

**GENERAL SYNOD  
JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2017  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK**

**TIMES OF SITTINGS**

Friday 7 July	2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Saturday 8 July	9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. <i>Workshops from 2.30 to 4.00 pm</i> 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Sunday 9 July	2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. <i>[or 2.30 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. if meetings of the Convocations and House of Laity are required]</i>
Monday 10 July	9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

**SERVICES**

**Friday 7 July**

12 noon	Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
7.00 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
10.15 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building

**Saturday 8 July**

7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
9.00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Central Hall
7.00 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
10.15 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building

**Sunday 9 July**

10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in York Minster
7.00 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
10.15 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building

**Monday 10 July**

7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
9.00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Central Hall
5.15 p.m.	Evening Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building

## GENERAL NOTES

### NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

1. Save where a special note is included in the Agenda, the following rules apply under the Standing Orders of the General Synod to notice of motions and amendments other than procedural motions:

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

2. The period of notice of new business **has expired**, save for urgent or other especially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.

#### **MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS ARISING OUT OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA**

3. Notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to legislative business) must be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod as follows (SOs 10-12 and 27):

##### **Business appointed for *the first day of the group of sessions* (Friday 7 July) –**

**5.30 p.m. on Thursday 6 July**

##### **Business appointed for *the remainder of the group of sessions*:**

Business appointed for a morning sitting –

**10.00 a.m. the day before;**

Business appointed for an afternoon sitting –

**4 p.m. the day before.**

##### **Contingency business**

**10.00 a.m. on Friday 7 July 2017**

4. Under Standing Orders 10 and 27, such notice must be accompanied by evidence of support from two or more members of the Synod in addition to the member giving the notice. (This provision does *not* apply to amendments to (a) legislative business or (b) proposed amendments to Standing Orders.)
5. Notice of amendments to (a) legislative business or (b) proposed amendments to Standing Orders must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in the Agenda.
6. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(4)(a)).

#### **QUESTIONS**

7. Notice of Questions under Standing Orders 112-113 must be delivered **not later than 12 noon on Tuesday 27 June 2017.**

## **NOTICE**

8. Notice must be given to the Clerk to the Synod in writing signed by the member or sent by e-mail or fax, from an address notified to the Clerk, to one of the addresses below. The postal address is Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The email addresses are:

in respect of Questions:

[questions@churchofengland.org](mailto:questions@churchofengland.org)

in respect of amendments and motions arising out of business on the Agenda:

[amendments@churchofengland.org](mailto:amendments@churchofengland.org)

in respect of submissions to Revision Committees:

[revisioncommittee@churchofengland.org](mailto:revisioncommittee@churchofengland.org)

in respect of other matters:

[jacqui.philips@churchofengland.org](mailto:jacqui.philips@churchofengland.org)

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

9. Business set out in the Agenda will be taken on the day and at the times shown. If business set down for a particular day is completed before the next timed business is due to be called, the opportunity will be taken to complete any business already partly considered at this group of sessions.

## **CONTINGENCY BUSINESS**

10. If there is no uncompleted business and a gap appears in the Agenda during this group of sessions, contingency business will be taken as follows:

### **SPECIAL AGENDA IV**

#### **DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

#### **FOOD WASTAGE (GS 2077A AND GS 2077B)**

*The Revd Andrew Dotchin* to move on behalf of the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod, mindful of the problems of food poverty in Britain today and the excessive tonnage of edible food wasted by retail outlets:

- (a) affirm the Biblical principle of ensuring that the poor and vulnerable are not excluded from the harvest;
- (b) commend those retailers who are working creatively with food banks to distribute food that might otherwise be wasted;
- (c) urge all dioceses and parishes to work with other voluntary initiatives to lobby for all local food retailers to review their policy on waste food so that the amount made available to combat food poverty is maximized;

- (d) request Her Majesty's Government to consider bringing forward legislation that would effectively minimize food waste by food retailers; and
- (e) call upon all church members to use food resources responsibly and minimize waste in their own homes.

