

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2015 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 6.25 P.M.
ON FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2015

WORSHIP

The Revd Prebendary David Houlding led the Synod in an act of worship.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

1 The following introductions were made:

New members

The Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, the Bishop of Gloucester (who had replaced the Rt Revd Michael Perham)

The Rt Revd Martin Seeley, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich (who had replaced the Rt Revd Nigel Stock)

The Rt Revd Paul Williams, the Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham (who had replaced the Rt Revd Paul Butler)

The Ven Timothy Stratford, the Archdeacon of Leicester (Leicester) (who had replaced the Revd Canon Amanda Ford)

The Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP, the Second Church Estates Commissioner (who had replaced the Rt Hon Sir Tony Baldry MP).

The Synod also welcomed the following new Ecumenical Representative:

The Very Revd Archpriest Maxim Nikolsky (Pan-Orthodox Assembly of Bishops).

The Synod congratulated three of its members – Andreas Whittam Smith CBE (First Estates Commissioner) on the award of a knighthood; His Grace Bishop Angaelos (Ecumenical Representatives) on the award of an OBE; and Christina Rees (St Albans) on the award of a CBE in the recent Birthday Honours List.

The Synod also congratulated the Revd Roger Walton (Ecumenical Representatives) who had been elected to serve as the Methodist President for 2016-17.

WELCOME TO ANGLICAN AND ECUMENICAL GUESTS

- 2 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK welcomed the following Anglican and ecumenical guests:

The Revd Dr Mark Clavier (Dean of Residential Training and Acting Principal of St Michael's Theological College, Cardiff, the Church in Wales)

The Most Revd Antje Jackelén (Archbishop of Uppsala, the Church of Sweden)

The Revd Joel Ingmarsson (Chaplain to the Archbishop of Uppsala and Secretary to the Swedish Bishops' Conference, the Church of Sweden).

At the invitation of the Presidents, the Archbishop of Uppsala addressed the Synod under Standing Order 112.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

- 3 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK gave a Presidential Address.

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i), the order of business for the sitting on Friday afternoon was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that the rubric "Not later than 4.25 p.m." on Order Paper I was amended to read "Not later than 4.40 p.m.".

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1988)

- 4 The motion

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

was carried.

APPOINTMENT TO THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 1989)

5 The motion

‘That the appointment of Mr Matthew Frost for a term ending on 31 July 2020 be approved.’

was carried.

51ST REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1991)

Under Standing Order 39(b) certain items were taken *en bloc*.

29-44 The motions (First Notice Paper) were carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

AMENDING CANON NO. 35 (GS 1964D)

Canon for Enactment (Final Approval February 2015)

Article 7 Business

The Chair reported that the Royal Assent and Licence to make, promulge and execute Amending Canon No. 35 had been received and the Registrar read the Instrument of Enactment.

500 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 35” be made, promulged and executed.’

was carried.

The Instrument of Enactment was signed by the Archbishops, the Prolocutors and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the House of Laity.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION REGULATIONS (GS
1992)**

Regulations under Canon B 12

Article 7 Business

501 The motion

‘That the Administration of Holy Communion Regulations be considered.’

was carried.

513 The amendment (Order Paper I) was carried.

The Chair reported that the Regulations, as amended, stood referred to the House of Bishops under Article 7 of the Constitution of the General Synod.

**PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE ETHICAL INVESTMENT
ADVISORY GROUP AND THE NATIONAL INVESTING BODIES**

6 Mr James Featherby (Chair of the Ethical Investment Advisory Group), the Revd Canon Prof Richard Burrige (Deputy Chair) and Dr Jonathan Spencer (Chair of the Church of England Pensions Board) led a presentation under Standing Order 97.

EVENING WORSHIP

The Revd Sister Rosemary CHN led the Synod in an act of worship.

APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL (GS 1990)

Under Standing Order 123(a) the appointment of the Secretary General was deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the appointment debated.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES (TERMS OF SERVICE)
(AMENDMENT) DIRECTIONS 2015 (GS 1994)**

**Directions made under the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service)
Regulations 2009**

Under Standing Order 69 the draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Amendment) Directions 2015 were deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Directions debated.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2015 (1997)

Order made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986

Under Standing Order 69 the draft Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2015 was deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Order debated.

