

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**JULY 2008 GROUP OF SESSIONS**  
**BUSINESS DONE AT 6.15 P.M.**  
**ON FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008**

**PRAYERS**

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK opened the Synod with prayers, including in particular prayers for the Bishop of Salisbury and the Bishop of Portsmouth. The Synod also remembered Professor Henry Chadwick, a former member of the Synod, who had died since the last group of sessions in February.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES**

1 The following Anglican and ecumenical guests were welcomed to the Synod:

Metropolitan John (Zizioulas) of Pergamon  
Mr Lars Friedner (Secretary-General of the Church of Sweden)  
Bishop Jürgen Johannesdotter (Bishop of Schaumburg-Lippe) (Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD))  
Mr Andrew Barr (Scottish Episcopal Church)

The following new members were introduced:

The Reverend Canon Timothy Barker (Lincoln)  
The Reverend Canon Simon Bessant (Sheffield)  
The Reverend Prebendary Brian Chave (Hereford)  
Brother Desmond Alban SSF (Religious Communities)  
The Archdeacon of Halifax (the Venerable Robert Freeman) (Wakefield)  
The Reverend Max Osborne (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich)  
The Reverend William Raines (Manchester)  
The Bishop of Sodor & Man (the Right Reverend Robert Paterson)  
The Reverend Lydia Wells (Sheffield)

**BISHOP OF SCHAUMBURG-LIPPE**

At the invitation of the Presidents, Bishop Jürgen Johannesdotter of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) addressed the Synod.

**PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**

2 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK reported that:

a number of provisions of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure not previously in force had come into force on 31st March, 1st May and 11th June 2008 respectively,

and more would come into force on 1st September 2008, the remaining provisions to come into force on a date or dates yet to be determined; and

the Church of England Marriage Measure had received the Royal Assent on 22nd May 2008 and would come into force on 1st October 2008.

Under Standing Order 14(g), the Chair adjourned the sitting at 4.17 p.m to allow a test of the electronic voting system. The sitting was resumed at 4.26 p.m.

### **REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1688)**

3 The motion

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

was carried.

### **ANGLICAN–ORTHODOX RELATIONS**

4 At the invitation of the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, Metropolitan John of Pergamon addressed the Synod under Standing Order 112.

### ***THE CHURCH OF THE TRIUNE GOD: THE CYPRUS AGREED STATEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR ANGLICAN–ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL DIALOGUE*** **Briefing paper from the Faith and Order Advisory Group (GS 1706)**

5 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) thank the International Commission for Anglican–Orthodox Theological Dialogue for the Cyprus Agreed Statement *The Church of the Triune God* and commend the Statement for study in the Church of England, where possible with members of the Orthodox Churches, and with other ecumenical partners;
- (b) note the points raised in the commentary and assessment provided in the briefing paper on the Agreed Statement, produced by the Faith and Order Advisory Group; and
- (c) welcome the degree of theological agreement between Anglicans and Orthodox revealed in the Agreed Statement and encourage the continuation of dialogue in those areas on which agreement has not yet been achieved.’

was carried.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 6.15 p.m.

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**WOMEN BISHOPS: PREPARATION FOR GROUP WORK**

- 6 The Bishop of Manchester introduced the group work that was to take place the following morning.

**QUESTIONS**

- 7 Questions 1 to 46, as set out in the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

**WELCOME TO YOUNG ADULT OBSERVERS**

The young adult observers sitting in the public gallery were welcomed by the Synod.

Following a short act of worship, the ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 10.07 p.m.

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**ON SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008**

**WOMEN BISHOPS**  
**Report of the Women Bishops Legislative Drafting Group (GS 1685)**

- 8 The motion:

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

was carried.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 12.55 p.m.

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**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

9 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK gave a Presidential Address.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I**  
**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES (TERMS OF SERVICE) MEASURE**  
**(GS 1637B)**  
**Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval (Revision February 2008)**

**Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1637Z)**

500 The motion

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

was carried.

**Clause 3**

509 The special amendment (Item 509 Third Notice Paper) was carried.

510 The special amendment (Item 510 Third Notice Paper) was carried.

511 The special amendment (Item 511 Third Notice Paper) was carried.

**Clause 7**

512 The special amendment (Item 512 Third Notice Paper) was carried.

513 The special amendment (Item 513 Third Notice Paper) was carried.

**Final Approval**

501 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure” be finally approved.’

was carried after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	20	0	0
Clergy	109	5	4
Laity	110	13	2

The Chair reported that the Measure stood automatically committed to the Legislative Committee.

