanged.’

was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	289
AGAINST	25

33 abstentions were recorded.

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**JULY 2022 GROUP OF SESSIONS**  
**BUSINESS DONE AT 12:30 PM**  
**MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

**WORSHIP**

The Revd Andrew Hammond led the Synod in an act of worship.

**WAR IN UKRAINE (GS 2259) (RESUMED DEBATE)**

60 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

61 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost following a counted vote by the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	137
AGAINST	147

29 abstentions were recorded.

6 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod, committed in Christ to support peacemakers and to work for the reconciliation of humanity to God in a world marked by division and conflict:

- a) lament Russia’s illegal invasion of Ukraine, the suffering and terror experienced by Ukrainians and the repercussions and anxiety felt globally for our common future;
- b) urge all Christians and people of faith to pray that the war in Ukraine be ended justly, that the risk of strategic miscalculation between conflicting parties be avoided and that the Russian people find respite from an authoritarian government;

- c) call on each diocese and each parish to work towards providing long term refuge and hospitality to refugees from Ukraine and other conflicts and forms of danger, and to contribute to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Appeal or the appeal organised by USPG and the Diocese in Europe;
- d) call on Her Majesty's Government to work to secure a negotiated peace that provides for the flourishing of relations in Ukraine and between nations in Europe and to provide a generous response to those seeking refuge from the conflict.'

was carried following a counted vote by the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR      323

AGAINST          2

2 abstentions were recorded.

### **ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT (GS 2267)**

- 21      The Revd Charlotte Cook (ex officio) gave a presentation under Standing Order 107.

### **ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL BUDGET 2023 AND PROPOSALS FOR APPORTIONMENT 2023 (GS 2268)**

- 22      The motion

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

was carried.

- 23      The motion

        'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's expenditure for the year 2023, as shown in its budget, of £15,744,000 in respect of Training for Ministry.'

was carried.

24 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2023, as shown in its budget, of £33,080,016 in respect of National Church Responsibilities.’

was carried.

25 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2023, as shown in its budget, of £1,520,634 in respect of grants.’

was carried.

26 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2023, as shown in its budget, of £603,000 in respect of mission agency pension contributions.’

was carried.

27 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2023, as shown in its budget, of £5,845,182 in respect of clergy retirement housing grant.’

was carried.

28 ‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 2268) for:

- (a) the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the net sum to be provided by them to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget for the year 2023; and
- (b) the pooling adjustment for 2023 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.’

was carried.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA I**

### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **AMENDING CANON NO.42 (GS 2269)**

##### **Draft Canon for First Consideration**

501 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No.42” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Canon entitled “Amending Canon No.42” stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA I**

### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **CLERGY DISCIPLINE MEASURE 2003 – AMENDING CODE OF PRACTICE (GS 2281)**

Code of Practice for approval

507 The motion

‘That the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 – Amending Code of Practice be approved.’

was moved.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE**

The motion

‘That the debate now be adjourned and resumed at the next group of sessions.’

was lost.

507 The motion (Order Paper 5) was carried.

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**BUSINESS DONE AT 6:30 PM**  
**MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

**AFFIRMING AND INCLUDING DISABLED PEOPLE IN THE WHOLE LIFE OF THE CHURCH (GS 2270)**

29     The motion

‘That this Synod, affirming disabled people (with hidden as well as visible disabilities) to be fearfully and wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God, and mindful of the progress already made in removing some of the barriers which disabled people, clergy and lay, face; commit to working towards the removal of all remaining barriers to full participation for disabled people in the life and ministry of the church, and, in initiating that process:

- (a) request the Faith and Order Commission and the Liturgical Commission to consider how our liturgies might be made more inclusive to disabled people (e.g. by removing rubrics such as “all stand”);
  
- (b) call upon the Research and Statistics team to interrogate existing data and gather new data, which quantifies the numbers of disabled people among clergy, whilst also planning to extend to include lay ministers and NCI/diocesan staff in the future, so that Synod can monitor the representation of disabled people within the church and encourage accountability for progress.
  
- (c) request the Archbishops’ Council to introduce legislation to amend the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 to require every DAC to include at least one person with direct experience and knowledge of accessibility

issues in its membership or co-opted if not appointed as a member;

- (d) as part of the ongoing review of dioceses and recognising that resources for additional officers in every diocese are limited, encourage dioceses to cluster together to employ a full time Disability Adviser across a manageable group of dioceses.’

was moved.

71 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

72 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was not moved.

73 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was not moved.

74 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was not moved.

75 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was not moved.

29 The motion as amended

‘That this Synod, affirming disabled people (with hidden as well as visible disabilities) to be fearfully and wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God, and mindful of the progress already made in removing some of the barriers which disabled people, clergy and lay, face; commit to working towards the removal of all remaining barriers to full participation for disabled people in the life and ministry of the church, and, in initiating that process:

- (a) request the Faith and Order Commission and the Liturgical Commission to consider how our liturgies might be made more inclusive to disabled people (e.g., by removing rubrics such as “all stand”);

- (b) call upon the Research and Statistics team to interrogate existing data and gather new data, which quantifies the numbers of disabled people among clergy, whilst also planning to extend to include lay ministers and NCI/diocesan staff in the future, so that Synod can monitor the representation of disabled people within the church and encourage accountability for progress.
  