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A group of young adult observers was also welcomed by the Synod.

QUESTIONS

7 Questions 1 to 58, as set out on the Questions Paper, were answered.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 10 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2015 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 12.55 P.M.
ON SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2015

MORNING WORSHIP

The Revd Rowan Williams led the Synod in an act of worship.

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT SAFEGUARDING AND CLERGY DISCIPLINE MEASURE (GS 1952B)

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 34 (GS 1953B)

Draft Measure and draft Amending Canon for Final Drafting and Final Approval (Revised February 2015)

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1952-3Z)

503 The motion

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

was carried.

DRAFT SAFEGUARDING AND CLERGY DISCIPLINE MEASURE (GS 1952B)

504 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure” be finally approved.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	28	0
Clergy	145	0
Laity	149	0

No abstentions were recorded.

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

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 34 (GS 1953B)

505 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 34” be finally approved.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	28	0
Clergy	152	0
Laity	155	0

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Clergy.

506 The motion

‘That the petition for Her Majesty’s Royal Assent and Licence (GS 1953C) be adopted.’

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT DIOCESAN STIPENDS FUNDS (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1969A)

Draft Measure for Revision (First Consideration November 2014)

Clauses 1-2

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

514 The motion

‘That Clauses 1-2 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Long Title

515 The motion

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

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT DIOCESAN STIPENDS FUNDS (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1969A)

Draft Measure for Final Approval (Revision July 2015)

508 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure” be finally approved.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	18	0
Clergy	88	0
Laity	90	1

No abstentions were recorded.

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

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES (TERMS OF SERVICE)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2015 (GS 1993)**

**Draft Regulations made under the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service)
Measure 2009**

509A The motion

‘That the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Amendment) Regulations be considered.’

was carried.

516 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

509B The motion

‘That the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 as amended be approved.’

was carried.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

FACULTY JURISDICTION RULES (GS 1995)

**Rules made under the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Measure 1991**

510A The motion

‘That the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 be considered.’

was carried.

517 The amendment (Order Paper II) lapsed.

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519 The amendment (Order Paper II) lapsed.

520 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

521 The amendment (Order Paper II), with the permission of the Chair, was moved in the following form:

Page 61, after item B4(7) in the first and second columns, respectively, *insert*–

“() The replacement of a grand piano with another grand piano and the disposal of the original grand piano”	“No piano of historic or artistic interest is disposed of”
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and was carried.

522 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

523 The amendment (Order Paper II) lapsed.

510B The motion

‘That the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 as amended be approved.’

was carried.

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BUSINESS DONE AT 6.30 P.M.
ON SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2015

The Chair remembered in prayer the Revd Joyce Bennett, the first woman to be ordained priest in the Anglican Communion, who had died recently.

FAREWELL

- 8 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to the Rt Revd Michael Perham (former Bishop of Gloucester), who had recently retired.

SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

SENIOR LEADERSHIP (GS 1999A and 1999B)

- 9 The motion

‘That this Synod do take note of the report of the Faith and Order Commission *Senior Church Leadership: a resource for reflection.*’

was moved.

- 51 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

- 9 The motion as amended

‘That this Synod do take note of the report of the Faith and Order Commission *Senior Church Leadership: a resource for reflection* and, in the light of widespread misunderstanding and concern about the new arrangements for discerning and nurturing senior leaders that have recently been introduced, following the report from the Lord Green Steering Group, invite:

- a) the House of Bishops to bring for scrutiny by Synod a report assessing the effectiveness of those arrangements and setting out what is intended from January 2017; and
- b) the Business Committee to schedule that report for debate not later than July 2016.”

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL PROPERTY (EXCEPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENT FOR CONSENT TO DEALINGS) ORDER 2015 (GS 1996)

Draft Order made under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Incumbents and Churchwardens (Trusts) Measure 1964

511A The motion

‘That the Ecclesiastical Property (Exceptions from Requirement for Consent to Dealings) Order 2015 be considered.’

was carried.

