

Saturday 8 July 2017
4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

ORDER PAPER III

**NATIONAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL CHURCHES:
REPORT FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL
(GS 2069)**

Mr Mark Sheard (ex officio) (Chair of the Archbishops' Council's Mission and Public Affairs Council) to move:

- 11** That this Synod:
- (a) welcome the range of evangelism and growth resources provided by the national church in support of local churches;
 - (b) note the progress made to support Life Events ministry since it was commissioned by the Archbishops' Council in 2012;
 - (c) agree to encourage dioceses and parishes to engage with these areas of work through prayer and practical action; and
 - (d) call on the Archbishops' Council and the House of Bishops to report back to the Synod on a regular basis on the progress of these areas of support.
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**SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS
CONVERSION THERAPY (GS 2010A AND GS 2070B)**

Miss Jayne Ozanne (Oxford) to move:

- 12** That this Synod:
- (a) endorse the statement of 16 January 2017 signed by The UK Council for Psychotherapy, The Royal College of General Practitioners and others that the practice of conversion therapy has no place in the modern world,

is unethical, harmful and not supported by evidence;
and

- (b) call upon the Archbishops' Council to become a co-signatory to the statement on behalf of the Church of England.

The Revd Dr Sean Doherty (London) to move as an amendment:

55 *Leave out* everything after “That this Synod:” and *insert–*

- “(a) note the statement of 16 January 2017 signed by The UK Council for Psychotherapy, The Royal College of General Practitioners and others concerning the practice of conversion therapy;
- (b) affirm that all sexuality is equally affected by the Fall and that therefore Christian therapies and pastoral practices which assume otherwise are not warranted;
- (c) affirm that pastoral care, prayer ministry and professional counselling are legitimate means of supporting individuals who choose them freely, provided that they respect the proper dignity of human beings and do not involve coercion or manipulation or make unwarranted promises about the removal of unwanted feelings; and
- (d) ask the House of Bishops to draw up guidelines for work in this area to discourage inappropriate pastoral practices, and to encourage good ones.”

If item 55 is not carried:

Canon Dr Jamie Harrison (Durham) to move as an amendment:

56 *Leave out* everything after “That this Synod:” and *insert–*

- “(a) endorse the Memorandum of Understanding on Conversion Therapy in the UK of November 2015, signed by The Royal College of Psychiatrists and others, that the practice of gay conversion therapy has no place in the modern world, is unethical, potentially harmful and not supported by evidence; and

- (b) call upon the Church to be sensitive to, and to listen to, contemporary expressions of gender identity.”

If item 55 is not carried:

Ms Christina Baron (Bath and Wells) to move (with the permission of the Chair) **as an amendment to item 56:**

57 At the end, *insert—*

- “(–) call on the Archbishop's Council to become a co-signatory, on behalf of the Church of England, to the 2015 Memorandum of Understanding, subject to the agreement of the current co-signatories.”

The Revd Andrew Dotchin (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) to move as an amendment:

58 At the end, *insert—*

- “(–) call on the government to ban the practice of Conversion Therapy.”

7.00 p.m. Evening Worship