**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) MEASURE  
(GS 1682A)  
Draft Measure for Revision and Final Approval (First Consideration February 2008)**

With the permission of the Chair clauses 1 and 2 were taken en bloc under Standing Order 55(c).

**Clauses 1 and 2**

514 The motion

‘That clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

**Long Title**

515 The motion

‘That the Long Title stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

**Final Approval**

502 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Church of England Pensions (Amendment) Measure” be finally approved.’

was carried after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	22	0	0
Clergy	79	0	0
Laity	97	1	1

The Chair reported that the Measure stood automatically committed to the Legislative Committee.

**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE  
(GS 1683A)  
Draft Measure for Revision (Deemed First Consideration February 2008)**

**Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1683Y)**

503 The motion

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

was carried.

With the permission of the Chair certain items were taken en bloc under Standing Order 55(c).

**Clauses 1–13**

516 The motion

‘That clauses 1–13 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

**Schedules 1 and 2**

517 The motion

‘That Schedules 1 and 2 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

**Long Title**

518 The motion

‘That the Long Title stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

**DRAFT VACANCIES IN SUFFRAGAN SEES AND OTHER ECCLESIASTICAL  
OFFICES MEASURE (GS 1692)  
Draft Measure for First Consideration**

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK signified to the Synod that Her Majesty the Queen, having been informed of the purport of the draft Vacancies in Suffragan Sees and Other

Ecclesiastical Offices Measure, had consented to place her interest, so far as it was affected by the draft Measure, at the disposal of the Synod for the purposes of the draft Measure.

504 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Vacancies in Suffragan Sees and Other Ecclesiastical Offices Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Vacancies in Suffragan Sees and Other Ecclesiastical Offices 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 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

### **DRAFT CROWN BENEFICES (PARISH REPRESENTATIVES) MEASURE (GS 1693)**

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

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK signified to the Synod that Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, having been informed of the purport of the draft Crown Benefices (Parish Representatives) Measure, had consented to place their interests, so far as they were affected by the draft Measure, at the disposal of the Synod for the purposes of the draft Measure.

505 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Crown Benefices (Parish Representatives) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Crown Benefices (Parish Representatives) 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 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

### **DRAFT VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2008 (GS 1694)**

#### **Draft Instrument for Approval**

519 The motion

‘That the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2008 be considered.’

was carried.

520 The amendment (Item 520 Order Paper II) was carried.

506 The motion

‘That the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2008 be approved.’

was carried.

507 The motion

‘That the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993, as amended by the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2003 and the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2008, and as to be amended by the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2007 upon the coming into force of that Regulation, be solemnly affirmed and proclaimed an Act of Synod.’

was carried.

The Presidents signed the instrument ratifying and confirming the Act of Synod in their respective Provinces and proclaiming it to their dioceses. The Registrar then read the customary form of proclamation.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 6.15 p.m.



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**ON SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008**

**READER MINISTRY**

**Report from the Ministry Division of the Archbishops' Council (GS 1689)**

10 The motion

‘That this Synod welcome the report on Reader Ministry and call upon the dioceses, deaneries and parishes of the Church of England, along with the House of Bishops:

- (a) to encourage the study of the report, and in particular by clergy and Readers; and
- (b) to consider how its recommendations and action points may be pursued nationally and in each diocesan and local situation.’

was moved.

50 The amendment (Item 50 Order Paper III) was carried.

51 The amendment (Item 51 Order Paper III) was carried.

10 The motion (as amended by Items 50 and 51)

‘That this Synod welcome the report on Reader Ministry and, celebrating the ministry of Readers, call upon the dioceses, deaneries and parishes of the Church of England, along with the House of Bishops:

- (a) to encourage the study of the report, and in particular by clergy and Readers;
- (b) to consider how its recommendations and action points may be pursued nationally and in each diocesan and local situation; and
- (c) in the case of dioceses, to report back to the Ministry Council of the Archbishops' Council by July 2010 on initiatives they have taken to implement one or more of the recommendations.’

was carried after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	17	2	6
Clergy	72	27	16
Laity	102	23	12

Following a short act of worship, the ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 10.10 p.m.

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**ON SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008**

**WELCOME**

Representatives of the Churches Conservation Trust, the Churches Regional Commission, English Heritage and various regional church tourism initiatives, sitting in the public gallery, were welcomed by the Synod.