11. The deadline for amendments to this item of business is 10.00 a.m. on Friday 7 July (SO 27(5))

### **MEETINGS OF THE CONVOCATIONS AND HOUSE OF LAITY**

12. The House of Laity will meet from 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. on Saturday 8 July in the Central Hall.

13. Should a reference be required under Article 7 of the Synod's Constitution in relation to draft Amending Canon No. 36 and/or draft Amending Canon No. 37, separate meetings of the Convocations and of the House of Laity would also need to be held. These would take place on the **afternoon of Sunday 9 July** (in which event that afternoon's sitting will end earlier).

### **CONTACT**

14. Please address any queries or other matters not covered in these notes to the Clerk to the Synod as follows:

[jacqui.philips@churchofengland.org](mailto:jacqui.philips@churchofengland.org)

FRIDAY 7 JULY 2017

2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

**WORSHIP**

**1 INTRODUCTIONS**

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**2 WELCOME TO ANGLICAN AND ECUMENICAL GUESTS**

*The Rt Revd Dr Matti Repo, Bishop of Tampere* (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland) will address the Synod at the invitation of the Presidents under SO 120.

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**REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2060)**

*The Revd Canon Sue Booy* (Oxford) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

**3** That the Synod do take note of this Report.

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**SPECIAL AGENDA I  
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**The following item (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I - see pages 11-13) will be taken:**

**506** Draft Amending Canon No. 36 (**GS 2029B**)  
- *Draft Amending Canon for Final Drafting*

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**APPOINTMENT TO THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 2061)**

*The Archbishop of York* to move:

**4** That the appointment of Mrs Mary Chapman as a member of the Archbishops' Council for a term ending on 31 December 2019 be approved.

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 2062)**

*Mrs Mary Chapman (ex officio)* (Chair of the Audit Committee of the Archbishops' Council) to move:

**5** That the Synod do take note of this Report.

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS**

**6** Presentation under SO 107.

**Note:** *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

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**Not later than 5.30 p.m.**

**7 QUESTIONS**

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*7.00 p.m. Evening Worship*

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**SATURDAY 8 JULY 2017**

**9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

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**PRESENTATION FROM THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS ON THE PROPOSALS FOR THE PASTORAL ADVISORY GROUP ON HUMAN SEXUALITY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TEACHING DOCUMENT (GS Misc 1158)**

**8** Presentation under SO 107.

*Note: The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

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**PRESENCE AND ENGAGEMENT: REPORT FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S MISSION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL (GS 2063)**

*The Bishop of Huddersfield (Northern Suffragans) (Vice Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council) to move:*

**9** That this Synod, recognising the Church's continued presence and engagement in parishes, chaplaincies and new missional communities in multi-religious contexts:

- (a) commend the national Presence and Engagement (P&E) programme and offer prayerful support for its work over the next five years, requesting that the fruit of this be made available to the whole Church through the P&E Centres and that the programme report back to Synod at the end of this period;
  - (b) recognise the cultivation of relationships with other faith communities as a vital component of the Church's mission in today's society, and encourage dioceses to incorporate this into their mission plans; and
  - (c) re-affirm the Synod report "Sharing the Gospel of Salvation" (GS Misc 956) and call on the P&E Task Group to continue supporting parishes in bearing faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ with sensitivity and confidence among people of other faiths.
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**Not later than 11.00 a.m.**

**SPECIAL AGENDA I  
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**The following items of legislative business (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I - see pages 11-13) will be taken:**

- 500-501** Draft Legislative Reform Measure (**GS 2027B**)
  - *Draft Measure for Final Drafting/Final Approval*
- 502-503** Draft Statute Law (Repeals) Measure (**GS 2030B**)
  - *Draft Measure for Final Drafting/Final Approval*

- 504- Draft Pensions (Pre-consolidation) Measure (**GS 2032B**)  
505 - *Draft Measure for Final Drafting/Final Approval*