- (c) request the Archbishops' Council to introduce legislation to amend the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 to require every DAC to include at least one person with direct experience and knowledge of accessibility issues in its membership or co-opted if not appointed as a member;
  
- (d) acknowledging that the General Synod motion passed in July 2007 (that every Diocese should appoint a lead person on disability issues), request that the ongoing review of dioceses, recognising that resources for additional officers in every diocese are limited, encourage dioceses to cluster together to employ a full time Disability Adviser across a manageable group of dioceses.

was carried following a counted vote by the Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	32	0
Clergy	153	0
Laity	162	0

No abstentions were recorded.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA I**

### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **DIOCESAN STIPENDS FUNDS (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 2255)**

Draft Measure for First Consideration

502 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

#### **RESOURCING MINISTERIAL FORMATION (GS 2271)**

30 The motion

‘That this Synod:

(a) affirm the aims of the “Resourcing Ministerial Formation” in seeking to create a more sustainable and responsive accountable framework for ministerial formation within the calling of the whole people of God

(b) welcome the principles of reform set out in GS 2271; and

(c) request that synod be updated with proposals prior to their implementation.’

was moved.

76 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

77 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

30 The motion as amended

‘That this Synod:

- (a) affirm the aims of the “Resourcing Ministerial Formation” in seeking to create a more sustainable and responsive accountable framework for ministerial formation within the calling of the whole people of God
- (b) welcome the principles of reform set out in GS 2271; and
- (c) request that synod be invited to consider and endorse more developed proposals prior to their implementation.’
- (d) request that Ministry Council closely monitors and supports the capacity of TEIs through the RMF implementation period.’

was carried.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA I**

### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)**

##### **MEASURE (GS 2272)**

##### **AMENDING CANON NO. 43 (GS 2273)**

503 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

504 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 43” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that Amending Canon No. 43 stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

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ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

**DSM: REVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR PCC MEMBERSHIP AND ENTRY ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL (GS 2254A AND GS 2254B)**

31 The motion

‘That this Synod invite the Archbishops’ Council:

(a) to conduct a review of:

i. the qualifications for membership of parochial church councils, in the light of the existence of bishops’ mission initiatives; and

ii. the qualifications for enrolment on a church electoral roll, and the form of application for enrolment, in the light of the experience of parishes in the diocese that those who attend church regularly do not necessarily understand them; and

(b) to report to the Synod on the conclusions of the review.’

was moved.

78 The amendment (Order Paper VII) was carried.

79 The amendment (Order Paper VII) was carried.

80 The amendment (Order Paper VII) was carried.

81 The amendment (Order Paper VII) was carried.

31 The motion as amended

‘That this Synod invite the Business Committee while keeping in mind that membership of a parochial church council involves spiritual leadership within a parish, which should properly be exercised by those who habitually attend public worship:

(a) to conduct a review of:

- i. the qualifications for membership of parochial church councils; and;
- ii. the qualifications for enrolment on a church electoral roll, and the form of application for enrolment, and;
- iii. provisions concerned with disqualification from holding office on a parochial church council or a synod constituted under the Church Representation Rules and the availability of mechanisms for checking disqualifications and preventing those who are disqualified from being elected to or holding office.

(b) to report to the Synod on the conclusions of the review.’

was carried.

**DSM: AGE VERIFICATION FOR PORNOGRAPHY WEBSITES (GS 2274A AND GS 2274B)**

32 The motion

‘That this Synod

(a) acknowledge that our children and young people are suffering grave harm from free access to online pornography and that there is currently no legal requirement for pornography sites to have in place age verification systems to prevent children from having access to those sites.

(b) ask Her Majesty's Government to introduce legislation requiring pornographic sites to have in place age verification systems preventing access by people under the age of 18.

(c) recommend more social and educational programmes to increase awareness of the harms of pornography, including self-generated sexually explicit images.'

was carried following a counted vote by the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	263
AGAINST	2

3 abstentions were recorded.

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**JULY 2022 GROUP OF SESSIONS**  
**BUSINESS DONE AT 12:30 PM**  
**MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

**WORSHIP**

The Revd Andrew Hammond led the Synod in an act of worship.

**LOYAL ADDRESS**

33        The motion

‘That a Loyal Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen.’

was carried.

**60<sup>TH</sup> REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDER COMMITTEE (GS 2276)**  
**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO**  
**MEMEBERSHIP OF THE SEE OF CANTERBURY CROWN**  
**NOMINATIONS COMMISSION (GS 2260)**

Under Standing Order 40(2) certain items were taken *en bloc*.

51-56     The motions (Second Notice Paper Revised) were carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	254
AGAINST	46

25 abstentions were recorded.

The Chair reported that the amended Standing Orders have effect from 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

## **REPORT BY THE CLERGY CONDUCT MEASURE IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (GS 2277)**

34           The motion

‘That this Synod

- a) welcome the report from the Clergy Conduct Measure Implementation Group (GS 2277); and
- b) request that the Archbishops’ Council introduce legislation to give effect to the report’s recommendations for first consideration by this Synod at the next available opportunity.’

was carried.

## **FAREWELLS**

The Chair of the Business Committee paid tribute to Dr Jacqui Philips, the former Clerk to the Synod.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to the Rt Revd Donald Allister, the Bishop of Peterborough and the Rt Revd David Urquhart KCMG, Bishop of Birmingham, who were attending their last meeting of the Synod.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to the Rt Revd Julian Henderson, the Bishop of Blackburn, who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

## **PROROGATION**

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK prorogued the Synod at 12:30 p.m.