**SPECIAL AGENDA III**  
**PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION**  
**CHURCH TOURISM (GS Misc 887A and GS Misc 887B)**

11 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) support the aims and objectives of the Churches Tourism Association’s “Sacred Britain” strategy;
- (b) call on the Archbishops’ Council to encourage each Diocese to form a Churches Tourism Group or, at least, to identify a Diocesan Tourism Officer;
- (c) propose that such Groups and officers be encouraged to:
  - (i) develop ecumenical church tourism networks through Churches Regional Commissions, where they exist, or similar regional bodies, to enable and facilitate strategic partnerships within Government Regions;
  - (ii) work with Cathedrals and the Greater Churches in their area to establish strong, sustainable, cultural and educational links to strengthen the part played by churches in the wider cultural life of the nation; and
  - (iii) establish and maintain regional and sub-regional contacts and dialogue with English Heritage, Churches Tourism Association, Historic Churches Preservation Trust, Churches Conservation Trust and other heritage and funding bodies; and
- (d) ask the Archbishops’ Council to report back on progress before the end of this Synod (July 2010).’

was moved.

52 The amendment (Item 52 Order Paper IV) was carried.

53 The amendment (Item 53 Order Paper IV) was lost.

54 The amendment (Item 54 Order Paper IV) was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	150
AGAINST	98
RECORDED ABSTENTIONS	9

55 The amendment (Item 55 Order Paper IV) was carried.

11 The motion (as amended by Items 52, 54 and 55)

‘That this Synod, remembering that churches are first and foremost places of prayer and faith:

- (a) support the aims and objectives of the Churches Tourism Association’s “Sacred Britain” strategy;
- (b) call on the Archbishops’ Council to encourage each Diocese to form a Churches Tourism Group or, at least, to identify a Diocesan Tourism Officer;
- (c) propose that such Groups and officers be encouraged to:
  - (i) develop ecumenical church tourism networks through Churches Regional Commissions, where they exist, or similar regional bodies, to enable and facilitate strategic partnerships within Government Regions;
  - (ii) work with Cathedrals and churches in their area to establish strong, sustainable, cultural and educational links to strengthen the part played by churches in the wider cultural life of the nation;
  - (iii) establish and maintain regional and sub-regional contacts and dialogue with English Heritage, Churches Tourism Association, Historic Churches Preservation Trust, Churches Conservation Trust and other heritage and funding bodies; and
  - (iv) seek to encourage the mission opportunities arising from church tourism to be taken in imaginative ways, and promote good practice in communicating the Christian faith appropriately to visitors to our church buildings; and

- (d) ask the Archbishops' Council to report back on progress before the end of this Synod (July 2010).'

was carried.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

### **THE PAYMENTS TO THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST ORDER 2008 (GS 1695)**

#### **Order made under section 53 of the Pastoral Measure 1983**

508 The motion

'That "The Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2008" be approved.'

was carried.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN SECURITY: CHALLENGING AN ENVIRONMENT OF INJUSTICE**

### **Report by the Mission and Public Affairs Council (GS 1705)**

Canon Dr Gary Wilton, the Church of England's Representative to the European Union, sitting on the platform, was welcomed by the Synod.

12 The motion

'That this Synod, recognizing that climate change poses both an environmental and human security challenge:

- (a) endorse the recommendations as set out in *Climate Change and Human Security: Challenging an Environment of Injustice*;
- (b) call on the Archbishops' Council and all diocesan synods to consider this report and its conclusions with a view to developing an integrated and holistic response to climate change; and
- (c) ask the Mission and Public Affairs Council to report back to this Synod by July 2010 on progress made towards developing such a response.'

was moved.

56 The amendment (Item 56 Order Paper IV) was lost.

57 The amendment (Item 57 Order Paper IV) was carried.

58 The amendment (Item 58 Order Paper IV) was lost.

12 The motion (as amended by Item 57)

‘That this Synod, recognizing that climate change poses both an environmental and human security challenge:

- (a) endorse the recommendations as set out in *Climate Change and Human Security: Challenging an Environment of Injustice*;
- (b) call on the Archbishops’ Council and all diocesan synods to act on this report and its conclusions with a view to developing an integrated and holistic response to climate change; and
- (c) ask the Mission and Public Affairs Council to report back to this Synod by July 2010 on progress made towards developing such a response.’

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

IN FAVOUR	278
AGAINST	5
RECORDED ABSTENTIONS	6

## **INTRODUCTION**

Dr Priscilla Chadwick, Chair of the Dioceses Commission, was welcomed as a new co-opted member of the House of Laity of the Synod.