**If debates are required on the following items of legislative business they will be taken here:**

Draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure (**GS 2064**)

- *Draft Measure for First Consideration*

Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2017 (**GS 2065**)

- *Order for Approval*

Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2017 (**GS 2066**)

- *Order for Approval*

Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2017 (**GS 2067**)

- *Order for Approval*

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**52nd REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 2068)**

**Notes:**

1. *The Business Committee has determined under SO 40(5) that all the proposed amendments to Standing Orders set out on the First Notice Paper do not need to be debated.*
2. *Under SO 40(5) those amendments will accordingly be deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment unless either:*
  - *notice is given by not less than 5 members by 5.30 p.m. on Friday 7 July that they wish a proposed amendment to be debated; or*
  - *notice is given by 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 4 July of an amendment to any proposed amendment.*

***If such notice is given, the relevant item(s) of business will be taken here.***

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**Not later than 12.10 p.m.**

**INTRODUCTORY SESSION ON FORMS OF NATIONAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL CHURCHES**

- 10 Presentation under SO 107.

**Note:** *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should not include an opportunity for questions.*

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Saturday 8 July 2017

2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

**WORKSHOPS ON FORMS OF NATIONAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL CHURCHES**

*Members of the Synod will meet in groups to consider various aspects of national support for local churches.*

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**4.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.**

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

*Mr Mark Sheard (ex officio)* (Chair of the 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 2070A AND GS 2070B)**

*Ms 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.
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*7.00 p.m. Evening Worship*

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**SUNDAY 9 JULY 2017**

**2.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.**

**Note:**

*If a reference is required under Article 7 of the Synod's Constitution in relation to draft Amending Canon No. 36 and/or draft Amending Canon No. 37:*

1. *the Convocations and House of Laity will meet from 6.00 p.m. for the purposes of the reference; and*
2. *this sitting of the Synod will end at 5.45 p.m. (Evening Worship being held within the context of the meetings of the Convocations and House of Laity)*

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV  
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

**WELCOMING TRANSGENDER PEOPLE (GS 2071A AND GS 2071B)**

*The Revd Christopher Newlands (Blackburn) to move on behalf of the Blackburn Diocesan Synod:*

- 13** That this Synod, recognising the need for transgender people to be welcomed and affirmed in their parish church, call on the House of Bishops to consider whether some nationally commended liturgical materials might be prepared to mark a person's gender transition.
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**INTERIM REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE CROWN NOMINATIONS  
COMMISSION (GS Misc 1159)**

- 14** Presentation under SO 107.
- Note: The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*
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**CLERGY WELLBEING: REPORT FROM THE HOUSE OF CLERGY  
(GS 2072)**

*The Revd Canon Simon Butler (Southwark) to move:*

- 15** That this Synod:
- (a) welcome and support the proposal to establish a Covenant for Clergy Wellbeing as laid out in GS 2072; and
  - (b) invite the Appointments Committee to appoint a Clergy Wellbeing Working Group to bring proposals for such a Covenant back to this Synod by July 2019.
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**SPECIAL AGENDA III  
PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

**SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS CODE (GS 2073A AND GS 2073B)**

*The Revd Tiffer Robinson (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) to move:*

**16** That this Synod:

- (a) call upon the Secretary of State to include provision in the Schools Admission Code requiring admission authorities to allocate places to children of clergy and other workers who are required to live in tied accommodation, and are moving into the authority's area, in advance of the family arriving in the area; and
- (b) call on all admissions authorities to accept letters of appointment as proof of residence ahead of the children of clergy and other workers who are required to live in tied accommodation moving to the area.

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7.00 p.m. Evening Worship

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MONDAY 10 JULY 2017

9.00 p.m. – 12.30 p.m.

