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13 September 2022

**MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING
FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD
AND THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Your Majesty

With our humble duty.

We write as the six officers of the General Synod of the Church of England, and on behalf of the Archbishops' Council of which we are members.

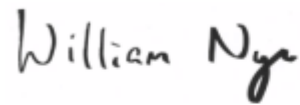
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We remember Her Majesty before God, with thanksgiving and admiration for the example of her life of service and witness. We pray fervently for Your Majesty and all members of the Royal Family in your grief and loss of a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Please know, Sir, that Your Majesty and all your family are remembered regularly in the prayers of all the churches of the Church of England.

Her Majesty the late Queen was gracious enough to honour the General Synod with her presence on no fewer than ten occasions, opening the new sessions of each successive Synod and each time inspiring members of Synod both with her evident Christian faith, and with her specific messages of encouragement. Only last year Her Majesty sent a kind message for its opening in November. Her Majesty was an example to us, not just as a Christian whose life of service was so clearly inspired by the teaching of Our Lord Jesus Christ; but also as a witness who spoke openly of that faith and its importance to her. While grieving for her loss, we rejoice in her as a model of Christian discipleship, and we are encouraged by her confidence in life everlasting. She will remain an inspiration to all of us, and to countless Christians in the Church of England and in many Christian churches.

We offer our continuing humble duty and service to Your Majesty. We pray for Your Majesty as you take up the responsibilities of Sovereign, and we pray that God will strengthen you for the task of service to which you have committed yourself. We trust that the faith in Christ which you too have so clearly and publicly acknowledged will by grace give you the strength you need.

We have the honour to remain, Sir, Your Majesty's most loyal and obedient servants.



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Archbishop Justin and HM The Queen at General Synod

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Her Late Majesty the Queen opening Synod in November 2016

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