524 The amendment (Order Paper II) lapsed.

511B The motion

‘That the Ecclesiastical Property (Exceptions from Requirement for Consent to Dealings) Order 2015 be approved.’

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2015 (GS 1998)

Regulations for Approval

512 The motion

‘That the Single Transferable Vote (Amendment) Regulations 2015 be approved.’

was carried.

51ST REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1991)

Under Standing Order 39(b) certain items were taken *en bloc*.

45-49 The motions (First Notice Paper) were carried.

THE CHURCH: TOWARDS A COMMON VISION: REPORT FROM THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (GS 1986A)

10 The motion

‘That this Synod, welcoming the convergence text from the World Council of Churches’ Commission of Faith and Order, *The Church: Towards a Common Vision*:

- a) endorse the response from the Council for Christian Unity and the Faith and Order Commission affirming the consonance of the text with the doctrine of the Church of England;
- b) commend the text for consideration at every level of the Church of England, wherever possible in dialogue with members of other Christian churches; and
- c) ask the Council for Christian Unity to work with Churches Together in England (CTE) to discern ways of building mutual understanding and enhancing partnership in the gospel across the growing range of Churches in this country in the light of the responses to the text from the diverse membership of CTE.’

was moved.

52 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost.

10 The motion

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- b) commend the text for consideration at every level of the Church of England, wherever possible in dialogue with members of other Christian churches; and
- c) ask the Council for Christian Unity to work with Churches Together in England (CTE) to discern ways of building mutual understanding and enhancing partnership in the gospel across the growing range of Churches in this country in the light of the responses to the text from the diverse membership of CTE.’

was carried.

EVENING WORSHIP

Members of the Church of England Youth Council led the Synod in an act of worship.

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ON SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2015

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' ANNUAL REPORT

- 11 The Third Church Estates Commissioner led a presentation under Standing Order 97.

ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT (GS 2001)

- 12 The Revd Canon Robert Cotton, Mrs Mary Chapman, Mr Philip Fletcher and the Bishop of Sheffield led a presentation under Standing Order 96.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 9.45 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2015 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 6.20 P.M.
ON SUNDAY 12TH JULY 2015

SPECIAL AGENDA II
LITURGICAL BUSINESS

CHRISTIAN INITIATION: ADDITIONAL TEXTS FOR HOLY BAPTISM IN ACCESSIBLE LANGUAGE (GS 1958B and GS 1958X)

Article 7 Business

Final Approval

The Chair reported, on behalf of the Presidents, Prolocutors and Chair and Vice-Chair of the House of Laity that the requirements of Article 7 in relation to this item of business had been complied with.

600 The motion

‘That the liturgical business entitled “Christian Initiation: Additional Texts for Holy Baptism in Accessible Language” be finally approved for a period from 1 September 2015 until further Resolution of the Synod.’

was carried after a division by Houses, a majority of not less than two thirds of those present and voting in each House being required. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	23	1
Clergy	114	6
Laity	126	10

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops, 5 in the House of Clergy and 6 in the House of Laity.

The Chair reported that the Liturgical Business entitled “Christian Initiation: Additional Texts for Holy Baptism in Accessible Language” was authorised for liturgical use from 1 September 2015, until further Resolution of the Synod.

**51ST REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1991)
PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED TEXT OF THE STANDING ORDERS
(GS 2000)**

Under Standing Order 39(b) certain items were taken *en bloc*.

50 The motion (First Notice Paper) was carried.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION REGULATIONS (GS
1992)**

Regulations under Canon B 12

Article 7 Business

The Chair reported, on behalf of the Presidents, Prolocutors and Chair and Vice-Chair of the House of Laity that the requirements of Article 7 in relation to this item of business had been complied with.

502 The motion

‘That the Administration of Holy Communion Regulations be approved.’

was carried.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

**NATURE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND –
NATIONAL DEBATE (GS 1928A and GS 1928C)**

13 The motion

‘That this Synod ask the House of Bishops to facilitate a theologically informed national debate about the organisational shape of the Church we are called on to be in order to best equip the parishes to serve the people of our land.’

was moved.