**MORNING WORSHIP**

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**SPECIAL AGENDA IV  
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

**COST OF APPLYING FOR CITIZENSHIP (GS 2074A AND GS 2074B)**

*Mr Ben Franks (Birmingham)* to move on behalf of the Birmingham Diocesan Synod:

- 17** That this Synod:
- (a) request the Archbishops' Council's Mission and Public Affairs Council to investigate the issues around the cost of applying for citizenship and to make recommendations to HM Government;
  - (b) encourage the Lords Spiritual actively to seek opportunities to address the level of citizenship fees in debate;
  - (c) urge parishes to raise the issue with their MP; and
  - (d) encourage parishes to continue to support those known to them who are struggling with the cost of citizenship fees without incurring debt and to signpost responsible lenders or local credit unions for advice.
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**THE WORK OF THE ELECTIONS REVIEW GROUP: REPORT FROM THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2075)**

*The Revd Canon Sue Booyes (Oxford)* (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

- 18** That the Synod do take note of this Report.
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**PRESENTATION BY THE ELECTIONS REVIEW GROUP**

- 19** Presentation under SO 107.

**Note:** *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

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**SPECIAL AGENDA I  
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 11-13) will be taken:**

- 507** Draft Amending Canon No. 36 (**GS 2029B**)
- *Draft Amending Canon for Final Approval*
- 508** Draft Petition for Her Majesty's Royal Assent and Licence (**GS 2029C**)
- *Draft Petition for Adoption*

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- 509 Draft Amending Canon No. 37 (**GS 2029BB**)  
- *Draft Amending Canon for Final Approval*
- 510 Draft Petition for Her Majesty's Royal Assent and Licence (**GS 2029CC**)  
- *Draft Petition for Adoption*
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2.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 2058)**

- 20 Presentation under SO 107.

**Note:** *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

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**THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND PROPOSALS FOR APPORTIONMENT FOR 2018 (GS 2076)**

*Canon John Spence (ex officio)* (Chair of the Archbishops' Council's Finance Committee) to move:

- 21 That the Synod do take note of this Report.

*Canon John Spence* to move in relation to the Archbishops' Council's expected expenditure in respect of each area of activity specified below:

That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's expenditure for the year 2018, as shown in its budget, of £[X] in respect of [Y]:

	<b>EXPECTED EXPENDITURE [X]</b>	<b>AREA OF ACTIVITY [Y]</b>
22	£15,246,952	Training for Ministry
23	£17,562,244	National Church Responsibilities
24	£1,244,024	Grants and provisions
25	£806,167	Mission agency clergy pension contributions
26	£4,805,985	CHARM Scheme

*Canon John Spence* to move:

- 27 That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 2076) for the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the net sum to be provided by them to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget for the year 2018.

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*Canon John Spence* to move:

- 28** That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 2076) for the pooling adjustment for 2018 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.
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**SPECIAL AGENDA I  
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**Items of legislative business included in the Agenda for the morning sitting will be taken at this point if not completed or not reached previously.**

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**Not later than 4.30 p.m.**

**29 FAREWELLS**

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**30 PROROGATION**

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**SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**DRAFT LEGISLATIVE REFORM MEASURE  
(GS 2027B)**

**Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval**

**(Revised at the February 2017 group of sessions)**

**Report by the Steering Committee (GS 2027Z)**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of Rochester) to move:*

**500** That the Synod do take note of this Report.

**Note:** *If item 500 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 61(8)).*

**501** That the Measure entitled “Legislative Reform Measure” be finally approved.

**DRAFT STATUTE LAW (REPEALS) MEASURE (GS 2030B)**

**Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval**

**(Revised at the February 2017 group of sessions)**

**Consolidation Measure**

**Report by the Steering Committee (GS 2030Z)**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of Rochester) to move:*

**502** That the Synod do take note of this Report.

**Note:** *If item 502 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 61(8)).*

**503** That the Measure entitled “Statute Law (Repeals) Measure” be finally approved.

**DRAFT PENSIONS (PRE-CONSOLIDATION) MEASURE (GS 2032B)**

**Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval**

**(Revised at the February 2017 group of sessions)**

**Report by the Steering Committee (GS 2032Z)**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of Rochester) to move:*