## **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS BOARD (GS 1686)**

13 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the appointment of Dr Jonathan Spencer as Chair of the Church of England Pensions Board from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2013.’

was carried.

Dr Jonathan Spencer, sitting in the public gallery, was welcomed by the Synod.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL’S AUDIT COMMITTEE (GS 1690)**

14 The motion

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

was carried.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS TO THE ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL’S (GS 1704)**

15 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the appointment of the auditors to the Archbishops’ Council.’

was carried.

#### **EXTENSION OF SITTING**

Under Standing Order 14(e) the sitting was extended by not more than 5 minutes by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod.

#### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL (GS 1701)**

59 The motion

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

was carried.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 6.20 p.m.

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**VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i) the order of business for the current sitting was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that the debate on the Parochial Fees Order 2008 would if time allowed follow Item 17; the order of business for the sitting on Monday morning was varied so that Item 21 would be taken immediately following the debate on the Parochial Fees Order 2008 or, if time had allowed that debate to follow Item 17 in the current sitting, Item 18, and Item 19 would become first contingency business; and the order of business for the sitting on Monday evening was varied so that if necessary the debate on Item 20 would continue into that sitting.

***FOUR FUNERALS AND A WEDDING (GS Misc 877)***

**PAROCHIAL FEES**

**Supplementary report from the Deployment, Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee (GS 1703)**

16 The motion

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

was carried.

17 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) request the Archbishops’ Council to introduce legislation to give effect to recommendations (a)–(f) in GS 1703; and
- (b) request the Deployment, Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee to consult with relevant stakeholders on recommendations (g)–(j) in GS 1703 and to report back to this Synod.’

was moved.

60 The amendment (Item 60 Order Paper IV) was lost.

61 The amendment (Item 61 Order Paper IV) was lost.



17 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) request the Archbishops’ Council to introduce legislation to give effect to recommendations (a)–(f) in GS 1703; and
- (b) request the Deployment, Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee to consult with relevant stakeholders on recommendations (g)–(j) in GS 1703 and to report back to this Synod.’

was carried.

Following a short act of worship, the ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 10.07 p.m.

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**ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

The Reverend Dr Jane Craske (Ecumenical Representative (Methodist Church)) led the Synod in prayer.

**ANGLICAN/METHODIST COVENANT (GS 1691)**

Professor Peter Howdle, Co-Chair of the Joint Implementation Commission, Mrs Susan Howdle and the Reverend Christine Elliott, a member of the senior staff group of the Methodist Church, sitting in the public gallery, were welcomed by the Synod.

18 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) thank the members of the Joint Implementation Commission for their report *Embracing the Covenant* and for their work during the past five years;
- (b) commend the report, with its recommendations, for study, action and response in the Church of England, and for discussion with members of the Methodist Church;
- (c) endorse the Commission’s recommendations regarding the shape of its work in the next phase; and
- (d) request that Bishop’s Councils consider the report and refer it for study by other appropriate bodies in the dioceses and that responses be sent to the Council for Christian Unity by 31 December 2009.’

was carried.

**LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2008 (GS 1696)**  
**ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER**  
**2008 (GS 1697)**  
**Orders made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986**

Under Standing Order 69, the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2008 and the Ecclesiastical Judges and Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2008 were deemed to have been approved

by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have these Orders debated.

**PAROCHIAL FEES ORDER 2008 (GS 1698)**  
**Order made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986**

521 The motion

‘That the Parochial Fees Order 2008 be approved.’

was carried.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV**  
**DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION**  
**FAITH, WORK AND ECONOMIC LIFE (GS Misc 890A and GS Misc 890B)**

21 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) affirm daily work as essentially a spiritual activity;
- (b) recognise the importance of Christian values within economic life; and
- (c) request the Mission and Public Affairs Council to examine the engagement of the Church of England with the economic sector in this country and to present its findings to Synod.’

was moved.

62 The amendment (Item 62 Order Paper V) was lost after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	117
AGAINST	120
RECORDED ABSTENTIONS	9

63 The amendment (Item 63 Order Paper V) was carried.

64 The amendment (Item 64 Order Paper V) was carried.

65 The amendment (Item 65 Order Paper V) was moved. Under Standing Order 23(a) the Chair, with the general consent of the Synod, divided the amendment into four parts as follows:

*Part A*

*‘Leave out paragraph (d) and insert:*

- “(d) request the Mission and Public Affairs Council to:
- (i) compile a concise, factual overview of the current and readily identifiable engagement of the Church of England with the economic sector, inviting the agencies listed in the fourth paragraph on page 3 of GS Misc 890A to share in this task;”

This was put and lost.