The motion

‘That the Synod do pass to the Next Business’

was carried.

As a result Item 13 lapsed, and could not be reconsidered in the lifetime of the current Synod, except with the permission of the Business Committee and the general consent of the Synod.

PRESENTATION BY THE COMMITTEE FOR MINORITY ETHNIC ANGLICAN CONCERNS

14 The Bishop of Chelmsford led a presentation under Standing Order 97.

INTRODUCTION TO GROUP WORK AND BIBLE STUDY ON THE ENVIRONMENT

15 Dr Paula Gooder gave a presentation under Standing Order 97.

EVENING WORSHIP

Members of the congregation of St Michael-le-Belfry, York led the Synod in an act of worship.

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2015 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 10 P.M.
ON SUNDAY 12TH JULY 2015

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND PROPOSALS FOR APPORTIONMENT FOR 2016 (GS 2002)

16 The motion

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

was carried.

17 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2016, as shown in its budget, of £13,488,475 in respect of Training for Ministry.’

was carried.

18 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2016, as shown in its budget, of £12,153,987 in respect of National Support.’

was carried.

19 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2016, as shown in its budget, of £1,272,082 in respect of Grants and provisions.’

was carried.

20 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2016, as shown in its budget, of £787,950 in respect of Mission agencies’ clergy pension contributions.’

was carried.

21 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2016, as shown in its budget, of £4,359,170 in respect of the CHARM scheme.’

was carried.

22 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 2002) 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 2016.’

was carried.

23 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 2002) for the pooling adjustment for 2016 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.’

was carried.

NATIONAL SOCIETY: DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHING AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PARTNERSHIPS

24 The Revd Nigel Genders (Chief Education Officer) led a presentation under Standing Order 97.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 10 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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BUSINESS DONE AT 1.05 P.M.
ON MONDAY 13TH JULY 2015

25 The motion

‘That this Synod, believing that God’s creation is holy, that we are called to protect the earth now and for the future, and that climate change disproportionately affects the world’s poorest, and welcoming the convergence of ecumenical partners and faith communities in demanding that the nations of the world urgently seek to limit the global rise in average temperatures to a maximum of 2°C, as agreed by the United Nations in Cancun:

- a) urge all governments at the COP 21 meeting in Paris to agree long term pathways to a low carbon future, supported by meaningful short to medium term national emissions pledges from all major carbon emitting nations;
- b) endorse the World Bank’s call for the ending of fossil fuel subsidies and the redirection of those resources into renewable energy options;
- c) request the Environment Working Group to develop *Shrinking the Footprint* to enable the whole Church to address the issue of climate change, and to develop and promote new ‘ecothological resources’, as proposed by the Anglican Communion Environmental Network in February 2015;
- d) request the Ministry Division to hear the call of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network bishops for programmes of ministerial formation and in-service training to include components on eco-justice and ecotheology; and
- e) encourage parishes and dioceses to encourage prayer and fasting for climate justice on the first day of each month.’

was moved.

53 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost.

54 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

55 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried following a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	160
AGAINST	147

13 abstentions were recorded.

25 The motion as amended

‘That this Synod, believing that God’s creation is holy, that we are called to protect the earth now and for the future, and that climate change disproportionately affects the world’s poorest, and welcoming the convergence of ecumenical partners and faith communities in demanding that the nations of the world urgently seek to limit the global rise in average temperatures to a maximum of 2°C, as agreed by the United Nations in Cancun:

- a) urge all governments at the COP 21 meeting in Paris to agree long term pathways to a low carbon future, supported by meaningful short to medium term national emissions pledges from all major carbon emitting nations;
- b) endorse the World Bank’s call for the ending of fossil fuel subsidies and the redirection of those resources into renewable energy options;
- c) encourage the redirection of resources into other lower carbon energy options;
- d) request the Environment Working Group to develop *Shrinking the Footprint* to enable the whole Church to address the issue of climate change, and to develop and promote new ‘ecothological resources’, as proposed by the Anglican Communion Environmental Network in February 2015;

- e) request the Ministry Division to hear the call of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network bishops for programmes of ministerial formation and in-service training to include components on eco-justice and ecotheology; and
- f) encourage parishes and dioceses to draw attention to the initiative supported by members of the Faith and Climate network encouraging Christians to pray and fast for climate justice on the first day of each month.’