**504** That the Synod do take note of this Report.

**Note:** *If item 504 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 61(8)).*

**505** That the Measure entitled “Pensions (Pre-consolidation) Measure” be finally approved.

**DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 36 (GS 2029B)**

**DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 37 (GS 2029BB)**

## SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

### Article 7 business (both Canons)

#### Draft Amending Canons for Final Drafting and Final Approval (Revised at the February 2017 group of sessions)

#### Report by the Steering Committee (GS 2029Z)

*The Chair of the Steering Committee* (the Bishop of St Albans) to move:

**506** That the Synod do take note of this Report.

**Note:**

*If item 506 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 61(8)).*

**507** That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 36” be finally approved.

And, if item 507 is carried:

**508** That the petition for Her Majesty’s Royal Assent and Licence (GS 2029C) be adopted.

**509** That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 37” be finally approved.

And, if item 509 is carried:

**510** That the petition for Her Majesty’s Royal Assent and Licence (GS 2029CC) be adopted.

#### DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE (GS 2064)

#### Draft Measure for First Consideration

**Notes:**

- 1. The Business Committee has determined under SO 51(5) that the draft Measure does not need to be debated.*
- 2. The Synod will be deemed to have given first consideration to the draft Measure, which will accordingly stand committed to a Revision Committee, unless 25 members give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod of their desire that it be debated.*
- 3. Under SO 51(6), any member who wishes to debate the draft Measure must give notice in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 7 July 2017.***
- 4. If the draft Measure is not debated, or if the draft Measure is debated and the Synod resolves that it be considered for revision in committee, any member wishing to submit proposals for amendment to the Revision Committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 11 August 2017 (SO 55).***

## SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

### **PAYMENTS TO THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST ORDER 2017 (GS 2065)**

**Order made under section 65 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011**

**Notes:**

- 1. The Church Commissioners have laid the above Order before the Synod for approval under section 65 of the 2011 Measure.*
- 2. The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 2011 Measure) that the Order does not need to be debated.*
- 3. Under SO 71(2), any member who wishes to debate the Order must give notice in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 7 July 2017.***
- 4. Amendments to the Order are not permissible.*

### **LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2017 (GS 2066)**

### **ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER 2017 (GS 2067)**

**Orders made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986**

**Notes:**

- 1. The Fees Advisory Commission has laid the above Orders (GS 2066 and GS 2067) before the General Synod for approval under sections 5 and 6 respectively of the 1986 Measure.*
- 2. The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 1986 Measure) that the Orders do not need to be debated.*
- 3. Under SO 71(2), any member who wishes to debate an Order must give notice in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 7 July 2017.***
- 4. Amendments to the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 6 July 2017.***

## **SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS**

*Note: This is the current order which includes signatures received by 10 May 2017.*

### **CONVERSION THERAPY**

*Ms Jayne Ozanne (Oxford) to move:*

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.

140 signatures

February 2017

### **SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS CODE**

*The Revd Tiffer Robinson (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) to move:*

That this Synod:

- (a) call upon the secretary of State to include provision in the Schools Admission Code requiring admission authorities to allocate places to children of clergy and other workers who are required to live in tied accommodation, and are moving into the authority's area, in advance of the family arriving in the area; and
- (b) call on all admissions authorities to accept letters of appointment as proof of residence ahead of the children of clergy and other workers who are required to live in tied accommodation moving to the area.

135 signatures

February 2017

### **SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS AFTER THE SHARED CONVERSATIONS**

*Mr Anthony Archer (St Albans) to move:*

That this Synod:

- (i) having participated in the concluding stages of the Shared Conversations on scripture, mission and human sexuality; and
- (ii) noting the reaction to the report Marriage and Same Sex Relationships after the Shared Conversations (GS 2055)

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request the House of Bishops to bring for debate by July 2018 a set of forward looking proposals on same-sex relationships (such as proposals to be developed by a broadly-based group representing the diversity of views on Synod and in the wider Church) that will command confidence by:

- (a) affirming the positive contribution that LGBTI Christians make in the life of the Church; and
- (b) reflecting the differing interpretations of scripture.

