

**GENERAL SYNOD**

**FEBRUARY 2008 GROUP OF SESSIONS**

**BUSINESS DONE AT 1.05 P.M.**

**ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

Sister Anita (Religious Communities) led the Synod in prayers.

**CROWN APPOINTMENTS (GS 1680)**

12 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the proposals set out in the final paragraph of GS 1680.’

was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	290
AGAINST	16
RECORDED ABSTENTIONS	16

33 The motion

‘That this Synod, as part of the discussions necessary to implement the proposals set out in the final paragraph of GS 1680, invite the Government to agree that Standing Orders be amended so that arrangements for the appointment of a person to preside at meetings of the Crown Nominations Commission to consider a vacancy of the Archbishopric of Canterbury be varied so that such appointment would in future be made in the same way as applies for a vacancy of the Archbishopric of York.’

was lost after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	107
AGAINST	142
RECORDED ABSTENTIONS	20

**GROWING TOGETHER IN UNITY AND MISSION**

**Report from the International Anglican–Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission (GS 1673)**

13 The motion

‘That this Synod, welcoming the Agreed Statement of the International Anglican–Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission and endorsing its stated aim of closer collaboration in unity and mission between our two communions:

- (a) note the assessment of the Agreed Statement in GS 1673 as a contribution to the further development of the text;
- (b) affirm that further growing together in unity and mission will depend on common witness and the exchange of spiritual gifts, as well as clarity between areas where doctrinal agreement has been achieved and areas that require further work; and
- (c) encourage Anglicans to implement, with Roman Catholics, the practical initiatives for bishops and people proposed in Part 2 of the Statement.’

was moved.

34 The amendment (Item 34 Order Paper VI) was carried.

35 The amendment (Item 35 Order Paper VI) was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	130
AGAINST	123
RECORDED ABSTENTIONS	7

36 The amendment (Item 36 Order Paper VI) was carried.

Under Standing Order 14(e) the sitting was extended by not more than five minutes by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod.

13 The motion (as amended by Items 34, 35 and 36)

‘That this Synod, welcoming the work that has been done towards the Agreed Statement of the International Anglican–Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission and endorsing its stated aim of closer collaboration in unity and mission between our two communions:

- (a) note the assessment of the Agreed Statement in GS 1673 as a contribution to the further development of the text and endorse the concerns of the Faith and Order Advisory Group set out in section 4 of GS 1673;
- (b) affirm that further growing together in unity and mission will depend on common witness and the exchange of spiritual gifts, as well as clarity between areas where doctrinal agreement has been achieved and areas that require further work;

- (c) encourage Anglicans to implement, with Roman Catholics, the practical initiatives for bishops and people proposed in Part 2 of the Statement; and
- (d) request that debates take place in Synod on all the documents listed in Appendix 2, Second Phase in *Growing Together in Unity and Mission* as the next stage in the process.'

was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	258
AGAINST	10
RECORDED ABSTENTIONS	5

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 1.05 p.m.

D. J. Williams  
 Clerk to the Synod

Therese Febery 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
 13.50 hrs