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

IN FAVOUR	305
AGAINST	6

4 abstentions were recorded.

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ON MONDAY 13TH JULY 2015

CLIMATE CHANGE AND INVESTMENT POLICY (GS 2004)

26 The motion

‘That this Synod, accepting that the threat posed by climate change to the environment and human wellbeing requires urgent action to reduce the consumption of fossil fuels, and recognising that achieving this effectively without creating damaging and unintended economic consequences requires political subtlety, flexibility and a focus on achievable change:

- a) affirm the policy on climate change and fossil fuel investment developed following the Southwark DSM passed by the Synod in February 2014, recommended by the EIAG, and adopted by the National Investing Bodies (‘the NIBs’);
- b) welcome the disinvestment by the NIBs from companies focused on the extraction of oil sands and thermal coal;
- c) urge the NIBs to engage robustly with companies and policy makers on the need to act to support the transition to a low carbon economy and, where necessary, to use the threat of disinvestment from companies as a key lever for change; and
- d) request the EIAG and the NIBs to report to the Synod within three years with an assessment of the impact of the policy adopted, including the efficacy of engagement and the progress made on portfolio decarbonisation.’

was moved.

56 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost.

57 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

- 58 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.
- 59 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.
- 60 The amendment (Order Paper V) was not moved.
- 26 The motion as amended

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- b) welcome the disinvestment by the NIBs from companies focused on the extraction of oil sands and thermal coal;
- c) urge the NIBs to engage robustly with companies and policy makers on the need to act to support the transition to a low carbon economy and, where necessary, to use the threat of disinvestment from companies as a key lever for change;
- d) urge the NIBs to encourage the work of those energy companies committed to carbon pricing and investing in research into cleaner fuels, natural gas and carbon capture and storage;
- e) urge the NIBs proactively to seek and scale up investment in renewable energy and other low carbon energy sectors and to track low carbon indices;
- f) request the EIAG and the NIBs to publish their ‘engagement framework’ by June 2016; and
- g) request the EIAG and the NIBs to report to the Synod within three years with an assessment of the impact of the policy

adopted, including the efficacy of engagement and the progress made on portfolio decarbonisation.’

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

IN FAVOUR	255
AGAINST	0

7 abstentions were recorded.

FAREWELLS

27 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to the Rt Revd Jonathan Gledhill, Bishop of Lichfield, who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to the Ven Christine Hardman, Prolocutor of the Convocation of Canterbury, and Dr Philip Giddings, Chairman of the House of Laity, who were attending their last meeting of the Synod.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY reported that, by Writs dated the 10th day of June 2015, Her Majesty the Queen had ordered, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that the Convocation of Canterbury and the Convocation of York should be dissolved that day, 13th July 2015, and that, in obedience to Her Majesty’s Writ addressed to him, he had executed an instrument dissolving the Convocation of Canterbury immediately upon the prorogation of that group of sessions.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK reported that, in obedience to Her Majesty’s Writ addressed to him, he had executed an instrument dissolving the Convocation of York immediately upon the prorogation of that group of sessions.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK further reported that, in consequence of the dissolution of the Convocations, under section 1(4) of the Synodical Government Measure 1969 the General Synod would also be dissolved immediately upon the prorogation of that group of sessions.

Under Standing Order 14(f) the Chair adjourned the debate at 4.25 p.m.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY presided at a celebration of Holy Communion.

PROROGATION AND DISSOLUTION

28 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK prorogued the Synod. In accordance with the instruments signed by the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY and the ARCHBISHOP OF YORK respectively in obedience to the Royal Writs, the Convocations of Canterbury and York were both thereupon dissolved and, in consequence, the General Synod was also dissolved.