120 signatures

February 2017

### **BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF MARRIAGE AND SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS**

*Mr Edward Shaw (Bristol)* to move:

That this Synod:

convinced that all people without exception are loved by God and made in His image and are invited to fullness of life through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, affirm:

- (a) its rejection of the fear or dislike of anyone on the basis of their sexual orientation;
- (b) the radically inclusive nature of Jesus's ministry and message to all people: "The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!";
- (c) that marriage, as defined by Jesus, is the lifelong sexual union of a man and a woman;
- (d) that both those who marry and those who are single, as Jesus Himself was, can enjoy Christ-like relationships and the fullness of life which He offers all;
- (e) that all Christians should repent of any sexual activity outside marriage, in the assurance of God's loving forgiveness in Christ; and
- (f) that all God's holy people are called to live out this calling, for their own good and for the life of the world they are called to serve.

78 signatures

March 2017

### **OPEN PROCESS AND JUSTICE IN INVESTIGATIONS**

*Mr Martin Sewell (Rochester)* to move:

That this Synod:

regret that it can have no confidence in the investigation conducted on behalf of the Church of England into the allegations against the late Bishop

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Bell by reason of its lack of transparency and accountability, and affirm that:

- (a) openness of process is the cornerstone of confidence in all such investigations;
- (b) a Church of Justice must hold rigorously to the principle of equal fairness to accuser and accused alike; and (c) there is no dissonance in logic or in law between:
  - (i) the preservation of individual accuser anonymity; and
  - (ii) the public interest in ensuring fair procedures and a transparent system of justice which clearly explains its processes, discloses the substance of the evidence and the reasons for its conclusions.

48 signatures

July 2016

### **REVIEW OF THE ‘FIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES’**

*Mr David Lamming (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich)*

That this Synod:

- (a) share the sadness and regret of the Rt Revd Philip North in his decision, announced on 9 March 2017, to withdraw acceptance of his nomination to the See of Sheffield;
- (b) note the substantial support for Bishop North's nomination from many women and men, lay and ordained, in the dioceses of both Sheffield and Blackburn, and in the wider Church of England;
- (c) express its full support for Bishop North in his future ministry, whether in the Blackburn diocese or elsewhere;
- (d) note, with concern, the implications of Bishop North's decision, and the public debate that preceded it, for the 'mutual flourishing' of the Church of England; and
- (e) request the House of Bishops urgently to review the 'Five Guiding Principles' and to consider whether they need to be amended or amplified in order to ensure that there is an equal place at all levels in the Church for men and women of different theological convictions on the issue of women's ordination, and to report to the Synod by February 2018.

48 signatures

March 2017

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### ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

***NB: Bath & Wells, Chelmsford, Lincoln, Oxford and St Albans Diocesan Synods have now withdrawn their DSM on the Anglican Communion***

... to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

- (a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason;
- (b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and
- (c) call on the House of Bishops:
  - (i) to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of England's involvement with the existing Communion ministries and networks (especially the continuing Indaba process);
  - (ii) to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and
  - (iii) to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference.

March 2012

[The Manchester, Newcastle, and Worcester Diocesan Synods passed a motion in identical terms.]

### ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

... to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

- (a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason, all as set out in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the draft Anglican Communion Covenant;
- (b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and
- (c) call on the House of Bishops:
  - (i) to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of England's involvement

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with the existing Communion ministries and networks (especially the continuing Indaba process);

- (ii) to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and
- (iii) to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference.

March 2012

### **ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT**

... to move on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

- (a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason;
- (b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and
- (c) call on the House of Bishops:
  - (i) to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of England's involvement with the existing Communion ministries and networks;
  - (ii) to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and
  - (iii) to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference.