*Part B*

‘Leave out paragraph (d) and insert:

- “(d) request the Mission and Public Affairs Council to:
- (i) convene a symposium on a theological understanding of work for today as outlined in sections 5.3–5.4 of GS Misc 890B;”

This was put and carried.

*Part C*

‘In paragraph (d) after sub-paragraph (i) insert as a new sub-paragraph:

- “(ii) compile a collection of supportive resource materials for church members as outlined in section 5.5 of GS Misc 890B;”

This was put and carried.

*Part D*

‘In paragraph (d) after sub-paragraph (ii) insert as a new sub-paragraph:

- “(iii) present a report to Synod by July 2010;”

This was put and lost.

21 The motion (as amended by Items 63, 64 and 65 as amended)

‘That this Synod:

- (a) affirm daily work be it paid or unpaid as essentially a spiritual activity;
- (b) recognise the importance of Christian values within economic life;
- (c) encourage bishops and clergy to give greater priority to equipping and resourcing church members through teaching, prayer, affirmation and celebration, to fulfil their vocations, ministries and mission in their places of work; and

- (d) request the Mission and Public Affairs Council to:
  - (i) convene a symposium on a theological understanding of work for today as outlined in sections 5.3–5.4 of GS Misc 890B; and
  - (ii) compile a collection of supportive resource materials for church members as outlined in section 5.5 of GS Misc 890B.’

was carried.

## **WELCOME**

In the course of the debate, a group of Melanesian bishops and their wives, sitting in the public gallery, were welcomed by the Synod.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 12.59 p.m.

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**WOMEN BISHOPS**

**Report of the Women Bishops Legislative Drafting Group (GS 1685)**

**Report from the House of Bishops (GS 1685A)**

20 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) reaffirm its wish for women to be admitted to the episcopate;
- (b) affirm its view that special arrangements be available, within the existing structures of the Church of England, for those who as a matter of theological conviction will not be able to receive the ministry of women as bishops or priests;
- (c) affirm that these should be contained in a national code of practice to which all concerned would be required to have regard; and
- (d) instruct the legislative drafting group, in consultation with the House of Bishops, to complete its work accordingly, including preparing the first draft of a code of practice, so that the Business Committee can include first consideration of the draft legislation in the agenda for the February 2009 group of sessions.’

was moved.

66 The amendment (Item 66 Order Paper VI) was lost after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	14	31	0
Clergy	62	120	0
Laity	78	114	0

67 The amendment (Item 67 Order Paper VI) was carried after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	28	17	0
Clergy	90	89	4
Laity	97	85	7

68 The amendment (Item 68 Order Paper VI) was lost after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	3	40	2
Clergy	28	149	4
Laity	36	147	5

69 The amendment (Item 69 Order Paper VI) was lost after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	7	37	1
Clergy	66	107	9
Laity	68	118	4

70 The amendment (Item 70 Order Paper VI) was lost after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	10	32	3
Clergy	53	124	4
Laity	71	116	2

71 The amendment (Item 71 Order Paper VI) was lost after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	14	29	2
Clergy	65	116	1
Laity	77	112	0

Under Standing Order 14(e) the sitting was extended by not more than 15 minutes by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod.

72 The amendment (Item 72 Order Paper VI) was lost after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	21	21	1
Clergy	84	92	2
Laity	98	87	0

### **ALTERATION OF TIME OF SITTING**

Under Standing Order 2(d)(i) the Presidents altered the time of the immediately following sitting so that it would commence at 8 p.m.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 6.30 p.m.

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**ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008**

**WOMEN BISHOPS**

**Report of the Women Bishops Legislative Drafting Group (GS 1685)**

**Report from the House of Bishops (GS 1685A)**

**(Resumed debate)**

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

74 The amendment (Item 74 Order Paper VI) was lost after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	5	31	3
Clergy	68	85	20
Laity	82	90	7

75 The amendment (Item 75 Order Paper VI) was lost after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	15	19	5
Clergy	86	78	8
Laity	81	88	10

76 The amendment (Item 76 Order Paper VI) was carried.

77 The amendment (Item 77 Order Paper VI) was lost after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	1	35	4
Clergy	38	129	5
Laity	44	129	7

78 The amendment (Item 78 Order Paper VI) was lost.

Under Standing Order 14(e) the sitting was extended by not more than 15 minutes by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod.



