

GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY 2008 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 7.09 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2008

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR CHILDREN (GS Misc 876A and GS Misc 876B)

9 The motion

‘That this Synod request the House of Bishops to commission the expeditious preparation of a Eucharistic Prayer suitable for use on occasions when a significant number of children are present or when it is otherwise pastorally appropriate to meet the needs of children present.’

was moved.

25 The amendment (Item 25 Order Paper V) was carried.

26 The amendment (Item 26 Order Paper V) was lost.

9 The motion (as amended by Item 25)

‘That this Synod request the House of Bishops to commission the expeditious preparation of Eucharistic Prayers suitable for use on occasions when a significant number of children are present or when it is otherwise pastorally appropriate to meet the needs of children present.’

was carried.

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Report from the Mission and Public Affairs Council (GS 1678)

The President and three members of the Royal College of Psychiatry and members of the National Spirituality and Mental Health Forum, sitting in the public gallery, were welcomed by the Synod.

10 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) affirm the vital necessity of improving services, in hospitals and in the community, for the care and treatment of people with mental health problems;

- (b) welcome the acceptance by Her Majesty's Government during the passage of the Mental Health Act 2007 of amendments to protect the liberty and interests of those subject to compulsory detention and treatment for mental disorder, and express the hope that the operation of the Act will be carefully monitored;
- (c) call attention to the acute needs of people with mental disorders in the criminal justice system and request effective measures to divert them, where appropriate, from prison; and
- (d) welcome the recognition within mental health services of the significance of spirituality for assessment and treatment, and encourage parishes to ensure that the care of people with mental health problems is a key priority for the Church's ministry.'

was moved.

- 27 The amendment (Item 27 Order Paper V) was carried.
- 28 The amendment (Item 28 Order Paper V) was carried.
- 29 The amendment (Item 29 Order Paper V) was lost.
- 30 The amendment (Item 30 Order Paper V) was lost.
- 31 The amendment (Item 31 Order Paper V) was carried
- 32 The amendment (Item 32 Order Paper V) was carried.
- 10 The motion (as amended by Items 27, 28, 31 and 32)

'That this Synod:

- (a) affirm the vital necessity of improving services, in hospitals and in the community, for the support, care and treatment of people with mental health problems;
- (b) welcome the acceptance by Her Majesty's Government during the passage of the Mental Health Act 2007 of amendments to protect the liberty and interests of those subject to compulsory detention and treatment for mental disorder, and express the hope that the operation of the Act will be carefully monitored;
- (c) note with concern the rising incidence of mental distress among young people;
- (d) call attention to the acute needs of people with mental disorders in the criminal justice system and request effective measures to divert them, where appropriate, from prison; and

- (e) welcome the recognition within mental health services of the significance of spirituality for assessment and treatment, and encourage parishes to ensure that the support and care of people with mental health problems, their carers and NHS staff is a key priority for the Church's ministry.'

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

IN FAVOUR	297
AGAINST	0
RECORDED ABSTENTIONS	3

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i) the order of business for the sitting on Thursday afternoon was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that Item 16 would be taken at the beginning of the sitting immediately before Item 14.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT (GS 1679)

11 The motion

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

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

IN FAVOUR	266
AGAINST	20
RECORDED ABSTENTIONS	19

Following a reflection on Scripture, the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7.09 p.m.

D. J. Williams
Chk to the Synod

Thursday Feb 14th, 2008
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