April 2012

### **FOSSIL FUELS DISINVESTMENT**

...to move on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

- (a) urge the national investing bodies to disinvest from all coal companies (except those investing in carbon capture) and tar sand companies at the earliest opportunity;
- (b) urge the national investing bodies to examine the possibility of disinvestment from oil companies but not before three years from now;

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- (c) urge the national investing bodies to examine the possibility of disinvestment from natural gas companies but not before five years from now; and
- (d) call on parishes and individual Christians to take steps to encourage Her Majesty's Government and political parties to act quickly on climate change.

December 2014

### **WELCOMING TRANSGENDER PEOPLE**

...to move on behalf of the Blackburn Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

recognising the need for transgender people to be welcomed and affirmed in their parish church, call on the House of Bishops to consider whether some nationally commended liturgical materials might be prepared to mark a person's gender transition.

April 2015

### **REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION**

...to move on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

invite the Archbishops to initiate a review into the role of the Crown Nominations Commission, including consideration of alternative methods of appointment for diocesan bishops.

April 2016

### **COST OF APPLYING FOR CITIZENSHIP**

... to move on behalf of the Birmingham Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

- (a) request the Archbishops' Council's Mission and Public Affairs Council to investigate the issues around the cost of applying for citizenship and to make recommendations to HM Government;
- (b) encourage the Lords Spiritual actively to seek opportunities to address the level of citizenship fees in debate;
- (c) urge parishes to raise the issue with their MP; and

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- (d) encourage parishes to continue to support those known to them who are struggling with the cost of citizenship fees without incurring debt and to signpost responsible lenders or local credit unions for advice.

May 2016

### THE ENVIRONMENT

...to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

- (a) recognise the escalating threat to God's creation from global warming and climate change, and the suffering caused, particularly that caused to the poor;
- (b) recall the previous resolution of Synod, including 'to develop Shrinking the Footprint to enable the whole Church to address the issue of climate change';
- (c) call on the Environmental Working Group, supported by the national Shrinking the Footprint team and the Mission & Public Affairs Division:
  - (i) to compile and submit a progress report to Synod upon action so far at national level;
  - (ii) to prepare and submit a framework plan to the Archbishops' Council for the promotion, co-ordination and rapid acceleration of nationwide action by the Church to reduce its energy use and CO2 emissions;
  - (iii) to establish and sustain a national system, operational by 2018, for annual reporting by parishes and dioceses of the energy consumption of cathedrals, churches and church halls as a minimum; for calculation from data thus reported of the annual total of CO2 emissions; and for monitoring progress towards the Shrinking the Footprint targets for savings of 42% by 2020 and 80% by 2050; and
- (d) call on the Archbishops' Council, urgently to assess and furnish such human and financial resources as may be proper and necessary to enable the aforesaid work by the Shrinking the Footprint team and Mission & Public Affairs Division.

August 2016

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### **DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME**

... to move on behalf of the Truro Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

- (a) call on every diocese to have an environmental programme with a designated member of the bishop's staff team to lead and advocate for the programme; and
- (b) ask the Environment Working Group to establish a peer review scheme between individual dioceses as a means of sharing good practice in the areas of:
  - (i) environmental policy, with special reference to investments, property and land use; and
  - (ii) activities supporting the Shrinking the Footprint and Eco Church initiatives.

August 2016

### **FOOD WASTAGE**

.... to move on behalf of the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

mindful of the problems of food poverty in Britain today and the excessive tonnage of edible food wasted by retail outlets

- (a) affirm the Biblical principle of ensuring that the poor and vulnerable are not excluded from the harvest;
- (b) commend those retailers who are working creatively with food banks to distribute food that might otherwise be wasted;
- (c) urge all dioceses and parishes to work with other voluntary initiatives to lobby for all local food retailers to review their policy on waste food so that the amount made available to combat food poverty is maximized;
- (d) request Her Majesty's Government to consider bringing forward legislation that would effectively minimize food waste by food retailers; and
- (e) call upon all church members to use food resources responsibly and minimize waste in their own homes.

November 2016