The motion

‘That the debate be now adjourned.’

was lost.

20 The motion (as amended by Items 67 and 76)

‘That this Synod:

- (a) affirm that the wish of its majority is for women to be admitted to the episcopate;
- (b) affirm its view that special arrangements be available, within the existing structures of the Church of England, for those who as a matter of theological conviction will not be able to receive the ministry of women as bishops or priests;
- (c) affirm that these should be contained in a statutory national code of practice to which all concerned would be required to have regard; and
- (d) instruct the legislative drafting group, in consultation with the House of Bishops, to complete its work accordingly, including preparing the first draft of a code of practice, so that the Business Committee can include first consideration of the draft legislation in the agenda for the February 2009 group of sessions.’

was carried after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	28	12	1
Clergy	124	44	4
Laity	111	68	2

Following a short act of worship, the ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 10.27 p.m.

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**JULY 2008 GROUP OF SESSIONS**  
**BUSINESS DONE AT 12.59 P.M.**  
**ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

The Dean of Leicester, the Very Reverend Vivienne Faull, led the Synod in prayer.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV**  
**DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION**  
**ANGLICAN GOVERNANCE (GS Misc 891A and GS Misc 891B)**

22 The motion

‘That this Synod request the House of Bishops:

- (a) to prepare a report that describes and explores relationships between discussions, recommendations and decisions made by these bodies:

the Lambeth Conference,  
the Anglican Consultative Council,  
the Primates’ meeting,  
the House of Bishops of the Church of England,  
the Archbishops’ Council,  
and the General Synod of the Church of England; and

- (b) to promote discussion of the report to increase the understanding of the governance of the Church of England within the Anglican Communion.’

was carried.

**ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL’S DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2009 (GS 1700)**

23 The motion

‘That this Synod now consider for approval the Draft Budget of the Archbishops’ Council to cover expenditure to be incurred in the year 2009, as set out in GS 1700, together with revised expenditure for 2008 in respect of Votes 1 and 5.’

was carried.

## **REVISED 2008 VOTE FOR TRAINING FOR MINISTRY**

24 The motion

‘That this Synod authorise the Archbishops’ Council to expend in 2008 a revised sum (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) not exceeding £11,645,500 in respect of Vote 1.’

was carried.

## **REVISED 2008 VOTE FOR CHARM**

25 The motion

‘That this Synod authorise the Archbishops’ Council to expend in 2008 a revised sum (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) not exceeding £2,999,000 in respect of Vote 5.’

was carried.

## **VOTE FOR TRAINING FOR MINISTRY**

26 The motion

‘That this Synod authorise the Archbishops’ Council to expend in 2009 a sum (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) not exceeding £12,553,600 in respect of Vote 1.’

was carried.

## **VOTE FOR NATIONAL CHURCH RESPONSIBILITIES**

27 The motion

‘That this Synod authorise the Archbishops’ Council to expend in 2009 a sum (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) not exceeding £10,147,954 in respect of Vote 2.’

was carried.

## **VOTE FOR GRANTS AND PROVISIONS**

28 The motion

‘That this Synod authorise the Archbishops’ Council to expend in 2009 a sum (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) not exceeding £1,668,200 in respect of Vote 3.’

was carried.

## **VOTE FOR INTER-DIOCESAN SUPPORT/MISSION AGENCIES CLERGY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS**

29 The motion

‘That this Synod authorise the Archbishops’ Council to expend in 2009 a sum (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) not exceeding £800,000 in respect of Vote 4.’

was carried.

## **VOTE FOR CHARM**

30 The motion

‘That this Synod authorise the Archbishops’ Council to expend in 2009 a sum (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) not exceeding £3,099,000 in respect of Vote 5.’

was carried.

## **APPORTIONMENT**

31 The motion

‘That the net sum to be provided in 2009 to meet expenditure approved in Votes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 be apportioned between the dioceses in accordance with the Table of Apportionment (contained in GS 1700).’

was carried.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS**

32 Under Standing Order 97, Mr Andreas Whittam Smith (First Church Estates Commissioner) and Mr Timothy Walker (Third Church Estates Commissioner) gave a presentation and answered questions from members.

## **FAREWELLS**

33 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to the Right Worshipful Thomas Coningsby (Vicar-General of York) and the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to Mr Allan Bridgewater (Chair of the Church of England Pensions Board) and to the Bishop of St Albans, all of whom were attending their last group of sessions.

## **PROROGATION**

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK prorogued the Synod and dismissed it with the blessing at 12.59 p.m.